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Fund drive reaches goal!

To our readers:
As the storm and floods hit and continued through the weekend, the Daily Journal devoted all its space to the crisis. Today we resume more normal operations with some stories we had planned for the New Year weekend and also our Food Bank Fund Drive list. Even though we have reached our goal - THANK YOU ALL - we know there are more names out there and we will get them in as soon as they are forwarded to us from the UCC.

The latest donations: Bob & Suzie Hardie: \$1,000; Gerald Emmitt: \$500; Anonymous: \$250; The Back Family: \$200; Anonymous: \$200; J.B. & I.M. Scott: \$150; Superior Court Clerks of Mendocino County: Diana Donnelly, Diane Parker, James & Janet Noe and Yolanda Nunez: \$125; The Corcoran and Jones Families: \$100; Susan T. Hadel: \$100; Robert & Louise Kirby: \$100; Richard & Joyce Harrington: \$100; Pat Williams: \$100; Martin E. Moyer: Moyer Construction: \$100; Janna Ostoya: \$100; David Chubon: \$100; Corinne & Ernest Olson: \$100; Anne & Bill Retallick: \$100; Marlin & Carol Thompson: \$50; Joan M. Simpson: \$50; Janet Moore: \$50; Anonymous: \$50; Lucy MacLeitch: \$25; Dale & Jessie Herndon: \$25; Anonymous: \$25 for a daily total of \$3,700 and a subtotal of \$75,420.42.

Corrections from the Ukiah Community Center to the Ukiah Daily Journal Fund Drive:

Joe & Vera Vargas gave \$100; Dorothea Parsons gave \$25; Albert & Patricia Beltrami gave \$200; Louisa Kline gave \$25. Also, Mark Davis Insurance Agency was misspelled.

Elections, housing, city skatepark

Editor's note: This is the first of three stories about what citizens can expect from government in 2006.

By **SETH FREEDLAND**
The Daily Journal

"Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future," wisely quoth Neils Bohr. Yet, despite an appropriate modicum of respect for the Nobel laureate, any purveyor of Mendocino County politics would be forced to realize today's present is very much pregnant with its future. With that in mind, here are some of the largest issues expected to make local government headlines in 2006.

• A weighty election on June 6 will see Supervisors David Colfax and Hal Wagenet seeking reelection and three qualified sheriff candidates seeking promotions. One of the largest unanswered questions in the dawn of the new year lies in the race for District Attorney. Assistant DA Scott McMenomey announced his candidacy in July, but current DA Norm Vroman recently decided to toss off aspirations for Superior Court Judge and pursue another term. McMenomey has yet to publicly comment on Vroman's change of heart.

• Mental Health aficionados will dedicate themselves to hammering out Prop. 63 dollars, as they implement a months-long plan in funding distribution. It will be interesting to watch the Mental Health department head transition in February from Beth Robey to Ana Mahoney, who was pulled out of retirement. Robey's new role in the executive office -- namely bringing Social Services, Public Health and Mental Health departments closer together -- will also draw attention.

• Staying with the John Ball and the Executive Office gang, the first year of quarterly budgets will encompass most of 2006. The transparency could produce more question marks for supervisors and governmental economic critics. After revamping Animal Control in October, officials wonder which county department CEO Ball will rework next. (Following officials'

WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2006



Recently, members and supporters of the Ukiah Skate Park Committee, gathered at the future site of the park on Perkins Street to mark donated funds and grants.



Three candidates for Sheriff will face off in June. They are, from left, Donald Miller, Tom Allman, and Gary Hudson.

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STORM STORIES: THE TALK AROUND TOWN

Notes on a valley still wringing out

Now that the flood waters have receded, the sun is shining again and the immediate danger is past, I'm getting the calls about what went wrong, what could have been done better, what people are mad about, and what we haven't reported but should.

First and foremost is a continuing debate about whether the U.S. Army Corps was in part responsible for the severity of the floods on the east side of Ukiah and in Hopland. I've looked at a variety of charts, which make little sense to me, showing water flows at the dam during the crisis. I've heard people in government defend the Corps, saying that even if the dam isn't quite full,



Analysis
By **K.C. Meadows**
Daily Journal Editor

they can't let the water get high enough to spill over the dam or they lose control of it altogether.

"That's the only option they had - they held back the water as long as they could," said Judy Hatch of the Russian River Flood Control District. "It (the dam) came through beautifully. It's just that there were so many cfs (cubic feet per second) coming from the West Fork."

Others, like Ed Nickerman of Potter Valley say: "That

dam was constructed to take water over the spillway. (The severe flooding was the) responsibility of the Corps. They have to have the guts to say shut off the dam and protect those houses.

Local contractor Lee Howard agrees that the Corps did everything right. He also says he believes this flood is not nearly as bad as the 1964 floods even though people keep making comparisons. In 1964 the water came over the (dam) spillway, the flows were higher, and there was more rain. And he says water levels didn't rise as high this year as they did in 1964. That year there was water all way to the Farm Supply store (on Talmage) he said. Note Howard's statement that the water came over the spillway that year. He says "Stu Townsley of the Army Corps water management office in Sacramento was wrong when

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Hopland school likely to remain closed this year

By **LAURA CLARK**

The Daily Journal
The Ukiah Unified School District board at a special meeting Wednesday declared an emergency in regard to the flooding of the Hopland Elementary School.

If a school district declares an emergency it essentially allows the district to hire con-

tractors without going through a competitive bidding process -- which can take three to four weeks -- and that helps get repairs done quicker. The action requires a unanimous vote of the board and approval from the county superintendent of schools. MCOE Superintendent Paul Tichinin said he supports the action.

"The most immediate need is to remove carpet from all the classrooms because it is saturated with moisture," said Steve Turner, UUSD director of maintenance, grounds, operations and transportation. The walls also need to be opened up so as possible

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Woman beaten while man films

The Daily Journal

Two teenage girls said they thought a documentary was being made when they witnessed a man beating up a woman and another man filming it.

Before the day was over, however, Vincent Thomas Taylor, 27, of Vallejo, was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, felony domestic violence, resisting

arrest, battery on a police officer, and violation of probation, and then taken to jail. At around 2:19 a.m. Sunday, Ukiah Police officers were dispatched to the USA gas station on the corner of Talmage and State streets to the report of a fight between a man and a woman. When officers arrived they found Taylor, Billy Ray Watson, 27, of Ukiah, and the store clerk

at the gas station, Ukiah Police Detective Sgt. John McCutcheon said.

The clerk told police that Taylor had allegedly been "beating up" a woman in the gas station parking lot while Watson video taped it. Police were uncertain why Watson was filming the fight, but said he has an association with

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The world briefly

12 confirmed dead in W.Va. mine blast

TALLMANSVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — In a stunning and heart-breaking report, mining officials told family members early Wednesday that 11 of the 12 trapped coal miners initially thought to have survived a mine explosion had died.

The devastating news came more than three hours after Gov. Joe Manchin announced he had been told 12 of the miners survived the disaster. Rescue crews found the first victim earlier Tuesday evening.

"About the confusion, I can't tell you of anything more heart-wrenching than I've ever gone through in my life. Nothing," Manchin said.

The sole survivor of the disaster, identified by mining officials as 27-year-old Randal McCloy, was hospitalized in critical condition early Wednesday, a doctor said. When he arrived, he was unconscious but moaning, the hospital said.

"It's sorrow beyond belief," International Coal Group Chief Executive Officer Ben Hatfield said during a news conference.

Board rescinds 'intelligent design' policy

DOVER, Pa. (AP) — Dover's much-maligned school policy of presenting "intelligent design" as an alternative to evolution was officially relegated to the history books.

On a voice vote, and with no discussion beforehand, the newly elected Dover Area School Board Tuesday night unanimously rescinded the policy. Two weeks earlier, a judge ruled the policy unconstitutional.

"This is it," the new school board president Bernadette Reinking said Tuesday, indicating the vote was final and the case was closed.

A different group of school board members had been in control when the policy was approved in October 2004. The policy required that a statement be read to Dover public school students about "intelligent design" before ninth-grade biology class lessons on evolution.

The statement said Darwin's theory is "not a fact" and has inexplicable "gaps." It also referred students to an "intelligent-design" book, "Of Pandas and People."

Dozens feared dead in Indonesia landslide

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Landslides triggered by heavy rains swept down on a village on Indonesia's Java island Wednesday, burying homes beneath tons of mud and leaving dozens of people missing and feared dead, officials said.

Most residents of Cijeruk, a village of about 200 people,

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POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

ARREST -- Stephen Thompson, 48, of Georgia, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at 2:24 a.m. Tuesday, in the 1500 block of North State Street.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office:

BOOKED -- Dennis Wayne Stutsman, 40, of Ukiah, was booked into jail at 10:26 p.m. Tuesday, on suspicion of corporal injury to a spouse.

BOOKED -- Shelly Lynn Whitely, 35, of Laytonville, was booked into jail at 3:11 a.m. Friday, on suspicion of corporal injury to a spouse.

SHOOTING UPDATE -- The person shot at an intersection in Leggett Tuesday has been identified as Shawn McNeely, 37, of Leggett. McNeely, in the hospital on Wednesday, was reported to be in serious but stable condition, as the result of a gunshot

wound to his chest.

AT around 4:10 p.m. Tuesday, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call regarding a shooting outside of a residence in the area of Highway 101 at the Highway 1 intersection in Leggett. The caller reported that the victim had been shot by someone he knew.

MCSO deputies, along with officers from the California Highway Patrol responded toward the scene. During their response a suspect vehicle description was radioed out and officers observed the described vehicle driving southbound on Highway 101 at Woodruff Road, just north of Laytonville.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on the suspect's vehicle and detained Michael Manus, 37, of Laytonville. He was booked into jail on suspicion of attempted murder, with bail set at \$300,000. McNeely was transported to Howard Memorial Hospital and then taken to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital for further medical treatment.

The case is still under investigation. However, MCSO Acting Capt. Kurt Smallcomb said the two men know each other. "It's an ongoing type of feud situation," he said.

CAROLYN FAYE CLELAND

Longtime Ukiah resident Carolyn Cleland passed away on December 21, 2005, in the care of family members at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Gress, in Sacramento. She was comforted during a brief hospice by her friends, children and grandchildren, and grandchildren.

Carolyn was born on July 18, 1933 in Oakland California to William Winbourne Hill and Teresa Bement Hill. After high school she attended the University of California at Berkeley where she met and married James William Warf in 1954. After the birth of her two children, the family moved to Ukiah in 1962. Carolyn worked at the Ukiah Branch of the Bank of America for many years. In 1969, she married Tom Cleland with whom she shared many happy years. She assisted him with his law practice, and together they frequented the golf course, flew small airplanes as members of a flying club, traveled extensively, and enjoyed their many friends and social activities in Ukiah. After Tom's death in 1980, Carolyn returned to school and was very proud to complete her bachelor's degree through Sonoma State University. She also enjoyed many years with her special friend and companion, longtime Ukiah resident, Bill Carter, until his death in 1999. After Bill's death, Carolyn enjoyed her home in Mendocino Gardens, tending her garden and planning and implementing many home improvement projects.

Carolyn had many interests and regretted that there was never enough time to do all the things she wanted to do. She was an avid reader and hard lover. She treasured her friends and

enjoyed participating in her bridge group, the Cultus Club, the investment club, and the American Association of University Women. She was proud to support the local symphony, the Sun House, and the historical society, and she volunteered at the hospital and the library.

Carolyn was a loving mother, stepmother, grandmother, and friend. She was known for her quiet intelligence, and will be remembered as an empathetic friend with a talent for seeing the point of view of others. She approached life with patience, diplomacy, and diligence and will be missed greatly by everyone whose life she touched.

Carolyn is survived by her son Bill Warf (Christa) of Ferndale and his children Thomas Warf, Inge Warf, and Rachel Warf (6); daughter Elizabeth Gress (Al) of Sacramento and her son Theo Gress (5); stepson Kit Cleland (Carol) of Sacramento and their children Jennifer Brinzer, Laurel Cleland, and Ashley Cleland; stepdaughter Cindy Haug (Charles) of Santa Cruz and their children Clea Hermanson and Nicholas Haug; and stepdaughter Holly Chapman (Claire) of Oakland. She also loved and was loved by daughter-in-law Tina Warf of Redwood Valley, and by the children and grandchildren of longtime companion Bill Carter (Eileen), 26, 2005 at the Eternal Home Cemetery Chapel in Colma, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Kol HaEmek/MCJC Inland building fund, PO Box 416, Redwood Valley, CA 95470 or to the Veteran Affairs Hospital Hospice at 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121

Funeral Services were held on Monday, December 26, 2005 at the Eternal Home Cemetery Chapel in Colma, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Kol HaEmek/MCJC Inland building fund, PO Box 416, Redwood Valley, CA 95470 or to the Veteran Affairs Hospital Hospice at 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121

RUTH CHARTERS
Funeral services for Ruth Charters of Ukiah will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2006 at 1 PM at the Eversole Mortuary. Interment will be in Ukiah Cemetery. Ruth passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2006.

Born September 15, 1923 in Passaic, New Jersey, Ruth moved as a child to Morro Bay, California, attending schools there until her marriage in 1943 to Don Charters, who was serving in the Navy at that

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time. After World War II they moved to Fort Bragg, Willits, and then Ukiah where Ruth has resided for the past 50 years. Don passed away on their 47th wedding anniversary July 7, 1990. Ruth was a secretary for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for over 30 years. In her retirement she enjoyed playing bridge and bingo and her friendships with people from all walks of life. Ruth will be remembered for her outgoing, generous, kind attitude. She was always "just a phone call away."

Ruth is survived by her daughters Beverly and her husband Kent Pearson of Santa Rosa and Nancy Morrison and her companion Gary Rasche of Santa Rosa, her grandchildren John Morrison, Kathryn Peyton and Kent Pearson, Jr. and great grandson Connor Peyton. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Mary's School Foundation are preferred by the family.

The Eversole Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

LOUISE AMANDA FLEMING NORRIS POTTERTON
Louise Potterton, born on December 26, 1918, left this world at 2:00 AM on December 27, 2005. She left her family with many years of wonderful memories.

She lived in Laytonville many years raising her three children, and spent many more years in Annapolis, CA and Eugene, OR with the love of her life, Mel Potterton, who preceded her in death. She also made many friends in the years she spent in Redwood Valley, CA, Aberdeen, WA, and Willits, CA. She was a strong woman with knowledge of country living, a warm heart, and a great sense of humor.

She will be greatly missed by her children, Beverly Hudson (Figg-Hoblyn), Bob Norris, Richard Dick Norris, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, in-laws, and people who knew and loved her. She was cremated and remembrance services will be held at a later date, when the weather is better, and all those who loved her so very much can surround her.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Ukiah Convalescent Hospital who treated her with such concern and dignity.

LOTTERY NUMBERS
DAILY 3: Evening: 5, 8, 4. Afternoon: 7, 3, 5.
FANTASY 5: 03, 08, 16, 22, 32.
DAILY DERBY: 1st Place: 08, Gorgeous George. 2nd Place: 02, Lucky Star. 3rd Place: 07, Eureka. Race time: 1:45.
LOTTO: 5, 15, 19, 20, 35.
Mega number: 20

efforts during the recent water shortage. Residents may continue to experience some cloudiness in their tap water which is due to turbidity. The water is chlorinated and safe for drinking, according to city officials. However, those concerned about their water can boil it before use or use bottled water.

CITY REPORT

RESCIND REQUEST FOR WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS -- The request for limited water use has been lifted. The city would like to thank its residents for their conservation

CORRECTIONS

The Ukiah Daily Journal reserves this space to correct errors or make clarifications to news articles. Significant errors in obituary notices or birth announcements will result in reprinting the entire article. Errors may be reported to the editor, 468-3526.

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What's Playing SATURDAY

BELTONS - Country music and dance; New years eve dance party; 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Ukiah Senior Center; 499 Leslie St.; \$8 for members, \$9 for non members; bring finger food to share.

PROFESSIONAL PIANIST CONCERT - Live Music; 7 p.m.; Mendocino College Center Theater; 1000 Hensley Creek Road; Ukiah; tickets are on sale at Mendocino Book Co., Ukiah Music Center and Leaves of Grass in Willits; \$10 per students and seniors; \$15 general and \$25; 468-8910.

SUNDAY

PROFESSIONAL PIANIST CONCERT - Live Music; 2 p.m.; Mendocino College Center Theater; 1000 Hensley Creek Road; Ukiah; tickets are on sale at Mendocino Book Co., Ukiah Music Center and Leaves of Grass in Willits; \$10 per students and seniors; \$15 general and \$25; 468-8910.

DANCE WAVE - Freestyle community dance for fitness and release; Mendocino Ballet Studio; 205 S. State St., Ukiah; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; sliding scale donation; 489-3345.

WEEKLY DART TOURNEY - Weekly dart tournaments are held Sundays at the Hopland Brewery; 13351 Hwy 101 S., Hopland; 3 to 6 p.m.; 744-1361.

MEDITATION ON THE INNER LIGHT AND SOUND - Meditation instruction and weekly group practice; 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Willits; free; call for directions; 459-4444



Margie Salcedo Rice directs the Ukiah Junior Academy Chorale during their concert at Carnegie Hall. The chorale will be performing John Leavitt's "Requiem" at the Kennedy Center on May 28.

Ukiah Junior Academy Chorale to sing at the Kennedy Center May 28

The Daily Journal

Ukiah Junior Academy Chorale has been invited to sing at the Kennedy Center next May 28, 2006. Ukiah Junior Academy Chorale under the direction of Margie Salcedo Rice is proud to announce their upcoming concert at The Kennedy Center on May 28, 2006. They will be joining 150 other singers under the direction of Randy Pagel and accompanied by the Washington National Symphony. They will perform composer John Leavitt's "Requiem."

Earlier this year the Ukiah Junior Academy Chorale had the special privilege of performing at the famous Carnegie Hall in New York. Their trip was a tremendous success and they look forward to another once in a lifetime opportunity to sing at one of the most famous concert halls in the world, says Rice. Randy Pagel, chorale director extended a special invitation to Ukiah Junior Academy Chorale to come and join them once again performing at another historic concert hall. The Kennedy Center is home to the National Symphony Orchestra and the American Ballet Theatre. The students

will have an opportunity to tour the center and perform on the main stage.

Following the concert, the singers will take a dinner cruise on the Potomac River and view the memorials and monuments all lit up at night.

Ukiah Junior Academy Chorale will be performing at the annual Christmas Cantata scheduled for Dec. 11 at the Ukiah Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Tickets for the concert will be available at Mendocino Book Company, Rod's Shoes and Ukiah Seventh-day Adventist Church. A suggested donation of \$8 is appreciated. In order to raise funds for this trip, the Chorale is planning a benefit dinner/concert and silent auction. The date will be announced. However, if interested parties would like to donate funds now, they can make their check payable to Ukiah Junior Academy/Kennedy Center Fund. A special account has been set up at Savings Bank of Mendocino to help those students who cannot afford to pay. The public's generous donations will be very much appreciated. For more information, call Margie Salcedo Rice at 468-8011.

To submit information
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or fax 468-3544.

Members' Juried Exhibit to be held at the MAC

The Daily Journal

The Mendocino Art Center shines its Main Gallery spotlight on the all-media artwork of its contributing members in the annual "Members' Juried Exhibit," Jan. 11 through Feb. 4.

Each year the members' exhibit features the finest works created by the Art Center's patrons over the last year. A highly competitive juried selection process leads to an exceptionally creative, high quality, and much anticipated annual gallery showing. In 2005, nearly 150 pieces of artwork were submitted for consideration, with 50 chosen for exhibition. This year a wide spectrum of art in an eclectic range of styles is expected, including ceramics, sculpture and wearable and fine art.

Kent Rothman, MAC's ceramics program coordinator, will jury this year's exhibit, along with Susan St. Thomas, M.A., an exhibiting fine artist, educator and adjunct faculty member of John F. Kennedy University in Berkeley.

Second Saturday artists reception

A 2nd Saturday Artists Reception will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Mendocino Art Center. The free reception offers guests the opportunity to meet and mingle with January's featured gallery artists, while enjoying food, wine, fabulous artwork and live music.

Additional January exhibits

Mendocino Art Center's January gallery exhibitions also include William Zacha and Toshi Yoshida's "A Timeless View of Japan," in sculpture and wood block prints; Leona



The Mendocino Art Center will showcase the exceptionally creative artwork of its contributing members at the "Member's Juried Exhibit," Jan. 11 through Feb. 4.

Walden's oil and ceramics, and Marty Roderick's "Chicken, Sheep, Hearts and Flowers," held over from December, in Gallery Ten; and two rotating all-media showings by MAC's artists in residence in the Nichols Gallery.

For more information on the

MAC's January gallery exhibits, call 937-5818 (800-653-3328) or visit www.MendocinoArtCenter.org. The Mendocino Art Center is located at 45200 Little Lake St. in Mendocino Village. Winter gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BILLBOARD

Elk Studio Gallery to hold January workshops

The Elk Studio Gallery is located on the Pacific Headlands of downtown Elk on Highway One. The gallery is a collective of artists who primarily live in Elk and the surrounding area. Sachiko Kusachi, artist and Elk resident, is the founder and creator of the gallery.

There are presently 35 artists represented at the gallery who show paintings, prints, photographs, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, weavings, woodwork, lamps and hand made books. The gallery has a darkroom, an etching press, and a matting station. The first in a series of classes and workshops offered at the gallery will begin in January, 2006. Call for upcoming gallery events, featured artist shows and class schedules. Or, attend one of our open house receptions every second Sunday of the month and enjoy music, wine tasting, art, and refreshments. A \$10 donation is appreciated.

Greenwood Community Center to direct New Orleans benefit

The cultural richness of New Orleans has been put to the test by the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, with thousands of musicians and hospitality workers losing their homes, their belongings, their livelihoods, and being scattered all over the United States.

The Greenwood Community Center in Elk is sponsoring a fund raiser to benefit two New Orleans grassroots organizations that have been set up to provide support for these people as they reconstruct their lives. On Saturday there will be a Louisiana-style dinner and a Cajun and zydeco dance featuring The Aux Cajunols. The dinner will be a seafood gumbo with all the trimmings including key lime pie, beignets and bread pudding. Served from 5 to 7 p.m.

The dance will follow from 8 to 10 p.m. preceded by a short dance lesson. There will be a full bar throughout the evening and a silent auction and raffle. The Bay area band features the fiddle, guitar, accordion and vocals of Eric and Suzy Thompson and Agi Ban. Their repertoire is deeply rooted in old-time Cajun and Creole dance party music, with some traditional blues thrown into

the mix. The Aux Cajunols' sound has been inspiring people for years to kick up their heels on the dance floor while soaking up the rich textures of this music. Advance dinner and dance tickets are available at the Elk Store, Moore Books in Mendocino and the Music Merchant in Fort Bragg. For more information, call 877-3325.

14th annual Professional Pianist Concert to take place Saturday

The 14th annual Professional Pianist concert will take place on this Saturday at 7 p.m. The Concert will be held at the Mendocino College Center Theater (1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah). The concert will be repeated on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Mendocino Book Co., Ukiah Music Center and Leaves of Grass in Willits.

For more information, call 468-8910. Tickets: \$10 per students and seniors; \$15 general and \$25 "I 'Wanna' See the Hands" limited seating. For more information call 468-8910. By popular demand, the concert will feature all six pianists on stage throughout the concert. These popular musicians will be trading stories and songs with two pianos on stage to accommodate impromptu collaborations. This concert is an annual sellout because of the diversity and quality of all involved.

The musical selections range from classical to jazz, boogie woogie to Cuban. Performing this year are: Spencer Brewer, Elena Casanova, Tom Ganoung, Frankie J., Elizabeth MacDougall and special guest Ed Reinhart. The Ukiah concert benefits the Ukiah Educational Foundation and the Allegro Scholarship Program. There will be autographed CD's and cassettes by the artists for sale in lobby. Refreshments will be provided by Ukiah Civic Light Opera. Sponsors are K-WINE/MAX and Ukiah Music Center.

OPUS Chamber Music Series presents The Sor Quartet Sunday

On Sunday The Symphony of the Redwoods' OPUS Music Series will present the only Mendocino Coast performance of The Sor Quartet, playing Piano Quartet No. 1 in C minor, Opus 15 by Faure and Piano Quartet No. 1 in G Minor, Opus 25, by Brahms. The ensemble includes Karen Shinozaki-Sor; violin,

Eugene Sor; cello, Miles Graber; piano, and Rem Djemiev, viola.

This once-only performance takes place at Preston Hall, adjacent to the Mendocino Presbyterian Church in Mendocino. Tickets: Tangents and Harvest Market in Fort Bragg, Out of This World and Moore Books in Mendocino. Youth under 18 free, general admission \$15, and seniors or adults accompanied by a child \$12. Visit: www.symphonyoftheredwoods.org

Richie Havens to perform in Point Arena

Richie Havens first emerged from New York City's Greenwich Village folk scene in the early '60s, and in 1969 inspired and electrified an audience of over half a million with his three-hour opening performance at Woodstock.

Four decades later Richie Havens remains one of the most recognizable voices and universal lyricists in popular music. A truly timeless performer, and a man before his time, today this Brooklyn Native celebrates the reissue of two album classics (Stonehenge and Wishing Well) by Sony RED.

Havens recently released his 26th album, "Grace of the Sun," on his own Stormy Forest record label. A testament to Havens' continued evolution as an artist, "Grace of the Sun" is being hailed as one of his most worldly and relevant albums to date. Billboard says, "...this acoustic soul giant truly seems to be getting more inspiring and graceful with age." and Guitar Player echoes, "...as vibrant and purposeful as ever."

Havens will be performing on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Arena Theatre, 214 Main St. in Point Arena. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 the day of the event, and all ages are welcome. For tickets and more information, visit www.arenacinema.com.

MAC member to exhibit paintings through Feb. 28

Mendocino County Art Association members who will be exhibiting their paintings at local banks through January and February 2006 are:

Don Pagano at Savings Bank of Mendocino County, 904 N. State St., Ukiah; Meg Coleman at Savings Bank of Mendocino County, E. Road, Redwood Valley; Linda Hasset (Jan. 1 to 15) and Adele Pruitt (Jan. 15 through February); and Sharon Fenton at West America Bank, 319 E. Perkins, Ukiah.

Letters from our readers

Delbar exposed
county to legal action

To the Editor:
I want to thank you for bringing to light the conduct of Supervisor Delbar while on the job. Sunday, Dec. 18. It may be that he is talking to his "friends," however at the same time he is exposing himself and the county to big liability should one of the "friendships" ever go sour and the object of his verbal attentions realize that what has really gone on is called "sexual harassment." Large monetary awards are not unusual in these circumstances. He is also exposing this county to ridicule by this behavior which might be condoned in high school, but not expected from a grown man who holds public office.

The character of our public servants is of utmost importance in today's world. Without strong moral character, a public official does not have the right to hold office. Otherwise, how do they earn our trust and confidence? Engaging in petty gossip, heavy in sexual innuendo, while on the job (or even off the job) is simply inconsistent with high moral character.

Mr. Delbar's conduct - whether or not it is with his friends - demonstrates a person who has little respect for his public position, or his constituents, who expect a public official to behave in an adult and responsible fashion.

In my mind, the holder of public office has an obligation to be of high moral character and to stand up for the highest moral conduct. She or he has to decline to participate in petty gossip and sexual innuendo, (especially in the workplace), and to refrain from all conduct which would subject the county to an expensive lawsuit, not to mention exposing the county to ridicule. I personally feel as you do. I would fear to have a telephone conversation with this man without wondering what is going through his mind, other than the content of our conversation; but I also am upset to learn that an elected official in my county (from my district may I add) would engage in such risky and juvenile behavior. Certainly the county has problems that he could devote his energy to while on the job. If he doesn't devote himself to the work of the county, then he is not fulfilling the mandate of his job and expectations of his constituents.

Susan B. Jordan
Ukiah

Delbar shows poor leadership

To the Editor:
I would like to thank K.C. Meadows for her investigative journalism that led to the recent article about the content of County Supervisor Mike Delbar's instant messaging (Days in the Life of Delbar, Dec. 18). The article raises numerous important issues. I agree with Marc Levine (UDJ Dec. 21) who is concerned about wasting taxpayer money and about personnel abuse. I think men in positions of power should be wary of engaging in sexual innuendo with female co-workers because it's something like traveling through a dense forest on an unmarked path: it's very easy to wander off the trail and end up someplace that's a lot closer to harassment than innocent play. Professional guidelines for avoiding sexual harassment actually advise a desexualized work environment.

More broadly, KC's article raises questions about effective leadership. Stories abound of groups of intelligent and creative people whose work was undermined by personality conflicts and an inability to get along. I've come to believe that tolerance - call it an ability to look beyond a person's surface characteristics to what she or he actually has to contribute - is necessary to effective leadership and to a productive group process. Participating on non-profit boards has pushed me to work at being tolerant. I don't find it easy or entirely natural, and it isn't supported by our culture, which instead promotes derision, back-biting, and put-down humor. So it's with a certain amount of humility that I view Mike Delbar's "intolerance" of Kendall Smith as a serious problem.

Let's not forget that there are only five supervisors. As a 1st District resident, I want a supervisor who can edit that part of her/his personality that delights in putting others down, who can put his/her own desire for attention and power aside and work with others for the greater common good. I want a supervisor who is open to what other supervisors have to say. A person who can't do this, whose words and

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ON EDITORIALS

Daily Journal editorials are written by Editor K.C. Meadows with the concurrence of Publisher Kevin McConnell.

In our opinion
Free waste collection a good idea

Now that the storm has passed comes the time to reflect on how our community responded to one of the worst floods in its history. Whether or not you agree this was as bad or worse than 1955, 1964, or 1986, it was bad. Real bad.

Emergency workers and government officials are hesitant to criticize themselves or other departments publicly but we know there are things they will certainly learn from this experience.

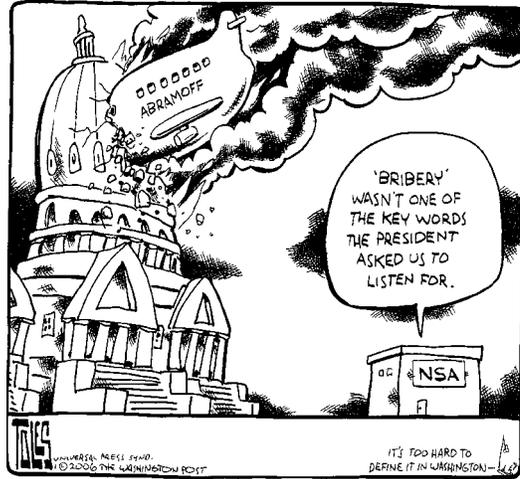
And there's no denying that our emergency workers did a fantastic job and, incredibly, no lives were lost.

The devil will be in the aftermath, when people are trying to clean up, wondering how they're going to pay for their losses and losing their tempers as the red tape phase kicks in.

One thing both the county and the city have stepped forward with is swift and free debris collection. That effort in the Oak Manor area and in Hopland has created a lot of good will out there.

As the mess continues to accumulate, we urge both the county and the city to bite the bullet and keep providing free waste services to the neighborhoods hit by the floods.

Otherwise the ruined mattresses, sofas, chairs, televisions and other household items will end up in the river and along our roads. Then it will have to be cleaned up by some unsuspecting property owner or the taxpayers at much greater cost than during this post-storm period when emergency assistance will likely be there to help reimburse local coffers.



actions fracture the Board or reinforce existing fractures, poisons the process. I think this issue is important enough that there should be a discussion and response at the Board level. As a member of the public, I'm left wondering how much Mike Delbar's apparent dislike of Kendall Smith (not to mention his intolerance of "demonstrators") interferes with his ability to listen to her point of view and to work with her. I'm not convinced by the argument that this is just ordinary "venting" of frustrations.

I also think the problem is magnified by Mike Delbar's position as Board Chairman and by Kendall Smith's gender and the fact that she is the only woman on the BOS. In the 1960s and 1970s, one of the tenets of the emerging women's rights movement was: "When a woman is speaking, pay close attention." The idea was that women had for a long time been shut out of public discourse, and their point of view was new and necessary, and if you listened you might learn something worth learning. This idea may well sound archaic today, but perhaps Mike Delbar could benefit from putting it into practice.

The truth is I wouldn't want to have my thoughts and words and e-mails scrutinized publicly. At the same time, residents of this county have a right to expect a high degree of professionalism from our supervisors. And when there is evidence that someone on the Board is acting unprofessionally, it

has to be addressed, all the more so when it is directed toward another supervisor. A failure to do so is a serious failure. This isn't just about Mike Delbar; it is about the public position he was elected to fill. This is why it was worth KC Meadows' time to follow the trail. What is at stake is the very idea of being a public servant, of being a "leader," an idea which underpins the original, popular understanding of "supervisor."

For the past year and during the time when the e-mails at issue were exchanged, Mike Delbar has been the Chairman of the BOS, a position invested with an even greater degree of responsibility and public accountability. The position, however, does not exist to give someone the opportunity to be King or Queen for a year. As a friend of mine pointed out, the position transcends the person, preceding and outlasting his/her tenure. The position is part of the "commons," part of the community's good. And because of that, the community has a right to expect the person in that position to serve the community's needs not his or her private needs. When an elected official fails in this regard, the community has a right to expect the issue to be addressed in a serious fashion.

There is a great deal more that could be said here. I hope others will step out on the limb and join the discussion and/or let your County Supervisor know what you think.

David Smith-Ferri
Ukiah

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From the desk of...



PAUL KRUGMAN

No bubble trouble?

In spite of record home prices, housing in most of America remains surprisingly affordable, thanks to low interest rates. That fact may seem to say that there's no housing bubble. But it doesn't. To see why, we need to brush up on our economic geography and economic history.

Let's start with the good news. A report in last week's New York Times summarized the results of a study by Moody's Economy.com, a research company, comparing the cost of home ownership with family incomes.

The study found that for the nation as a whole, the cost of owning the median home is still only 23.7 percent of median family income, which is higher than a few years ago but well below the peak of more than 30 percent reached in the early 1980s.

Now for the economic geography. Last summer, I suggested that when discussing housing, we should think of America as two countries, Flatland and the Zoned Zone.

In Flatland, there is plenty of room to build houses, so house prices mainly reflect the cost of construction. As a result, Flatland is pretty much immune to housing bubbles. And in Flatland, houses have, if anything, become easier to afford since 2000 because of falling interest rates.

In the Zoned Zone, by contrast, buildable lots are scarce, and house prices mainly reflect the price of these lots rather than the cost of construction. As a result, house prices in the Zoned Zone are much less tied down by economic fundamentals than prices in Flatland.

By my rough estimate, slightly under 30 percent of Americans live in the Zoned Zone, which comprises most of the Northeast Corridor, coastal Florida, much of the West Coast and a few other locations. So Economy.com's results on affordability aren't surprising: most families live in Flatland, and haven't seen a big rise in the cost of home ownership.

But because Zoned Zone homes are much more expensive than Flatland homes, the Zone looms much larger in the housing story than its share of the population might suggest. By my estimate, more than half of the total market value of homes in the United States lies in the Zoned Zone.

And because home prices have risen much more rapidly in the Zone than in the rest of the country, the Zoned Zone accounts for the great bulk of the surge in housing market value over the last five years.

So if we want to ask whether housing values make sense, data on the median house nationwide are irrelevant. We need to focus on houses in the Zoned Zone. And there the numbers are anything but reassuring.

In the Zoned Zone, the story that rising home prices have been offset by falling interest rates is all wrong: prices have risen so much that housing has become much less affordable. According to Economy.com, the cost of owning a home in the New York metropolitan area went from 25 percent of median income in 2000 to 38 percent today. In Miami, the numbers were 21 percent and 42 percent, respectively; in Los Angeles, 31 percent and 55 percent.

Even so, the current cost of owning a home in the Zoned Zone isn't entirely unprecedented. Roughly similar percentages of median family income were needed to afford houses in the early 1980s.

But that's hardly a comforting comparison, which is where the economic history comes in. You see, the unaffordability of housing in the early 1980s led to an epic collapse in the housing industry. Housing starts fell from more than 2 million in 1978 to only 1.06 million in 1982. And the housing implosion was one of the main factors in the worst economic slump since the Great Depression, which brought the unemployment rate to a peak of 10.8 percent at the end of 1982.

It's also worth noting that the reason housing was so expensive in 1981 and 1982 was that mortgage interest rates were extremely high. That made recovery easy, because all it took to make housing affordable again was for interest rates to return to normal levels.

This time, with interest rates already low by historical standards, restoring affordability will require a big fall in housing prices.

So here's the bottom line: yes, northern Virginia, there is a housing bubble. (Northern Virginia, not Virginia as a whole. Only the Washington suburbs are in the Zoned Zone.) Part of the rise in housing values since 2000 was justified given the fall in interest rates, but at this point the overall market value of housing has lost touch with economic reality. And there's a nasty correction ahead.

Paul Krugman joined The New York Times in 1999 as a columnist on the Op-Ed Page and continues as Professor of Economics and International Affairs at Princeton University.

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Students of the Month for November 2005

Independent Study



Independent Study Student of the Month, for the month of November 2005, is Cassidy Clary, 7th grade, (not pictured are, Brandi Wallis, 7th grade, Taylor Dursteler, 8th grade, and Andrya Wallis, 8th grade).

Redwood Valley Elementary School



Redwood Valley Students of the Month, for November 2005, are, clockwise from the front: Marina Sholin, 4th grade; Samantha Allred, 5th grade; Dalton Hosmer, 5th grade; and Alejandra Nieves, 4th grade.

Eagle Peak Middle School



Eagle Peak Students of the Month, for the month of November 2005, are, clockwise from the front: Giana Moreno, 6th grade; Alejandra Hernandez, 8th grade; Tony Gallegos, 8th grade; Ember Whipple, 7th grade; Randy Cooper, 7th grade. (Not pictured, Andrew O'Donnell, 8th grade).

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CCC helps with flood cleanup



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Above, California Conservation Corps members join City of Ukiah employees in cleaning a stream under School Street Wednesday. According to Conservation Supervisor Chris Malinowski, CCC members have been working to aid the area since the storm began on Friday. Crews filled sandbags, helped install sandbags in local homes and businesses and used the center on Old River Road as a place to dispense food provided by the city. In addition, the center provided a staging area in Talmage, which was necessary because Talmage Road was closed due to flooding, for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Ukiah Valley Fire District and Ukiah Ambulance. For the rest of the week local CCC crews will continue to help the community to clean up streets and clear up flood channels. At left, CCC crew members Jennifer Vigil and Lance Davis scrape mud from School Street Wednesday.

RCU Members Talk About Healthy Choices

"Community is everything...Being a hometown girl, why would I bank anywhere else?"

— Wanda
Nutritionist & 2006 President, Sonoma Co. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
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IT'S TEXAS!



ANG Newspapers
Texas quarterback Vince Young led the Longhorns to their first national championship in over 30 years, stunning USC Wednesday in the Rose Bowl

By RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press
PASADENA (AP) — Vince Young and Texas are second no more to Southern California and its Heisman Trophy twins, Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart.

With the national championship down to a final play, Young scrambled for an 8-yard touchdown on fourth down with 19 seconds left and the No. 2 Longhorns stunned the top-ranked Trojans 41-38 in the Rose Bowl on Wednesday night.

The high-scoring game everyone expected to see broke out in the second half — yet it was a defensive stop that was the key to Texas ending USC's 34-game winning streak.

When USC coach Pete Carroll gambled, the Longhorns stuffed LenDale White on a fourth-and-2 at midfield with 2:09 left.

Young, bitterly disappointed at losing the Heisman to Bush, then wound up with the ultimate revenge. On a night when he ran for 200 yards and passed for 267 more, he capped a performance that Texas fans will remember forever by scoring the final TD and running for a 2-point conversion.

"It's so beautiful," Young said as he received the MVP crystal. "Don't you think that's beautiful? It's coming home all the way to Austin, Texas."

With the two highest scoring teams in the country, many figured it would come down to which team had the ball last. It basically did, and USC was denied its unprecedented third straight title.

Texas players streamed onto the field with the Longhorns' first outright national title since 1969. Young stood on the sideline in a sea of falling confetti, arms raised toward the crowd, and senior tackle William Winston unfurled a big, white

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LOCAL CALENDAR

TODAY
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
• Pacific Union at Potter Valley, 7 p.m.
PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
• Santa Rosa at Ukiah, 7:30 p.m.
• Pacific Union at Potter Valley, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
• Contra Costa College women at Mendocino College, 6 p.m.
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
• Santa Rosa at Ukiah, 7:30 p.m.
• Potter Valley at Leggett, 7 p.m.
• Anderson Valley at Mendocino, 8 p.m.
PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
• Potter Valley at Leggett, 5:30 p.m.
• Anderson Valley at Mendocino, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 7
PREP WRESTLING
• Ukiah at Grass Valley team tournament

Calendar listings are culled from the most recent schedules provided by the schools and organizations in our coverage areas. Please report schedule changes or incorrect listings to The Daily Journal Sports Department at 468-3518.

TV LISTINGS

TODAY
NBA
Houston at Cleveland, 5 p.m. (TNT)
Indiana at Golden State, 7:30 p.m. (TNT)
NFL
Colts at San Jose, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Villanova at Louisville, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)
Michigan State at Illinois, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
BYU at Air Force, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

FRIDAY, JAN. 6
NBA
Minnesota at San Antonio, 5 p.m. (ESPN2)
Miami at Phoenix, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

NFL
Vikings at San Jose, 7:30 p.m. (FSN)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Kentucky at Kansas, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Iowa at Iowa, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
North Carolina State at North Carolina, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
BYU at Air Force, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)
LSU at Connecticut, 1 p.m. (CBS)

SATURDAY, JAN. 7
NFL
Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Jacksonville at New England, 8 p.m. (ABC)

NFL
Los Angeles at San Jose, 7:30 p.m. (FSN)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Kentucky at Kansas, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Iowa at Iowa, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
North Carolina State at North Carolina, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
LSU at Connecticut, 1 p.m. (CBS)

COMMUNITY DIGEST

South Ukiah Little League sign ups start Jan. 18

Sign ups for South Ukiah Little League will be Jan. 18-19 from 6-8 p.m. at the Yokayo Elementary School cafeteria with one additional sign up on Jan. 23 from 6-8 p.m., also at the Yokayo cafeteria. All players parents need to bring all of the following: birth certificate (no copies, no baptism or hospital certificates), current utility bill, current driver's license, and current car or home insurance for proof of residency. The cost is \$55 for each child registering and \$50 for each additional sibling.

There is also a \$30 cash or check mandatory service deposit which will be returned upon working at the concession stand. Players must be five years old by April 30, 2006 and no older than 12 by April 30, 2006 to participate.

For more information, visit the South Ukiah Little League website at www.etsamz.com/SULL or call 468-8800.

North Ukiah Little League sign ups start Jan. 18

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For more information on North Ukiah Little League, call 468-4232.

Mendocino College HOF Dinner tickets

The Mendocino College athletic department will host its first Hall of Fame induction at the Redwood Valley Cellars wine tasting room (175 N. State St., Redwood Valley) on Feb. 18.

The evening will begin with a no-host wine tasting at 6 p.m. A catered dinner will follow at 7 and the induction ceremony will begin promptly at 8.

Tickets for the meal and ceremony are \$35 each and can be purchased by contacting either Anna Daugherty at 509 Hunter in the college athletic office (468-3255 or 468-3155).

2006 Mendocino College Hall of Fame inductees: special recognition awards — coaches Ed Boyle and Dan Drew; athletes inductees — Rod Docking, Jerry Ward, Rick Hayes, Paul Cronin, Anne Barra, John Gastineau, Kurt Ehmann, Dennis Willeford, Jeff Burnett, Randy Sontag.

BAM Wrestling Club taking sign-ups

BAM Wrestling Club is accepting sign-ups for youth wrestling. Practices are held Wednesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m. Attend a practice to sign up. The registration fee is \$50.

Ukiah Women's 18-Hole Golf Club

Local lady golfers are invited to join the Ukiah Women's 18-Hole Golf Club. Golfers hit the links every Tuesday. Those interested

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Wildcats keep composure in win

By TONY ADAME

The Daily Journal

Down by double digits late in the third quarter to Rancho Cotate, the Ukiah boys basketball team learned what composure was all about — in the form of junior Drew Steliga.

Steliga came off the bench and scored 10 straight points to spark the Wildcats to a 59-57, come-from-behind win over Rancho Cotate in Ukiah's North Bay League opener.

"The kids just didn't quit," said Ukiah head coach Bill Heath. "We haven't played in two weeks and I thought we'd come out a little stale, and we did. Drew gave us a spark."

Steliga downplayed his performance. "Part of basketball is not getting too pumped up, keeping your composure," Steliga said. "That's what coach is always telling us and I think that's what I did. I kept my cool."

Trailing 25-21 at halftime, Ukiah let Rancho Cotate open up a 35-23 lead before before back-to-back buckets by Cary Willeford tied the score at 38-38 and put the finishing touches on a 15-3 Wildcat run.

Enter Steliga. After a layup by Steliga, Steliga hit a fadeaway jumper at the end of the third quarter to tie the score at 40-40, then nailed back-to-back three pointers to start the fourth quarter for a 46-40 Ukiah lead.

"Kid was amazing tonight," Willeford said of Steliga. "He came in and he fueled our team by himself."



Amy Willeford/The Daily Journal
Ukiah head coach Bill Heath discusses a technical foul with a referee during Wednesday's 59-57 Wildcat win over Rancho Cotate.

Steliga had a chance to win the game at the end of regulation, but missed the front end of a 1-and-1 to send the game to overtime.

In overtime, Willeford's basket with 30 seconds left and a free throw by Willeford put the finishing touches on the Wildcat win.

Zach Corns, who was battling a stomach virus before the game, finished with 16 points, 13 rebounds and seven blocks for Ukiah. "I thought Zac played great," Heath said. "He's out there battling, got sick at half-

time, then came out and battled some more."

For Rancho Cotate, close misses around the basket doomed the visitors.

"I've already got visions of uncontented layups we missed in my head," said Rancho Cotate head coach Randy McManus. "I thought we would regroup once we got into overtime, but we didn't. Hats off to Bill and his kids, they got the job done and we didn't. The NBL is going to be a tough league this year."

Rancho Cotate with 15 points. Ukiah's Joe Esquinto finished with 10 points. Willeford finished with 12 points.

Ukiah (1-0 NBL, 9-4 overall) returns to action Friday, hosting Santa Rosa. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

RANCHO COTATE (57)
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Potter Valley falls at Wilits, 58-51

The Daily Journal

WILITS — The Potter Valley boys basketball team lost to Wilits Tuesday at Wilits, 58-51. The Bearcats stormed back in the second quarter to take a 30-26 lead at halftime, but couldn't hold on for the victory.

"All in all we played really well," said Potter Valley head coach Herb Wright. "Our offense stepped up and played a tight game."

Three Bearcat players scored in double figure.

The top scorer for Potter Valley was Jesse Williams finished with 15 points, eight rebounds and two blocks. Avery Cooper added 13 points and six steals.

Will Mangino posted 10 points and six rebounds for the Bearcats in the loss.

"Rigo Montes De Oca stepped up and played great all-out hustle defense," Wright said. We had a couple of players out sick so we are working on getting us healthy before league play starts."

Potter Valley returns to action today, hosting Pacific Union. Game time is 7 p.m.

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Olympic coach won't make trip

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press
 Suspended U.S. skeleton coach Tim Nardiello will not be allowed to travel with the team for World Cup races in Germany while sexual harassment allegations against him are investigated.

Nardiello's lawyer said Wednesday that his client's quest to be immediately reinstated is headed to court.

The U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation's board of directors met by telephone Wednesday evening and voted against a motion — brought by the federation's president, Jim Shea Sr. — that would have allowed Nardiello to travel with the team Thursday.

The motion was overwhelmingly defeated by the board, despite recent pleas from several top American sliders to reinstate Nardiello in time for both the remainder of the World Cup season and next month's Turin Olympics.

"I felt that I had to do that because this is not a one-sided street," said Shea, the father of 2002 Olympic skeleton men's gold medalist Jim Shea Jr. "I want to be fair to the athletes as well as the coaches. I thought that was an option to

reinstate Tim, let him work with the team while we continue the fact-finding. And if we found something, then we would have taken action at the appropriate time."

Nardiello has been on paid administrative leave since Saturday, one day after Felicia Canfield — the wife of federation board member Brady Canfield and a longtime skeleton team member — accused the coach of making explicit comments, touching her suggestively and trying to kiss her.

Orvie Garrett has been named the interim head coach for the national team, and Greg Sand will remain as the assistant coach.

Nardiello didn't return a telephone message seeking comment after the meeting.

"We're going to a courtroom," said Nardiello's lawyer, James Brooks of Lake Placid, N.Y. "We'll be before a judge (Thursday)."

Brooks said he'll file papers in Essex County Court, hoping it will order the USBSF to let Nardiello resume working.

The U.S. men's and women's national teams are expected to re-start their World Cup training in Europe

on Friday.

Reigning World Cup women's champion Noelle Pikus-Pace said she applauded Shea's effort on Nardiello's behalf.

"I think it's great that he stood up for us as athletes, but at the same time I have to put my support in the federation as well," Pikus-Pace told the AP. "It's a touchy subject. I still support Tim. I wish he was coming and a lot of us hope he gets there as soon as possible."

Two other sliders have said they were subjected to similar types of harassment from Nardiello, including 2002 women's Olympic gold medalist Tristan Gale.

The other slider who has filed a complaint with the USBSF hasn't been identified publicly.

Neither Canfield nor Gale is under consideration for this year's Olympic team, although Gale is scheduled to compete in the team's next World Cup race in Germany next weekend and is on the travel roster for Thursday's trip.

The U.S. Olympic Committee is also investigating Nardiello's conduct, and will have the final say whether

he's part of the American delegation of coaches and athletes to the Turin Games — no matter what the USBSF's probe ultimately determines.

The USOC plans to investigate 12 athletes in its investigation; Pikus-Pace was interviewed for about 45 minutes in Salt Lake City on Wednesday.

"The USOC is trying to figure out the truth and I think it went well," said Pikus-Pace, who declined to reveal any specifics about her interview since the investigation is ongoing.

Sand said he doesn't expect the drama surrounding Nardiello to affect the team's on-ice performance.

The next World Cup race is critical for the Americans; it will determine whether the U.S. will have one or two women's sleds in the Turin Games.

"We'll do our best," Sand said. "We'll have a team meeting and just say that we are there and they should be there for business. What's going on in the outside world may be the focus of some people, but ours has to be to put up results. That's what we get paid to do and that's what they're there to do."

Raiders begin search for next coach

By JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press
 ALAMEDA (AP) — Al Davis is putting his lead personnel man in charge of making preliminary contacts with potential candidates for the Oakland Raiders' coaching vacancy, then the owner will get involved later.

The men who make the cut with Michael Lombardi will sit down with Davis himself.

The Raiders returned to work Wednesday to begin planning their search, one day after firing coach Norv Turner following two losing seasons in which the team won only once against the AFC West.

"Right now, in 20 cities in America, everyone is trying to figure out how they can win next year," Davis said. "And the coaches who are considered great young coaches right now, next year some of them will be raising their hand looking for jobs. That's the way this business is."

The Raiders also must make decisions soon about the futures of their assistant coaches, though Davis said he expects at least some of them to stay with the organization.

"As far as finding Turner's replacement, the club is going to take its time. Davis likes offensive-minded coaches, but Turner was a highly regarded offensive mind and still had problems getting the most from an Oakland offensive featuring Randy Moss, Jerry Porter, Kerry Collins and LaMont Jordan.

"We're going to do the right thing, however long it takes," senior administrator Artie Gigantino said Wednesday.

Whoever gets the job will try to turn around a team that has posted three straight losing seasons for the first time since the 76-year-old Davis came aboard in 1963 to coach and eventually own the team. The Raiders finished 4-12 this season, losing their final six games and eight of the final nine.

"As a player, we've got to keep going on because our job depends on winning," fullback Zack Crockett said. "Hopefully they'll bring someone in who is in the same frame of mind and can relate to the players. The main thing is it's about winning. If you don't win, these things can happen. Everybody's at fault. We'll see brighter days."

Two potential candidates are in Baltimore: Ravens offensive coordinator Jim Fassel and quarterbacks coach Rick Neuheisel.

Fassel, who coached the Raiders' QBs in 1995, was Collins' head coach with the New York Giants during the quarterback's best years — including during the 2000 season when Collins took his team to the Super Bowl.

Fassel is one of five former assistants to leave the Raiders and stay on good terms with Davis. He is a California native and was at Stanford from 1979-83, credited for recruiting and coaching John Elway.

Fassel has the vote of his current boss.

"Hopefully going to be very supportive of Jim's looking and hopefully being able to procure a head coaching job. I think Jim would be outstanding," Ravens head coach Brian Billick said last week.

Rangers, Padres in six player swap

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press
 ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Rangers completed their six-player trade Wednesday with the San Diego Padres to acquire right-hander Adam Eaton, another piece of Texas' completely overhauled starting rotation.

Texas also got reliever Akimori Otsuka and minor league catcher Billy Killian, sending right-hander Chris Young, first baseman Adrian Gonzalez and outfielder Termel Sledge to San Diego.

Eaton won 11 games in each of the past two seasons, going 11-5 with a 4.27 ERA last year when he had two stints on the disabled list because of a strained middle finger that limited him to 22 starts.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said Eaton's finger problem isn't a concern.

"It's something my medical staff has assured us is not normally a recurring issue," Daniels said. "We don't see any issues there."

Padres manager Bruce

Bochy went with Woody Williams over Eaton for Game 3 of the NL division series against St. Louis.

"That was definitely frustrating, rushing back and trying to help the team any way I can," Eaton said. "I look forward to San Diego and facing them, show them what they missed."

The Rangers host San Diego for a three-game interleague series Jan. 20-22.

The deal was reached before Christmas but wasn't completed until after physi-

cals and a delay in getting the medical records of Otsuka, who has spent the offseason at home in Japan.

When the deal was made last month, Eaton was a potential No. 1 starter. But the Padres have since signed Kevin Millwood, the American League ERA champion, to a \$60 million, five-year contract.

Former All-Star pitcher Vicente Padilla came to Texas last month from Philadelphia for pitcher Ricardo Rodriguez.

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in joining the club may call Shirley Dietrick at 485-5540.

NCRC Raceway R/C racing

NCRC hosts radio-controlled car racing on the third or fourth Sunday of each month at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds (1055 N. State St., Ukiah). Sign-ups start at 9 a.m. Racing starts at 11 a.m. sharp. Get there early to set up.

NCRC hosts both road course and oval racing for novice to expert drivers.

For more information, call Eric at 462-8669.

Ukiah Community Karate Kids program

The Sheriff's Youth Activities League is teaching free youth karate programs at the Redwood Health Club (1011 S. State St., Ukiah) on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons for ages 6 and older.

Interested parties can register at the class and Sheriff's Activities League fees are \$5 annually. Membership with the Redwood Health Club is not required. For more information, call the Sheriff's Activities League office at 468-4289. Fee at 468-0441 or chief instructor Mike Tobin at 354-0565 and leave your number.

Willits Community Karate Kids program

The Sheriff's Activities League is also teaching free youth karate programs at the Body Works Gym (1511 Main St., Willits) on Monday and Friday nights for ages 6 and older.

Interested parties can register at the class and Sheriff's Activities League fees are \$5 annually. Membership with the Redwood Health Club is not required. For more information, call the Sheriff's Activities League office at 468-4289. Fee at 468-0441 or chief instructor Mike Tobin at 354-0565 and leave your number.

Tiny Tigers kinderkarate

Tollow Dojo is hosting the weekly Tiny Tigers kinderkarate program, which utilizes proven techniques to teach martial arts to children 4 to 6

years old.

The class is held Saturdays from 10-12 p.m. The first class is free. Call 463-1347 or 621-0714 to sign up.

Follow Dojo is located at 3001 S. State St., No. 4.

Willits boxing program

The Sheriff's Youth Activities League (Willits) Boxing Program is currently meeting at the Body Works Gym and Martial Arts Center (1511 Main St., Willits) on Monday and Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the aerobic room.

This program is free and open to the public. Ages 8 and above are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call Body Works Gym at 428-0294. There is an annual \$5 insurance/registration fee.

Boxers wanted

Boxing classes are offered by Mendocino County Sheriff's SAL and are held at the Redwood Health Club for all ages and levels. Autumn class times are as follows: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at 6:45 p.m., and Fridays at 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining SAL must fill out the necessary paperwork to become a SAL member and pay \$5 a year. Minors must have the forms signed by their parents. Please allow 10 minutes before class to do this.

At the end of the summer, boxing fees will be extended so please check for further notice.

Rusty Bowl BMX

Bicycle motocross races are held weekly at Rusty Bowl BMX, located at the end of Galba Street in Ukiah. The American Bicycle Association-sanctioned races are held Saturdays with sign-ups from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and racing immediately after.

For more information, call the Rusty Bowl hotline at 462-0248.

Ukiah Dolphin water polo team

The Ukiah Dolphin water polo team is now practicing every Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. Practices are held at the Ukiah High School pool during December and January for the winter water polo season and pool for strong swimmers from 10-18 years old. Call Rick Cleland for more information.

tion at 463-1551.

Ukiah Little League sign ups start Jan. 18

Sign up for North and South Ukiah Little League will be Jan. 18-19 from 6-8 p.m. at the Yokayo Elementary School cafeteria with one additional sign up on Jan. 23 from 6-8 p.m., also at the Yokayo cafeteria.

All players parents need to bring all of the following: birth certificate (no copies, no baptism or hospital certificates), current utility bill, current driver's license, and current car or home insurance for proof of residency.

The cost is \$55 for each child registering and \$50 for each additional sibling.

There is also a \$30 cash or check mandatory service deposit which will be returned upon working at the concession stand.

Players must be five years old by April 30, 2006 and no older than 12 by April 30, 2006 to participate.

For more information, visit the South Ukiah Little League website at www.etsam.com/SULL, or call 468-9800. For information on North Ukiah Little League, call 468-4232.

To place an announcement in the "Community Sports Digest," contact The Ukiah Daily Journal, Department by phone at 468-3518. You may also mail your listing to 590 N. So. School Street, Ukiah, Calif. 95482. e-mail it to advertising@pdic.net, or fax it to us at 468-3544. Because the "Community Sports Digest" is a FREE service no guarantee can be made on the frequency of a listing's appearance in The Daily Journal. To assure our event maximum publicity, contact either our classified (468-3535) or display advertising (468-3510) departments.

Padres sign Estes

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Starting pitcher Shawn Estes and the San Diego Padres reached a preliminary agreement Wednesday on a one-year contract.

The left-hander must pass a physical before the deal is completed.

Estes was sidelined for two months last season with an ankle injury that limited him to 21 starts for the Arizona Diamondbacks. He went 7-8

with a 4.80 ERA.

Estes would be the only lefty in the Padres' rotation, although they're known to still be interested in reacquiring David Wells from the Boston Red Sox.

The 32-year-old Estes is 99-89 with a 4.71 ERA in 11 major league seasons.

He has also pitched for San Francisco, the New York Mets, Cincinnati, the Chicago Cubs and Colorado.

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Longhorns flag.

The Longhorns (13-0) won their 20th in a row, overcoming the 38-26 lead USC (12-1) held with 4 1/2 minutes left.

While the Longhorns' band blared "The Eyes of Texas" in front of a sea of burnt orange, the USC players looked startled. Some put their hands to their heads, others took off their helmets.

"Well, we couldn't stop them when we had to," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "The quarterback ran all over the place."

"This is their night," he said. "It's wonderful doing what we've been doing. We didn't get it done."

Said Leinart: "I still think we're a better football team, they just made the plays in the end."

They sure did.

Leinart did his part in his final college game while Bush was less than his best. Leinart passed for 365 yards, and his 22-yard TD strike to Dwyane Jarrett put USC ahead 38-26 with 6:42 left.

Earlier, Bush soared into the end zone on a 26-yard run, part of his 82 yards rushing. He also had 95 yards on six catches — and a boneheaded lateral that swung momentum Texas' way in the first half.

"It's been a great run. We've done some special

things," Bush said. "I don't think we should be ashamed about anything."

In a game that produced over 1,100 yards, amazingly, Texas' final TD came after its defensive stand.

USC decided to try to seal the game with its vaunted offense, dubbed by many the best to ever play college football, and keep the ball out of Young's hands. But it came up inches short from converting on the fourth-and-short, and the Texas defense charged off the field as Young trotted on.

"If you make that first down, you're squatting on the football to win the game," Carroll said. "We just missed it. By what — two inches?"

Young stood in the pocket and passed the Longhorns to a first-and-10 at the 13. After a 5-yard scramble, he misfired on two passes to set up a fourth-and-5 at the 8.

The Trojans brought pressure, as they did all night, but Young broke free, found a lane and raced to the right pylon. The Longhorns erupted, one pounded the turf as he lay face down on the turf, while the shocked Trojans futilely looked toward officials, hoping they'd say Young stepped out of bounds.

USC had one last chance, and it wasn't a good one. On the last play of the game just beyond midfield, Leinart's pass sailed high over Jarrett's head around the 25.

Lebron leads Cavs over Bucks

MILWAUKEE (AP) — LeBron James scored 17 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter to lead Cleveland over the Bucks 91-84 on Wednesday night.

Donyell Marshall scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds off the bench to help the Cavaliers snap a seven-game losing streak in Milwaukee.

Michael Redd led the Bucks with 28 points and Bobby Simmons added 18. Jamaal Magloire had 13 points and 12 rebounds. However, the Bucks bench went scoreless.

The last time the Bucks' bench was scoreless was Nov. 27, 1970 against the New York Knicks.

Raptors 121, Magic 97

TORONTO (AP) — Rookie Charlie Villanueva scored 24 points and the Raptors shot a franchise record 63 percent from the field in a rout of Orlando.

The Raptors (10-22) own the third-worst record in the NBA, but tied a season-high in points and outrebounded the Magic 34-21.

Mike James added 17 points and seven assists for the Raptors, who have won four in a row for the first time since Dec. 2-9, 2003.

Jameer Nelson had a career-high 31 points for the Magic, who placed for-

ward Grant Hill on the inactive list before game because of a strained groin.

Celtics 109, Bobcats 106

BOSTON (AP) — Paul Pierce had 31 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds and Ricky Davis added 23 points to help the Celtics beat Charlotte.

Orien Greene's driving layup with 57.5 seconds left in the fourth quarter broke a 102-102 tie and gave the Celtics the lead for good.

Bernard Robinson missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Boston shot 55 percent from the field to win for just the second time in six games following a 1-4 road road trip. The Celtics have won three straight at home.

Primož Brezec had 19 points and Brevin Knight added 18 points and 12 assists for the Bobcats, who scored 35 points off turnovers.

Hornets 107, Heat 92

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Desmond Mason scored 24 points and New Orleans overcame Dwyane Wade's second career triple-double for a win against Miami.

David West scored 20 and Paul had 15 points and nine assists for New Orleans.

Kirk Snyder, making his second straight start in place of benched J.R. Smith, added a season-high 13 points.

Wade, who had a triple-double on Dec. 30, 2004 against Detroit, had 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists to become the first Heat player to accomplish the feat twice.

Timberwolves 91, Mavericks 78

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Marko Jaric scored 22 points to spark struggling Minnesota past Dallas.

The Timberwolves, who won for only the third time in their last 11 games, were paced by Kevin Garnett's 23 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Wally Szczerbiak contributed his usual 20 points, but Jaric and defensive stalwart Trenton Hassell (14 points) were the catalysts for a team that has been starting for scoring beyond the big two.

Garnett and Szczerbiak are the only ones averaging better than 11 points per game.

Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points, and Marquis Daniels chipped in 16 points for the Mavericks, who were held to a season-low in scoring and shot only 37.2 percent (29-for-78) from the floor.

Hurricanes, Islanders post wins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chris Phillips, Patrick Eaves and Peter Schaefer scored, and Dominik Hasek made 23 saves to lead the Ottawa Senators past the Washington Capitals 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Matt Pettinger scored for the Capitals, but the Senators (28-7-1-2) sealed the win with Schaefer's empty-net goal with 22 seconds left. Ottawa improved its NHL-best point total to 59.

The Senators played without leading scorer Daniel Alfredsson, who missed his second straight game with a cracked rib, but his teammates picked up the slack.

Hurricanes 4, Thrashers 3

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Cory Stillman had two goals and two assists to run his point streak to nine games, and

Carolina rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat Atlanta.

Erik Cole and Andrew Hutchinson also scored for the Hurricanes, who won at home for the first time in three games against Atlanta this season. The Thrashers won the first two by a combined score of 14-2, and it appeared they were headed for another easy victory with three consecutive goals.

Ilya Kovalchuk had two on the power play and Jim Slater got the other at even-strength to help Atlanta take a 3-1 lead.

Martin Gerber finished with 23 saves to help the Hurricanes increase their lead in the Southeast Division to nine points over Tampa Bay.

Islanders 4, Panthers 3, OT

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Wade Dubielewicz played only 2:24 but

earned his second NHL victory when Mark Parrish scored in overtime, lifting New York over Florida and snapping the Islanders' five-game losing streak.

Dubielewicz, recalled after Rick DiPietro's knee injury last week, made his NHL season debut with 8.5 seconds left in regulation after Garth Snow left with an apparent leg injury. Dubielewicz made three saves and became a winner when Parrish took Shawn Bates' pass and beat Roberto Luongo 2:15 into the extra session.

Oleg Kvasha had two goals and an assist, and Alexei Yashin tied the score for the Islanders with 8:55 left in regulation. Joe Nieuwendyk got his fifth goal in five games. Juraj Kolnik and Joel Kwiatkowski also scored for the Panthers, 1-7-2 in the second half of back-to-back games.



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were at home sleeping or performing early morning Muslim prayers when the landslide tumbled down from a nearby mountain, local government official Supriyanto told The Associated Press.

Budi Wariyanto, a police officer at the village in central Java, told The AP that so far only 12 people had been rescued and five bodies had been recovered.

"The rest of the villagers are feared to be buried under the mud," he said by telephone from the scene, about 220 miles east of Jakarta.

Meanwhile on the east of Java, rescuers tried to find survivors from a series of landslides and flash floods that killed at least 63 people and left dozens missing earlier this week, officials said. Six more bodies were recovered on Wednesday, said Edi Susilo, a local government spokesman.

Body of 12th victim found at German rink

BAD REICHENHALL, Germany (AP) — Rescue workers recovered the body of a boy from the ruins of an ice-skating rink in this southern German town early Wednesday, raising the death toll to 12.

They also located a 13th person beneath the rubble but did not yet know if the person was alive or dead, said Georg Grabner, the chief administrator of the district of Berchtesgaden. He said crews were racing to recover the person.

Seven children were among those confirmed dead.

The boy's body was found after rescue crews and dogs resumed their search of the debris following a lengthy break forced by fears that the wrecked structure could further collapse.

He was among three missing children aged 12 to 16 but authorities did not give his age. A 40-year-old woman was also missing as hopes faded of finding survivors after a second night of snow and freezing temperatures.

Bush frustrated by Patriot Act resistance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has been resisting some of President Bush's strategies in the war on terror — particularly, a permanent renewal of the USA Patriot Act — and he is not happy about it.

"The enemy has not gone away. They're still there. And I expect Congress to understand that we're still at war, and they got to give us the tools necessary to win this war," the president said Tuesday.

Bush's views were likely to be well received Wednesday at the Pentagon, where Defense Department officials were briefing him on their progress in Iraq and on other fronts.

During a White House meeting with federal prosecutors Tuesday, Bush said lawmakers must act on a permanent renewal of the Patriot Act, which expanded the government's surveillance and prosecutorial powers against sus-

pected terrorists, their associates and financiers. Noting that the Patriot Act was approved overwhelmingly not long after the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, he said political considerations now were getting in the way.

"When it came time to renew the act, for partisan reasons, in my mind, people have not stepped up" to renew the act, the president said.

Fire crews battle blaze in three states

SHAMROCK, Okla. (AP) — Firefighters chased a grass fire hop-scotching across a northeast Oklahoma town, while officials in Texas and New Mexico kept tabs on the wind and several massive wildfires their crews were fighting to contain.

In Shamrock, the suspected arson fire destroyed an abandoned schoolhouse, a home and other buildings Tuesday as it raced through the town of about 100 residents. It took an air tanker repeatedly dropping fire retardant to put down the blaze.

"It was jumping so far out ahead of us," said Loren Andrews, assistant fire chief from nearby Drumright. "We were having to run down the street and look."

In the past week and a half, grass fires started by as little as a spark from a car or an arcing powerline have burned more than 600,000 acres across a drought-stricken stretch of Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. The fires have destroyed at least 450 homes and killed four people.

A National Weather Service "red flag warning" was in effect Tuesday and Wednesday, meaning heat, low humidity and gusting wind could quickly spread wildfires. The Texas region is in one of its worst droughts in 50 years, meteorologist Jesse Moore said.

Russia, Ukraine gas companies reach deal

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia and Ukraine reached a deal Wednesday to resume gas shipments to Ukraine under a complex price scheme, ending a standoff that raised fears of long-term shortages in Europe.

The agreement was announced in Moscow by the heads of OAO Gazprom and Naftogaz, the two countries' state-run natural gas companies.

Russia stopped selling natural gas to the Ukraine on Sunday after its neighbor balked at a fourfold price increase. European customers reported a sharp falloff of gas supplies on Monday.

Europe gets about a quarter of its gas from Russia, much of it by way of pipelines that cross Ukraine. Moscow accused Ukraine of siphoning off Europe-bound gas, a charge Ukraine denied.

Under the agreement, Russia's Gazprom will sell gas to a trading company for \$230 per 1,000 cubic meters and Ukraine will buy gas from the company for \$95. The trading company, Rosukrenerg, can charge Ukraine lower prices because it receives cheaper gas from Turkmenistan.

Attack

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Taylor.

The victim, whose name was not released to protect her privacy, was no longer at the gas station when police arrived. However, officers were able to view the assault on the video tape, after they convinced an allegedly uncooperative Watson to show it to them, according to McCutcheon.

After taking a report, officers left the scene and later learned the victim was the wife of Taylor, McCutcheon said.

About four hours later -- or just before 7 a.m. that same day -- police were called to a domestic violence dispute on the west side of Ukiah.

Upon arrival at the residence they came into contact with Taylor again. He was reportedly breathing heavily, like someone who had just been in a fight, McCutcheon said.

"Police start talking to him

and he tells them he had an argument with his wife, and that she left the house. While interviewing him another officer finds the victim in another part of the house," McCutcheon said, noting the woman reportedly had numerous scratches, marks, and bruises on her body. She told officers she had allegedly been assaulted by her husband at a gas station four hours earlier, and had managed to get away from him. After leaving the gas station she went to a relative's house to sleep and then her husband showed up and started arguing with her, held her down, and strangled her to the point she thought she was going to die, the

woman told police. She also alleges he punched her in the face and all over her body with closed fists, police said.

The woman was able to get away again, and said she ran to another part of the house. By this time someone else in the house had called police.

When police arrived at the residence, Taylor "violently resisted four officers," McCutcheon said, noting while fighting, Taylor kicked one of them. The Mendocino County Sheriff's deputies arrived to assist police and deployed a taser, which allowed officers to handcuff Taylor and take him into custody.

School

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to prevent mold, Ukiah Unified School District Superintendent Ray Chadwick said.

Clean up efforts began Monday after the flood waters -- three or four feet in some places -- receded.

"It was absolutely incredible," Chadwick said. "There were probably three to five teachers supporting every teacher in their classroom and (numerous) volunteers. ... We were left with no place to take refuge so we called several local growers and within 45 minutes we had bins lined up the entire length of the school. We didn't have dumpsters, so we lobbied county people and low and behold dumpsters started to arrive. By mid afternoon Tuesday we had three dumpsters in place ... " he said. Due to excessive damage, Hopland Elementary School will likely remain closed the rest of the school year, Chadwick told the board.

Meanwhile, effective as of Monday, 152 students and 11 staff will temporarily relocate to other campuses in the dis-

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trict. Five classrooms will go to Oak Manor and two classrooms will go to Nokomis School, according to Chadwick. To accommodate extra students, a modular building will be delivered to Oak Manor School today. Additionally, both Oak Manor and Nokomis reportedly have a surplus of text books which can accommodate the needs of the displaced students. Materials salvaged from Hopland School will also be utilized, Chadwick said.

Lastly, while Hopland School students will be attending school in Ukiah, they will still be picked up by the school bus in Hopland.

"Pick up time in Hopland is going to be the same, at the same place, with the same bus and the same driver," Turner said. However, in the after-

noon children will be dropped off about 45 minutes later than they currently are, he said. Students who walk to school may board district buses at either Hopland Elementary School or the Hopland hardware store.

A complete list of bus schedules will be posted at Hopland Elementary School, Oak Manor Elementary School and Nokomis Elementary School. Transportation schedules will also be available at the Hopland Hardware store, post office and Tribal Center.

For specific information regarding transportation, families can call 463-5233.

For additional general update information people can continue to call 463-6396.

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Ahead

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latest private and public comment, it looks like Planning and Building Services Supervisor Mike Delbar said he will push for a decreasing of department heads in the streamlining process.

Jay Ryder may have pulled his proposal for the Hop Kiln housing development from the table, but his promise to return with a more palatable plan remains. Expectations for the altered plan range from nuanced to overhauled, but only time will tell. Garden's Gate, Chris Stone's smaller housing project for the south end of Ukiah, will receive its first formal response from the county in January, as well.

The first few weeks will also produce Ukiah Mayor Mark Ashika's trial, after the razing of his historical home. The pretrial motions -- which added phrases like "legal definition of demolition" and "the Stump declaration" to the local lexicon -- resulted in Judge David Nelson ruling the city code fit for a jury's consideration, slated for Jan. 23.

City officials will begin spending the state-bequeathed \$500,000 each for the skate park, Anton Stadium and municipal pools. The skater community is expected to congregate in Council chambers to decide a final plan in what could be the hippest meeting all year. (Sorry, Ukiah Valley Sanitation

District.) The city will also open Observatory and Orchard parks, Todd Grove Park's barbecue area will be renovated and city officials will select the contractor for Ukiah's new playground equipment. Lastly, new wells are expected within city limits in 2006's outset.

Two worthy debates at the Ukiah City Council never got off the ground due to legal restrictions. But officials hope a possible statewide judicial change will allow them to discuss form-based zoning and the more controversial formula business moratorium.

The council may also move in a direction which would directly alter the aforementioned June election. Councilmember Phil Baldwin's proposal for contribution caps of \$100 would change the nature of city campaigns. Supervisors are also expected to consider a similar reform.

Can federal agents enter Mendocino County residents' homes without warning or a warrant? That will be the question facing multiple levels of law enforcement in January. Clay Young, who was surprised to see DEA agents in his house weeks ago, will request supervisors create a rule by which county sheriffs play a stronger role in federal intervention in Mendocino County.

The biggest clash in the first months of 2006 may be California Fish and Game vs. county supervisors. After the supervisors approved an environmental impact report for the Mill Creek Dams,

Supervisor Jim Wattenburger led a siege against those state officials who wish to tear down the landmarks. Wattenburger pledged to literally chain himself to the dam before allowing one to fall, but state officials called their position resolute.

Supervisors will also focus on code enforcement, according to Delbar. Staffing levels and strength of ordinances will be given close looks in 2006, he said. Perennial issues like water and the Ukiah Valley Area Plan will also receive the microscope treatment from the county.

Both City Manager Candace Horsley and Councilmember Mari Rodin put the city's need to better coordinate with the county at the top of their lists. "There are a lot of issues there," Horsley said, but noted that joint planning sessions early in the year should help. She also predicts a council review of the sales tax measure and a prioritization of where the money goes.

And yet, the unexpected will certainly play a strong role for our political scene in 2006. No doubt, it will be those issues as much as any listed here that will captivate our interest and excitement. No need to wait too long, though. As another Nobel Prize Winner, Albert Einstein, put it: "I never think of the future -- it comes soon enough."

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Bush joins lawmakers in giving up donations linked to Abramoff

By PETE YOST

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- President Bush, former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and his successor Roy Blunt on Wednesday joined the list of officials shedding political donations from Jack Abramoff, the once-powerful lobbyist who has agreed to testify in a political corruption investigation.

Bush's re-election campaign is giving up \$6,000 in campaign contributions connected to Abramoff, who pleaded guilty Tuesday to fraud, corruption and tax evasion charges in Washington. The lobbyist was due in federal court in Miami Wednesday afternoon to plead guilty to fraud charges stemming from his purchases of a Florida gambling boat fleet called SunCruz.

In a plea agreement with government prosecutors, Abramoff agreed to tell the FBI about alleged bribes to lawmakers and their aides on issues ranging from Internet gambling to wireless phone service in the House.

The full extent of the investigation is not yet known, but Justice Department officials said they intended to make use of the trove of e-mails and other material in Abramoff's possession as part of a probe that is believed to be focusing on as many as 20 members of Congress and aides.

"The corruption scheme with Mr. Abramoff is very extensive and we will continue to follow it wherever it leads," said Assistant Attorney General Alice Fisher, head of the Justice Department's criminal division.

Bush, DeLay, Blunt and Rep. Bob Ney joined House Speaker Dennis Hastert in announcing plans to either return campaign contributions from Abramoff or give them to charity. Several others announced in December that they were giving back Abramoff's donations to their campaigns.

Abramoff raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush-Cheney '04 re-election campaign, earning the honorary title "pioneer" from the cam-

paign. But the campaign is giving up only \$6,000 directly from Abramoff, his wife and one of the Indian tribes that he worked to win influence for in Washington. The money is being donated to the American Heart Association.

Abramoff, his wife and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan each donated \$2,000 to the Bush campaign, said Republican National Committee spokeswoman Tracey Schmitt. The rest of the money that Abramoff brought in was from other individuals whom he encouraged to donate to Bush.

"At this point, there is nothing to indicate that contributions from those individual donors represents anything other than enthusiastic support for the (Bush-Cheney) BC-04 re-election campaign," Schmitt said.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Wednesday that Bush does not know Abramoff personally, although it's possible that the two met at holiday receptions. Abramoff attended three Hanukkah receptions at the Bush White House, the spokesman said.

McClellan later said he thinks that Abramoff had been to the White House a "very few times" besides the Hanukkah receptions. He said he was checking into other visits that Abramoff made since Bush has been president.

DeLay will give campaign contributions connected to Abramoff to charities, his spokesman, Kevin Madden, said in an e-mail Wednesday.

The Texas Republican received at least \$57,000 in political contributions from Abramoff, his lobbying associates or his tribal clients between 2001 and 2004. DeLay is now awaiting trial in Texas on charges of laundering campaign money used in races for the state legislature.

Blunt, a Missouri Republican whose political action committee received \$8,500 from Abramoff between 1999 and 2003, plans to give that much to charity, a spokeswoman said.

"While we firmly believe

Key events in the Jack Abramoff investigation

By The Associated Press

A timeline of key events in the Jack Abramoff investigation:

2000:

• Abramoff and associate Adam Kidan purchase the SunCruz Casinos fleet of gambling boats.

• Abramoff donates more than \$100,000 to President Bush's re-election campaign.

2004:

• Sept. 29: Abramoff refuses to answer questions from the Senate Indian Affairs Committee about his lobbying work on behalf of American Indian tribes and casino issues. The Senate committee's staff concluded after a seven-month investigation that Abramoff and partner Michael Scanlon, a former aide to Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, had charged six tribes in six states at least \$66 million for the lobbying and may have manipulated at least two tribal elections to ensure they would get contracts with tribes.

2005:

• Aug. 11: Abramoff and Kidan indicted by a Miami federal grand jury on fraud charges in the 2000 casino boat deal. Federal prosecutors say the pair faked a \$23 million wire transfer to make it appear that they were making a significant contribution of their own money into the deal. Based on that transfer, lenders Foothill Capital Corp. and Citadel Equity Fund Ltd. agreed to provide \$60 million in financing for the purchase.

• Aug. 29: Abramoff pleads innocent to Miami fraud charges.

• Oct. 5: David Safavian, former chief of staff of the General Services Administration, is indicted on charges he made false statements and obstructed a federal investigation into his dealings with Abramoff.

• Nov. 21: Scanlon pleads guilty in Washington to conspiring to bribe public officials in connection with his lobbying work on behalf of Indian tribes and casino issues.

• Dec. 15: Kidan pleads guilty in Miami to fraud and conspiracy charges.

• Dec. 13-22: Six members of Congress -- Rep. Ernest Istook, R-Okla.; Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.; Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.; Rep. Denny Rehberg, R-Mont.; Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont.; and Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. -- return or give away campaign donations they received from Abramoff and his associates.

2006:

• Jan. 3: Abramoff pleads guilty in Washington to mail fraud, conspiracy and tax evasion charges in federal court in connection with his lobbying work. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., announces he will give money received from Abramoff to charity.

• Jan. 4: Abramoff pleads guilty in Miami to conspiracy and wire fraud charges in relation to the 2000 SunCruz purchase. President George W. Bush, DeLay, Reps. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. and Bob Ney, R-Ohio and other lawmakers announce they will return or give money they received from Abramoff to charity.

the contributions were legal at the time of receipt, the plea indicates that such contributions may not have been given in the spirit in which they were received," said Burson Taylor, a spokeswoman for Blunt.

Ney, who was identified as Representative in Abramoff's plea deal, donated \$6,500 to the American Indian College Fund, according to the Ohio Republican's spokesman. The money, which falls short of the \$7,000 that Ney's election campaign was given by Abramoff, was donated to the charity "in recent weeks," spokesman Brian Walsh said.

Court papers in Abramoff's case refer to an aide to DeLay who helped stop anti-gambling legislation regarding the Internet during a time in which DeLay was in the House Republican leadership. Abramoff, the papers state, paid the staffer's wife \$50,000 from clients that benefited from the actions of the staffer, identified by a person close to the investigation as Tony Rudy, DeLay's former deputy chief of staff.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the probe is ongoing. Rudy did not return a phone call Tuesday at his lobbying firm.

DeLay, R-Texas, voted against anti-gambling legislation which was designed to make it easier for authorities to stop online gambling sites.

DeLay attorney Richard Cullen said he believes that the investigation is completed and the truth is known that the Justice Department will conclude that his client, who had risen to House majority leader before stepping down from the post last year, did nothing wrong.

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Democrats intending to make ethics a campaign issue in this election year. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said Abramoff's confession in court was "not a surprise because this Republican Congress is the most corrupt in history and the American people are paying the price."

Some political consultants and analysts are comparing potential damage from the Abramoff investigation to the 1992 House banking scandal that led to the retirement or ouster of 77 lawmakers.

Abramoff's cooperation has made lawmakers nervous.

The court papers in the Washington case refer to Ney, saying that regarding SunCruz, the congressman placed a statement drafted by Abramoff partner Michael Scanlon in the Congressional Record. The statement, the court papers say, was calculated to pressure the owner of SunCruz to sell on terms favorable to Abramoff.

Ney denies wrongdoing, saying that "at the time I dealt with Jack Abramoff, I obviously did not know, and had no way of knowing, the self-serving and fraudulent nature of Abramoff's activities."

Abramoff and his former partner, Adam Kidan, are charged with concocting a false \$23 million wire transfer making it appear they contributed a sizable stake of their own cash into the \$147.5 million purchase of cruise ships.

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Supreme Court says government can move Jose Padilla to Florida

By GINA HOLLAND

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court agreed Wednesday to let the military transfer accused "enemy combatant" Jose Padilla to Miami to face criminal charges in at least a temporary victory for the Bush administration.

The justices overruled a lower court, which had attempted to block the transfer as part of a rebuke to the White House.

The high court said it would decide later whether to review Padilla's challenge to his military detention. It granted the Bush administration's request for a transfer in a one-page order.

Padilla's jailing as an enemy combatant for the past 3 1/2 years has been the subject of multiple court rulings and criticism by civil rights groups.

The former Chicago gang member was arrested in 2002 at Chicago's O'Hare Airport and put in military custody, where he was held without charges and traditional legal rights.

The Supreme Court had been asked to use Padilla's case to define the scope of a president's power over American citizens taken into custody on U.S. soil. The justices had been expected to hear his appeal, but shortly before word was to come, the government brought criminal charges against him in Florida.

Those charges do not

involve allegations that had been made by the administration since 2002 -- that Padilla was part of an al-Qaida backed plot to blow up apartment buildings. Instead, a grand jury charged Padilla with being part of a North American terrorism cell that raised funds and recruited fighters to wage violent jihad outside the United States.

A panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., refused last month to allow the transfer of Padilla from military custody

in South Carolina to civilian custody, citing the government's use of one set of facts before the courts to justify Padilla's military detention without charges and another to persuade a grand jury in Miami to indict him on the terrorism-related charges.

In that appeals court decision, Judge J. Michael Luttig warned the administration that it risked its credibility with the courts by changing tactics in what could be interpreted as an effort to avoid judicial scrutiny.

First lady to attend inauguration of Africa's first elected female president in Liberia

By NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- First lady Laura Bush will travel to Liberia to attend the Jan. 16 inauguration of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the first female president elected in Africa, the White House announced Wednesday.

Mrs. Bush will lead a delegation from the United States that also includes Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, said White House press secretary Scott McClellan.

Johnson-Sirleaf, a former finance minister and veteran of Citibank and the United Nations, won a runoff election in November against soccer superstar George Weah. She said in her acceptance speech she would end the period of corrupt, male-dominated rule in war-plagued Liberia.

Liberia is Africa's oldest republic, founded

in 1847 by freed American slaves. The country is still reeling from a brutal 1989-2003 civil war that left 200,000 dead.

"This delegation reflects the president's continued commitment to democracy and supporting countries making the difficult transition from war to peace, and from tyranny to liberty," McClellan said. "The United States looks forward to working with the new president and the people of Liberia to rebuild their institutions, establish stability and prosperity, and create an environment for reconciliation."

Rice spokesman Sean McCormack said the secretary met with Johnson-Sirleaf last month. He said Rice looks forward to attending an inauguration that marks an "important moment in the history of Africa."

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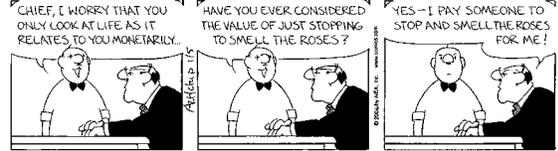
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Datebook: Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006

Today is the fifth day of 2006 and the 16th day of winter.
TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1914, Ford Motor Company raised basic wages from \$2.40 for a nine-hour day to \$5 for an eight-hour day.

In 1940, FM radio was demonstrated to the FCC for the first time.
In 1968, Alexander Dubcek came to power in Czechoslovakia, launching what is known as the "Prague Spring."
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Walter Mondale

(1928-), former U.S. vice president, is 78; Robert Duvall (1931-), actor, is 75; Juan Carlos (1938-), king of Spain, is 68; Diane Keaton (1946-), actress, is 60.
TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1962, Wilt Chamberlain began a streak of 47 consecutive complete games, an NBA record.
TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you are sure you understand everything that is going on, you are

hopelessly confused." -- Walter Mondale
TODAY'S FACT: The National Weather Service issues a blizzard warning when a storm has sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 miles an hour or more and enough falling snow to cut visibility to under 1/4 mile for three hours.
TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 31) and first quarter (Jan. 6).



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Friday, Jan. 6, 2006
Before starting any new venture in the year ahead, be sure to complete to your satisfaction all those which you already have in motion. Your garden will overflow if you first reap the old harvest before sowing new seeds.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19) -- You won't have any tolerance for those who try to boss you around today, yet, ironically, this could be the exact tactic you'll attempt to use in your dealings with cohorts or associates.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- It doesn't hurt to be a charitable listener today. If you are unwilling to listen to the other guy's stories or points of view, you can bet your bottom dollar

that this person will tune you out as well.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- When out on the town today with friends whose budgets are far more elastic than yours, don't go into a hole attempting to keep up with them. There is much merit in living within your budget.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Try to minimize your involvement with strong-willed associates today. You won't appreciate anyone trying to chart a course you don't wish to follow.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Unfortunately, you may have a knack today for putting your foot in the glue and getting stuck. Be extra careful so that you don't cre-

ate problems for yourself that can easily be circumvented.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Mind your own business today, especially getting overly curious about a complicated problem of a friend. Your pal may use your interests as an excuse to dump the entire burden onto you.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- When it comes to a delicate career matter today, think and speak in terms of "we" instead of just "I." If you appear too self-centered, a cohort may saw off that fragile limb you're sitting on.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You'll get a response, all right, but not the results for

which you are hoping today if you attempt to impose your ideas on your co-workers. Let everyone think for him/herself.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Be extremely wary today of a proposition that offers you a lot of "pie in the sky." Proposals of this nature are more than likely to be just a piece of burnt crust that you'll have to eat.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You would be wise to comply with any unreasonable demand made upon you by your mate today instead of fighting it. In doing so, it will muffle rumbles that might otherwise occur.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Today if you expect to inspire perfection in your

co-workers or associates, you had better first set the right example. Associates will emulate only the actions and behavior they admire.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- You have a tendency toward gambling and today this urge could be quite strong in you, so guard your resources. Don't bet on long shots, whether it's on horses, people or stocks.
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3-DAY FORECAST

TODAY
63°
Fog in the morning; otherwise, mostly sunny

TONIGHT
44°
Partly cloudy

FRIDAY
60° / 43°
Rain will arrive in the afternoon

SATURDAY
57° / 41°
Times of clouds and sun

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:04 p.m.
Moonrise today 11:21 a.m.
Moonset tonight 11:59 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First Full Last New
Jan. 6 Jan. 14 Jan. 22 Jan. 29

ALMANAC

Ukiah through 2 p.m. Wednesday

Temperature
High 62°
Low 49°
Normal high 55°
Normal low 36°
Record high 74° in 1984
Record low 18° in 1949

Precipitation
24 hrs to 2 p.m. Wed. 0.20"
Month to date 1.36"
Normal month to date 0.91"
Season to date 26.68"
Last season to date 18.64"
Normal season to date 15.21"

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REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Rockport 64/50
Laytonville 60/42
Covelo 61/43
Westport 60/47
Fort Bragg 60/47
Elk 60/46
Willits 62/41
Redwood Valley 62/43
Lakeport 63/44
Philo 62/43
Boonville 64/44
Gualala 66/50
Cloverdale 67/46
Ukiah 63/44
Lakeview 63/44
Lucerna 63/44
Clearlake 64/44
Willows 62/42

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City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo		Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo
Anaheim	82/51s	83/49s	Napa	63/41s	60/41c
Antioch	64/42pc	60/43pc	Needles	73/49s	77/43s
Arroyo Grande	74/38s	73/38s	Oakland	63/47s	61/47pc
Atascadero	72/43s	70/41pc	Ontario	82/50s	82/48s
Auburn	58/41s	58/41c	Orange	62/46s	62/46s
Barstow	68/43s	69/42s	Oxnard	81/54s	67/47s
Big Sur	70/49s	60/48pc	Palm Springs	81/54s	81/50s
Bishop	64/23s	66/25pc	Pasadena	81/54s	80/52s
Blythe	79/46s	80/41s	Pomona	81/54s	82/41s
Burbank	81/51s	81/49s	Potter Valley	62/43pc	59/42r
California City	69/35s	68/37s	Piedmont	61/41pc	58/38r
Carlinville	79/47s	68/44s	Riverside	83/50s	81/48s
Catalina	75/62s	76/56s	Sacramento	60/43pc	58/42c
Chico	61/42pc	57/41r	Saltinas	69/48s	68/47pc
Crescent City	60/50pc	55/46r	San Bernardino	62/49s	61/48s
Death Valley	72/42s	75/44pc	San Diego	81/52s	78/50s
Downey	83/52s	80/50s	San Fernando	82/52s	83/48s
Encinitas	73/50s	73/48s	San Francisco	62/50s	60/49pc
Escondido	82/48s	81/46s	San Jose	62/49s	64/48pc
Eureka	64/50pc	59/44r	San Luis Obispo	77/45s	73/44s
Fort Bragg	60/47pc	57/44r	San Rafael	65/46s	62/45pc
Fresno	56/44pc	56/44pc	Santa Ana	83/54s	80/50s
Gilroy	69/41s	72/43pc	Santa Barbara	76/44s	72/44s
Indio	80/45s	80/40s	Santa Cruz	71/48s	63/48r
Irvington	81/52s	79/49s	Santa Monica	79/52s	80/51s
Hollywood	82/53s	81/51s	Santa Rosa	63/42s	59/43c
Lake Arrowhead	62/33s	65/33s	S. Lake Tahoe	48/25s	48/25pc
Lodi	61/41pc	59/42c	Stockton	61/41pc	59/41c
Long Beach	71/46s	68/44s	Tahoe Valley	49/25s	49/25pc
Long Beach	84/53s	79/50s	Torrance	83/54s	77/53s
Los Angeles	64/54s	80/50s	Vacaville	64/43pc	59/42c
Mammoth	52/24s	56/20pc	Vallejo	65/43s	62/42pc
Marysville	61/42pc	60/43r	Van Nuys	83/52s	82/48s
Modesto	58/42pc	59/41pc	Visalia	57/43pc	57/42pc
Monrovia	81/51s	80/50s	Willits	62/41pc	59/40r
Monterey	70/48s	62/47pc	Yosemite Valley	53/30s	59/26pc
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Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, ice.

Lake Mendocino - Lake level: 753.74 feet; Storage: 96,478 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 1,425 cfs Outflow: 5,071 cfs Air quality - Ozone: .030 ppm (State standard .090 ppm) Carbon monoxide: 1.10 ppm (20.0 ppm) Nitrogen dioxide: .013 ppm (.25 ppm)

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Storm

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he told me the other day - and I reported - that the lake had never reached its 123,000 acre-feet of capacity. Howard says in 1964 it did and the water did go over the spillway. Nickerman says it went over the spillway again in 1977.

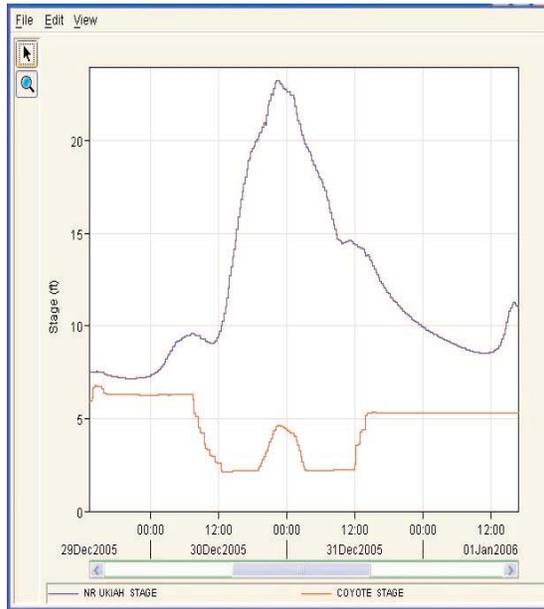
Townesley called me Wednesday afternoon and we had a long talk about what happened Friday night. (Yes, the spillway was reached in 1964 but he couldn't find evidence of it in 1977.) Townesley is the acting chief of water management for the Corps in Sacramento. He was watching all day Friday and Friday night to what was happening here and says by about noon Friday he had already brought the outflow from the dam to what is in essence its minimum - 495 cubic feet per second. He kept it there throughout the worst of the flooding and through until about noon the following day when the rain had stopped.

The outflow readings I saw on the Corps' Web site and also the readings on the Sonoma County Water Agency Web site which show more than 2,000 cfs being released Friday night are the result, Townesley said, of the outflow gauge being overcome with water that backed up over it from the creek where water was being released.

The chart I am publishing here is from the Corps. The red line is the outflow from the dam starting at midnight Thursday through to noon Friday, noon Saturday and noon Sunday. Although the left-hand measurement is a height number, the lowest point of the red line at noon Friday equals the 495 cfs outflow. The blue line represents the flow of water from the outside of the dam through Reeves Canyon. As you can see, when the blue line flooding was at its worst, the red line blips up too. That's when the gauge got overwhelmed. Townesley said the red line should really go straight across at that point because he did not change the outflow from the dam anywhere during that time. When the red line goes up again at noon Saturday, that represents about 2,400 cfs outflow, which Townesley said he needed to do in order to let some water out of the dam in anticipation of more rain.

At the height of the flooding the lake was at 760.63 feet. The maximum level for the lake is 764.8. After that, the water goes over the spillway uncontrolled.

I asked Townesley why even the 495 cfs was necessary dur-



ing Friday night and he said had he not kept that minimum amount of water going out, the lake would definitely have spilled over that night during the worst of the flooding.

He said he kept the dam release way down "until I had seen the peak go by, and I was still concerned."

When I interviewed him earlier last week he said he wasn't worried that the lake level might reach its maximum during the upcoming storms, but Wednesday he admitted he was concerned even then.

"We're still releasing pretty high out of there, because I don't have a lot of room in that dam. I'm still very concerned," he said.

I went over to the Oak Manor Court neighborhood Wednesday to talk to some residents there who were pretty steamed about what they considered a real lack of response from law enforcement at the moment when the crisis became apparent.

I learned Tuesday at a county and city department heads meeting that it was actually the California Highway Patrol which called for the evacuation of the Oak Manor neighborhood at about 8 p.m. Friday.

The neighbors there say they wished the officers in the

three patrol cars which came lights on to their court had spent more time knocking on doors getting people out.

One woman told me the only reason she knew an evacuation was occurring was because a neighbor ran to tell her. She said in a house across the street were two children left alone for the evening who didn't know the water was rising.

I also understand that there was some confusion about where the evacuation was taking place. Apparently the CHP was telling people to go to the Oak Manor School but there was nothing arranged there. Instead, the city had been making plans to evacuate people to the Ukiah High School.

I have a call in to the spokesman at the CHP in Ukiah but haven't heard back yet.

It seems to me that the flash flood that hit at about 8 p.m. Friday was a complete surprise to everyone. Even the angry neighbors will admit that the water crept from just behind one of the apartment buildings in the court to halfway across the court in under 15 minutes. I'm not sure law enforcement or anyone else could have known any sooner what was about to happen.

The neighbors also hope that in future police will do more to keep gawkers out of

the neighborhood. One woman told me she was wary of leaving because she was afraid her home would be robbed while she was gone. Another woman said if there hadn't been so many people gathered at the edge of the neighborhood, more people from the flooded areas would have been able to get through with their cars in time.

The neighbors I talked to were delighted with the city's help with the cleanup and the cleanup kits brought around by the local Red Cross. They also had kudos for the Qwik-Mart at the corner of Perkins and Oak Manor Drive which allowed many people to park their cars there and had coffee and snacks available.

All of the people who live on Oak Manor Court are renters. They have very different stories to tell about the help they are getting from their landlords. Some people were put up in motels and have had carpeting removed and houses sprayed for mold. Others got no help, have done their cleanups on their own and have had no assistance from the landlord. Others still have landlords who are sending cleaning crews in to clean carpets - which residents say is impossible, the carpeting needs to be replaced.

Meanwhile I got this letter

Tuesday from Vicki Patterson, executive director of Nuestra Casa about the many families who have lost their homes because of the flooding:

"As you know many Mexican and other families lost their personal stuff and, in some cases, their livelihoods in Hopland and Oak Manor. Nuestra Casa is helping families with short-term cash aid so they can clean and replace their personal and business possessions. Could you run some information regarding our solicitation for donations for these local flood survivors? Nuestra Casa is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible and all money collected as donations for those impacted by the floods will go directly to those in need. For example, one man came today who had his own car repair business. His shop was flooded and the cars he was working on severely damaged. He has no insurance and had to pay the owners of the cars for their destroyed property. He needs some short-term cash aid to help with cleaning his shop, replacing some tools and for gas while he is in the process of recovering. His roommates said they can wait for rent since his ability to earn has been halted by the floods and we sent him to the Food Bank and Plowshares for food in the interim."

If you can help, call Vicki Patterson, at Nuestra Casa at 463-8181.

Here's a kudo to firefighters from acting Sheriff Kevin Broin who discussed the performance of local fire department:

"If you don't know entirely what's going on, grab the belt loops of one of those fire guys and they know exactly what's going on."

Kudos also to county road worker John Alameda who, just as the road to Potter Valley was being closed off with floodwaters, got in a county road truck and forced the Russian River to bring sandbags to the area. Then made it back out with a load of rock for ballast.

Said acting emergency services coordinator Gregg Smith: "I need to meet that guy."

Speaking of Smith, don't bring him chicken strips to eat during a crisis - or county jail sandwiches. Things were apparently a little tense around the emergency ops center until someone showed up with a pizza.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

Community Coalition for gang prevention meets Jan. 12

The next general meeting of the Community Coalition for Gang Prevention will be Thursday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. at Grace Hudson Elementary School in the cafeteria (251 Jefferson Lane, Ukiah).

The Coalition is a group of volunteers committed to fostering a community response to the growing issue of gang violence among youth in Mendocino County by creating opportunities for conversations and networking of people, organizations and agencies with the common goal of gang prevention and providing a safe, nurturing environment for our children.

Those interested in meeting this growing problem head on are invited to come and be part of the solution. This is a partnership open to all community members in Mendocino County.

For more information, please contact Sue Hawley, chair, at 744-7585.

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