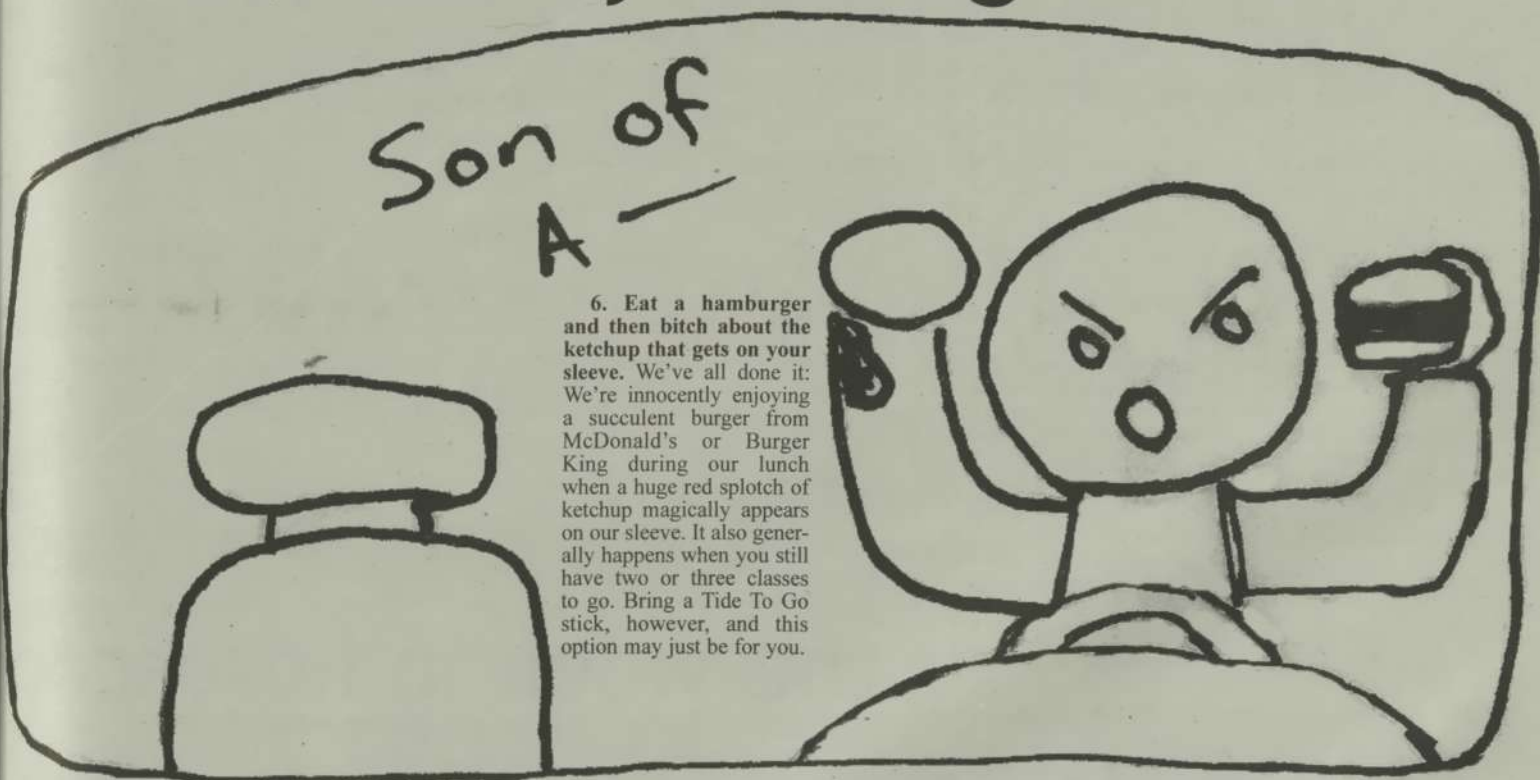


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6. Eat a hamburger and then bitch about the ketchup that gets on your sleeve. We've all done it: We're innocently enjoying a succulent burger from McDonald's or Burger King during our lunch when a huge red splotch of ketchup magically appears on our sleeve. It also generally happens when you still have two or three classes to go. Bring a Tide To Go stick, however, and this option may just be for you.

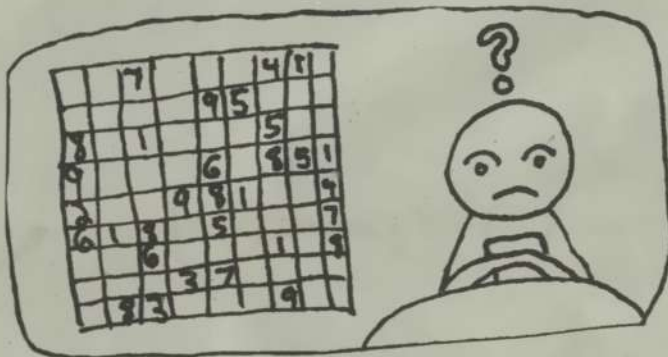
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7. People watching. You'll find yourself saying things like, "Did that guy really just pick his nose?" "Is she seriously wearing that to class?" or "Did he just walk out a wedgie?" Watching people from your car who don't know they're being watched is always entertaining.

8. Take Facebook pictures of yourself. And if you have an iPhone, mobile upload them as soon as you've picked the least pathetic one.

9. Tweet. I'm not exactly sure what you could tweet about while just sitting in your car but you can always make up something exciting and completely false. Of course, people will probably know you're just sitting in your car. Think of something good before you share it with the world of Twitter. People who tweet have lives and better things to do than read your stupid, non-interesting narrations of your life.

10. Do a crossword, Sudoku, or a sweet dot game. Which you will find on page 8 of this newspaper. You're welcome.



## Local Chinese restaurant has cheap food and subdued atmosphere

By Mark Sunderland  
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If you are craving an inexpensive, authentic Asian dinner, eat in or take out at the Pine Garden in Oregon City

The Pine Garden is a little Chinese restaurant tucked into the plaza with Lil' Cooperstown, and other little various cafes and businesses.

Stepping through the front door, Kayla Berge, Editor in Chief of *The Clackamas Print*, and I enter into a world of quiet Chinese décor, whispering conversation and the faint scent of cooking drifting through the air like the perfume of some tempting siren singing her song to the weary sailors. A wash of vague oriental cultural design divides the restaurant up into sections of booths and tables with the dividers that break up the restaurant into three sections.

The first section, that lies off to the right of the main entrance, is the typical bar that one can find anywhere in Oregon City. A line of bar stools are set up as a rank of soldiers before the bar of dark wood, lit in a faint gleaming sheen. The bar, a tempting mistress of dark promises, is cast in a dimmer light with shades of dark wood and deep reds that ease the mind of an older time.

The main section of the restaurant is split into two sections with booths and tables laid out in a simple pattern of aisles with the dividing walls high enough so one doesn't see the person on the other side. The dividers are capped with a polished lattice wood work.

The booths are decked with red bench seats that flank either side of an oak table with black napkins folded into black hats. Well, maybe not black little hats but they sure do make great little black hats! Beyond the little black napkin hats, there is the usual attire of a fork, spoon and alcohol menu with the various condiments (soy sauce and the ilk).

So, Berge and I settle into a booth that was flanked by tables and the wall was simply decorated by Asian artisan wall plates clad in protective casings. A collection of paper umbrellas hang from the ceiling with spot lights that seep through the colorful array above. We are given menus with the complimentary water and hot tea and within minutes of just beginning to look over the menu, the waitress comes over to take our orders. Of course, we aren't ready so we ask for more time to review the menu and soon we make our choice.

We choose to make our own meals where the selections vary from first choosing the soup we wanted to the main entree. With the main course, one can choose what kind of rice one wants and what kind of different dishes he or she wants from a list.

The order is made and the soup is delivered first with the main course not to far behind. The rice was a bit dry, and the sweet and sour pork was definitely more tasty than the sweet and sour chicken, but over all the food was good. The pork was tender and the crab puffs were crunchy and tasty. The spring roll was golden brown outside with the vegetable innards flavorful.

The Pine Garden has a subtle and warming atmosphere with a quick service and decent food. Two meals of \$9.75 brought the total bill to \$19.50. A cheap price for dinner for two and good sized portions as Berge and I left with leftovers. All in all, I find the Pine Garden is both an affordable and pleasant experience. I would recommend this restaurant to anyone who lives in Oregon City or close by and is a lover of good Chinese food.



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Ornamental umbrellas hang from the ceiling at the Pine Garden.

Pine Garden is located at 19360 Molalla Ave in Oregon City. It is just off of Oregon State Highway 213, down Molalla Ave, and past OC Point, right down to Lil' Cooperstown and inside that plaza.