

College group honored



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Colby Community College future teacher's organization members (left to right) Jessica Horinek, Melissa Lock, president, Carolyn May, advisor, and Amanda Bentley displayed the winning banner at the state assembly. For the 17th consecutive year, the Colby Community College branch of the Kansas National Educators Association Student Program received the Chapter Excellence Award at the group's annual assembly held recently.

House to Home

Tips offered on housing a hobby

By Debbie Travis

House to Home

Dear Debbie: I could not have come this far in my brand-new home without your decorative TV guidance.

However, I have an issue with our basement. My husband is a successfully retired firefighter and has collected a million die cast models of fire trucks and cars over 30 years.

He wants to develop our brand-new basement with shelves or something to display his collection; however, where does one begin? Glass unit wall, oak wall, who knows? Thank you so much for your time.

— Elise

Dear Elise: You aren't alone! So many of us are juggling collections of every kind, and there's an art to finding a place for it all so that it can be enjoyed without taking over your home.

However, the good news is that today you'll find a huge inventory of display shelving and cabinetry from which to choose. Cube shelving is great; it's versatile, as you can stagger or stack your display.

Paint the wall a contrasting color that will become the background for all the objects in the cubes. Floating shelves are pop-

ular; they are supported from the back of the shelf, which gives a lovely clean line. You can build shelves with planks of wood; add a molded lip to the front like a plate rail so that items won't slip off. Glass or Plexiglas cases are a modern touch. These look particularly good with built-in lighting to show off your display.

For your basement, I'd do one big feature wall of all your husband's trucks and make it look like a gallery.

Either light it from behind with mini-lights, or arrange pot lights in the ceiling so that this beloved collection can be viewed in all its glory.

Dear Debbie: I'd like to know how to make a room that's full of antiques not look too dated. Our living room and dining room are filled with heavy, dark wood pieces that are excellent quality and have sentimental value as well.

Hardwood floors in the living room are covered with a dark Oriental carpet; the dining room has an off-white wool area rug. How does one contemporize these rooms without changing the furniture?

— Janet

Dear Janet: Here are three elements that you can manipu-

late any way you choose, regardless of the furnishings, that will give your rooms new life — wall color, upholstery fabrics and lighting. Start with your living-room sofa and research the latest fabric trends.

Oversize prints are in, or if you prefer, look for striped fabrics, as they are timeless. The update comes with the color and width of the stripe — go wide, 3 to 5 inches — in a combination of colors found in your carpet. I'm guessing jewel tones of blue and red.

A light color on the walls will also make an instant impression; try pale amethyst, or any shade of blue is wonderful with dark wood.

Finally, or perhaps this should be first on your list, update the lighting.

A modern chandelier for the dining room, pot lights in the ceiling for both rooms to brighten the overall light, and one or two contemporary lamps for the living room won't clash with your antiques. Have some fun, mix it up, and you will love the new old look.

Debbie Travis' House to Home column is produced by Debbie Travis and Barbara Dingle.

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Quiz bowl victorious again

The Colby Community College Quiz Bowl team won its third consecutive state quiz bowl title this past weekend. The four-person team included Trey Kellner of Stockton sophomore and team captain; Katy Hall of Rolla, freshman; Julie Colling of Winona and a sophomore and James Palmer of

Atwood and a freshman. Other 2007-08 team members were Gabe Moore, Sara Borenman, Cortney Hodgson, Jeffrey Heller and April Palmer.

The quiz bowl team is coached by psychology instructor Krista Carter and assisted by admissions director Nikol Nolan. This is Car-

ter's first season as the head coach of the quiz bowl team, and was an assistant under Tom Moorhous for the past two seasons' state championships. The quiz bowl team will look to win its fourth title in a row next season in Salina. No team has ever won four state titles in a row, Carter said.

Immigration revival gearing up

CHICAGO (AP) — Immigration activists and civil rights leaders are gearing up for rallies and marches in cities across the nation, hoping to revive the stagnant immigration debate in time for the presidential election.

Activists predict turnout for the more than 200 events planned Thursday from Seattle to Miami will be far less than in years past. But they say efforts demanding comprehensive immigration legislation — including pathways to citizenship for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants living in the U.S. — have extended beyond the streets.

"While the breadth of activities will be significant, most eyes are turned toward the November election," said Rich Stolz, a coordinator with Fair Immigration Reform Movement, which oversees activist groups across the country. "We've been calling on the candidates to prioritize immigration."

The scope of the pro-immigrant rights movement has seen significant change in just

two years time. More than 1 million people nationwide, at least 400,000 in Chicago alone, marched in the name of immigrant rights in 2006. Fueled by a blitz of coverage in churches and Spanish language media, many united to fight a bill that proposed making it a felony for all illegal immigrants to live in the United States.

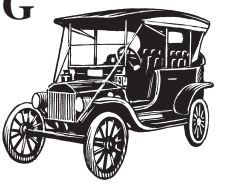
With no single piece of legislation to rally around in 2007, numbers shrank and the message branched off. Marchers demanded an end to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids, respect for the undocumented and worker unity,

among other things. Efforts in Los Angeles quickly went sour when police cleared MacArthur Park by whacking protesters and journalists with batons and firing "non-lethal" projectiles.

Organizers say this year's efforts are focused less on protests and more on voter registration and setting an agenda for the next president.

At least two major national organizations that traditionally have rallied large numbers of immigrants on May 1, National Council of La Raza and Service Employees International Union, have purposely put less energy into the marches.

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Senior Parents & HOMESCHOOLERS



Hurry in parents!!
Deadline is May 5th!!!

The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee.

We will automatically feature your student's senior picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much your senior has really changed over the years!

2008 Call Crystal, Hannah or Jasmine @ 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.

WHITNEY COLETTE ADAMS



I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball
PARENTS:
Richard & Peggy Adams
It's been a real hoot, Whitney go get em girl, and Godspeed.
Love, Mom & Dad



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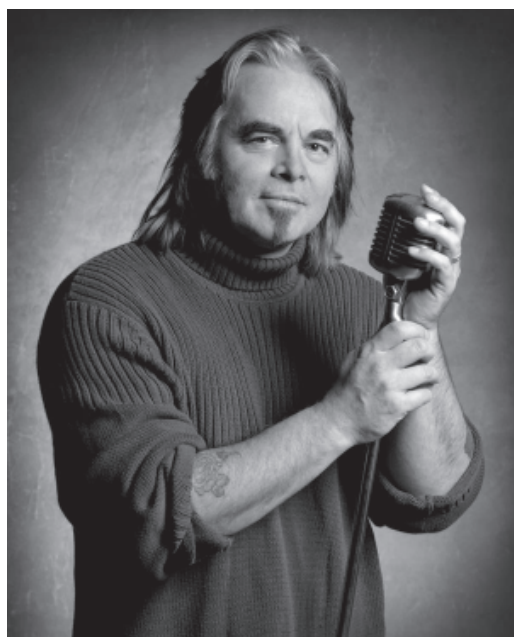
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