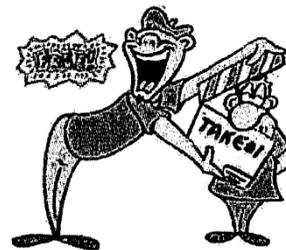


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Kanani Pavitt, a UAS student, is currently studying and traveling around the world on Semester at Sea.

## A Semester at Sea

By Emily McLean  
Whalesong Editor

This semester began in Nassau, Bahamas on January 16th, and thus far they have traveled to Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, and Tanzania. The voyage will continue on to India, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Korea, and

Japan, and will return to Seattle on April 26th. There are 634 students enrolled, representing 235 colleges and universities.

Semester at Sea is conducted aboard the S.S. Universe Explorer, a 23,000 ton passen-

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## A deadly call:

### Could this cell phone be a gun?

By Sandra Galeana  
Whalesong Staff

What if I told you your fear should no longer be plane crashes, falling bombs, or cell phones causing cancer? What if I told you there is something far more deadly that could kill you instantly? Curious? You should be. The danger is a gun disguised as a cell phone.

Yes you read correctly. Back in the year 2000, there was a drug raid in Amsterdam, which led to the discovery of these cell phone guns. Officials say that these guns have yet to be shipped to United States but have been shipped through Slovenia to Western Europe. Which is bogus. Let me put it this way. The moment these cell phones were discovered they had already been shipped across the world and even to the United States. I believe we have these guns here and to deny that places more people in jeopardy. These "officials" need to get a life and admit they have a problem so that the public can be a little more cautious. I also think these "officials" should at least educate the public on these phones so that we can distinguish them from the rest. What good comes from knowing the weapon is out there when you can't find it. I realize the reason for its construction is to hide the fact that it is a gun but there has to be something about it that could tip the average person that it is a

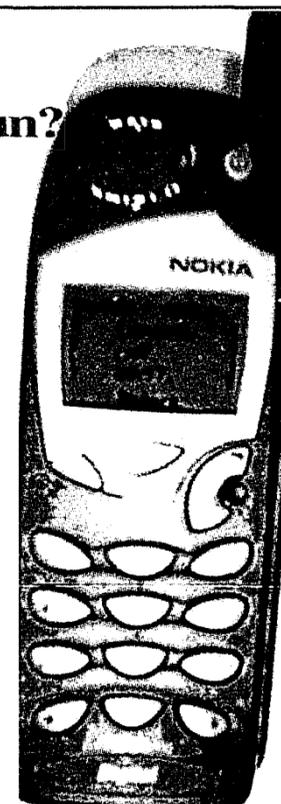


Photo by Sandra Galeana

gun. For that I decided to find out how the gun works.

To load the cell phone a person has to twist it apart and place four .22-caliber rounds in the top. The pins that fire off the bullets are in the bottom of the phone. Once the gun is placed together pressing buttons five through eight can fire the bullets through the antenna. Although

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## Where's the love Governor Murkowski?

Letter to the editor ...

I was disappointed the day Frank Murkowski was elected, and every day since. I watched tax reductions meant that no taxes are to stabilize the Alaskan economy become governor of the place that I call home. *I couldn't believe it.* Here was a man who stood in front of the entire state of Alaska and tapped dance around the issues with one reply, "I don't have to answer that." I watched in a mixture of disgust and nausea as he hooked more and more Alaskans with promises worthy of the most skilled horse trader.

I have to wonder if all his campaign promises where just an elaborate song and dance meant solely for the entertainment of the masses. In 2000 a co-worker told me that the reason that she was voting for Murkowski was because he was the lesser of two evils. Imagine her surprise when she lost her job two months later when the Anchorage Community schools budget was cut. I guess you might say that she voted herself out of a job. We will never forget the shot of Brittany Spears and Madonna slipping each other the tongue at the M-TV Music Awards, but most of us have already forgotten the Murkowski campaign promises.

In light of here-and-now-short-term-memory society that America has become, it does not amaze me that not many can remember our current governors campaign promises that he so eloquently waxed while on the campaign trail. Many might not remember. Then again there are a lot who do. I am one of those people.

During the 2000 gubernatorial debates against then Lt. Gov Fran Ulmer, Frank Murkowski built his platform on these main topics, development of *all* of Alaska's natural resources, including the development of ANWAR, increasing the education opportunities for the children of Alaska, not using the Permanent Fund Dividend, and the development of jobs for rural Alaskans.

He consistently criticized Lieutenant Governor Ulmer, stating that the reason Democrats needed to use the dividend was due to the miss use of taxpayer's funds. However, once elected his plans changed. *At least Fran Ulmer was honest.* She told us up front that money was going to have to come from somewhere in order to supplement Alaska's economy. Ulmer talked about a state income tax, higher property taxes to pay for Alaska's schools and possibly the Permanent

Fund to help narrow the Alaskan government's fiscal gap.

Murkowski laughed, he looked directly into the camera and said, "To me creating a state income tax is taking money out of the pockets of Alaskans and putting it back into the deep, deep pockets of government officials." Recently during the Conference of Alaskans, a conference that he put together to decide how to use the dividend for Alaska's fiscal gap. Governor Murkowski stated that he would support all issues recently suggested by a special session of the legislature to put before the voters in November. Oh that Frank, he's a sly one. He supports a state income tax, but he did not suggest it nor have anything to do the process. *Nice work, Frank.*

Everyday our governor cuts funds from

"It does not amaze me that not many can remember our current governors campaign promises that he so eloquently waxed while on the campaign trail."

education, social services, mental health, and the elderly. The hard cold reality of the situation is he is taking help from those who are unable to help themselves. Instead of holding our children up to the "No Child Left Behind" standards, Murkowski would rather revise the plan, cut the educational budget, lay off teachers, increase sizes of already overcrowded classrooms, and act like it's no big deal. Maybe by lowering the educational standards of Alaska's children it assures that Governor Murkowski, his daughter, and his special interests capitalists' comrades will be in office for a very long time. *Brilliant move Frank.*

Since becoming Alaska's governor our friend Frank has consistently promoted the interest of special interest groups over the interests of Alaskans. But who cares about them pesky voters anyhow, right Frank? You are in office and there's not a damn thing we can do about it. Tell us Mr. Murkowski—*how does it feel* to be king?

Lets not forget the despair of the elderly Alaskan's who recently lost their longevity bonus. The generations that built this state are now receiving a mere one hundred and twenty dollars a month to live on due to the loss of this much needed monthly check. The longevity bonus was supposed to be a thank you from the state. It was the main means of support for some, if not most, of the elderly in our state.

Appeals have been passed before the gover-

nor and his cabinet many times since the cut of the bonus in early 2003 to raise the amount received by Alaska's elderly citizens. Oh sure, the republicans of Alaska would like to dazzle the public by telling us that the initiative has been passed to cut the amount of money Senior citizens have to pay for medications. Now they just need they money to buy these medications. *Who pays your medical bills Frank?*

Frank Murkowski would like us to believe that Alaska simply does not have the resources to fund the Longevity Bonus Program. But yet, he calls a special session of the legislature to decide what to do with the voters PFD's. *What the hell?* Alaska cannot pay to help the elderly but we can afford to pay fifty of his friends to decide what to do with money Governor Murkowski PROMISED not to touch. It seems to me that this special legislature session ought to be titled "Job's Program for friends of Frank Murkowski." Some might say that perhaps I am being a bit too harsh on Mr. Murkowski. *But am I really?* Out of fifty Alaskans one the panel—not one of them is a single parent, a Sr.

Citizen, teacher, or college student. *What?* He deems us smart enough to vote for him but we are not smart enough to help decided what to do with *our* states resources.

Time and time again the citizens of Alaska have said *HELL NO* apparently to the deaf ears and blind eyes of the governing body. And yet, our governor Frank Murkowski poses the question again. I wonder which part he doesn't understand the N or the O? One would think that before becoming governor that knowledge of the alphabet would be a requirement.

I implore all who reads this to ask themselves, *what has Frank Murkowski really done for Alaskans? Other than his friends and his daughter.* Where are our new jobs? I've looked every part of the state; I can't seem to find them—other than in Anchorage. Looking for rural job growth is something akin to looking for a needle in a haystack. What about the higher educational standards and new programs that he so eloquently sold to the public on the campaign trail?

Perhaps his program included less educational funding and larger class sizes for under-paid and overworked teachers in the first place; or perhaps he just forgot to mention all this when he was running for office in the first place. Should Murkowski ever leave Anchorage? Perhaps we should all go to down town (and ask him, *Where's the love Frank?*)

From Holly Mitchell

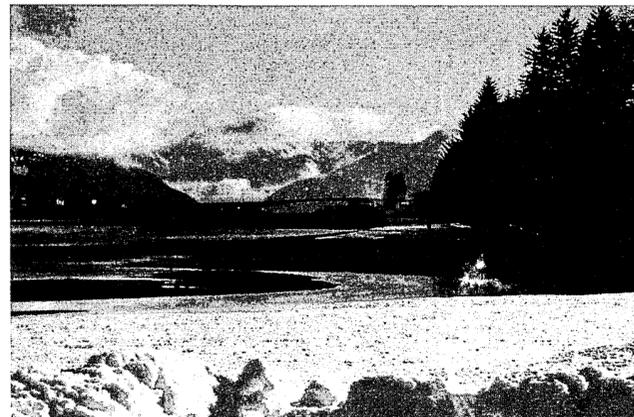
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## Channel surfing anyone?

By John S. Sonin  
Whalesong Staff

Crossing Gastineau Channel by any other means than the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge has been on the table since 1984. Over the intervening 20 years, some nine "Second Crossing" options have been studied. And there's always been a tenth, if you've got a board and don't mind wind surfing over chilly water!



The future sight of the proposed Second Crossing from Douglas to downtown Juneau.

In the most recent study completed by the McDowell Group last December, there are essentially three possible sites. Two of these would satisfy what in this reporter's mind is currently the most critical need for another span.

Imagine you're a healthy, strapping young 68-year-old shoveling yourself out of a 25-inch snowfall in North Douglas when your heart skips a beat before going into full cardiac arrest. Luckily the wife sees you falter and collapse while looking on from the living room window. After calling 911, the paramedics are only able to stabilize your extremely low blood pressure before rushing you off to Bartlett Hospital. Since it takes more than three-quarters of

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an hour to travel back and forth down North Douglas Highway and then back up north to Hospital Drive, your middle age kids and college-age grand kids will no longer enjoy your witty anecdotes. The prolonged limitation on blood-flow has resulted in some brain damage—just enough to deprive you of that ironic sense!

In this case, you can be sure a shortcut to Bartlett would have been your choice for a "Second Crossing," and two of the three proposed general locations for another bridge would have aided in mitigation of your predicament.

Spanning the Channel somewhere near Sunny Point, Yandukin (Fred Meyer), or Vanderbilt Road appears most agreeable and would relieve projected congestion on the North Douglas Highway. Traffic increases are forecast with proposed development of West Douglas (which the Goldbelt Corporation has stated is contin-

gent on a second crossing) and the CBJ's plan for meeting Juneau's future housing needs—slated by the McDowell study to be somewhere between 6500 (at lowest projection) and 20,000 (at the highest) new residents within the next 30 years. Commuters from the West and North Douglas developing areas would aptly opt for travel across the new bridge to take advantage of what are currently long-term improvement plans for Egan Drive. Those plans include

overpasses and/or other intersection improvements at Yandukin, Sunny Point, Vanderbilt Hill, and Salmon Creek. Hospital/Channel Drive is the other location for a second crossing that would have bettered your medical emergency on North Douglas, but the third general location for this second span would have little affect on your travel time to Bartlett. In these economically uncertain times, however, this area may prove preferential for the bridge.

What if you were an administrator at the Goldbelt Corporation and you propose a tourism development project on some of those vast West Douglas holdings? Your project proposes patronage from vacationers all across the country and around the globe. You plan to be shuttling customers back and forth from the airport and ferry terminal on a regular basis. In this case, you're sure to desire a second crossing across the wetlands to the Juneau Airport or Industrial Drive.

A Mendenhall Peninsula crossing would provide the most efficient access from existing roadways to any West Douglas development. If the CBJ utilizes its holdings in North Douglas for residential purposes, citizens would also benefit from the commercial areas in the Valley. The McDowell Study notes, however, this location would "not provide the most immediate access to Egan Drive and Juneau's commercial/employment centers"—and duck-hunters in the wetlands would need way of more than just aircraft!

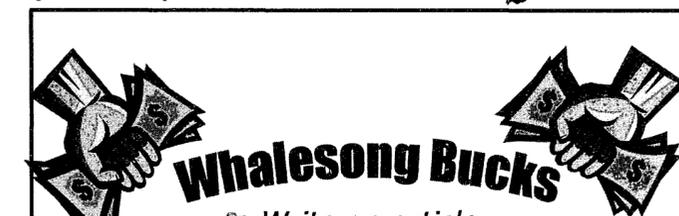
Besides location, another issue considered by the McDowell Study is waterway use and travel over the Mendenhall Bar at

higher tides. Consideration of bridge height, for those Tall Ships, and girth, and for the occasional barge, need also be given. About two-thirds of Juneau's stall renters, although, have said they had taken their vessel through the Channel at least once in the study year. It's also about two-thirds who have stated that a temporary closure for bridge construction would have no impact on their boating styles. Its more than likely the roughly one-third of stall renters who have traversed through Gastineau, but also do not feel that a temporary closure would have any impact, represent the three-quarters of all renters

who responded reporting that their vessel use was for "recreation, pleasure, sport hunting or fishing."

It is also true that any choice made is bound to have some detrimental affect on the environment. Going over the wetlands would likely be the most. If cost were not an object, however, tunneling beneath the Mendenhall Bar would have the least affect.

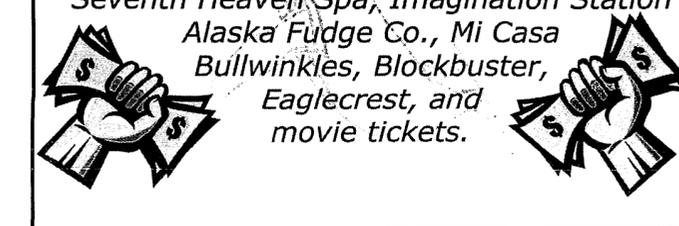
Regardless of the numerous impacts a second crossing may have, I'm sure all can agree that surfing the Channel, with a patient in cardiac arrest, would not be an option!



## Whalesong Bucks

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## G.L.A.C.I.E.R meeting

Letter to the editor ...

On Friday February 27th, a couple dozen UAS students, faculty members, and public from the Juneau community mingled in the Silverbow Restaurant downtown. Some of them came to meet new people, others came to offer support, but most were there to find out what G.L.A.C.I.E.R. is and what they will be doing for the remainder of the school year.

G.L.A.C.I.E.R. is an and Community Information watching a movie and intro-what we thought were all in agreement that friendly environment for both out and meet each other.

There are many groups such as this one around the state and throughout the country. Generally there is a balance between the social aspect of the club and one that conquers political issues such as being present in different rallies down town and informing the community on the other side of political controversies such as the Gay Marriage issue.

G.L.A.C.I.E.R. Advisor and UAS Counselor, Michele Harmon reminds everyone: G.L.A.C.I.E.R. "will be meeting near the rainbow sign in the upper foyer outside the library near Spike's Café on Wednesday April 7th 11:30 -12:30." Everyone is welcome!

Tom Chard is a part-time student that helped organize and start this group. If you would like more information about G.L.A.C.I.E.R. please leave him a message on the G.L.A.C.I.E.R. hot line at 523-1121, or email Michele Harman at [Michele.Harman@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:Michele.Harman@uas.alaska.edu).

From Amanda Sauro

### Public Speaks

onym for the Gay, Lesbian, Exchange Resource. After ducing ourselves we discussed G.L.A.C.I.E.R. should be. We G.L.A.C.I.E.R. should be a gay and straight people to hang

# News & FEATURES



Starting March 15, 2004 parking tickets will be issued to vehicles parked illegally on campus.

## Parking tickets on campus

By Marta Pardee  
Whalesong Contributor

As of March 15, parking tickets are being issued to vehicles parked illegally on campus. You might have noticed fliers posted on the bulletin boards around campus stating the new policy, "The University of Alaska Southeast recently received authorization to issue citations to those motor vehicles found to be in violation of posted traffic/parking signs on its campus."

The point of giving a parking ticket is to give it to a person who has blatantly illegally parked, just so they didn't have to walk far to class. It is legitimate to enforce and give parking tickets when this is the case or when there are many open legal parking spaces. However, any of you who have had class in the Anderson Annex located near Auke Bay Lab would know that this is not the case. Legal parking at the Anderson building is not plentiful and fills up quickly especially on days when more than one class is in session at a time.

The availability of parking at the Anderson Building is not a new issue. However, issuing citations for vehicles parked illegally is. If you walk into the Anderson building there is a white board with a picture of the legal spots that students and staff can park. The spaces are limited leaving students who are trying to attend a class that they paid for with no option except to illegally park either in NOAA's parking lot, block in a friend, or park along side the highway. On tight parking days this is a normal occurrence.

A student could park their car on the main campus and walk to the Anderson Building, but in the winter months the roads are slippery, the weather is often terrible, and there is not a safe spot for walkers to cross

the highway. There is a UAS shuttle van that gives students rides between various places on campus, the Anderson Building, the SAC, and main. The shuttle sticks to a posted schedule that often does not mesh well with the times of many students classes.

Should students even have to worry about these things if they want to attend a class that they paid for? Should students have to arrive 20 to 30 minutes early when they have class at the Anderson Building just to ensure a legal parking spot? There is only a couple of realistic solutions to avoid a ticket at this point. Students do have the option to park legally on the main campus and use the shuttle as a way to ultimately avoid receiving a parking ticket. Another safe option students have is to park their car at the main campus and walk to the Anderson Building. Students can continue to park legally along side the highway and risk having their car hit or themselves hit while getting in and out of their car. If the school is going to go through with issuing citations it needs to be made clear what spaces are legal and what ways of parking are legal.

There was a grace period until March 15, 2004. After that date, currently in effect, tickets will be issued for any vehicles parked illegally. So start paying attention to posted parking signs and if you have class in the Anderson Building make sure to plan your day accordingly and arrive early enough to ensure a legal parking space or be prepared to receive a parking ticket.

**Stay Alive**  
**Don't Drink & Drive**

## The truth about parking lights

By Tatiana Unciano  
Whalesong Staff

Parking lights. Par-king lights. Park-ing lights. No matter which way you slice it parking lights have one function - parking.

If parking lights were meant to be used in fog, they'd be called fog lights ... wait we already have those.

If parking lights were meant to be used during dusk and other low light conditions they'd be called low beam headlights ... wait we already have those too.

If parking lights were meant to be used in rain, sleet, snow, etc., they would be called precipitation lights, but let's face it ... that just sounds ridiculous.

So, since we do have parking lights on our cars, doesn't it seem logical that they were designed for ... parking? Okay, so it may seem weird to have lights for parking. After all, don't we turn off our cars when we park?

Well, here the mystery of parking lights shall be revealed! Parking lights are meant to be used for temporary parking, such as pulling off the side of the road to investigate something, like perhaps a map for directions. Parking lights signal to other drivers that your car is there, parked and not stalled or in trouble. This allows other drivers to avoid hitting you, or pulling off to aid you,

creating a potential traffic jam.

Well, what about the other myth about parking lights ... you know the one where you save battery by using them? Well, here is a point of fact - you would be absolutely correct *if* the car is *not* running. Parking lights do use less battery power than low beam headlights, however, this amount is minimal and is negated by one fact - car batteries charge while the engine is running. This means that your car's battery will not suffer any more or less regardless of which lights you use, so choose wisely.

Think about this fact as well. With the exception of darkness, car lights are designed more to signal your presence to *other* drivers than to illuminate your path. It has been reported that as much as 75 percent of accidents could have been avoided if a driver had only used their low beam headlights.

Remember, a battery will tell you on the label its average lifespan, but I bet you would be hard pressed to show me a label that reads something along the lines "battery life can be extended by as much as 15 percent when parking lights are employed".

Oh yeah, and if you think this is all pointless and stupid, read your DMV manual. I bet you got that question wrong on your written test. I hope you had enough other questions right.

## Cross cultural communication

By John S.Sonin  
Whalesong Staff

Since 1970, when Michael Oleksa was recruited as a seminarian to shepherd a flock of Eastern Orthodox Christians on Kodiak Island, who had been without a priest for 132-years, consequently implored the Bishop, if he could, to at least send a seminarian! Reverend Dr. Michael "Alaska," as he would come to be known, has criss-crossed the State sharing his wisdom on, and knowledge of, Alaskan Culture.

Reverend Dr. Michael James Oleska was born in Allentown, PA on March 16, 1947 but has spent the preponderance of his life in Alaska. He attended Vladimir Seminary School near New York from which he quickly graduated in 1973 with his Masters in Theology. During his visit to Alaska in 1970 Oleksa had become so enthralled that he wished to return as soon as he was able to begin his life's work. During these intervening 30-years, this selflessly driven student of humanity not only obtained his Doctorate of Theology from the Prague University in Czechoslovakia, but has also served our state with noteworthy distinction.

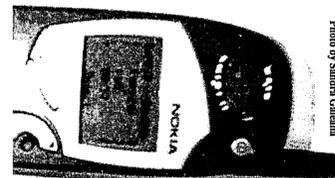
He has served on the Board of Alaska State Historical Museum, the Fort Ross State Park Board, on the Alaska Humanities Forum, and on the National Council on Alcoholism. A while back, in 2001, he was a

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With a full-day on Friday, March 19, and its conclusion the following morning, the Reverend Doctor Michael Oleksa honored the University of Alaska Southeast with a workshop for all faculty and staff. The intent of this seminar was to broaden participant's perspectives on the cultural differences often creating miscommunication among Alaskans.

## Deadly Call continued ...



Some guns are now being disguised as cell phones.

these phones are heavier than real cell phones they are incapable of actually calling someone. The cell phone guns look very much like a real cell phone and are constructed to kill.

It all sounds simple enough, but wait until you hear what the Amsterdam Police have to say, [the cell phone guns] "are very sophisticated machines constructed inside gutted cell phones which do not light up or operate as real phones. These are very difficult to make. We believe experts are involved."

I just have one thing to say, "Ya Think!" Of course experts are involved, how do you think the guns were made? Not by someone who new nothing about electronics or weapons. Come on, it is only logical that some mastermind is behind these deadly phones.

Although US officials are being stupid by covering from the truth they are taking precautions to keep these guns off planes and other forms of transportations. Custom officials will be asking to see cell phones to make sure it is not a hidden weapon and most police officers have been informed of the possible imports of such an item, although officials continue to claim that such an item has not made it to America.

So the next time you go through customs and they ask to see your cell phone hand it over and be patient. Although this sounds far-fetched and silly would you really want this gun on the plane with you?

## Cross Cultural continued ...

delegate for the Subsistence Summit and received recognition from the Alaska State Legislature for this service. He worked on the Governor's Commission on Tolerance and received the Alaskan of the Year Denali Award. He and was recognized by the Alaska Federation of Natives and recently by the Governor for his benevolent contributions to our State.

After his graduation from Prague University, Oleksa has taught at Alaska Pacific University, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and here at University of Alaska Southeast. He also has led Orthodox congregations in Dillingham, Iliamna, Old Harbor, Fairbanks, Bethel, Juneau, Kodiak, Seward, Koliganek, and he currently leads one as the Dean of St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Anchorage. Anchorage is where he resides with his wife and four children.

His courses in Alaskan history and Intercultural Communication have made him an authority on Native Alaska both in and out of the state. His involvement with the World Council of Churches has taken him to every end of the earth. Even in the secular world his books, focusing on Native Alaskan history and culture, are eminent. The *Alaskan*

*Missionary Spirituality and Orthodox Alaskan*, have become renowned references for all students of Alaskan heritage. He has also made contributions to the television documentary genre contributing a widely acclaimed four part series for PBS, *Communicating Across Cultures*.

## Semester continued ...

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## Bellagh banned

By Misty Steil  
Whalesong Staff

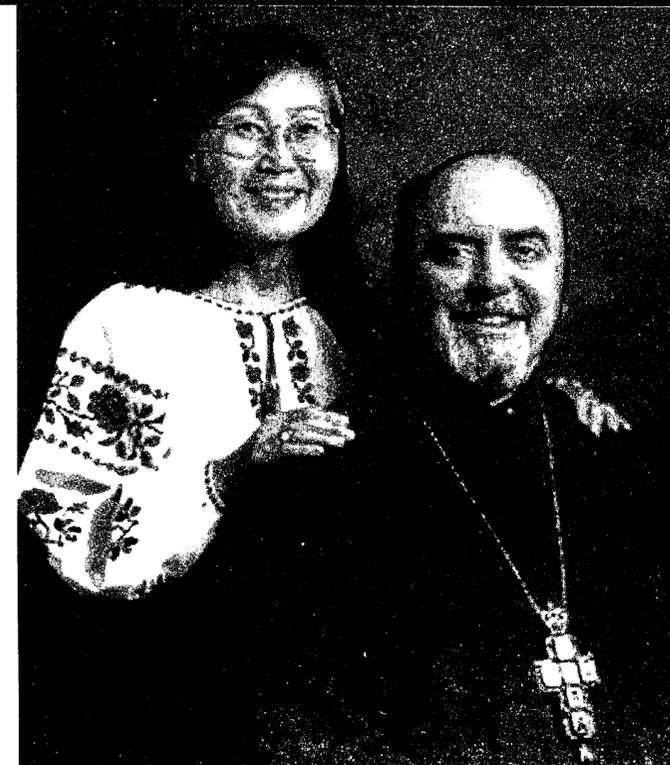
Many have heard of the banishment of Rick Bellagh from the annual Language Arts/ Anthropology trips. Why such a sudden move on the part of the administration? Bellagh says he was told, "The university doubts your ability to use good judgment." Because of complaints brought forth by two students. Bellagh said he was told that he had committed "illegal and immoral" acts last year on the 2002/2003 trip to Peru. This resulted in him being prevented from leading the most recent trip to Cuba. Brendan Kelly, Dean of Arts and Sciences, said, "This decision is based entirely on Rick's descriptions of the events."

The illegal portion of the allegation, brought to Kelly by two students who were on the Peruvian trip, concerned Bellagh's reaction to seeing a marijuana joint falling out of the pocket of one of the students present on the Peruvian excursion. The immoral act he committed was initiating an erotic pose game with the students and faculty that included having one student at a time posing two others in a modestly erotic way, unbeknownst to them that they would have to take the place of one of the posers when finished. Bellagh states that the game was videotaped in its entirety and was completely innocent and intended to keep the students off the street on New Years Eve.

A rumor around campus is that the individual who brought forth these allegations was doing so only for a better grade. "The person received a failing grade after neglecting to turn in the post-trip assignments," says Bellagh. He also said that this person is the only one to ever receive a standing failing grade in the five trips that have taken place, and that it was entirely based on failure to complete the assignments.

The complaints about the trip came to Kelly in August 2003, a full eight months after the trip occurred. Kelly received over 20 letters from other students of Bellagh's, vouching for his character. These new letters did not make a difference in the dean's decision.

Kelly said it wouldn't be fair to ban Bellagh from the trips based on only one report. He had to make a decision based on the degree of safety for students in the future.



Father Michael Oleksa with his wife Xenia

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# Smile! You're on campus camera



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**Where:** UAS, Juneau Campus  
**When:** February 28, 2004  
**Who:** UAS students and faculty

## Tidal Echoes: What to expect?

By Emily McLean  
Whalesong Editor

This year's University of Alaska Southeast's literary journal, *Tidal Echoes*, is publicizing every thing from academic personal narratives, to a missing scenes paper which is a synthesis of two different plays with a writer's interpretation of a minor character, a children's story, lots of poetry, one classic short story, and flash fiction. All three campuses of UAS are represented, totaling thirty-six writers in all. One writer is from the Ketchikan campus, there are between six and eight art submissions from Sitka, and the rest of the submissions are all local to the Juneau campus.

*Tidal Echoes*, printed by Alaska Litho, is scheduled to be on shelves this week, and will be available at all three campus bookstores. And, as last year, hopefully *Tidal Echoes* will be sold in local bookstores such as Rainy Day Books, Hearthside, and Rainbow Foods. It is not for certain, but the publication may be sold at local businesses and coffee shops. In addition, selected submissions and artwork will be on display at the Egan Library in lure of the Humanities Conference. No matter where *Tidal Echoes* is sold, however, the journal will always be available through Alexis Easley and Susan Lucas, English faculty. This year's edition, as well as last years, will be \$5.00

Each submission was carefully looked over by three editors, Nick Cooley, Donna Griffin, and Clarissa Pentecost. Literary submissions were examined through the creative writing standards, imagery, voice, originality, form, clear plot, organization, as well as point of view. A new opportunity that had come about this year was for students to revise their work. Due to this time flex, *Tidal Echoes* was able to except more stories.

All three editors, as mentioned by Pentecost, "worked well together and brought different things to the table." Griffin was the computer master and artist. Pentecost was a

founder of the publication. And, Cooley, who is a really strong writer and pays great attention to detail, refers to himself as the "motor groaner," keeping every one on track.

As editors of a new publication, Cooley, Griffin, and Pentecost, are setting in foundations for future ease. Last year there were only two editors and due to the fact that the publication barely had its feet on the ground there was not much set up. Therefore, this year they are establishing a fixed layout and template, along with a manual, for "more legs to run on the ground," states Cooley.

In the future *Tidal Echoes* hopes to be run independently. Currently the *Tidal Echoes* Club, English Club, the Dean, as well as Student Government, because it is a new publication, financially supports *Tidal Echoes*. All editors concurred "the more people who buy, the more likely the journal will continue. The journal cannot support itself on outside funding forever."

As mentioned previously, Pentecost was a founder for *Tidal Echoes*. Easley approached Pentecost two years ago to start the groundwork for a literary journal and an English club. The journal *Southeast Explorations* was being retired. Easley thought it a good idea for UAS to have a literary journal. Creative writing is a strong program here at UAS and being published has always been an interest to the university's writers. Pentecost began researching and interviewing as Easley worked out the funding.

It's "going to be a good journal!" states Griffin, "Thanks to the people who submitted their stuff" and submit for the future! Next years submission date is undetermined. It will most likely be late in the fall semester and not in January, so that the new editors can immediately start. Next year's editors will also be chosen a lot earlier, before the end of fall semester.

Become involved. If you are a writer or artist *Tidal Echoes* is the perfect opportunity to see what is expected of you and publications.

## Tidal Echoes contributors

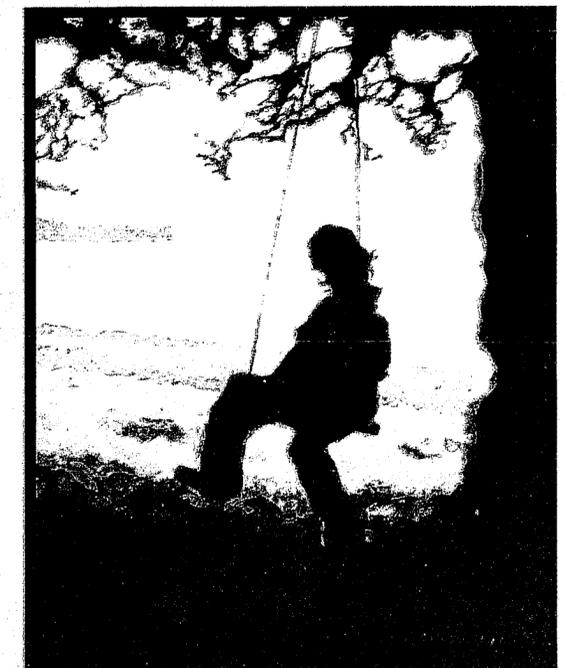
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# Tidal Echoes

University of Alaska Southeast  
Literary Journal



# Campus & Community

## The fine print of finance 101

By Nicole Hartman  
Whalesong Contributor

College is hard enough as it is without having to worry about your finances. Unfortunately, when you're trying to balance school and work cash flow can create significant stress! College students need to be aware of the risks they face from predatory lending scams. Most students enter college with little or no financial education and these credit offers seem like an easy solution to their money worries.

"These offers involve the assumption that you won't understand or won't notice the fine print terms and consequences"

Already we have seen payday lenders and check cashing services pop up in Juneau. They are not governed by a federal agency as banks and credit unions. Therefore, these services have no restrictions to the terms they offer or the amount of interest they may charge. Their tactics can result in your paying multiple times the value of an item that you buy from them on credit, a payday, or cash advance loan. Just the presence of a loan with them on your credit report can be damaging. College students may also be tempted by "no money down - no interest - no payments for the first year" offers and then find that when the due date arrives, if it's not paid in full right away the interest

charges may be significant, even retroactive!

You probably received a credit card application along with other freebies when you registered for classes. Did you know the average student between the ages of 18 and 24 carries over \$2,300 in credit card debt? Late or missed payments can result in penalty interest rates, and exorbitant late fees. Department stores offer bonuses such as 10% off your purchase now if you apply for their card. Even if you don't use them, having too many open credit accounts is detrimental to your ability to obtain future credit.

All of these offers involve the assumption that you won't understand or won't notice the fine print terms and consequences of the credit. These lenders hope that by attracting you will be a source of short-term income now, and you will do business with them in the future. However they are not concerned with whether you are in a position to afford the credit they issue so freely.

Credit unions want a long-term relationship with you too, but not at your expense. Credit unions are not-for-profit, member-owned financial cooperatives that exist for the benefit of their members, not to provide profits to shareholders. Because of this you can find better deals such as free checking with no strings attached, lower loan rates, better rates on deposit accounts, all with low or no minimum balances and fewer restrictions and fees. The staff at your credit union can explain their products, services, and how to use them so you can choose what's best to meet your needs now and to help build your future. Whether you're just starting out, or if you need assistance getting your current finances in better shape, they're here to help!

## Searching for summer options?

By Marsha Squires  
Whalesong Contributor

Spring is here, and soon finals week will be upon us! Before you know it summer will be here and you'll have three months to play with. Have you made any plans yet?

If making money is a summer goal, it's not too soon to visit Lynn Uhl in Career Services, Mourant 108, near the student lounge. She can help you develop or edit your resume, assist with job search, and help prepare you for interviews. Summer jobs are available in tourism, biology, and the hotel/restaurant industry, along with non-profit and

"If you are looking for another kind of adventure, perhaps you should consider a summer abroad program"

environmental agencies. Check out job postings at [www.ecampusrecruiter.com/uas](http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/uas). Questions? Contact Lynn Uhl at 465-6368 or by email, at [lynn.uhl@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:lynn.uhl@uas.alaska.edu).

The opportunities are there and the time is now!

If you are looking for another kind of adventure, perhaps you should consider a summer abroad program through the Academic Exchange office. There are summer language and specific academic course options available for one to two months through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) and the Northwest Council in Study Abroad (NCSA). Students must have a 2.75 overall GPA, be in good academic standing, and admitted to a degree-seeking program.

This summer's foreign language options

through ISEP include six-week intensive French, Spanish, or German courses. Respective locations are Chambéry, France; Valparaiso, Chile; and Braunschweig, Germany.

The Universidad de Monterrey in Mexico will also be offering two four-week courses in Spanish. One course is intended for beginners, no prior knowledge of Spanish is necessary. The second course is a Business Spanish course for those majoring in business with a strong understanding of the Spanish language. NCSA offers language programs in Angers, France; and Morelia, Mexico.

Course specific programs include botany and ecology at the University of Oulu in Finland; archaeology on the island of Malta, just south of Italy; Korean and Asian studies, humanities, business and economics at Ajou University in Korea; Buddhism and Thai society at Thammasat University in Thailand; European studies at Leiden University in The Netherlands; Art, Poetry, Theatre on the Greek island of Spetses; and Irish History and Literature in Dublin, Ireland. All courses are taught in English.

To get yourself started, a preliminary application is required by the Academic Exchange office and can be found on the UAS web site under *Academic Exchange, Applications*. ISEP applications can be found on the ISEP web site at [www.isep.org](http://www.isep.org). When navigating, click on *US Students*, then *Summer Programs*. ISEP applications are due to the Academic Exchange office by April 15. Additional information on summer programs and applications for NCSA are available at [www.aha-intl.org](http://www.aha-intl.org). Make this summer a memorable one!

## Miss Informed advice

Please realize what is said in these columns are only suggestions and for entertainment only. The inquirer must decide to use the advice using his/her own judgment.

Miss Informed

### A booger of a problem ...

Dear Miss Informed:

How do you get rid of boogers?

Booger-Mac

Dear Booger-Mac:

While I pride myself in answering all questions, I can't help but feel this is a little silly. However, you want to know the answer, so be it.

Stick your finger with the longest nail and shove it up your nose. Turn your finger a half turn and pull it out. Then there are a couple things you can do. 1) flick it out a window, 2) wipe it into a napkin or tissue, or 3) eat it. If the boogers are still in your nose repeat above instructions until clear. And please make sure you are in a bathroom or some private location so the rest of the world won't see you picking for treasures.

Miss Informed

P.S. Enjoy your 15 minutes of fame and thanks for the laugh.

### Write Miss Informed:

If you would like to submit a question you can email it to:

[informedtraitor@yahoo.com](mailto:informedtraitor@yahoo.com)

or place your questions in the box outside of *The Whalesong* office.

### Not walking after all ...

Dear Miss Informed,

I just found out that I do not have enough credits to graduate this semester. I know that doesn't sound like a big deal, but I told my family that I would be graduating this spring and that they can come and see me walk. Most of my family members have already bought tickets and the others continue to talk about how proud they are of me. I need some advise on how to break it to my family that it will be another year before I walk.

Sadly Mistaken

Dear Sadly Mistaken:

I realize that not walking this year puts a damper on plans. However, your family will understand the mistake and look forward to next spring. I would however tell them soon so that they can get their money back for the tickets or exchange them for next year. Don't worry, everything will work out and your family will still be proud of you. One mistake is not enough to end a lifetime of friendship and love.

If this is not good enough for you, I am pretty sure that there is someone who can help you make up the credits so that you can graduate. My question is for you, have you asked anyone to help you? The professors in this school are always willing to lend an extra hand and I am pretty sure you can maybe get a couple more credits in before the semester is over.

Miss Informed

## Advice Column

## Humanities Breaking Conference: bread to feed the hungry

By Misty Stein  
Whalesong Staff

Yes, that is the question. With UAS' fifth annual humanities conference coming up, who wouldn't be excited about attending? I know, I know it sounds like more lectures during your sacred weekend, which we all know is reserved for PARTYING. Well, let me tell you, there may be advantages to showing up to a few of the events scheduled to take place in a week or so. From retired CIA talking about Iraq and US Intelligence to free breakfast on Saturday morning, there's lots of stuff to get pumped up about. Judy Andree, co-facilitator for the conference, tells us to "Ask your instructors for extra credit" regarding the various happenings. Chances are you could find some good entertainment, and get a grade boost as well! This year's theme is "Tolerance and Diversity", so none of us can say that the content isn't personally relevant. So, no excuses: GO!

Ask a humanities teacher for a copy of the schedule for a list of all events, or look for postings!

By Lindsey A. Bradley  
Whalesong Contributor

Do you remember your mom's home-made soup? The nurturing, savory taste of the soup mom made when you were ill? The friends that would come over to visit with you? Most people do! Here in Juneau, on April 24<sup>th</sup> we have the opportunity of helping some of those who experience personal difficulties in our community by breaking bread and eating soup with our friends for a twenty-five dollar contribution towards feeding the hungry, children under twelve eat free.

How often here in Juneau do you get the opportunity to go out with your friends and family economically? Interested yet? What is even better than having soup out among friends, and contributing to the needy, is the fun idea of being able to take your locally thrown ceramic bowl home, as a memento, to enjoy and remember the good time you had and how very lucky you are to have

food, your portion of health, and a home to go to.

The first ever Empty Bowls event, to be held here in Juneau, will commence at five o'clock at Centennial Hall, and it might be wise to arrive early to allow time to select just the bowl you want. Tickets are available through Rotary Club members and Hearshide Books.

Two art teachers in Michigan created the idea for this fundraiser in 1990, they believed "art could contribute to social change." Their concept evolved into a national phenomenon as city after city, state after state used their model successfully as a fundraiser for the economically disadvantaged, which contains three core objectives: Creating community awareness about hunger; Using "art to effect positive social change;" and raising money for the hungry.

The Empty Bowls dinner offers the opportunity for people to experience first hand what it is like to go through a "bread line," as the term was used during the great depression. A chance to get a sense of what it is like to be hungry, wait in line, eat and be hungry again shortly. A bowl of soup and a crust of bread are mighty welcome when a person is combating hunger on a steady basis.

Local student, professional, and hobbyist artists from around S. E. Alaska have contributed the bowls that will be utilized and some of the artists will be attending. Names well know about town, such as Tom Meyer, Kathleen Wiest, and Robin Weist of Sutton; will be contributing bowls. Highly interest-

ing is the age span of the artists, ranging from second grade through retirement. I had the opportunity of interviewing one of our non-traditional students here at UAS who is currently enrolled in a ceramics class, William Branlund. When asked if he was planning to create a bowl, he replied yes, he had made up his mind then to do so when his teacher had made an announcement about the opportunity at the beginning of the spring semester. He said, "Doing something to help others that are less fortunate than us, is an integral part that we learn through higher education here at UAS. Not just the academics, but how to be a better person through community related projects which reflect your learning and understanding of how to be compassionate, and caring people, and to be understanding of others."

The art instructors here at UAS have each pledged a certain number of bowls which I examined and was amazed at the various sizes, colors, textures and work that went into them. Truly each one was a work of art.

About a dozen of Juneau's finest restaurants will be contributing their best soups, at least three gallons from each restaurant; so plenty of soup will be available with a diverse selection. The rest of the menu consists of bread and desserts.

There are many reasons for you to mark this date on your calendars, nostalgia, friends, economy, personal satisfaction of doing the right thing, civic duty, and of course, a unique, hand-thrown bowl.

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## Campus Poll

By Sandra Galeana, Whalesong Staff

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think about Easter?



Alisa Breiling

Peeps!



Anne McKay

A great holiday to relax, and celebrate Christ.



Auguste Stiehr

I don't think about it!



Jim Isturis

Where did the bunnies and the jelly beans come from? How did we do from Jesus dying on the cross, to rabbits hiding eggs?



Tracy Wendt

Plastic eggs filled with Jell-O shots.

# Arts & Entertainment

## UAS April Events

1st APRIL FOOLS DAY!

1-3 Humanities Conference

10 Easter Egg Hunt--Noon

10 Talent Show, SAC @ 9PM

11 Bowling @ Channel Bowl 9PM

12-18 Juneau Folk Festival @ Centennial hall

16 Year-end Dance @ SAC 9PM

19-25 Stress Break Activities

23 Year-end BBQ 3PM

24 The Quest @ Sandy Beach in Douglas 10AM

25 Midnight Breakfast @ Mourant Cafe 11PM-12:30 AM

30 Labor of Love performing arts series @ Egan library 7PM

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## Easter Personality Quiz

By Sandra Galeana  
Whalesong Staff

1) When the words "Easter Egg" is said you think of...

- Easter Egg Hunts
- Colors
- Food

2) Easter, to you, means...

- Resurrection
- A day off from work
- Candy

3) Your favorite candy is...

- Chocolate bunnies
- I don't eat candy
- Crispy candy eggs

4) Your favorite bunny is...

- Easter bunny
- Peter Cottontail
- In a stew

5) Right after your eggs are boiled you...

- Color them

b. Put them in the fridge

c. Eat them

6) Egg, to you, means...

- New life
- Chicken babies
- Food

7) On Easter Morning the first thing you do is...

- Wish your family a happy Easter.
- Sleep in
- Eat candy from your Easter basket

8) The Easter flower is...

- The White Lilly
- A white flower
- A Chocolate rose

9) Easter is a good time to...

- spend with the family
- relax
- party

10) Your favorite color out of these three is...

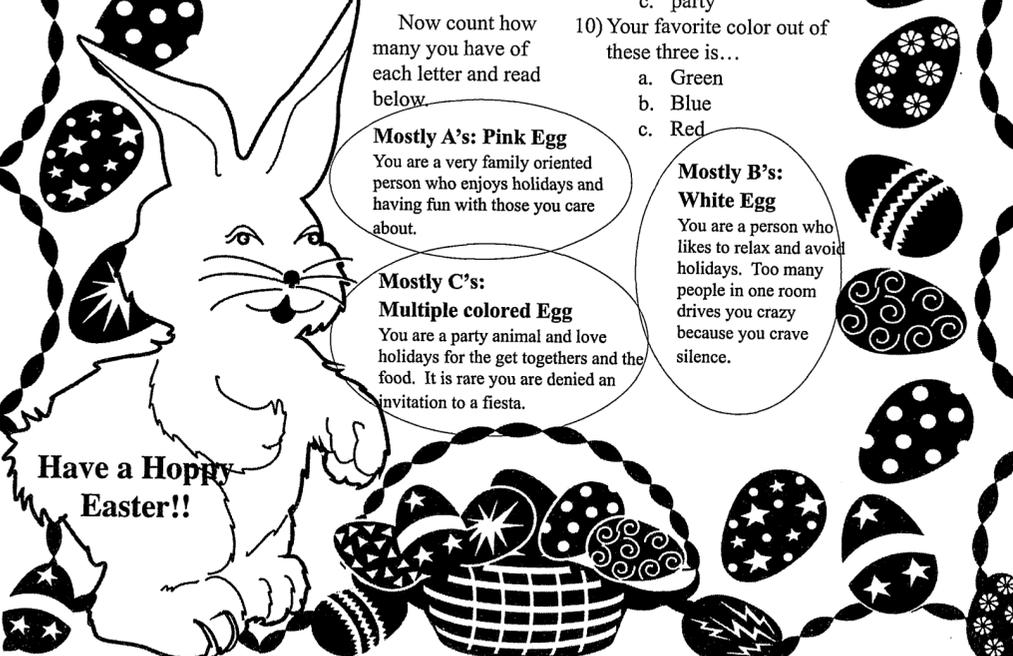
- Green
- Blue
- Red

Now count how many you have of each letter and read below.

**Mostly A's: Pink Egg**  
You are a very family oriented person who enjoys holidays and having fun with those you care about.

**Mostly B's: White Egg**  
You are a person who likes to relax and avoid holidays. Too many people in one room drives you crazy because you crave silence.

**Mostly C's: Multiple colored Egg**  
You are a party animal and love holidays for the get togethers and the food. It is rare you are denied an invitation to a fiesta.



**Have a Hoppy Easter!!**

# Kid's Corner

Hey Kids!  
Color the clown and solve the crossword & word-search puzzles



## Candy Aisle word-search

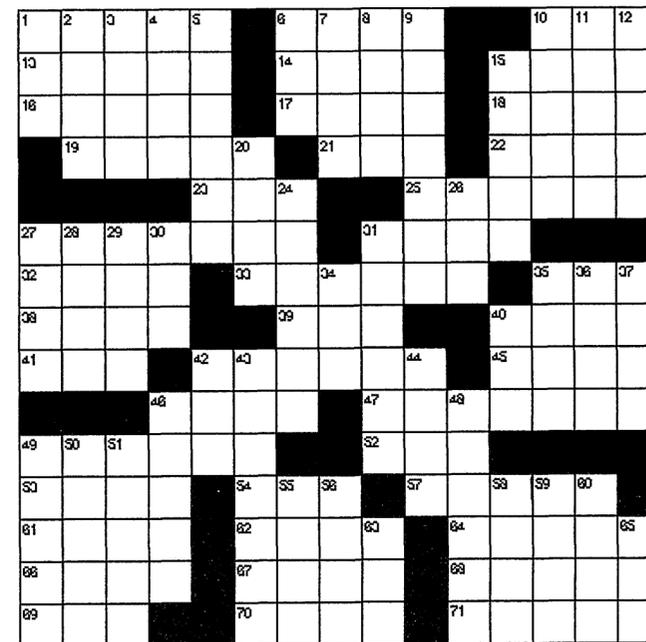
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### ACROSS

- Hide away
- Swiss mountains
- Tiny flower
- It precedes Easter
- Cesar's thirteen
- Big sand pile
- Prove
- Tied
- Little Mermaid's love
- Soft drink brand
- Escudo
- Not out of
- High card
- Spring holiday
- Careful study
- Formal
- Ids' counterparts
- Disorder, chaos
- Kilometers per hour
- Water (Spanish)
- British drink
- In \_\_\_ of
- Concord e.g.
- Popular 50's movie
- After awhile
- Expired
- Taxing
- Musician (3 wds.)
- Vegetable dunk
- Father's sister
- Extremely high frequency (abbr.)
- Adolescents
- Tiny insect
- Invalid
- Snuck
- Admire
- Horse's walking sound
- 'Love' (Italian)
- Caustic substance
- Show boredom
- What the Easter Bunny brings

### DOWN

- That girl
- Military vehicle
- Church part
- Cowboy boot attachment
- "Laughing" cats
- Cutting tool
- Not taped
- Popular American desserts
- Candid
- Charred
- Join
- Decoration
- Rationalism
- Fraud
- Joyful
- "Ready, \_\_, fire!"
- "Two \_\_\_ in a pod"
- Symbol of Easter
- Groove
- North American country
- Removed gradually, with "out"
- Affirmative
- Cow
- Gofer
- Egg \_\_, popular pasttime
- Dawdle
- Card game
- Bureaucratic jurisdiction
- Doorway sign
- Little song
- Medicine cabinet need
- Roll with a hole
- Easter animal
- Scoundrel
- \_\_\_ hoop (child's toy)
- Move smoothly
- Writer Bombeck
- Storefront sign type
- Potato
- Licensed practical nurse
- Attempt



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The Whalesong will be accepting articles, stories, and artwork from children of UAS students, staff, ad faculty for the Kid's Corner section. Please drop off submissions in the Whalesong office or to Sahara Clark at the Activities and Housing desk of the lower floor of the Mourant Building. Please include with the submission the child's phone number, address, name of the parent who attends UAS, as well as a photograph in an envelope with "Whalesong: Kid's Corner" written on it. For questions please call Emily McLean at (907) 465-6434 or email at jywhale@uas.alaska.edu.



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