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DIGGING INTO HISTORY



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Nancy Daly, left, Mike Smart, Gwen Adickes and Tom Fenn are part of the excavation team

Experts say Tumamoc Hill predates Hohokam

By Jim Erickson

The prehistoric walls and homes atop Tumamoc Hill predates the Hohokam and are up to 800 years older than archaeologists had thought, two Tucson archaeologists have concluded after a weeklong dig.



Suzanne Fish holds a figure of a woman which dates to approximately A.D. 500.

... pottery and projectile points indicate the structures on the west-side hill date to around A.D. 500, more than a century before distinctive Hohokam pottery began to appear in this region, Arizona State Museum archaeologist Suzanne Fish said yesterday. "That's quite a revelation," said Paul Fish. "Things were happening up here earlier than we ever imagined."

Most of the early settlements were made of mud-brick. The Hohokam built their homes and public buildings from fired brick. The Hohokam lived in the area from about A.D. 300 to 1000. The Hohokam were one of the most advanced pre-Columbian cultures in the Southwest. They built a complex irrigation system that allowed them to grow crops in the desert. The Hohokam also built large ceremonial centers and ball courts. The Hohokam were eventually replaced by the Ancestral Puebloans around A.D. 1000.

Three streets ready to take CAP water

Recharge test on tap for June

Residents of three Tucson streets could begin receiving recharged CAP water later this year under a plan the City Council will consider Monday. Tucson Water Director David Moeber said customers in 60 to 75 homes would receive the water for two months at \$1 a month per home. The testing plan will cost the city \$1.2 million, he said.

Tucson Water hopes the pilot project will persuade Tucsonians to switch from drinking ground water to recharged Central Arizona Project water. Water initiatives ban the city from directly delivering treated Colorado River water from the CAP canal to customers. Moeber refused to reveal the locations of the test sites, but The Arizona Daily Star learned three have been selected. They are: • The 5700 block of East Fourth Street, from North Van Buren to North McKinley avenues. • The 1100 block of West Michigan Street, from South Lamar to South Knolls avenues. • The 300 to 800 blocks of South Alameda Avenue, from East Scarlett to

Walkout averted at America West

Flight attendants and America West Airlines reached a contract agreement late last night, ending a four-year fight over pay that brought the airline to the brink of a strike. The 2,300 flight attendants were free to strike after 10:01 a.m. Tucson time, but three days of talks with federal mediators in Washington resulted in a settlement. Details were not immediately disclosed by a union official who announced the deal. The agreement was announced just before midnight. The airline said earlier yesterday that it was encouraged that talks continue. The airline said earlier yesterday that it was encouraged that talks continue. The airline said earlier yesterday that it was encouraged that talks continue.

unannounced walkouts in a campaign they dub "CHAOS for Creating Haves Around Our System." The action could leave up to 100,000 passengers stranded this weekend. America West, the No. 3 carrier at Tucson International Airport with about a 17 percent share of passengers last month, serves 63 domestic destinations and eight cities in Mexico and Canada. Its major hubs are Phoenix, Las Vegas and Columbus, Ohio. All but one Tucson flight on the airline connects with Phoenix. The airline brought in extra ticketing agents and early staff yesterday at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and McCarran International Airport. The Phoenix-based airline's attendants were preparing for random,

We must act in Kosovo, Clinton says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton tried to brace the nation yesterday for airstrikes in Kosovo after the collapse of peace talks, saying he knew military action would put American lives at risk. But "if we don't act the war will spread," he said. With Clinton suggesting NATO action against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic may be near, the State Department began evacuating the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, and the Pentagon sent more warplanes to the region. "Our allies are strongly united behind this course," Clinton said at a news conference. "We are prepared, and so are they, to carry it out."

Earlier, he gave congressional leaders a briefing on the crisis. They emerged saying they were persuaded that Clinton was ready to act and needed to warn Americans that military action could include risk to U.S. pilots. "We're on the brink of a very grave situation," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said after the two-hour meeting. Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered three more E-6B Prowler electronic warfare planes and four KC-135 refueling aircraft to Europe to join the approximately 200 other American warplanes stationed in the region. "Make no mistake: If we and our allies do not have the will to act, there will be more massacres," Clinton said.

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Employer update
The 19th annual edition of the Star 200 directory of major employers is coming Sunday. The latest update of Southern Arizona's premier business list ranks the 200 largest employers in the six-county region, providing a valuable profile of the area economy. Listed employers this year added more than 9,000 jobs to the area economy. Check the trends of the big job centers, along with a look at the future economy.

WEATHER
Heating up. Today is expected to be sunny and warmer, with a high in the mid-50s. Look for a low tonight in the mid- to upper 40s. Yesterday's high was 30, the low 42. For details, see Page 21A.

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Oscar night moves
The Academy Awards presentations move to Sunday night this year. Use our ballot in TV Week to compare your picks to the Academy's.

Baseball weekend

Major-league attractions of three cities

By Jack Magruder
The Arizona Daily Star
We open our hearts — not to mention our restaurants, golf courses and resorts — to our northern visitors for baseball's spring training every year. Six weeks later they return to Chicago, Denver or Phoenix with a small taste of Tucson dining. While here, they kick our backs: Chicago pillows, stick a fan in Tucson, look in our cuisine and loss bread to the grounds at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. They tell their friends. Now it's our turn to take a look at and compare these three metropolitan areas and their attractions. Call it a take of three cities.

Famous athlete
Chicago: Michael Jordan
Denver: John Elway
Phoenix: Jake Plummer
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Sen. John McCain won't quite say so, but the more he talks, the more he sounds like a declared candidate for president. His wife Cindy, chatting with him in his Phoenix office, voted in favor of his candidacy during a family meeting. Page 15.