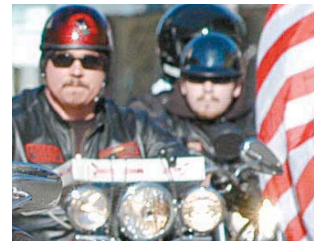




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Hopland Volunteer Fire Department breaks ground on 2-decade dream

Fire station site



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Grant Yates, of Lucchetti Excavation, keeps the dust down with water as bulldozers level the ground at the site of the new Hopland firehouse.

Fire Fighters Association raised most of the money

By BEN BROWN The Daily Journal

After close to two decades of negotiations and fund raising, construction crews have broken ground on the site of the new Hopland Volunteer Fire Department fire station.

Hopland Volunteer Fire Chief Hoss Milone was on site Thursday to see the big earth-moving machines clearing the ground for the new firehouse.

"It's been 20 years in the making," Milone said. WIPF Construction, Lucchetti Construction and Valley Paving are working on the project.

Project Manager and Hopland Volunteer Firefighter Bruce

Jensen said it will cost \$420,000 to clear the land at the intersection of Feliz Creek Road and Road 110 and at least that much to actually build the firehouse.

"It really depends on what further financial aid we get," Milone said.

The majority of the money, 90 percent, came from the Hopland Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. In addition, the land on which the station will be built was donated to the fire department by Rose Lucchetti, Rena Trimble and Barbara Green.

"We would never have been able to do this without volun-

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UKIAH CITY COUNCIL

\$77 million city budget approved

By ZACK SAMPSEL The Daily Journal

After nearly four hours of discussion, the Ukiah City Council unanimously approved its budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year Wednesday night.

With total appropriations, according to interim Finance Director Gordon Elton, totaling \$77 million, the budget reached an all-time high with a 39 percent increase over the 2006-2007 budget appropriations, which were \$55.9 million.

"I think the outcome of the meeting is to have a budget that we approve at this time," said City Manager Candace Horsley. "A budget is fluid. Quite possibly you'll have changes made in this budget the day after it's approved. Things change."

With that said, the council entered into its final budget discussions and began the process of juxtaposing of funds until, according to Elton, the general fund has more than \$300,000 of revenue in excess of expenses.

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Jury to decide if 14-year-old to stand trial

By BEN BROWN The Daily Journal

A jury will decide if 14-year-old Marcos Escareno is competent to stand trial on charges of murder in the shooting of a Manchester man in February.

Escareno has been charged as an adult in the shooting death of 20-year-old Enoch Cruz.

Deputy District Attorney Matt Finnegan said it was his understanding that forensic psychologist Dr. Kevin Kelly had found Escareno to be competent to stand trial.

Despite Kelly's determination, Escareno's attorney, Katherine Elliot said she was asking for a jury trial because she had concerns because of Escareno's age and social and cultural background.

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County allocates \$326,000 for fire districts' workers comp

By ROB BURGESS The Daily Journal

At Tuesday's Mendocino County Board of Supervisors meeting, the board voted to divert \$326,000 to county fire districts to cover their workers compensation costs.

CEO Al Beltrami said the funding was issued in response to the lack of fire coverage in some areas.

"The county has 21 fire districts," he said. "They aren't being reimbursed for fires they respond to outside their district."

Fourth District Supervisor Kendall Smith said looking to the way other counties have dealt with their fire districts would be useful for determining the course Mendocino County should take.

"It varies from county to county," she said. "For example, Sonoma County has an all-county system. That's one way to deal with the variety of small districts."

Smith said, in addition, the shrinking amount of available free help is a drain on the budgets of county fire districts.

"Over time you have parcels that don't have a district," she said. "Also you're relying on volunteers in growing areas in the region that don't fall within the boundaries."

Beltrami said finding volunteers was easier before stricter certification guidelines went into place.

'The county has 21 fire districts. They aren't being reimbursed for fires they respond to outside their district.'

AL BELTRAMI, county CEO

Table with 7 columns: Prop. 172 vs. funding FD Insurance, Totals, # of Pd. FF, FF Payroll, # of Vol. FF, FF Work. Comp., Liab./Prop./Auto, Totals. Lists various fire districts and their associated costs.

Chart provided by Ukiah Valley Fire District

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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 -- Cody Wayne Delgado, 25, of Turlock, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in the 700 block of North State Street at 12:21 a.m. Thursday.

ARREST -- Jacob Matthew Ford, 38, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at the intersection of Mason and Norton streets at 1:26 a.m. Thursday.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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

BOOKED -- William Benjamin Johnston, 80, of Jackson, was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence at 1:25 a.m. Wednesday.

BOOKED -- James Howe Trueblood, 78, of Hoosport, was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence at 2:11 a.m. Wednesday.

BOOKED -- Guillermo Tafoya Hernandez, 37, of Willits, was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence at 8:09 a.m. Wednesday.

Coast teen shot in ankle in 'gang related' shooting

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

An 18-year-old Fort Bragg resident suffered minor injuries when he was struck in the ankle by a bullet Wednesday night, in what Fort Bragg police are calling a "gang related" shooting.

According to FBPD reports, at 10:26 p.m. Wednesday the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received reports of shots fired in the 1200 block of Cedar Street in Fort Bragg.

Shortly thereafter, the FBPD communications center received a call from 18-year-old Wilbur Escobado, who said he had been shot in the leg and was in the 1300 block of Oak Street.

Escobado's wounds were not life-threatening, and he was taken by family members to Mendocino Coast Hospital for treatment.

Escobado suffered a wound to his ankle. FBPD Lt. Robert Watson said either a whole bullet or a fragment of a .22 caliber round hit Escobado in the ankle and that he was going into surgery Thursday to have it removed.

BOOKED -- Jeffrey Scott Bauer, 36, of San Francisco, was booked into jail on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon at 8:09 a.m. Wednesday.

BOOKED -- Zoey Jean Sexton, 28, of Willits, was booked into jail on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury to a spouse at 3:37 p.m. Wednesday.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.

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The world briefly

Police officer accused Sen. Larry Craig of lying after men's room arrest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The officer who arrested Sen. Larry Craig in a police undercover operation at an airport men's room accused the senator of lying to him during an interrogation afterward, according to an audiotape of the arrest.

On the tape, released Thursday by the Minneapolis Airport Police, the Idaho Republican senator, in turn, accuses the officer of soliciting him for sex.

"I'm not gay. I don't do these kinds of things," Craig told Sgt. Dave Karsnia minutes after the two men met in a men's room at the airport on June 11.

"You shouldn't be out to entrap people," Craig told the officer. "I don't want you to take me to jail."

Karsnia replied that Craig wouldn't be going to jail as long as he cooperates.

Report: Va. Tech could have saved lives by notifying students faster

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech's president, facing calls for his ouster, defended his university's response to the nation's deadliest school shooting, saying Thursday that officials couldn't have known the gunman would attack twice.

"Nobody can say for certain what would have happened if different decisions were made," President Charles Steger said. "The crime was unprecedented in its cunning and murderous results."

A state-appointed panel that investigated the April 16 massacre at the Blacksburg campus released a report late Wednesday criticizing Virginia Tech officials, saying they could have saved lives if they had acted more quickly to warn students about the first shootings that morning at a dormitory and that a killer was on the loose.

Instead, it took administrators more than two hours to send students and staff an e-mail warning. The shooter had time to leave the dormitory, mail a videotaped confession and manifesto to NBC News, then return to campus and enter a classroom building, chain the doors shut and kill 31 more people, including himself.

"Warning the students, faculty and staff might have made a difference," the panel stated in its report. "The earlier and clearer the warning, the more chance an individual had of surviving."

Report citing little political progress in Iraq draws criticism from White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — An independent assessment concluding that Iraq has made little political progress in recess months despite an influx of U.S. troops drew fierce pushback from the White House on Thursday and provided fresh ammunition for Democrats who want to bring troops home.

The political wrangling came days before the report was to be officially released and while most lawmakers were still out of town for the August recess, reflecting the high stakes involved for both sides in the Iraq war debate. President Bush, who planned to meet Friday at the Pentagon with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is nearing a decision on a way forward in Iraq while Congress planned another round of votes this fall to end the war.

"It is clear that every objective expert keeps providing the American public with the same facts: that the president's flawed Iraq strategy is failing to deliver what it needs to — a political solution for Iraq," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

In a draft report circulated this week, the Government Accountability Office concluded that at least 13 of the 18 political and security goals for the Iraqi government have not been met. Administration officials swiftly objected to several of the findings and dismissed the report as unrealistically harsh because it assigned pass-or-fail grades to each benchmark, with little nuance.

GAO officials briefed congressional staff on their findings behind closed doors, promising the aides an unvarnished assessment of Iraq when an unclassified version of the report

is publicly released on Sept. 4.

Weapons inspectors find potentially hazardous phosgene chemical in office

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.N. weapons inspectors have discovered a potentially hazardous chemical warfare agent that was taken from an Iraqi chemical weapons facility 11 years ago and mistakenly stored in their offices in the heart of midtown Manhattan all that time, officials said Thursday.

The material, identified in inventory files as phosgene — a chemical substance used in World War I weapons — was discovered Aug. 24. It was only identified on Wednesday because it was marked simply with an inventory number, and officials had to check the many records in their vast archives, said Ewen Buchanan, a spokesman for the U.N. inspection agency.

A team of hazardous materials experts from the FBI and the New York City police went to the office on Manhattan's east side, about a block north of U.N. headquarters, on Thursday with two steel containers to remove the materials and take them to a military facility outside New York for disposal, officials said.

While the disposal team was in UNMOVIC's sixth-floor office, its small staff was evacuated along with other tenants from that floor, Buchanan said.

When the material was discovered in a shipping container last week, Buchanan said U.N. experts followed their established procedure in dealing with unknown material — putting the material in double zip-locked plastic bags, and securing it in a safe in a room that is double-locked.

Myanmar hunts protest leaders; U.S. officials urge U.N. action

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's ruling junta on Thursday hunted pro-democracy activists it blames for spearheading ongoing protests against rising fuel prices, a rare wave of dissent in the tightly controlled country.

Jailed opponents of the military regime launched a hunger strike to demand medical treatment for a colleague injured during one of the protests, fellow activists said.

Despite a crackdown on demonstrators, about 20 people marched against the price hike in the town of Kyaukpadaung, about 285 miles northwest of Yangon, activists said. The protesters were jeered by pro-junta crowd, and leaders were ushered into a meeting with the township chairman, who advised them of a ban on gatherings of more than five people before letting them go.

"We told the chairman that we are marching to express the economic hardship due to the fuel price hike and also demanded that all political prisoners be released," said protester Myint Lwin. "We are peacefully expressing our civil rights."

Borrowing at Fed's discount window increases for a second week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Banks increased their borrowing from the Federal Reserve for a second straight week as the central bank worked to deal with a credit crunch that has roiled global financial markets.

The Federal Reserve reported that the daily borrowing averaged \$1.315 billion for the week ending Wednesday. That was the highest average borrowing since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The average surpassed last week's average of \$1.2 billion, which also had been the highest since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The data released by the Fed offers a snapshot of how banks are responding to the Fed's encouragement for banks to borrow directly from the central bank through a loan facility known as the discount window.

The discount window is the way the central bank provides direct loans to banks. Fed officials announced Aug. 17 that they were cutting the interest charged for discount window loans by a half-percentage point, marking the most dramatic move they have made so far to deal with a spreading credit crisis.

Fed officials including Timothy Geithner, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, have encouraged banks to use the discount window to borrow directly from the Fed.

Last week, four of the nation's biggest banks — Citigroup Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co., Bank of America Corp. and Wachovia Corp. — announced they had borrowed a total of \$2 billion.

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What's Playing

FRIDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music; with Smokin' Joe; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m.

GYPSY FAIR FRIDAYS -- Psychic fair; Dragon's Lair; 101 S. Main St., Ukiah; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ELEVEN EYES ELECTROFUNKJAZZ -- Funk, jazz; Ukiah Brewing Co.; 102 S. State St., Ukiah; \$7 cover; 468-5898.

MICK OVERMAN -- Rocking blues; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; \$3 cover; 459-9194.

FRANKIE "J" -- Vocals and piano playing; Himalayan Café; 1639 S. State St., Ukiah; 6:30 to 9 p.m.; 467-9900.

GEORGE HUSARUK & CHRISTIAN FOLEY-BEINIG -- Jazz under the stars; Hopland Inn; Hopland; 8 to 10 p.m.; reservations suggested; 744-1890.

SATURDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music; with Smokin' Joe; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m.

BELTONES BAND -- Dance music; Ukiah Senior Center; Bartlett Hall; 495 Leslie St., Ukiah; 7 to 10 p.m.; \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members; adults 18 and over welcome.

KARAOKE -- Live entertainment; Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 7 to 11 p.m.; no cover; 462-8686.

BRET SLAUGHTER -- House/techno; Ukiah Brewing Co.; 102 S. State St., Ukiah; \$5 cover; 468-5898.

STEVEN HAHM -- Guitarist and singer; Ukiah Farmer's Market; School and Clay St., Ukiah; 9 a.m. to noon; 463-7765.

OPEN HEARTS BAND -- Folk/rock; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; \$3 cover; 459-9194.

GIGANTIC -- Rock and roll at the Hopland Firemen's Barbecue and dance; Center St., Hopland.

SUNDAY

GEORGE HUSARUK -- Jazz, flute solos; Redwood Valley Community Market; Lion's Club Park, Redwood Valley; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MONDAY

MICROPHONE NIGHT -- Sing or play an instrument; Club 711; 711 S. State St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; 462-7111.

TUESDAY

KARAOKE -- Every Tuesday; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; free.

TAHITIAN DANCE -- Every Tuesday night; Mendocino Ballet Studio; 205 S. State St., Ukiah; ages 11 to 99; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; \$8 to \$11.

WEDNESDAY

ADAM'S CENTER STAGE KARAOKE -- Karaoke night at Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 6 to 10 p.m.; family hours 6 to 8 p.m.; no cover; sponsored by Dunlap Roofing.

LADIES NIGHT -- Nepales dance and music by Rai family; Himalayan Café; 1639 S. State St., Ukiah; 467-9900.

OPEN MIC NIGHT -- Open Mic; Ukiah Brewing Co.; 102 S. State St., Ukiah; 8:30 p.m.; free; 468-5898.

Balloons, beauty and blessings are right here!

A reader of my column recently spotted me in the store and asked if I would comment on the lovely balloons that we have been seeing in the skies lately. She was originally from a metropolitan area and thought it was almost surreal to see such a sight so closely. She wondered if our citizens realized how fortunate they were to see to observe such a magnificent sight in our lovely valley.

It reminded me of the time I lived in Oak Manor in the early 90's when, for several weeks in the summer, we would drive out onto Oak Manor Drive in the morning and there in the park were two or three of the vibrantly colored orbs hovering or even landed on the park lawn. We just stopped and watched for a few minutes. I clearly remember the "oohs" and "aahs" I heard inside our car and from the people standing all around the neighborhood watching the "show", but it is difficult to express the awe I felt inside my soul to really see one of those beauties so closely. The sight of those huge colorful balloons with their silky material blowing and moving is overwhelming. A daffodil in bloom comes close.

In the past weeks the air balloons have returned. Those people driving down North State St. from the Mendocino College area and southward, were fortunate to observe them framed against the blue morning sky. What a gift it was to see such a sight again. I presume the trips are from Sonoma County but they begin in the field adjacent to the trees



Community chatter
By Kathy Davidson

along Tollini Lane near Parducci Winery and head south along 101.

Recently while traveling for business and family to Anaheim and Bakersfield, we drove through the bay area to get to the airports. I couldn't help but notice the grey skies and massive areas of cement and asphalt in all of those cities, and making comparisons to what I see at home in Ukiah. We live in a beautiful area. The skies are blue, the stars are very bright and visible, the sounds and views of nature and wildlife are everywhere and these wonders deserve our time to "stop and smell the roses" as they say. The blue heron and white crane that use Lake Mendocino as a habitat; the deer, squirrel, birdlife (yes, even the pesky woodpecker, blue jay, mockingbird and crow!); the abundance of rivers, streams, fish, trees, the pear orchards and grapevines, collectively allow us a lifestyle that is priceless.

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California charities facing legal hardships



New laws passed may make Santa's job harder this year at the annual Toy Run.

By JULIAN WILLIAMS
Special for the Journal

Charitable non-profit events and organizations in California are being crippled by California laws designed to prevent fraud.

For well over 25 years, the Toy Run operated as a fund raiser for the Christmas Effort. But California laws have been put into place that restrict the Toy Run's use of donated goods, 50/50 and drawing raffles, and puts them at risk of fraud should the Toy Run not be as successful enough. The laws, originally, were designed to govern the Indian gaming in California.

Harley-Davidson of Ukiah, this year, donated a 2008 Harley-Davidson motorcycle to the Christmas Effort for the Toy Run event. The plan, originally, was to sell two thousand tickets at \$20 a piece. If all of them were sold, it would generate \$40,000 directly to the Christmas Effort. The Harley itself is worth -- roughly -- \$15,000.

The problem is, according to California law Penal Code 320.5, section 4, "At least 90 percent of the gross receipts generated from the sale of raffle tickets for any given draw are used by the eligible organization conducting the raffle to benefit or provide support for beneficial or charitable purposes." That means that, in order for the aforementioned Harley to be legally raffled off, the Toy Run and the Christmas Effort have to produce approximately \$150,000.

It puts the Christmas Effort and most charitable non-profit organizations at risk, because it means that if they wished to attempt to raffle off the motorcycle, and they don't sell enough tickets, it might fall under fraud for not meeting these guidelines.

Piling on the legal problems, the Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004 became legal Jan. 1, 2005. It makes commercial fund raisers required to notify the Attorney General before starting a solicitation campaign. It also makes it so they must keep

records of solicitation campaigns for at least 10 years, and register a year in advance before any charity event can be put on.

"I am not arguing the fact that frauds happen," Bill Nash, the Ukiah Toy Run coordinator, said. "The Toy Run -- every event that we've ever done -- has had 100 percent documentation. However, all the fund raisers in the state of California, to meet the criteria of a legal raffle -- basically -- can't be met unless you become a business; a licensed charitable fund raiser or fund raising organization, pay your license for it, and pay the bond. Which can be up to \$250,000, from what I understand."

The Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004 creates other problems. A frequent charity organization is when a well-known individual has a death in the family, or a great disaster hits their home, such as a fire. If you wished to coordinate a spaghetti dinner to raise money for this individual, you would have to regis-

ter it with the Attorney General a year in advance, something that makes the actual money raising tricky to time.

Mike Spencer, Secretary of the Lions Club, had this to say:

"As far as I know, all projects we've had are ongoing for on 50 years. We've run the high-school concession stand since before I became a Lion. To ask us to put that on file with the state is ludicrous. These are ongoing projects that someone would do -- whether we are doing them or not."

I asked him, as a personal opinion, if the laws are doing more harm than good.

"Well, they're interfering with people trying to raise money for non-personal gain, yeah," he said. "There are less and less organizations donating, there is less and less expendable income that people can get to donate with. So who's left to pick up the slack? Us, the charitable organizations. And now we're having to jump through more legal hoops?"

Dynamite entertainment and helping others make unbeatable combination

The Daily Journal

Two non-profit organizations have joined to sponsor a fund-raiser for Alzheimer's caregivers, "Climbing the Mountain... Together!" an Alzheimer's Caregiver Benefit. The elegant affair is "come and go," featuring the music of Miss California (Melissa Chaty), Spencer Brewer, Elena Cassanova, Will Siegel and Friends, Paula Samonte, Danielle Brassfield and Tom Ganoung. Wine tasting, a fantastic silent auction, and hors d'oeuvres catered by North State Café will enhance the grounds of Grace Hudson Museum, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007 from 2-6 p.m. These popular local artists will be entertaining during the afternoon in individual 30-minute sets.

Tickets are \$25 and available at Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah, Leaves of Grass in Willits, the Ukiah Chamber of Commerce, from any committee member, or by contacting Carole Hester at 463-1231.

The Benefit is sponsored by: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Soroptimist International of Yokayo Sunrise.

Honorary Co-Chairs are Congressman Mike Thompson and Assemblywoman Patty Berg.

There is a free educational lecture before the event: "Maximizing Your Memory..." featuring Joan Davis from the Alzheimer's Association of the Bay Area. Resources for caregivers will be available at both the free lecture, as well as at the fund-raiser in the afternoon.

There will be free respite care for care-

givers to attend this event by calling 1-800/834-1636 or 542-0282. There will be limited seating. Respite care by reservation only.

Those who may wish to donate financially to this event can do so by sending checks payable to: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and mail to 75 N. Main St., no. 116, Willits, CA 95490.

"A Window of Time," is an award-winning book (now going into a second printing) about how to explain Alzheimer's to children. The books are on sale now at Dr. Larry Hartley and Dr. Robert Barrington's offices, the Ukiah Chamber of Commerce, from any committee member and will be available at the Benefit on September 8. Artist Rhonda Kyrias is one of the Benefit committee members and has done all the graphics and art for posters and fliers, using one of the paintings from the book -- a grandfather and grandson.

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County will disburse the funds raised.

Local businesses and individuals are also welcomed to Partner with the two sponsoring organizations (minimum contribution \$500) or be a Community Donor for lesser amounts.

Early Partners include: Ukiah Valley Medical Center, Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, Ukiah Daily Journal, Vichy Hot Springs Resort and Inn, Realty World-Selzer Realty, Nadja Publishing, Point Arena Light House Keepers, Inc., Pruitt Fine Art Restoration, Robert W. Barrington, DDS, Candace Horsley, SLP

Inc., Gayle Fillman, Don Pagano, Rudy Yakzan and Dr. Trienieke Kylastra, Larry and Pat Hartley, The Scott Family, Studio 3 Presents and Katie Sommers. More are invited to join this great group.

Early community donors include: Benbow Inn, Lone Oak Estate Winery, Mendocino Ballet, Ukiah Music Center, Mendocino Caregivers, Victorian Gardens, Olivino, Granite Construction, Arts Council of Mendocino County, Hopland Sho Ka Wa Casino, McDowell Vineyards, Mendocino Animal Hospital, Bottle Shop, Headlines of Mendocino County, Hopland Sho Ka Wa Casino, McDowell Vineyards, Mendocino Hair Design, The Waterman House Plant Services, Gott To Rock, Sol Dial Sound, Pardini Appliance, Flowers By Annette, Cradle Springs Pet Resort, Bob Culbertson, Body Rituals, Tami Jones, Ukiah 7 Up.

Committee members include (all 707 area code): Julie Barrington, 462-8587; Karen Chaty, 468-3065; Candace Horsley, 462-4872; Kathy Gassen, 459-2339; Rhonda Kyrias, 467-9651; Linda Simon, 462-0500; Lynn Wood, 462-4142; Jeanne Yttreness, 468-5292 and Carole Hester, 463-1231.

John Beatty's Sol Dial Sound will help everyone hear speakers and musicians. Spencer Brewer is furnishing a piano from his store, Ukiah Music Center. Nadja Publishing donated all the books about Alzheimer's in their support of this event.

Helping gather silent auction donations is Gayle Fillman. Several individuals have promised high-end art valued at more than \$500 for this benefit. Additional local artists who may wish to donate can do so by calling Fillman at 272-7238.

Letters from our readers

Impeach supervisors

To the Editor:

The impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney is a constitutional issue. Local city and county officials have a responsibility to defend our constitution. The County Board of Supervisors are clearly violating their oath of office. The time and place to begin impeachment proceedings is in their chambers -- now.

Marvin Gentz
Ukiah

Wrong targets

To the Editor:

How dare you, Mr. Kramer, the people describe in your column of Aug. 26 as "nutty weirdos, dangerous screwballs, mean looking crazies," are most likely homeless as well as mentally ill.

Last week you attacked the Methodist Church, who early on opened the doors and welcomed the homeless, many of whom are mentally ill. This community is unusually compassionate toward mentally ill people. And now you are spewing out hate and ignorance on the front page of the Ukiah Daily Journal.

The first rule of writing, Mr. Kramer, is "Know your subject." You know nothing about homeless people or people who are mentally ill or the Methodist Church for that matter. You ask "What are all these angry people so upset about? Why are they so hostile and surly? And why are they mad at me?" Try living on the streets while suffering from a mental disorder, which may keep you in a state of terror, and you won't have to ask such perfectly idiotic questions.

Give a prayer of thanks when you leave these "deranged, nutbag losers" that you have a home to go to, and a bed to sleep in. I hope you sleep well at night, Mr. Kramer.

Bobbie Pierce
Talmage

Don't blame homeless

To the Editor:

I have been stunned to see the new column by Tommy Wayne Kramer on your front page. It's hard to understand why your newspaper would aim to offend large segments of Ukiah's population. If Kramer means to be funny, he isn't. If he's trying to be clever, he isn't. His Sunday column making fun of homeless people on State Street shows no understanding of how these unfortunate people came to be here.

Years ago, when then-governor Ronald Reagan slashed the budget for mental hospitals in California, the homeless appeared on our streets. The government promised at that time to provide off-site care for the mentally ill, and halfway houses; this has hardly happened. Over the years, other people have joined the ranks of homeless when shifts in the economy made the job market less stable and when a soaring real estate market made it hard for those earning modest incomes to afford decent housing. Believe me, counter to what Kramer says, Ukiah's problem is not particularly extreme in our city; it is nothing compared to what I've seen in San Francisco, and it certainly doesn't exceed Santa Rosa's homeless problem, from what I witnessed over the years I lived there. It's terribly cruel to poke fun at people who are suffering, and it pains me to see the newspaper condoning Kramer's behavior.

Victoria Golden
Ukiah

Who's next?

To the Editor:

Boring and stupid. Why do you put such drivel on the front page? Please put Kramer's column inside, where I can avoid running into it. I see no point in holding up for ridicule people who would be in a mental institution if Ronald Reagan hadn't turned them out into the streets.

What's next? Perhaps a visit to a nursing home, and a laugh at all the neglected old people soiling themselves?

Do you have any reason why you feel a need to put such ignorance on display? Isn't there anything worthwhile that you have to fill the column inches of the front page? Is it possible to subscribe to the Journal and exclude the Sunday edition?

Alfred White
Ukiah

What planet is he from?

To the Editor:

Mr. Kramer has gone too far with his article on Sunday, Aug. 26.

I suggest he go to San Francisco, and

LETTER POLICY

The Daily Journal welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must include a clear name, signature, return address and phone number. We publish most of the letters we receive, but we cannot guarantee publication. Names will not be withheld for any reason. All letters are subject to editing without notice. Form letters that are clearly part of a write-in campaign will not be published. You may drop letters off at our office at 590 S. School St., or fax letters to 468-3544, mail to Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, 95482 or e-mail them to udj@pacific.net.



see all the so-called Nutty People. I cannot agree with his harsh criticism of anyone; I'd like to know who appointed him the judge of the human race.

I walk State Street and never had a problem with these so-called Nutty People. I resent the name calling he uses to describe these human beings.

Kramer's comments are uncalled for, vicious, ugly and lack self control and discipline.

Mr. Kramer has nothing good to say, so he should not say anything. I know the people he is describing, and they respect me for accepting them for who they are.

I'd also like to know what planet Mr. Kramer fell from, because he is not of this world. Shame on him.

It's easier to be mean and cruel, than to love and forgive people for what they are.

Linda Lucille Almond
Ukiah

Insensitive again

To the Editor:

Tommy Wayne Kramer seems to be unaware of the first rule of writing effective satire: that the subjects of the writer's ridicule be powerful and arrogant individuals. Making fun of the disenfranchised, mentally ill or homeless, as Kramer did in his most recent column is simply ignorant and insensitive, rather than satirical. Aiming to "offend everyone" does not amount to effective satire but rather, poor quality sophomoric journalistic bullying. Who can be next on Kramer's hit list -- disabled children, women with mastectomies or Alzheimer's patients?

Here's a suggestion, TWK -- how about doing a truly satirical piece on a pressing local issue -- the majority of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors disregarding the desperate pleas of residents and instead, voting to encourage the plunder of our bucolic valley by exploitive developers poised to build a mega shopping mall and massive suburban housing development? That kind of arrogance and myopia is certainly ripe for satire.

P.S. What's with the pseudonym? I had understood the UDJ letter writing policy to require writers and logically, by extension, columnists to reveal their true identities. Why don't you come on out, Mr. Kramer?

Susan Sher
Ukiah

Editor's note: Tommy Wayne Kramer is a nom de plume that was well known from the Ukiah Grapevine newspaper days and would be recognized by many people in the community as a known quantity so we decided to keep using it. The writer, Ukiah resident Tom Hine, has never tried to hide his identity from anyone.

Narrowminded simpleton

To the Editor:

I'm sure we've all read articles or letters that for whatever reason we find so incredibly offensive that we think to ourselves, "gee I'm going to write to the editor and give this meathead a piece of my mind." Well, up until today's article by Tommy Wayne Kramer titled "Assignment: Ukiah" I apparently haven't been offended enough.

I'm hoping that Mr. Kramer is just a child who hasn't yet found his true point of view and is doing the best he can with the limited life experience he's been exposed to at this time in his young life. What I fear however, is that this narrow minded simpleton is, at the very least a semi educated adult that is so self absorbed that he has lost all compassion for his fellow man.

Does this man truly believe that the unfortunate citizens that he refers to in his one sided article actually choose to live this way? Does he truly believe that these people grew up as children thinking what a dream it would be to have some pretty serious problems and have nowhere to go or turn other than the streets? I have to wonder what it's like to be a "perfect human being?" Maybe Mr. Kramer can respond to my letter and let us all know!

P.S. I think the pizza guy rocks!

Ronald Haydon
Ukiah

Irony in action

To the Editor:

How ironic that on the front page of the Ukiah Daily Journal August 26, 2007 Mr. Kramer, in his usual tongue in cheek way, exposed the problem that was meant to be solved by AB2034 and was vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger. His veto, (described on Page 4 that day) cut \$55 million for outreach to homeless mentally ill people. Senator Darrell Steinberg's program helped local mentally ill people obtain permanent housing, increased participation in work programs, decreased arrests and essentially removed many of those people from the streets that Mr. Kramer finds it so hard to look at.

Ever wonder why it is so hard to look at those people on the street?

Mental illness is an equal opportunity illness and does not discriminate.

There but for the grace of God go you and I.

Anne Retallick MSN FNP
Family Advocate
Mendocino County branch
National Alliance for Mental Illness
Ukiah

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From the desk of ...



GEORGE WILL

Lagarde's challenge

"We," the finance minister says, "have a terrible past." She also says: "In a way, we've had it too easy." Christine Lagarde is correct on both counts.

Her first "we" refers to Europe; the second, to France. Both Europe's cataclysms and France's comforts condition the context for reforms.

Lagarde, 51, has a more informed affection for America than anyone who has ever risen so high in this country's government. She was an exchange student at a Washington prep school and a Capitol Hill intern during the Nixon impeachment proceedings. As a partner in a large law firm based in Chicago, for several years she lived in, and loved, the most American city.

Today, her challenge is defined by this fact: France's welfare state, which has enabled many to have it "too easy," is incompatible with the welfare of the state, and of society. The government, preoccupied with propitiating dependent groups that it wants to proliferate, is big but weak. And the welfare state weakens its clients. "The ethic of work," Lagarde says, "has vanished."

Recently she threw the intelligentsia into a tizzy by saying: "France is a country that thinks. ... Enough thinking, already. Roll up your sleeves." Proving her point, intellectuals here theorize about why President Nicolas Sarkozy's jogging is unprogressive: It involves "individualism," "the cult of performance" and "management of the body," whereas walking is "sensitive." Rolling up one's sleeves is, however, almost illegal because of the statutory 35-hour work-week. Lagarde's response to this "stupid" (her word) law is "a law in favor of work," one implementing a slogan that helped Sarkozy get elected in May: "Working more to earn more." What a concept.

Lagarde has undertaken to subvert the 35-hour restriction, which has been enforced by government agents snooping in companies' parking lots for evidence of antisocial industriousness. Overtime work will be exempt from taxes and social insurance charges. For this, she has been abused in parliament by socialists -- their invectives are as stale as their doctrines -- who compare her to Marie Antoinette.

Why not just repeal the law? Because, Lagarde says, the left considers this "an accrued right." Think about that -- a right to be forbidden the right to chose to do something elemental (work). French intellectuals are adept at thinking themselves into such tangles. "They," Lagarde says, "want to bring people down to solidarity." And "they regard work as alienation in the old Marxist understanding."

France's problems actually derive less from a 19th-century German than from a 17th-century Frenchman. Lagarde works in an office complex with portions named for Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman, two 20th-century French pioneers of Europe's path to a single market. But another portion is named for Jean-Baptiste Colbert (1619-83). On behalf of Louis XIV, Colbert practiced mercantilism, using subsidies, tariffs, price controls and other regulations to manage the economy. The French tradition of *dirigisme* -- pervasive state intervention in the economy and society -- lives.

Two years ago Le Figaro newspaper inveighed against "the American ogre" Pepsi, which was interested in buying Danone, the yogurt and bottled water (Evian) company. Practicing "*patriotisme economique*," Sarkozy, then a Cabinet minister, urged mobilization of Danone shareholders to block the sale.

Such "patriotism" aggravates France's social sclerosis, and is inimical to Europe's project for burying its "terrible past." In 1951, war-weary Europe, groping toward transcendence of nationality and hence the furies of nationalism, created the European Coal and Steel Community, an attempt to weaken control by nations of two primary commodities for their war machineries. This was the tentative first step toward today's European Union, which limits -- although not nearly enough -- the ways states can intervene in markets.

These limitations serve Lagarde's project of prying the fingers of politics off vast swaths of the economy. She favors slashing inheritance taxes and preventing any person from paying more than 40 percent of income in total taxation. One index of her success would be decreased emigration by young college graduates, driven abroad by the fact that French unemployment has not been below 8 percent in 25 years. Since, that is, 1982, when President Francois Mitterrand, a socialist, was keeping his 1981 campaign promise to "break with the logic of profitability."

Another French citizen with deep understanding of America warned about France's "regulating, restrictive administration which seeks to anticipate everything, take charge of everything, always knowing better than those it administers what is in their interests." So wrote Alexis de Tocqueville 150 years ago, defining France's problem and Lagarde's challenge.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hospice of Ukiah to host grief info meeting on Nov. 5

"Getting Through the Holidays" is the theme of a gathering for those who could use help facing Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chanukah, New Years, anniversaries, birthdays and other holidays after the loss of someone dear to them. Sponsored by Hospice of Ukiah and open to the public without charge, this 2-hour meeting will convene on Nov. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hospice of Ukiah office at 620 S. Dora, Suite 101. Tools and suggestions will be shared for how to lessen anticipated pain and use the holiday as a time for healing.

People are welcome to come to this evening as a one-time event or as the first session in a series of seven weekly meetings of a new Grief Recovery Support Group starting Nov. 5 and running through Dec. 17. The group will meet on successive Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hospice of Ukiah office at 620 S. Dora Street., Suite 101.

The series is open to any adult who is grieving a death. This is an opportunity to express feelings of loss in a safe atmosphere and to learn information and techniques for moving through the bereavement process. The group is educational as well as supportive. Each week focuses on different aspects of the grieving process, and includes helpful written handouts to take home as well as suggested exercises to work on during the week.

What's "normal" when you are grieving? How do people handle feeling depressed, stuck, angry, guilty, and stress? How can memories be healing and not just painful reminders? What's the best way to approach upcoming holidays and anniversaries?

Simply committing to coming to the Grief Group once a week and being with others going through a similar experience can be an important component of moving forward into one's new life without the person who has died.

There is no charge for participation in the group. Hospice of Ukiah, Inc., is a volunteer hospice supported by donations which are always welcome. For more information and to register, call 391-8013.

S.W.A.T. to run a Pink Lemonade Stand at Raley's today and tomorrow

S.W.A.T. will have a Pink Lemonade Stand in the Raley's parking lot in Ukiah on Friday, Aug. 31, 12 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 1, 12 to 4 p.m. All of the proceeds will go towards the Susan G. Komen three day cancer walk.

Hopland Firefighters' annual Barbecue set for tomorrow

The annual Hopland Firefighters Barbecue and Dance will be held tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 1, from 5 to 10 p.m., on Center Street in Hopland. Dinners, including Tri-tip, chicken, beans, and potato salad, will go for \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children under 12. Drinks will be available at additional cost. T-shirts will also be available.

The local band, Gigantic, will play at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will go to acquiring needed equipment and training for the department, as well as a building fund for a proposed new firehouse.

Bridge of Hope's kick-off Rummage Sale for donations

The Bridge of Hope committee for Mendocino County is sponsoring a rummage sale for donations this weekend, Friday, Aug. 31 and Saturday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 970 N. State St. Ukiah, next to GI Joe's.

Bridge of Hope is an organization bringing together professional staff and trained church-based mentoring groups to empower homeless and at-risk single mothers.

This non-profit organization is working to establish itself in Mendocino County and to bring a foreseeable and hopeful future to homeless mothers and their children. Bridge of Hope is the tool bringing opportunity for churches to make a difference in their community for mothers looking and needing a way out of homelessness.

Funds from this event will be used to continue to introduce and establish the organization in Mendocino County.

All donations are welcomed. For further information please contact Laura Paeyneers at 459-7053.

Annual Paul Bunyan Labor Day barbecue set for Monday

The second annual Paul Bunyan Labor Day Barbecue will be held on Sept. 3, following the Labor Day parade in Fort Bragg. Barbecued meals will include beef, pork, and lamb, and salad beans and bread.

The barbecue will be located on the field next to the College of the Redwoods -- the site of the logging show -- from noon to 5 p.m. Live music will be provided by Foxglove.

A donation of \$12 for adults and \$6 per child (10 years and under) is requested for full dinners.

Tickets are available at the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 498 N. McPherson St., Fort Bragg, and at Harvest Market.

For more information, call 964-1228.

United Way's Day of Caring set for Sept. 12

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United Way invites the community to participate in their Day of Caring on Sept. 12, a community-wide event where volunteers and local businesses give their time and services to complete one-day service projects to benefit local non-profit organizations and the individuals and families those agencies serve.

With a wide range of projects, from painting to landscaping, there's a project to appeal to everyone's interests. As always, volunteers with home improvement or construction skills are highly desired. The agencies are responsible for providing the necessary materials and equipment for completing their projects. However, since most agencies have limited budgets for such items as paint and construction materials, many would appreciate in-kind donations, or even the use of equipment volunteers may already have at home.

United Way invites all interested persons to join them for the Day of Caring, to make a difference for a local agency, and many people in need in Mendocino County.

People who have volunteered with United Way before can register by going to <http://volunteer.united-e-way.org/uwsml/volunteer/events/>, then scrolling to the bottom of the page and enter their volunteer user name and password. Once logged-in, select the "Sign Up" link under either Sonoma County or Mendocino County.

People who have not volunteered before

can register by going to <http://www.volunteer-solutions.org/uwsml/volunteer/register/> and registering. After registration, click the link to "Visit your new volunteering home page". This will take volunteers to the Day of Caring main event page. Volunteers can then select the "Sign Up" link under either Sonoma County or Mendocino County.

The various projects will be listed on the county event page, at the bottom. Click the "Register" link to the right of the project to volunteer. Projects that already have the maximum number of volunteers listed will indicate they are "full" or 0 participants are needed in the "Participants Still Needed" column.

During project registration, volunteers will be asked for the number of people that are being registered. Volunteers can register themselves only, or larger groups. They will then be asked for the quantity of t-shirts they want, in various sizes. They will also be asked to check the box agreeing to the Day of Caring waiver (UW-SML Agreement, Photography Release and Release from Liability).

The deadline for registration will be Friday, Aug. 24. Volunteers are invited to join United Way for the kick-off rallies, at 8 a.m. in front of Ukiah City Hall/Civic Center at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah. Juice, coffee and snacks will be provided at both rallies.

For more information, contact Stacy Ruppert at stacy.ruppert@uwsml.org or by calling 528-4485 ext. 146.

Chatter

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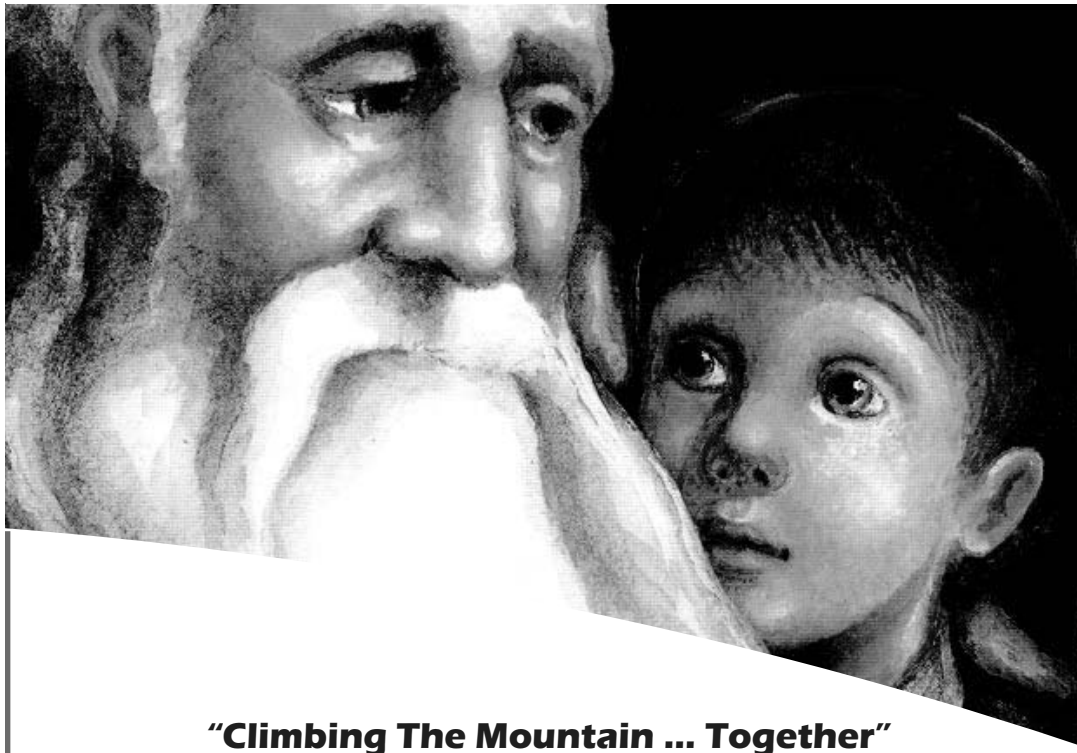
Another valuable advantage to living here is the talent. Having lived in the bay area for the first half of my life, I came to appreciate conveniently close celebrity talent and was fortunate enough to go to plays and musicals in the city and in the neighboring cities. Moving here I have found some astounding local talent performing for Ukiah Players Theatre, Ukiah Symphony, the Ukiah Civic Light Opera, Mendocino College Theatre, Mendocino Ballet Co. S.P.A.C.E., Sway Ballroom, Ukiah Music Center, Willits, Fort Bragg and Lake County

also have a lot to offer if you don't mind the drive. For talent from outside the area, some world renowned, the Ukiah Community Concert and Sundays in the Park offer a wide variety of performances. There is no comparison to admission fees. We are getting a deal.

I suppose we can always find something to not like about everything, but life is pretty darn precious and short. I have found more and more people opting to cherish life by appreciating their surroundings, family, and good fortune no matter how small or large that might be. Although the community seems divided over many issues, one thing we will all agree upon is, that the Ukiah Valley is a great place to live,

raise a family, retire and enjoy life. Remember, Out of the Mud, Grows the Lotus.

There has been much talk in the letters to the Editor about my previous column picture, which was a fun, family shot taken while on vacation in early 2006. I chose it because it was such a happy moment in time. I had been planning to update it before all the fuss. Fortunately, my daughter Dana had already contracted with our family photographer, Kimarie of Fantasy Stills, to do a 4-generation family session that included several individual shots. The family collaborated and has selected one for the column that they like best. Again, it will be in memory of a great family moment in time. I hope my readers approve.



"Climbing The Mountain ... Together" Alzheimer's Caregiver Benefit

Grace Hudson Museum, Ukiah
Sat., Sept. 8th (2-6 PM)

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For Tickets (\$25): Mendocino Book Co. (Ukiah), Leaves Of Grass (Willits), Ukiah Chamber Of Commerce
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LOCAL
CALENDAR

FRIDAY AUGUST 31
Ukiah High School Girls Varsity JV Soccer against St. Helena High School. Ukiah High Stadium, 4:30/6:00.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4
Ukiah High School Volleyball against Windsor High School. Ukiah High Gym, 4:30.

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

COMMUNITY
DIGESTRusty Bowl BMX
open use hours

Open use hours began July 23 and will run through September 30. BMX racing will be on Sunday at a new time. Registration will open from 5 p.m. until 6:30. Racing follows the close of registration.

Open practice is held on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and experience bicycle Moto-Cross at its best. For additional information call 462-0249.

Ryan Rones soccer
camp scholarship

The Ryan Rones Scholarship Committee is looking for applicants for the scholarship fund to benefit players wanting to attend soccer camps. Applicants must be dedicated to the game of soccer, hard-working, and have a good team attitude. Pick up applications at 601 N. State Street, or call 468-5711. Please submit the application at least two weeks before the start of the camp. Donations toward the fund are gratefully accepted at the address listed above.

Ukiah co-ed softball
tournament

The City of Ukiah is beginning registration for a co-ed slow pitch softball tournament. The tourney will be held at the Ukiah Sports Complex on Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23.

The format will be a three game round-robin with a single elimination playoff to follow. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 14 with a maximum of 18 teams. Team fees are \$300 per team (no player fee).

All proceeds go towards field and facility improvements for the City of Ukiah Complex. For questions or to register a team, please call (707) 463-6714 or come to 411 West Clay Street.

Ukiah Athletic
Boosters meeting

Become involved and join the Ukiah High School Athletic Boosters Club. All parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to participate.

This is a fun and long-standing community group which works hard to help local prep athletes obtain their uniforms and much needed equipment.

The next Ukiah High School Athletic Boosters meeting will be on Wednesday, September 5, at 5:30 p.m. on the Ukiah campus in the Career Center located in the Administration Building.

Ukiah Athletic
Boosters dinner

Ukiah High School Athletic Boosters fund raising dinner and auction will be held on Monday, October 15. The community is invited to join us for our annual event at a "new" location in the Fine Arts building at the Ukiah Fair Grounds.

Dinner tickets are \$30 per person. For reservations and purchase information contact Deni Lee at 468-3736 or Val Jackson at 468-9085.

N.U.L.L Fall ball

Little League age youngsters who still want to play Fall baseball should sign up as soon as possible.

Games are scheduled to begin September 1. Contact Sonny Garza at (707) 456-9302 for more information.

UVAH golf tourney

On September 22, the 17th annual Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH) golf tourney will be held at the Ukiah Municipal Golf Course.

Participants can enter as a team of up to four people, or individually. Prizes for the first, second, and third place teams, hole-in-ones and longest putt and longest drive will be awarded to participants.

Sign up by September 1, to ensure a shotgun start. For more information call Pam Jensen at 468-8824. A \$60 donation required, \$35 for people with yearly memberships. All proceeds go to the UVAH.

Attention coaches!

Please report local game results and schedule updates to the Ukiah Daily Journal sports desk as they happen. Ideas for sports feature stories are also appreciated.

Game or team photos, statistics, and contact information are always appreciated. The sports editors will do their best to include as many local teams as possible.

Information may be dropped off at 590 South School Street on week-days. Telephone results to 468-3518 any time, or email udjsports@pacific.net.

Beckham to miss 6 weeks because of sprained right knee

Mid-fielder
undergoes an
MRI which shows
injury to ligament

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — David Beckham could miss the rest of the Los Angeles Galaxy's season after being diagnosed with a sprained right knee Thursday.

The English midfielder underwent an MRI exam that confirmed he sprained the medial collateral ligament in his knee, the team said in a statement.

Beckham, 32, was injured in a tackle with Pachuca midfielder Fernando Salazar in the first half of Wednesday night's SuperLiga title match.

The Galaxy lost 4-3 on penalty kicks.

He was expected to be out about six weeks, and will immediately begin rehabilitation, the team said.

That would place his return at mid-October, when the Galaxy would have three regular-season games remaining — against Toronto FC on Oct. 13, New York on Oct. 18 and at Chicago on Oct. 21.

"It's just gone from one thing to another thing," Beckham said Wednesday night. "Maybe it's time for me to just say, 'I need the rest,' and get it right and don't come back until it's right."

Prior to coming to the United States he had already been nursing a left ankle injury that caused him to miss seven games since joining the team July 13. That injury

occurred while playing for England on June 6.

Beckham's extended absence deals a serious blow to the already slim chance the Galaxy had of making the playoffs. Its Major League Soccer record is 3-10-5 — last in the Western Conference.

"The biggest thing is that we're markedly better when he's on the field," Chris Klein said after Wednesday's loss. "Just having his presence around the guys gives us a much needed boost. When he's not there, it hurts us."

The Galaxy declined to make any team officials available for comment Thursday.

Coach Frank Yallop was clearly frustrated about the string of injuries that has devastated his team this season, especially the ones involving Beckham.

"He shouldn't play, to be honest. He's hurt, but he's playing," Yallop said Wednesday night. "That shows the character of him and it shows the character of the team because he lifts the team when he plays."

"It's hard because he's struggling with injury. He's trying his best."

Beckham's latest injury also means he won't be joining England's national team. He had planned to fly to London on Sunday for 10 days with the team as it prepares to play Israel and Russia in two Euro 2008 qualifying games.

Beckham's minutes on the field have been spotty at best over the course of his tenure with the Galaxies. Attendance at Galaxy games, whether he is in the game or not, has



File photo

LA Galaxy's Beckham.

increased dramatically. Even team practices draw large crowds of cheering fans, many carrying signs declaring allegiance to Beckham.

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Ukiah High tennis singles clinch season opening victory

Doubles teams drop
matches but gain
experience in
preseason action

By PAT MILOVINA
For the Daily Journal

The almost one hundred degree heat never slowed down the Ukiah Girls Varsity tennis team singles players at Healdsburg on Tuesday, as the Wildcats won their pre-season opener 4-3.

It was a singles sweep, with the four top players being successful in their matches. At the number one singles this season, senior Hayley Milovina took on Healdsburg's Aeden White. Milovina pulled ahead early with a 6-3 first set win, but White made a strong comeback in the second set, and with a slim 5-4 lead, Milovina broke White's service game to win the set 6-4 to clinch the match victory.

Senior Nikki Pardini, playing at the number two singles position this season, had an easy time of her match, dominating Healdsburg's Lily Minkin 6-2, 6-2.

Jena Mayfield, a junior, playing in the three spot for Ukiah, battled the longest match of the day, winning her first set against Courtney Durler 6-3. But Durler wouldn't give in easily, and came back to win the second set 6-4. Mayfield, with impressive stamina in grueling temps, managed to come back in the third set, 6-4, to earn herself the win.

The number four player in the lineup, junior Maggie Mathis, who is playing singles for the first time in her tennis career, proved to be tenacious in her match.

Mathis was half of the winning first doubles team last season, but this year has shown to be skilled in singles play as well.

She battled the Greyhound's Shelby Lago to a first set loss of 2-6, but after shaking off her singles debut jitters, came back to dominate the next two sets 6-2, 6-1, and earned her first win in singles play.

The Ukiah doubles teams, most of whom are playing for the first time with their partners, gained valuable experience in their matches. Ally Yanez and Erica McMilin, at first doubles, lost their match 2-6, 2-6. Rosie Levitan and Katee Rugg, at second doubles, lost their first set 1-6, but improved to 3-6 in their second set, and third doubles Valerie McIntire and Lauren House, both sophomores, were defeated 3-6, 2-6.

"The doubles teams need a chance to gel," said head coach Pat Milovina. "None of the girls had played together in a match, and it takes time to adjust to a new partner. No doubt we will see



Photos courtesy of Pat Milovina

Junior Jena Mayfield, playing number three singles, had the longest match of the day. Below, Maggie Mathis, also a junior, came away from her first singles match with a decisive win.

a great deal of improvement as the season unfolds."

Milovina also went on to credit the singles players for pulling out the win.

"The singles players really showed their experience and maturity today. It was hot, but they managed to handle it. Practicing in our Ukiah heat last week really helped them to sustain today's heat in Healdsburg. I'm really proud of the entire team for working so hard in extreme conditions," she said.

The Lady Netcats will be on the road for their NBL opener on September 6, at Montgomery.

Their first home match will be on September 18, playing host to Elsie Allen, on the Ukiah High Tennis Courts (not Mendocino College).

Upcoming matches:

Sept. 6 at
Montgomery

Sept. 11 at Santa
Rosa High

Sept. 13 at
Ursuline High



Steinhauer leads LPGA State Farm Classic; Sorenstam 4 strokes back

By JAN DENNIS
Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — U.S. Solheim Cup player Sherri Steinhauer shot a 5-under 67 in windy conditions Thursday to take a one-stroke lead in the LPGA State Farm Classic, while Annika Sorenstam was four shots back in defense of her last tour title.

Steinhauer, the last of the 10 automatic qualifiers for the U.S. team for the Sept. 14-16 matches against Europe in Sweden, had five birdies in her bogey-free round on the Panther Creek Country Club course. Winless since the 2006 Women's British Open, Steinhauer played alongside Solheim Cup teammate Angela Stanford (72).

"I think we do consider ourselves teammates out there and we're pulling for each other ... And we were talking about some things with

Solheim out there today, and we're just really looking forward to the competition," said the 44-year-old Steinhauer, making her 20th appearance in the tournament.

Sorenstam, the winner last year at the Rail Golf Club, had two birdies and a bogey in a round of 71. On Saturday, Sorenstam announced that she's marrying Mike McGee, her boyfriend of two years. It will be the second marriage for the 36-year-old Swede, who filed for divorce from David Esch in February 2005.

"I think I played really well today," Sorenstam said. "I hit 16 greens and didn't miss any fairways, so I think I played very, very solid. I had a lot of chances and had a lot of looks out there. If that is any indication of how I'm going to play the next few months I'm happy about it. I'm just going to go out there tomorrow and continue what I'm doing and

hopefully it works out."

Last season at Rail, Sorenstam won the last of her 69 LPGA Tour titles, closing with a 10-under 62 to match the lowest final-round score by a tournament winner in the tour's entire history. The tournament moved to Panther Creek this year after 31 seasons at Rail.

"I thought today was tougher than the practice round and the pro-am," Sorenstam said. "The wind picked up and the ball traveled to different places. The greens are getting firmer and the fairway is getting firmer."

Japanese star Ai Miyazato and Marcy Hart opened with 68s.

"It was very windy today," Miyazato said. "I just tried to make one shot at a time. I had good concentration today, so I feel very satisfied."

19-year-old Pressel closed with a double-bogey 6 on No. 9 after hitting into the water.

"It is only Thursday, but those two shots could cost me just as much as two shots on Sunday," Pressel said. "I wish it hadn't happened, but it has so I have to go make a few more birdies."

Christina Kim, Kate Golden, Angela Park, Rachel Hetherington, Janice Moodie and Leta Lindley also shot 69s, while Sophie Gustafson and Women's World Match Play winner Seon Hwa Lee topped a large group at 70.

Golden, the 2001 winner, said she'll have to rethink her prediction of an 18 under winning score if the wind stay up.

"The wind really affects the balls, and as firm as the fairways and around the greens are getting, it will be tough unless you're really firing at the pin. And that is kind of tough to do in the wind,"

Golden said.

Steinhauer made four long birdie putts — a 30-footer, 25-footer and two 20-footers — and hit a 6-iron shot to 3 feet to set up another birdie on the par-5 16th.

"It was one of those days where I just kind of got them started on line, and they held their line," said Steinhauer, whose seven career wins include two majors. "And that's generally due to, you know, striking it solidly, the putts. And I was doing that today, and not something I've been doing much this year, so it felt really good."

Nancy Lopez, the 50-year-old star making her sixth tour start of the year, shot an 81. She won the tournament in 1980 and 1992.

Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa is skipping the tournament after winning three straight events to push her tour-leading total to six.

Tedford sees more cons than pros in opening season against Vols

Coach views game as 'high-risk' without much reward

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

BERKELEY — Jeff Tedford chuckled to himself this summer whenever somebody praised the California coach for bravely choosing to open the Golden Bears' season against mighty Tennessee.

That's because Tedford actually didn't choose the path of greatest resistance: This home-and-home series already was on Cal's schedule when he took the job in 2002.

If Tedford really had a choice, his club would take the field Saturday at Memorial Stadium with a much lower degree of difficulty.

"It's high-risk, and I don't know that there's that much of a reward," Tedford said. "I think the risk probably outweighs it, because it's still a long season there ahead of you. It's a definitely a different approach, playing a team like Tennessee who is a traditional top-10 team. It really tests you right out of the gate."

But there's no getting out of this test for the No. 12 Bears, who flunked the same exam last year in Knoxville with a 35-18 loss. Facing the 15th-ranked Volunteers in Berkeley should help, but the game's high stakes and national audience will magnify everything that happens, good or bad.

Tedford's debut with Cal five years ago was a perfect example of his ideal beginning. That 70-22 victory over a miserable Baylor squad began with a trick touchdown pass and ended with everybody talking about the new-look Golden Bears. Even an easy victory over Sacramento State two years ago was more to Tedford's liking — though quarterback Nate Longshore's season ended with an injury.

"If we played a different team, we'd get a little more confidence right off the bat," offensive lineman Mike Tepper said. "But it's not a bad thing. It gives us a good chance to see where we line up against other teams from across the nation."

Tedford has built a consistent winner during his first five seasons at Cal, yet the Bears still are a second-tier power. Thanks to a few untimely

losses, Cal has been kept out of the upper echelon of national powers, where Southern California is the only West Coast occupant.

The Bears had the roster to break through last year — but the opening loss to Tennessee knocked them out of the national title discussion before it even began. Cal then had a chance to reach its first Rose Bowl in 48 years, but had to settle for a share of the Pac-10 title and a Holiday Bowl berth after consecutive road losses to USC and lowly Arizona.

During the summer, Tedford rethought his strategy for preparing his team to meet such a large challenge without the benefit of a warmup game. In 2006, he bombarded his players with images of orange jerseys and blaring renditions of "Rocky Top," hoping to raise them to an emotional high — and instead, they bottomed out when things didn't go well.

"The first place I looked is in the mirror to find out where I could maybe have done a better job on motivating the team," Tedford said. "Let's not worry about going to Tennessee and worry about the guys in the orange jerseys. It's more about how we play. The focus needs to be on us doing our job and executing our stuff."

When the Volunteers agreed to this home-and-home series several years ago, they had no idea Cal would grow from a Pac-10 bottom-dweller to a top-25 program in just a few years under Tedford's instruction. Coach Phillip Fulmer claims he prefers a tough opening game, though he acknowledges he might not feel the same way if the Vols get off to an 0-1 start.

And though Tedford takes a pragmatic approach to this tough assignment, his players are much more eager to get their opportunity for redemption against their SEC counterparts.

"I love it," linebacker Zack Follett said. "My freshman year, we played Sac State, and it was like I was playing a high school team. That game last year was about as big a stage as you could ever have. Now we know what to expect, and we're going to give it to them."

Safety Thomas DeCoud said the Cal secondary used its awful performance against the Vols as a daily ral-



Bob Larson/Contra Costa Times

California Golden Bears Head Coach Jeff Tedford, during practice at Memorial Stadium in Berkeley last week, inherited a schedule he would like to see changed.

lying cry in the ensuing 12 months. The embarrassment they felt after last season's loss hasn't abated, but the defensive backs all feel more prepared to match Tennessee's speed and skill.

And the players are looking forward to hearing one of the loudest crowds in the history of Memorial Stadium, their often-sedate home in Strawberry Canyon. Cal plans to distribute 50,000 megaphones before the game to get the season off to a deafening start.

"I feel that it's good, especially

because we played them last year, and we lost," said Justin Forsett, who takes over from Marshawn Lynch as Cal's starting tailback. "You want to get a shot at them. I wouldn't want to open any other way."

USC Trojans

Southern California center Matt Spanos has a torn right triceps and won't play Saturday night when the top-ranked Trojans open their season against Idaho.

That means that Spanos, a fifth-year senior, will have to wait before making his first career start. He will

be replaced by Jeff Byers, who will move to center from left guard. Alatini Malu probably will start at left guard.

Spanos, who was academically ineligible last season, had an impressive camp as the successor to three-year starting center Ryan Kalil. Spanos was injured Tuesday in a collision with nose tackle Sedrick Ellis and Byers.

Florida Gators

Former Southern California running back Emmanuel Moody is changing teams. He enrolled at Florida on Thursday.

The 6-foot-1, 205-pound sophomore, originally from Texas, decided to transfer from USC after getting caught in a glut of highly touted tailbacks.

Gators coach Urban Meyer recruited Moody two years ago, but he eventually signed with the Trojans.

"I think he's a very high character guy," said Meyer, who inadvertently released the news of Moody's transfer Monday. "He's a decent student. ... It's not like he can pick up and go again somewhere. He's got three years. He has ambition. He either does it or he doesn't do it. It's up to him now."

Meyer said his coaching staff did "quite a bit of research" before agreeing to accept Moody.

"We talked to his strength coach, trainers, assistant coaches at the school he was at," Meyer said. "We talked to other people that recruited him. We talked to the high school coach, then I made my own judgment. There's positives and negatives about transfers."

"Obviously (former Utah and Florida cornerback) Ryan Smith was one that turned out. ... There's a whole bunch that haven't, so you have to be real careful. We don't normally do this."

Moody has to sit out this season under NCAA transfer rules and will have three years of eligibility remaining.

Meyer said Moody will spend the year on the scout team while learning Florida's offense.

Before missing the final four games because of a sprained ankle last season, Moody gained 458 yards on 79 carries and finished as USC's second-leading rusher.

SCOREBOARD

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Women's National Basketball Association
Playoff Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-3)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. New York
Friday, Aug. 24: New York 73, Detroit 51
Sunday, Aug. 26: Detroit 76, New York 73
Tuesday, Aug. 28: Detroit 71, New York 70, OT
Detroit wins series 2-1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix vs. Seattle
Friday, Aug. 24: Phoenix 101, Seattle 84
Sunday, Aug. 26: Phoenix 95, Seattle 89, Phoenix wins series 2-0

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-3)

Detroit vs. Indiana
Friday, Aug. 31: Detroit at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 2: Indiana at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 3: Indiana at Detroit, 6 p.m., if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix vs. San Antonio
Thursday, Aug. 30: Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 1: San Antonio at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 2: San Antonio at Phoenix, 5:30 p.m., if necessary

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Preseason Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East
Miami 2 1 0.667 57 58
N.Y. Jets 2 1 0.667 71 65
Buffalo 1 2 0.333 40 51
New England 1 2 0.333 58 47

South

Houston 2 1 0.667 80 56
Jacksonville 2 1 0.667 69 50
Tennessee 2 1 0.667 61 55
Indianapolis 1 2 0.333 71 60

North

Pittsburgh 3 1 0.750 68 43
Cleveland 2 1 0.667 53 51
Baltimore 1 2 0.333 48 29
Cincinnati 0 3 0.000 64 78

West

Oakland 2 1 0.667 68 59
San Diego 2 1 0.667 79 68
Denver 1 2 0.333 53 61
Kansas City 0 3 0.000 29 57

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas 2 1 0.667 70 58
Washington 2 1 0.667 37 25
N.Y. Giants 1 2 0.333 46 56
Philadelphia 1 2 0.333 43 66

South

Atlanta 2 1 0.667 53 60
Tampa Bay 2 1 0.667 63 69
New Orleans 2 2 0.500 74 59
Carolina 1 2 0.333 41 72

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

New England 12 5 6 42 37 28
D.C. United 12 6 3 39 36 23
New York 10 9 3 33 36 32
Chicago 9 9 5 32 36 36
Columbus 6 7 9 27 26 29
Chicago 7 9 5 26 22 29
Toronto FC 5 12 5 20 18 35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Houston 11 7 5 38 30 16
CD Chivas USA 11 6 3 36 30 19
FC Dallas 11 7 3 36 28 27
Colorado 7 9 6 27 23 25
Real Salt Lake 3 11 6 15 17 30
Los Angeles 3 10 5 14 21 31

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's Game

Real Salt Lake 3, Kansas City 1
Saturday's Games
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Colorado at Columbus, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 6
D.C. United at CD Chivas USA, 10 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Chicago at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9

New England at D.C. United, 3 p.m.
New York at CD Chivas USA, 8 p.m.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Pacific Coast League
At A Glance
By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Northern Division

Nashville (Brewers) 85 54.612
Iowa (Royals) 77 62.554
Omaha (Royals) 70 69.504
Memphis (Cardinals) 55 84.396

Southern Division

New Orleans (Mets) 71 68.511

GOLDEN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Golden Baseball League Playoffs
At A Glance
By The Associated Press

Championship (Best-of-5)

Long Beach vs. Chico
Tuesday, Aug. 28: Chico 10, Long Beach 4
Wednesday, Aug. 29: Chico 12, Long Beach 8
Chico leads series 2-0
Friday, Aug. 31: Chico at Long Beach
Saturday, Sept. 1: Chico at Long Beach, if necessary
Sunday, Sept. 2: Chico at Long Beach, if necessary

California League

Second Half

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

North Division

Modesto (Rockies) 40 25.615
Visalia (Diamondbacks) 39 25.600
x-San Jose (Giants) 31 34.477
Bakersfield (Rangers) 27 38.415
Stockton (Athletics) 27 38.415

South Division

x-Lancaster (Red Sox) 40 25.615
Lake Elsinore (Padres) 35 30.538
Inland Empire (Dodgers) 32 33.492
H. Cucamonga (Angels) 32 33.492
High Desert (Mariners) 22 49.338

x-won first half

Wednesday's Games

Bakersfield 5, Modesto 3
Inland Empire 2, Stockton 1
Lake Elsinore 7, Visalia 1
High Desert 2, Rancho Cucamonga 1
Lancaster 6, San Jose 5
Thursday's Games
Bakersfield at Modesto
Inland Empire at Stockton
Lake Elsinore at Visalia
Rancho Cucamonga at High Desert
San Jose at Lancaster
Friday's Games
Inland Empire at San Jose
Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore
Lancaster at High Desert
Modesto at Rancho Cucamonga
Visalia at Stockton

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After shaky 1st set, Roddick reaches 3rd round at U.S. Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — As a kid, Andy Roddick was hard-pressed to come up with a better birthday treat than going to the U.S. Open with his mom. At 9, he was thrilled to be on the scene while Jimmy Connors made a stirring run to the semifinals. "I'd get here for the first match, and I wouldn't leave till it was over. Those are probably my fondest memories, just sneaking into the nosebleed sections," Roddick recalled Thursday. "I actually snuck into the players' lounge one time and stole a cheesecake."

He still comes to Flushing Meadows at birthday time, nowadays as a competitor — and with a certain James Scott Connors tagging along as his coach.

Roddick turned 25 on Thursday and marked the occasion by reaching the U.S. Open's third round, although not before losing the opening set and moving on when his opponent, Jose Acasuso of Argentina, quit after the third because of a left knee injury.

"That's the good thing about Grand Slams: You get in the grind, and whoever doesn't mind the grind wins," Connors said after watching the match through silver wraparound sunglasses. "The way Andy played today, especially in the second and third sets, is always good. As long as he's playing the right kind of tennis, that's all that counts."

A trainer came out to wrap white tape above Acasuso's left knee after the second set, then added another bandage below the knee at the next

changeover. By the end, he was as stiff and creaky as the Tin Man in "The Wizard of Oz," barely bending or moving at all, and the score was 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 when Acasuso decided he couldn't continue.

"I don't think you like winning matches like that," the No. 5-seeded Roddick said. "But at the end of the day, your goal is to get through."

In other words: no complaints. Same for Donald Young, the 18-year-old Chicago native who was 0-11 in tour-level matches until last week and never had won a Grand Slam match until this week.

Now he's in the Open's third round, and he didn't have to lift a racket Thursday, because his scheduled opponent, No. 13 Richard Gasquet, withdrew, citing a viral infection. Young saw Gasquet practice and saw him in the locker room, so assumed they'd be playing.

"Prefer to win it," said Young, who faces Feliciano Lopez next, "but I'll take this."

Gasquet, who came back to upset Roddick in the Wimbledon quarterfinals after dropping the first two sets, said he had a fever and a sore throat.

"With my illness," the Frenchman said, "I'm sure I can't win this match."

Roddick, among others, was surprised.

"I feel like that's a short-term thing. I'd probably go out there and give it a go," Roddick said. "My biggest thing with playing matches versus not playing matches is if you're risking long-term, if it's going to affect you longer than just that day or a week or two down the road."



File photo

Roddick's childhood hero was tennis star Jimmy Connors.

No. 2 Rafael Nadal had to make that sort of decision before playing Wednesday, when he was far from his best while dealing with tendinitis in his left knee. Like Acasuso, he grew up playing more on softer clay courts than the cementlike hard courts of the U.S. Open — and both thought that might have been a factor in their injuries.

Players who had to earn victories Thursday included No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko, No. 9 Tomas Berdych and No. 19 Andy Murray, while unseeded Lee Hyung-taik knocked off No. 14 Guillermo Canas in straight sets. There were no significant surprises in women's action, where 1997 champion Martina Hingis got past Pauline Parmentier

6-2, 7-5, and 2004 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova had to work a little harder to defeat Camille Pin 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

The day's loudest shot might very well have come from No. 13 Nicole Pietrangeli during her match against Flavia Pennetta. After getting broken while serving for the match at 6-5 in the second set, Vaidisova slammed her racket head so forcefully it folded in half. Then she went out and served a shutout in the tiebreaker to win 6-2, 7-6 (0).

Did she feel bad for the racket? "It deserved it," Vaidisova said.

Roddick got a tad bent out of shape himself early on against Acasuso. He lost a point after a spectator yelled, "Come in!" during a

lengthy exchange and asked the chair umpire to tell the crowd to hush-up during play. He got broken to trail 4-3 when Acasuso returned a 133 mph serve and worked the point until hitting a forehand winner. Roddick was most perturbed at blowing three break points in the next game.

When Acasuso took the first set, Roddick simply sat down, towel slung over his shoulder. Not for long, though: The American hopped up out of his seat much earlier than necessary and headed to the baseline to pace and bounce a ball with his racket while preparing to serve. Acasuso, meanwhile, took the full allotted break, sipping water and fiddling with strips of white tape on his fingers, not arising until the chair umpire intoned, "Time."

Roddick began to play much better, and Acasuso began to slow. Asked whether he was pleased with his guy's performance, Connors grinned widely — and pointed to that smile.

"What's that say? That says it all right there," Connors said. "He's in the right direction. It's just a matter that he believes it and goes out and does it the right way. That's what he's striving to do every day."

The buzz already was starting around the grounds for a third-round encounter still 48 hours away: No. 1 Roger Federer against 6-foot-9 American wild-card John Isner.

Roddick was asked to provide a scouting report for Saturday's match. "Isner's going to be very tall," he said, "and Roger's going to be very good."

Richard Jewell, wrongly linked to 1996 Olympic bombing, dies

Former security guard never recovered from accusation

By HARRY R. WEBER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Security guard Richard Jewell was initially hailed as a hero for spotting a suspicious backpack and moving people out of harm's way just before a bomb exploded, killing one and injuring 111 others. But within days, he was named as a suspect in the blast.

Though eventually cleared in the 1996 Centennial Olympic Park bombing, Jewell, who was found dead Wednesday at 44, never recovered from the shame of being wrongly linked to the bombing in the news media. Finally, a year ago, he was again hailed as a hero.

Gov. Sonny Perdue commended Jewell at a bombing anniversary event. "This is what I think is the right thing to do," Perdue declared as he handed a certificate to Jewell.

Jewell said: "I never expected this day to ever hap-

pen. I'm just glad that it did."

It was one of his last good days. Jewell, who had diabetes and kidney problems and was recently on dialysis, was found dead in his west Georgia home. An autopsy Thursday showed Jewell had severe heart disease and essentially had a heart attack, Dr. Kris Sperry said. Jewell's diabetes contributed to the heart problems, Sperry said. He said toxicology tests would also be done because of the notoriety of the case.

After the Olympics, Jewell worked in various law enforcement jobs, including as a police officer in Pendergrass, Ga., where his partner was fatally shot in 2004 during the pursuit of a suspect.

As recently as last year, Jewell was working as a sheriff's deputy in west Georgia. He also gave speeches to college journalism classes about his experience.

For two days after the July 27, 1996, bombing, Jewell was hailed as a hero for shepherding people away from the suspicious backpack.

But on the third day, an unattributed report in The

Atlanta Journal-Constitution described him as "the focus" of the investigation.

Other media, to varying degrees, also linked Jewell to the investigation and portrayed him as a loser and law-enforcement wannabe who may have planted the bomb so he would look like a hero when he discovered it later.

The AP, citing an anonymous federal law enforcement source, said after the Journal-Constitution report that Jewell was "a focus" of investigators, but that others had "not yet been ruled out as potential suspects."

Reporters camped outside Jewell's mother's apartment in the Atlanta area, and his life was dissected for weeks by the media. He was never arrested or charged, although he was questioned and was a subject of search warrants.

Eighty-eight days after the initial news report, U.S. Attorney Kent Alexander issued a statement saying Jewell "is not a target" of the bombing investigation and that the "unusual and intense publicity" surrounding him was "neither designed nor desired by the FBI, and inter-

fered with the investigation."

The episode led to soul-searching among news organizations about the use of unattributed or anonymously sourced information. Jewell's name became shorthand for a person accused of wrongdoing in the media based on scanty information.

In 1997, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno expressed regret over the leak regarding Jewell. "I'm very sorry it happened," she told reporters. "We owe him an apology."

Eventually, the bomber turned out to be anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph, who also planted three other bombs in the Atlanta area and in Birmingham, Ala. Those explosives killed a police officer, maimed a nurse and injured several other people.

Rudolph was captured after spending five years hiding out in the mountains of western North Carolina. He pleaded guilty to all four bombings in 2005 and is serving life in prison.

Jewell sued several media organizations, including NBC, CNN and the New York Post, settling for undisclosed sums. According to Lin Wood,

Jewell's attorney, Jewell also settled a lawsuit against Piedmont College, a former employer. That amount was also confidential. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution never settled a lawsuit Jewell filed against it, and the case is set for trial in January.

"I expect to pursue it for Richard and his estate," Wood said. "But that is a decision for a less sad day."

A lawyer for the newspaper, Peter Canfield, has said that the newspaper stands by its coverage of Jewell. Publisher John Mellott declined to comment about the lawsuit on Wednesday but said that Jewell was a hero "as we all came to learn."

"The story of how Mr. Jewell moved from hero to suspect and back in the Olympic Park bombing investigation is one The Atlanta Journal-Constitution has reported fully even as it defended itself in a libel case brought by him," Mellott said.

Jewell, in an interview with the AP last year insisted the lawsuits were not about making money. He bought his mother a home and gave 73 percent of the settlement

money to his attorneys and to the government in taxes. He said the cases were about ensuring the truth was told.

"I'm not rich by any means monetarily," he said at the time. "I'm rich because of my family. If I never get there, I don't care. I'm going to get my say in court."

Jewell told the AP last year that Rudolph's conviction helped clear his name, but he that some people still remember him as a suspect rather than for the two days in which he was praised as a hero.

"For that two days, my mother had a great deal of pride in me — that I had done something good and that she was my mother, and that was taken away from her," Jewell said. "She'll never get that back, and there's no way I can give that back to her."

Associated Press writer Greg Bluestein contributed to this story.

Prep student suspended for tricking rival fans

By AP Sports Writers

HILLIARD, Ohio — A high school student who tricked football fans from a crosstown rival into holding up signs that together spelled out, "We Suck," was suspended for the prank, students said.

Kyle Garchar, a senior at Hilliard Davidson High School in suburban Columbus, said he spent about 20 hours over three days plotting the trick, which was captured on video and posted on the video-sharing Web site YouTube. He said he was inspired by a similar prank pulled by Yale students in 2004, when Harvard fans were duped into holding up cards with the same message.

At the end of the video, Garchar wryly thanks the 800 Hilliard Darby High School supporters who raised the cards at the start of the third quarter during last Friday's football game.

"It couldn't have been done without you," reads the closing frame of the video.

Garchar, 17, created a grid to plan how the message would be spelled out once fans in three sections held up either a black or white piece of construction paper.

Directions left on stadium seats instructed fans to check that the number listed on their

papers matched their seat numbers. Darby supporters were told the message would read "Go Darby."

"It was tedious," Garchar said. "I didn't really think it was going to work."

But it did, and everyone at Davidson has been talking it ever since, said Jordan Moore, a junior.

"That was the ultimate in-your-face," he said. "I think it was ingenious."

Davidson Principal John Bandow had told students that he expected them to show sportsmanship at the game, which Darby won 21-10.

Bandow gave Garchar three days of in-school sus-

pension and banned him from extracurricular activities for a semester, the students said. Two Darby students who helped Garchar received the same punishment after the principals from both schools

spoke by phone.

"We weren't expecting it to be such a severe punishment," said Jen Trimmer, 17, one of the students involved. "We just thought it was all in good fun."

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Democratic Party picnic set for Monday

The Democratic Party invites the public to celebrate the Family of Labor at their Labor Day Picnic. Join them Monday Sept. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Todd Grove Park Club House. Have some American barbecue (vegetarian fare included), listen to speeches from local labor leaders and meet local elected officials. Tickets will be \$7 and children under 12 are free. For more information, call Wendy Pollitz at 462 1399.

Free tire recycling available Sept. 4 through 17

Households will be able to recycle up to 9 passenger or light truck tires per day, without charge, at the four transfer stations throughout Mendocino County for a two-week period in September.

There is a 17 inch diameter size limit. No rims are allowed, and no tire dealers may participate.

- Locations and dates are:
- Ukiah Transfer Station, 3151 Taylor Drive. Sept. 4 through 17, closed Sundays;
 - Willits Transfer Station, 350 Franklin Avenue. Sept. 4 through 17, closed Sundays and Mondays;
 - Caspar Transfer Station, Prairie Way. Sept. 4 through 17, closed Thursday and Friday.
 - South Coast Transfer Station, Fish Rock Road, Gualala. Sept. 4 through 17 closed Monday, Thursday and Friday.

The program is sponsored by the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority. A grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board supports the program.

The free tire amnesty program will help households clean up accumulations of used tires, and lessen the illegal dumping of tires along roadsides. The usual tire recycling fee is waived. Last year, 7,000 tires were collected, saving the public more than \$21,000 in fees.

Clean up of old tires is especially important now that West Nile Virus has come to Mendocino County. Water collected in old tires is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, which carry the virus.

For more information about the Free Tire Collection, call the Recycling Hotline at 468-9704.

Anton Stadium stakeholders meeting set for Sept. 5

The City of Ukiah Community Services Department has announced a meeting for the stakeholders of Anton Stadium. The meeting

will address structure colors, timelines, etc. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Ukiah Civic Center, 411 W. Clay St., in Conference Room 5.

'Scoping' county's fast-track UVAP EIR set for Sept. 5

The public can put requests on the record for environmental analysis of impacts of proposed changes contained in the Ukiah Valley Area Plan and the General Plan. At the meeting, to be held in Conference Room B (toward the rear near Planning Department) of the County Administration building at 501 Low Gap Road, on Sept. 5, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the County's UVAP EIR consultant will receive testimony from the public.

This is required by law to help determine the "scope" of the forthcoming EIR. The proposed changes include a mega-mall at the Masonite site, up to 1200 homes to replace the vineyards at Lovers Lane, new housing on 160 acres at Vichy Springs and Redemeyer Roads, and numerous other changes to our Valley's character.

This is an opportunity to provide public insight and concerns to the EIR consultant and ensure that the full consequences of the proposed UVAP and General Plan changes are fully disclosed to the Board of Supervisors and the public.

Those that can't attend the meeting can write a letter to UVAP EIR, c/o Planning Team, County of Mendocino, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah 95482.

Potter Valley Garden Club to resume meetings on Sept. 5

The first meeting of the Potter Valley Garden Club since the summer recess will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Fall garden tours are the event of the day. Members will meet at the Methodist Church in Potter Valley at 10:30 a.m., and car pool to Lydia Feltman's and Betty Lindvig's gardens.

This meeting is one that everyone looks forward to attending. Aside from the fall setting in the gardens, there are always tales of vacation trips, family events, and holiday festivities, with gardening tips shared. There will be a picnic on the Lindvig's patio, with all attending bringing their own sack lunch after the garden tours. Three new members, Sally McMenomey, Norma Dunsing, and Lucille Hare will be welcomed.

For more information, call the club's president, Lee Patton, at 743-1801 or Margaret Rau at 743-2412.

Weight Loss Surgery Group meeting set for Sept. 7

The Weight Loss Surgery group (GR-DS Gastric Reduction Duodenal Switch) will hold

Fire recovery benefit for Cathy and Ian Monroe set for Sept. 16

The Daily Journal

A fire recover benefit for Cathy and Ian Monroe will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 4 to 9 p.m., at the Frey Vineyards. Music (including the Hansen and Raitt band!), food, wine, a silent auction, and dancing will be among the festivities.

The Hansen and Raitt band, with their popular "Mendocino boogie" music, is emerging after six years of retirement to raise fire recovery funds for Cathy and Ian Monroe. Cathy and Ian's Rancho Mariposa home, which burned to the ground on May 25, was uninsurable because it had no foundation. Steven Hahm (acoustic guitar and vocals) and the Oster Family (hot bluegrass) will also be contributing music. Food will include homemade pizzas, pies, and much more. Marc Hansen and David Raitt are doing this because "we deeply appreciate Cathy's enormous contributions to the community over the years. We hope for a huge turn-out." Tickets are available at

Mendocino Book Company and at the door for \$20 each. To reach Frey Vineyards, take highway 101 north to the West Road exit. Take West Road north to Tomki Road. Turn left and go a little more than one mile to 14000 Tomki Road on the left.

Cathy Monroe lost her home of 40 years, three pets, all of the material necessities of life, and 59 years of books, art work, photographs, and the other touchstones of life. Ian lost the house he grew up in and the home he planned to return to live in some day. Cathy and Ian hope to create a new dwelling in the ashes of the old -- one that will carry on the spirit of the original house and serve as both a home and a gathering place for the community. Those that can't come to the benefit but would like to contribute to the silent auction, can do so by calling Mary Monroe at 485-8237. To donate money, please make a deposit into the Cathy Monroe Benefit Account at Savings Bank of Mendocino County.

their fall meeting at Bartlett Hall, Ukiah Senior Center Complex, 499 Leslie Street, Ukiah on Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. GR-DS surgery post-op patient Dona Fridae will discuss protein.

Although the DS surgery is the main topic, this group encourages and supports those who have had other types of weight loss surgery and investigators of both.

For more information, call Kathy Davidson at 468-0251, 468-8763 or E-mail her at kathlyn@pacific.net.

Freedom from religious indoctrination seminar Sept. 8

A seminar to help those dealing with negative religious issues in their lives will be held in Mendocino, Saturday, Sept. 8.

The seminar will provide information and offer tools for healing for anyone, especially those raised in conservative, authoritarian religions, who feel their lives and relationships have been negatively impacted by the confusion, guilt, and anger they may feel from their religious upbringing.

It will be led by Marlene Winell, PhD., a Bay Area author and consultant, who spent years working through her own difficult religious issues and has since devoted her life and clinical practice to helping clients separate "who they are" from past religious dogma that didn't work and which made them feel bad or wrong. Further information is available on her Web site at: <http://www.marlenewinell.net/>

The seminar will be held in the Stanford Inn (Comptche-Ukiah Rd.), Mendocino, Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A donation of \$10 to \$25 to cover costs is requested, but all will be admitted regardless of ability to pay. Only 50 seats are available, so preregistration (or information) at 964-1722 has been highly recommended.

Dr. Winell's book, "Leaving the Fold: A Guide for Former Fundamentalists and Others Leaving Their Religion" will be available at the seminar.

The seminar is sponsored by the Mendocino Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Free lecture for caregivers at Grace Hudson set for Sept. 8

A free educational lecture titled, "Maximizing Your Memory..." featuring Joan Davis from the Alzheimer's Association of the Bay Area will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Grace Hudson Museum, Ukiah

Resources for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or dementia will be available at both the free lecture, as well as at the fundraiser in the afternoon.

There will be free respite care for caregivers who attend this event, available by calling 1-800/834-1636 or 542-0282, by reservation only. The deadline for reservations for care is Aug. 31. There will be limited seating.



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Schwarzenegger rushes to save health care plan

By LAURA KURTZMAN

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO (AP) - The prognosis for universal health care in California is grim this year, and experts say a failure could set back similar efforts nationwide for years to come.

Unions, doctors and other powerful interests are arrayed against Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's \$12 billion-a-year plan to make medical insurance mandatory. He has threatened to veto the Democrats' less ambitious alternative and take his plan to the ballot instead.

With the campaign for the White House under way, what happens in the nation's most populous state could have especially wide repercussions.

"If we fail, it will have the effect of a wet blanket on health reform nationally," said Robert Ross, president of the California Endowment, a foundation devoted to health care. "I think the presidential candidates will all look with a very watchful eye at what happens in California."

Following the lead of Massachusetts, which passed universal health care last year, Schwarzenegger announced his own plan in January to provide everyone in California with insurance. As many as 6.7 million people in California, or 18.5 percent of the population, are uninsured.

The Republican governor's plan would impose new fees on doctors, hospitals and employers. The uninsured would be required to buy coverage, though the poorest would be subsidized.

The governor says his plan is fair because it would spread the burden. But doctors are fighting it, as are unions, because they say it asks too much of the working poor. Hospitals, most of which would get more funding, have stayed on the sidelines.

The governor's own party has offered him no help. GOP leaders skewered the tax increases, making it highly unlikely the plan will receive the bipartisan support it needs to pass. A two-thirds vote is required.

The Democrats, who control both houses of the Legislature, crafted an alternative written in such a way that it needs only a simple majority. It would require employers to spend at least 7.5 percent of payroll on health care or pay that amount into a state-run pool. That is almost double what Schwarzenegger has proposed, and he has warned he will veto it.

"The governor and the Legislature are inches apart, but neither side wants to give that final inch," said Larry Levitt, a vice president with the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Success in California could be crucial to Democrat John Edwards' presidential hopes. The former North Carolina senator's plan for



Governor Schwarzenegger is struggling against unions, doctors and powerful interests to pass his health care plan that would make insurance coverage mandatory for California citizens.

nationwide health care is a compromise between Schwarzenegger's and the Democrats'.

"What the experience in California shows is it's very hard to do," Levitt said.

The governor never found a legislative sponsor for his plan until Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, decided to introduce it this week to show it will not pass.

Instead, the governor held public forums to exhort people to take responsibility for their health and make sure they have insurance.

But support for his ideas has slipped as the debate has bogged down. In December, the nonpartisan Field Poll found it was favored by 52 percent of voters. By August, that had fallen to 33 percent; that is about equal to the number who said they supported a single-payer system run by the government.

The governor's salesmanship has paid off in some quarters. Small businesses and restaurants - who said this week they would support a sales tax increase to fund health care - have moved closer to his side. But that may be because they fear the Democratic alternative would be far worse for them.

Democrats also have moved away from the plan they passed four years ago, which placed a far greater burden on employers. Voters repealed it the next year, with help from the newly elected Schwarzenegger.

Labor unions say they are behind the Democrats' new plan. But they worry the working poor will be asked to pay too much and that employers will dump their workers into a state-run insurance pool.

Depending on when lawmakers decide to adjourn, there may be as little as two weeks before the legislative session ends. A prolonged budget stalemate drained time and energy, and created much bitterness in the Capitol.

While the governor and Democratic leaders insist they want a deal on health care, one lawmaker has concluded that failure might be the best option.

"I hope that none of these ill-conceived, quickly thrown together plans will pass this year," said state Sen. Sheila Kuehl, the Santa Monica Democrat who chairs the Senate Health Committee and advocates a single-payer system. "Because really, that is not good for California."

Assembly speaker will not call vote on health plan

By LAURA KURTZMAN

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO - Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez said Thursday he would not call a vote on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's health care plan after all, although the day before he was vowing to do it.

Steve Maviglio, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Democrat, said the speaker was "making progress" in talks with the governor on health care reform.

A frustrated Nunez announced last week that he would call a vote on the governor's plan for universal health care to show that it could never pass the Legislature. Schwarzenegger has been insisting he can win support from both Democrats and Republicans for his \$12 billion health insurance expansion, although Republicans have steadfastly rejected it, saying it raises taxes.

Democrats support expanding health coverage but want to do it differently from the governor. A plan by Nunez and Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, would force businesses to pay much of the cost.

The governor's plan asks less of employers and expands the funding base by asking for new fees on doctors and hospitals.

The structure of the governor's plan requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to pass. That requires some Republicans to support it. The Democratic plan could pass on a simple majority, meaning it could pass without Republican votes.

Health care reform is at the top of Schwarzenegger's policy agenda this year. But with the legislative session over in about two weeks, he has been unable to strike a deal with Democratic leaders.

CHP handguns to be fixed after several misfire

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO - New ammunition magazines will be distributed to hundreds of California Highway Patrol officers and their handguns will be upgraded after some of the pistols jammed during training.

Smith & Wesson will replace the defective magazines and provide a stronger spring for the weapons at no cost to taxpayers, CHP spokeswoman Fran Clader said Wednesday.

The department bought more than 9,700 of the .40-caliber semiautomatic pistols last year under a \$6.6 million contract.

Fifteen of the 664 handguns distributed last month to officers in the CHP's Inland Division in Southern California jammed during an Aug. 7 training session. One weapon in a different division and two at the CHP training academy had similar problems, Clader said.

The manufacturer is sending new parts and magazines to all Inland Division officers. Smith & Wesson eventually might upgrade all the nearly

10,000 weapons and their magazines as a precaution, Clader said.

CHP officers are routinely trained to fix their weapons if they jam, and no officer was in danger, Clader said.

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Unions endorse candidates for primaries

Machinists union endorses Clinton, Huckabee for primaries; Carpenters endorse Edwards

By NEDRA PICKLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers on Thursday endorsed Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republican Mike Huckabee in the presidential primaries, while John Edwards picked up the backing of the carpenters' union.

Edwards' courting of labor finally paid off with his first national union endorsement from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. The union has more than 500,000 members and was friendly with President Bush but stayed out of the 2004 race.

"I have walked picket lines and helped organize thousands of workers, and I've seen firsthand what unions go through every single day trying to protect the right to organize, trying to collectively bargain, and trying to get a decent wage and health care," Edwards said in a statement.

Clinton's endorsement from the Machinists was her second major union backing this week. She secured the endorsement of the 125,000-member United Transportation Union on Tuesday. Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd earned a major boost to his candidacy, winning the backing of the 281,000-member International Association of Fire Fighters.

The Machinists union has 700,000 members and estimates a third of the membership votes Republican. It is the first time the union has done a dual endorsement. It chose to do so this year to encourage all members to participate in the election.

Clinton, a New York senator and former first lady, beat out Edwards and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich for the endorsement. The union only considered candidates who appeared before members during its conference this week at the Walt Disney World Resort.

"Hillary Clinton earned the IAM's endorsement by focusing on jobs, health care, education and trade — the bread and butter issues of the American middle class," union President Tom Buffenbarger said in a news release. "She is the only candidate of either party to come forward with a comprehensive manufacturing policy."

Clinton said in a statement she was honored to receive the union's endorsement.

"It is time for America's working families to again share in our nation's prosperity," Clinton said. "They will not be invisible to my administration."

Huckabee, a former Arkansas governor, was the only Republican who spoke at the event.

"Mike Huckabee was the only Republican candidate with the guts to meet with our members and the only one willing to figure out where and how we might work together," said Buffenbarger. "He is entitled to serious consideration from our members voting in the upcoming Republican primaries."

Carpenters' spokesman Monte Byers said the union was planning to kick off its support with a membership rally in New Hampshire on Sept. 8. He said the union has not made an endorsement in a presidential primary for many years.

The carpenters' union is one of the top 100 overall political donors nationwide, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. It has



Hillary Clinton



Mike Huckabee



John Edwards

given more than \$17.5 million to federal candidates since 1989, with 93 percent going to Democrats.

Associated Press Writer Brendan Farrington in Florida and AP Labor Writer Jesse Holland contributed to this report.

Nation's largest firefighters union to endorse Chris Dodd for president

By BETH FOUHY
The Associated Press
NEW YORK — The International Association of Fire Fighters is set to endorse Democrat Chris Dodd for president, turning down better-known contenders in favor of a long-standing Senate ally whose campaign has struggled to gain traction.

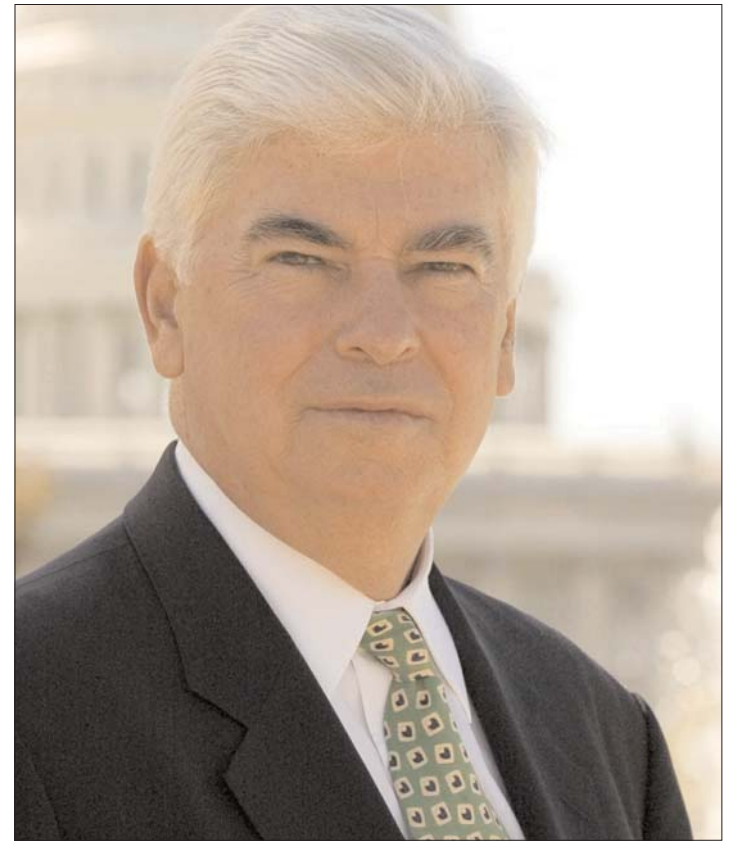
Union president Harold Schaitberger was expected to announce the endorsement at a news conference in Washington Wednesday morning. Dodd and Schaitberger were then scheduled to travel together to Iowa for a full day of appearances Thursday, followed by joint campaign events in New Hampshire on Friday and Nevada on Saturday.

In an interview, Schaitberger said the Connecticut senator had earned the 280,000-member union's backing because of his experience and longtime support of firefighters in Congress.

"He's done more than vote right and be supportive - he's really carried our water and been proactive on our behalf," Schaitberger said. "And the other reason is that I really think he has the experience. Our board gave a lot of thought to this. He has the experience and the strength to lead this country in what we know is going to be tough times."

The endorsement was a significant boost for Dodd, a 25-year Senate veteran whose presidential bid has been almost completely eclipsed by the star power of Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama.

Dodd has remained in single digits in most national and state polls.



Chris Dodd

IAFF is the nation's largest and most influential firefighters union, with a history of supporting both Republican and Democratic candidates. Presidential contenders of both parties actively sought IAFF's backing this year, thanks to the union's organizing ability and firefighters' enhanced status in the public eye since their heroics after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

The union's endorsement was credited with reviving Democrat John Kerry's moribund campaign in late 2003, when he was stuck in single digits in most polls. Firefighters turned out in force to campaign for Kerry in early voting states such as

New Hampshire, providing a burst of momentum that helped him win the party's nomination in 2004.

In an interview, Dodd said he was "deeply grateful" for the endorsement and pointed to Kerry's experience as key.

"They know how to win elections, and they'll put lots of boots on the ground. This is an important election, and they know it," Dodd said. "They've made it clear it would be about the future - who could win the election, fight for middle class, and bring people together to get the job done."

Earlier in the day, Clinton picked up the endorsement of the 125,000-member United Transportation Union.



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Hopland

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teers," Milone said. He said the current site was their first choice for the firehouse because it is centrally located and near the highway that runs through town. The department discovered an added bonus in the winter of 2005 when much of Hopland flooded but the land the firehouse will stand on remained dry. Jensen said the current plan is to have the ground cleared by Oct. 1 and to begin construction in the spring. Milone said the fire department will have to decide how much of the building to build. He said they may only build half of the complex to start, based on available funds. "We need to do it smart and not just throw up a building," Milone said.

"It's been an ongoing battle trying to get done what we need to get done," he said. Milone said things went well for several years before being stalled by issues of money and permits. Jensen said the firehouse had to get permits from numerous agencies including California Fish and Game, the California Department of Transportation, the Coastal Water Agency and others. Milone said the new building will also have to be built to a more stringent code because it has to act as a shelter during disasters. The fire department will be holding its annual barbecue on Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. The event is the association's biggest fundraiser. Ben Brown can be reached at udjbb@pacific.net.



Mike Lucchetti, Rena Trimble, Hoss Milone, Rose Lucchetti, Bruce Jensen, Barbara Green and Wesley Clark gather for the start of construction at the site of the new Hopland fire station.

City

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But assembling a budget that big didn't come without long, drawn out discussions and sacrifices. The meeting began with a list of 14 items and projects the council had wanted to discuss for inclusion in the budget. But with funds tightening, Horsley warned the board of spreading the monies too thin. "Some of the suggestions we've made here add to the general fund budget, so you have little room there," Horsley said. "Before you make major changes, you need to look through the pros and cons of it all, whether it's services or personnel." A major area of concern during the discussions was the possibility of adding another building inspector, an issue brought before the council earlier this month.

ued, Rodin spoke in support of adding another parks worker position. "I've noticed that the landscaping in public spaces is really deteriorating," she said. "I feel embarrassed for the city sometimes down at the plaza and downtown. I think when people see the town not looking good they are more inclined to throw trash out. But I also see that adding positions at this time is a dangerous thing to do. It's just something that has disturbed me for a long time." Sage Sangiacomo, community services director, spoke in support of a need for the position. The council realized the idea of adding a full-time parks worker wouldn't work within the budget and ultimately settled on the possibility of a part-time worker at a cost of \$20,000 for the fiscal year. With Sangiacomo still at the microphone, Councilman John McCowen asked about the costs that could be eliminated from Sangiacomo's department budget, including the elimination of a restoration project of the picnic areas at Todd Grove Park. With \$50,000 in the parks improvement fund, McCowen suggested some of that money be moved from there to the general fund, an idea Rodin opposed. McCowen said he feels the city has more pressing issues than to be prepared in the event of another playground fire.

As Charley Stump, director of planning and community development, took the microphone he explained to the council the good fortune of the Planning Department: "We are expecting a big fiscal year." Stump said that not only would the proposed new building inspector be trained in inspection, but he or she would also be trained in code compliance while continuing as a part of the Planning and Community Development Department. The council acknowledged the benefits of having a multi-tasking inspector on staff, but Horsley and Mayor Mari Rodin were hesitant of adding another position at more than \$80,000 in yearly earnings. Ideas involving the possible hiring of an inspector for a year on a probationary-type basis were discussed, but ultimately shot down. "I'm empathetic, but I don't think we can afford it," said Councilman Phil Baldwin. "I personally don't think we can add it to any budget we might adopt tonight."

Realizing an excess of nearly \$330,000 in the general fund, Baldwin made a motion to approve the budget. With a unanimous vote, the council approved a budget that was more than three meetings in the making. Zack Sampsel can be reached at udjzs@pacific.net.

As the discussion contin-

Spinach recall prompts calls for oversight

Associated Press
FRESNO — Consumer advocates and some lawmakers say that a Salinas Valley company's recall of spinach because of a salmonella scare shows that the federal government must do more to protect the nation's food supply, but industry officials call it proof that their voluntary regulations are working. Metz Fresh, a King City-based grower

and shipper, recalled 8,000 cartons of fresh spinach Wednesday after salmonella was found during a routine test of spinach it was processing for shipment. More than 90 percent of the possibly contaminated cartons never reached stores, company spokesman Greg Larson said. California's leafy greens industry adopted the voluntary regulations last year after a fatal E. coli outbreak, but

advocates said a national, mandatory inspection and testing program overseen by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is needed. "Eight thousand cartons left the plant for distribution in the U.S. That's 8,000 too many," said Jean Halloran, a food safety expert with Consumers Union. "At this point, we are relying on the leafy green industry to police itself."

County

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"This worked fine for 50 years," he said. "Now they've got to face mandatory training. That gets harder with volunteers. Then there's a liability issue. These problems are not unique to Mendocino." Ukiah Valley Fire District Chief Dan Grebil said permanent funding for fire districts from the county should be set into place before the next budget cycle. "We're trying to get Prop. 172 sales tax funding for law enforcement and fire," he said. "They're saying it goes to police and D.A. It generates \$6.4 million per year. We're

trying to get a piece of 172 that's permanent. We certainly hope that the county has accepted some responsibility for fire." Proposition 172, passed by California voters in 1993, established a half-cent sales tax. The money is divided amongst the counties and added to their general fund. Individual counties are directed to spend the money to support "public safety" institutions. The Ukiah Valley Fire District board voted 4-1 March 12 to support the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association in its bid to secure some of the county's Proposition 172 funds for county fire districts. At a Board of Supervisors

workshop Nov. 14, 2006, the fire chiefs asked that the board allocate the yearly increase of Proposition 172 funds to the fire districts until the funding reaches a cap of 25 percent, or somewhere between \$500,000 and \$1 million. "Emergency medical services are held to be a County responsibility," stated Grebil's "2007-2008 Proposed Budget Message." "In a county such as Mendocino, with large land area and sparse population, located in small diverse communities, the providing of emergency services is a difficult task. Commencing in 2005, there have been proposals from local fire districts to obtain direct County subsidy for their operations. Some of these proposals were prompt-

ed by passage of Proposition 172." Grebil said he supports the complete coverage of the county, but that the costs associated make it unaffordable for individual districts. "There's also a large area of the county that is unprotected," he said. "Low Gap is not in any district. There is so much costs nowadays in annexing. It's cost-prohibitive. Why would they want to pay and tax themselves that they're getting for free for now. The best way is to get everyone annexed." Reporter Ben Brown contributed to this article. Reporter Rob Burgess can be reached at udjrb@pacific.net.

14-year-old

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"I'm still very concerned about proceeding in terms of his competency," she said. When she first asked for a competency hearing in June, Elliot cited a recent Superior Court decision in which the judge ruled that a juvenile sus-

pect does not need to show evidence of "mental disease or defect" to be found incompetent to stand trial. Under California law, a 13-year-old is not considered competent to stand trial. Escareno's competency hearing is scheduled for Oct. 29. He has not entered a plea to the charges against him. The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has declined

to discuss a motive in this case, but it is known that Cruz was dating Escareno's 22-year-old sister. Escareno is being charged as an adult and could face life imprisonment if convicted.

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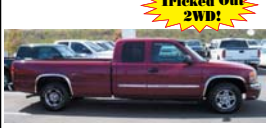
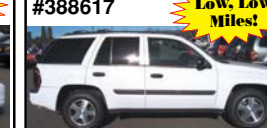

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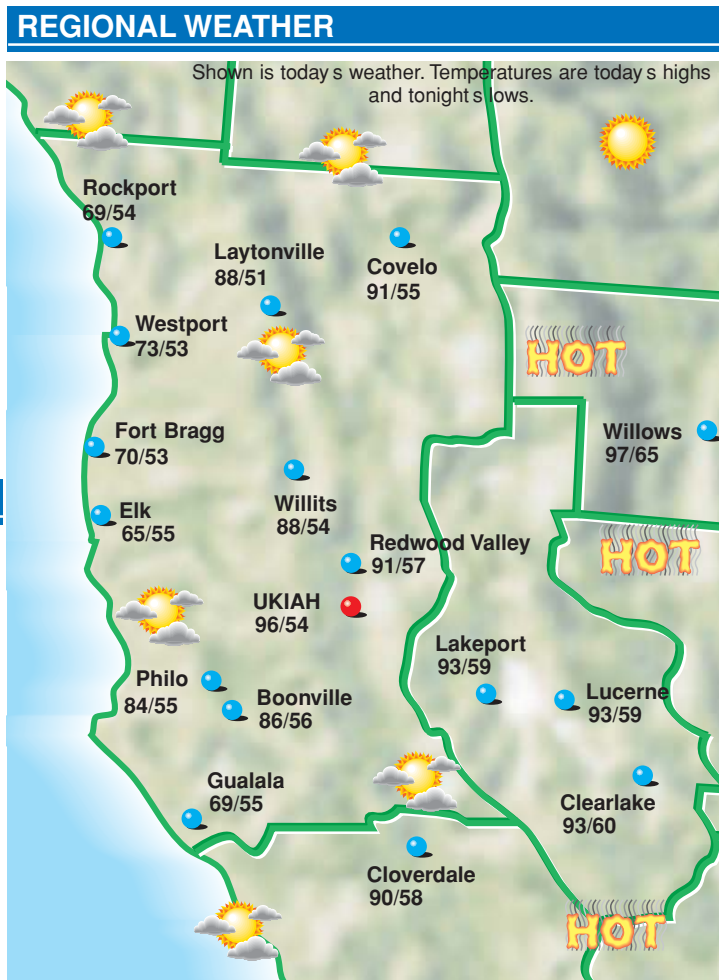
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After loss of 2 sons in Iraq, father says he still supports U.S. efforts

By GARANCE BURKE
 Associated Press Writer
 CLOVIS — A father who lost a second son last week in the Iraq war said Thursday the support his family has received has helped them sustain their efforts to combat global terrorism.

"The nation's at war," said Jeff Hubbard, the soldier's father, a retired police officer. "We just want people to support the nation and what it's trying to get accomplished by making the world a better place."

Army Cpl. Nathan Hubbard, 21, died Aug. 22 in a helicopter crash. He had enlisted at age 19 while still grieving for his older brother, Marine Lance Cpl. Jared Hubbard, who was killed by a roadside bomb in Ramadi

in 2004.

A third brother, Army Spc. Jason Hubbard, 33, was part of the platoon that recovered Nathan's body from the crash site. After Nathan's death, Jason was sent home from his unit and was ordered not to redeploy to a hostile fire zone.

Both brothers were in the same platoon on a scouting mission observing a treacherous stretch of road south of Kirkuk, Iraq, the day of the crash, the surviving son said. Jason's team left the area in a Black Hawk first; another soldier aboard that helicopter saw from the air that the second aircraft had crashed.

"We kind of went into a holding pattern over this downed bird," Jason Hubbard told reporters, his voice steady. "It was at that point where I

began to really fear that was the other helicopter that picked up our team."

His team was then assigned to return to the desert and secure the crash site, which meant removing weapons, equipment and the bodies of their comrades from the wreckage. "I couldn't participate in that," said Jason, wearing his dress uniform. "I knew Nathan was in there. I tried several times to kind of gather myself, but I just, I couldn't."

On Wednesday, their parents, Jeff and Peggy Hubbard, led a procession of cars to a Clovis funeral home after a flag-draped casket carrying Nathan Hubbard's remains arrived at Fresno-Yosemite International Airport.

Jeff Hubbard lost his compo-

sure for a moment Thursday as he asked mourners who knew his youngest son to remember him as a thoughtful athlete who graced the lives of those around him.

"He was not an intense guy," his father said. "Everything about him was soft. He wanted to help people."

After Jared's death, the couple were conflicted when their two surviving sons announced they wanted to enlist, in part to heal from the loss of their brother. They were proud, but they wanted to make sure the sons were doing it for the right reasons and understood the risks, he said.

Nathan's mother and sister Heidi, 31, did not participate in the interview. Since learning of their youngest son's death, the family has been through moments of absolute physical and emotional devastation, Jeff Hubbard said, but they were trying to "rejoin the human race" even as they grieved.

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Joan Denbo



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Ukiah area residents graduate from Empire College

Joan Denbo of Ukiah and Teresa Hernandez of Willits graduated among a group of 143 students from Empire College at semiannual commencement exercises on Tuesday evening, July 24, at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts.

Joan Denbo graduated with President's Honors from the Medical Billing and Coding Technician program. She and her husband, Joe Denbo, have three children: Gracie, Joseph, and Olivia Denbo.

Willits High School alumna Teresa Hernandez graduated with Dean's Honors from the Specialized Associate Degree-Administrative Specialist program and was recipient of the Empire College Outstanding Office Administration Graduate Award.

The daughter of Tim and Sandi Brennan of Willits, Ms. Hernandez and her late husband SSgt. Dwight J. Morgan (USMC), have two children: Alex and Jason Morgan.

Local has graduated from Air Force basic training

Air Force Reserve Airman first Class Daulton R. Abernathy III has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Daulton and Linda Abernathy of Ukiah, and a 2004 graduate of Ukiah High School.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

NEW ARRIVALS


 Kendall Nicole Schank
Schank

A new daughter, Kendall Nicole Schank, was born on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, to Laura and Kenneth Schank of Redwood Valley.

She weighed 7 pounds, 5.5 ounces.

She is welcomed by her older brother Wyatt Schank, and older sisters Bailey and Katelynn Young-Schank.



Daulton Abernathy

Garcia

A new daughter, Danielle Yvonne Garcia, was born on Friday, August 3, 2007, to Nicole Yvonne and Matthew Daniel Garcia of Redwood Valley.

She weighed 8 pounds, 15.5 ounces.

She is also welcomed by her siblings Isaac, Jaden, and Matthew Garcia.

ENGAGEMENT


 Gina Rose Montesonti
and Cummings William Rohrbough

Montesonti-Rohrbough

Gina Rose Montesonti and Cummings William Rohrbough, of Savannah, G.A. would like to announce their engagement to marry in May 2008, in Ukiah.

Gina Montesonti is the daughter of Tom and Cyndi Montesonti. She will complete her Bachelor's Degree in human services this December, and is self employed as a massage therapist.

William Rohrbough is the son of Craig and Jane Rohrbough of Uiah. He serves as crew chief on a Blackhawk Helicopter with the 160th Delta stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, G.A.

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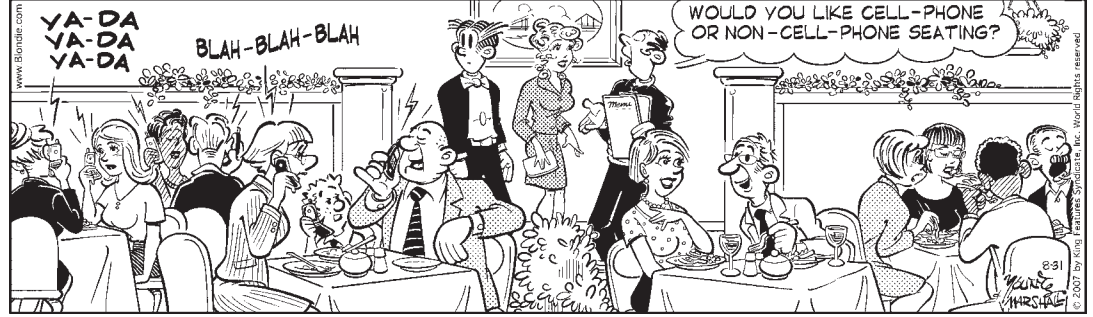
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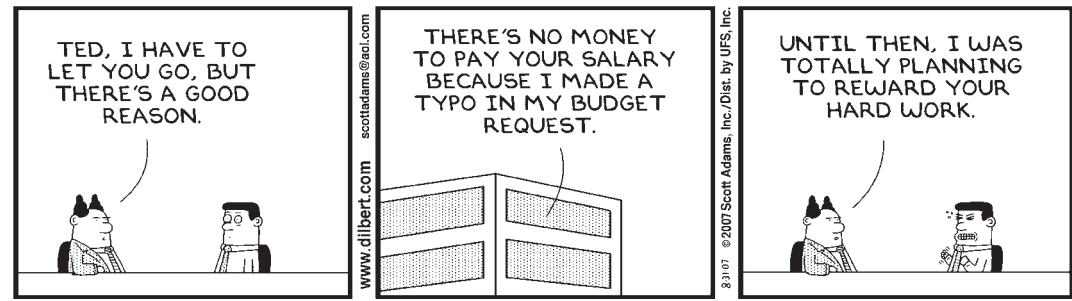
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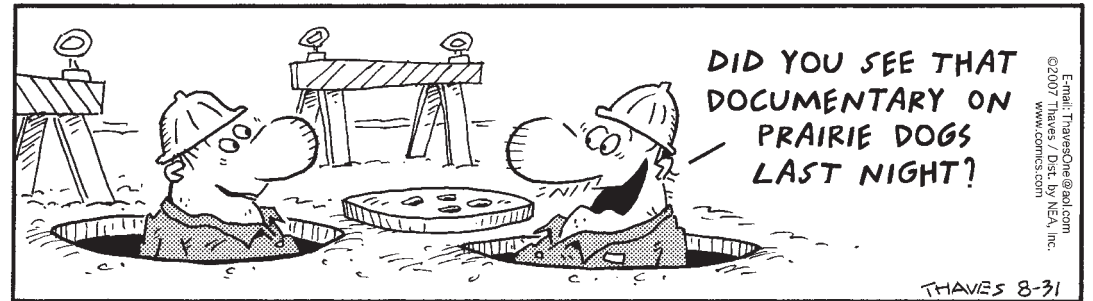
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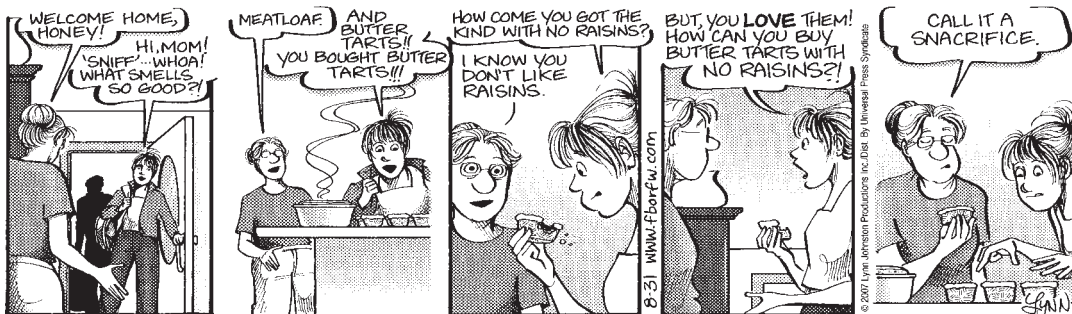
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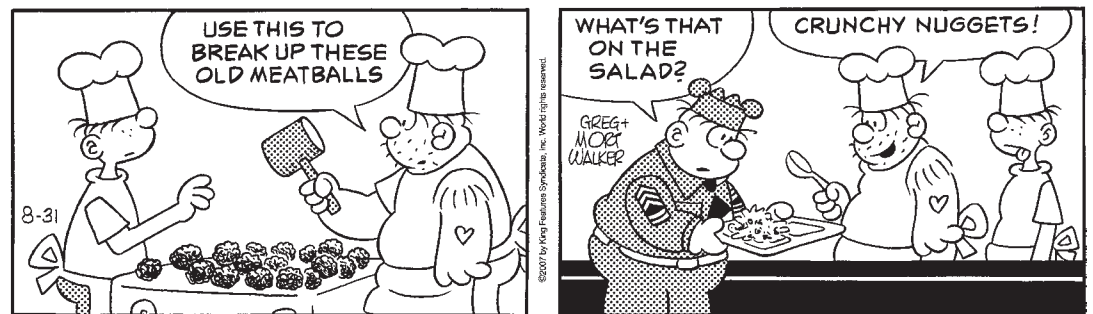
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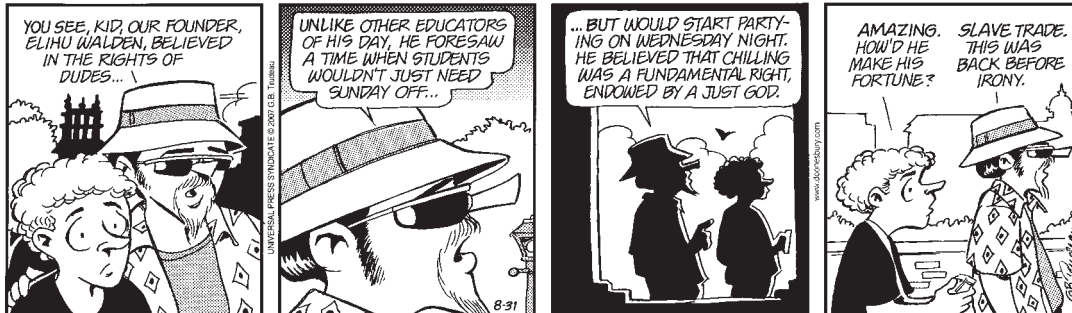
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Datebook: Friday, August 31, 2007

Today is the 243rd day of 2007 and the 72nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1886, the first major earthquake in recorded U.S. history struck Charleston, S.C.

In 1897, Thomas Alva Edison received a patent for his kinetoscope, which could produce motion pictures.

In 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, and Emad Mohamed al-Fayed were killed in a car accident.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Maria Montessori (1870-1952), physician/educator; William Saroyan (1908-1981), playwright;

Buddy Hackett (1924-2003), comedian/actor; James Coburn (1928-2002), actor; Frank Robinson (1935-), baseball player/manager, is 72; Van Morrison (1945-), singer/songwriter, is 62; Itzhak Perlman (1945-), violinist, is 62; Chris Tucker (1972-), actor, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2001, a Little League team from the Bronx, N.Y., was stripped of its third-place finish in the Little League World Series because its starting pitcher was over the age of 12.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The greatest happiness you can have is knowing that you do not necessarily require happiness." -- William Saroyan

TODAY'S FACT: The only patent ever issued to a president was to Abraham Lincoln for "Manner of Buoying Vessels" in 1849.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 28) and last quarter (Sept. 3).



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007
In the year ahead, bonds could become much tighter in a relationship that is important to you. This development could bring about some very pleasant occurrences and give you far greater happiness than you thought possible.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22) -- All you have to do is set your mind to it and you will be able to deal with any and all difficult situations that could arise. Your positive and tenacious attitude will achieve victory for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You can expect a shift in conditions, but it'll be a good one. Others will now be willing to go out of their way for you in the very same area where they previously had refused to deal.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-

Nov. 22) -- Keep any and all negotiations as uncomplicated as possible by banning others who don't belong in the proceedings. You'll be able to more effectively deal with things when they're simple.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Actions you take to enhance your image will be quite favorable to those you are trying to impress. As a result, they will be far more willing to help you achieve your objectives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Those who previously contested your involvement in a particular endeavor may learn to their chagrin that you are a necessary and important element to its success. Use

your clout to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- If the pieces are in place, go ahead and make those critical changes you have been contemplating. They should produce the beneficial effects you're looking for under the circumstances.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Because you treat everybody you encounter with a warm and respectful manner, they, in turn, will respond kindly. You may make a new acquaintance or friend in the process.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- What you save by doing some household repairs yourself or making or building an item that

would be costly could pay off in more ways than money. The pride you feel will be more valuable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- The pleasant way you handle or manage others, especially during difficult situations, will be appreciated and applauded by those around you. Nobody will feel manipulated or ordered about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- This is a good day to have friends over to your place, so invite those to whom you feel obligated for a fun time. It's one of those days where entertaining will feel easy and bring lots of laughs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You could get the first inkling that some-

thing both fascinating and beneficial is in the works and coming your way. It may be an entertainment, but it just as easily might be a business transaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- When it comes to making any financial arrangements, you will get a better deal if you negotiate with the top gun. Strive to avoid anybody who isn't authorized to make the changes you need.

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- Circular object
- Unattractive
- London lav
- Prevail upon
- Gunk
- Ms. Thurman
- Trickle
- Alter a skirt
- Black tea
- Signs off on
- Rap star Dr. —
- Friday's creator
- Wild tee shirt (hyph.)
- Desktop symbol
- Quartet member
- Bullring shout
- NFL player
- Almost, in verse
- Respite
- Says
- Mr. Spock's father
- Flaming

DOWN

- Food fish
- Campus areas
- Sits on the throne
- Bankroll
- Tall bird
- Dreaded czar
- Ceremony
- Kippur
- Verne skipper
- Scent
- Wane
- Sprouted
- Bearskin, maybe
- Frankenstein's gofer
- Ice sheet
- Violent storm
- Grads
- Mr. DeLuise
- Bathroom item (2 wds.)
- Shucked corn

Answer to Previous Puzzle

G	E	A	R		N	U	M	B	S			
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THE LEARNING CHALLENGER
by Robert Barnett

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A. Using each "Chaos Grid" number with its letter one time, arrange the numbers with their letters for the "Order Grid" so each vertical column, horizontal row, and two diagonals each ADD to numbers inside thick lined cells.

B. Some correct numbers with their letters have been put into the "Order Grid" to get you started. Also, above the "Order Grid" is a "Decoded Message" clue.

C. After you have solved the "Order Grid" doing as direction "A" says, put the letters from horizontal rows, from left to right, under "Decoded Message" and make words to form the answer.

CHAOS GRID

20	26	21	26
O	P	S	E
27	15	15	14
A	O	R	U
20	19	25	22
S	C	R	E
16	10	21	11
N	R	E	G

CLUE: EXHORT

ORDER GRID

				77	
				77	
		27		77	
		A		77	
	15	O		26	77
			P		77
15	R				77
77	77	77	77	77	77

DECODED MESSAGE:

ANSWERS IN NEXT EDITION
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Run in papers of Friday, Aug. 31, 2007

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: Y equals F

" M A Y N W Z M A B Z K R T , G K S K R X K H K Z F B Z G K ' H K S K K A O W K B Z K E Z N E N L X A B Z K Z F K V R B A K Z , Z N E N L X A B Z K A B Z M W K . B X A ' Z Z W M K . "

- Z K E E B A J N A

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "You don't always get what you ask for, but you never get what you don't ask for... unless it's contagious!" - Beverly Sills

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: HIS

Yesterday's Jumbles: MERGE TWINE SEETHE IMPACT
Answer: Developing a pot belly over the years is a — "WAIST" OF TIME

College student seeks parental approval of boyfriend

Dear Annie: I am a student at a prestigious college and consider myself to be responsible, mature and self-assured.

I have been dating "Ricky" for two years. He is smart, considerate and funny. I think I could spend many more years with him. The problem is, my mother refuses to meet Ricky or talk about him. Her attitude is the result of cultural differences. Ricky's parents are immigrants. But I am tired of having to lie to my parents when I talk to Ricky on the phone or when we go out together.

I have not had the courage to tell my father about Ricky and don't expect to for a while. My siblings have already met him and approve. I really think my mother would like him if she'd give him a chance. And I suspect she'll be more amenable to the relationship after I graduate next year, but I don't want to wait that long.

I feel awful about this. Should I just be patient and wait until Mom thinks I'm more of

ANNIE'S MAILBOX
By Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar

an adult? -- Dreading the Battle

Dear Dreading: If you consider yourself to be an adult, it's time to act like one. That means confronting difficult situations and standing up for people who are important to you. By avoiding the subject and sneaking around, you give the impression that you are not ready for a serious relationship, and your parents will treat you accordingly. You should tell your folks, with conviction, that Ricky is a big part of your life and it's time they got to know him. They may be more willing than you think. Of course, in case they are not, Ricky should be worth dealing with the fallout.

Dear Annie: Whose bright idea was it to

make a car honk when you lock it with the remote?

I live in a senior mobile home park. My car used to honk, but out of respect for my neighbors, I had it fixed by the dealer so I could lock the car with the remote without making noise. My other neighbor, however, doesn't care. She uses the remote to lock her car no matter how late it is and no matter how often she wakes me up. It's also scary to be walking through a parking lot and have the car I'm passing suddenly honk loudly.

Now someone has told me some cars cannot be locked except by the remote. Is that true? Does the world really need all this unnecessary noise? -- B.H.

Dear B.H.: We agree that this can be annoying, especially late at night or early in the morning, in residential areas with a lot of cars. Some communities have noise restrictions, in which case, you can report someone whose horn goes off at odd hours. But most cars can have the horn feature disabled and only the lights will blink when the car is locked or unlocked. Those who cannot program this

themselves (check the manual) can have the dealer do it. You should recommend this to your neighbor, who may be quite willing to do it if someone will show her how.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Boxed Out in Harrisburg, Pa.," whose husband cleaned the house by putting all her stuff in boxes while she was out of town. Several years ago, I visited my mother out of state. I came home to find my husband had "cleaned up" my home office. He dumped all my filing into one large box, moved a 350-page manuscript I was working on and rearranged all my work piles. The room looked nice, but it took me hours to find things.

I told my husband the next time he went out of town, I was going to rearrange the garage. A look of horror crossed his face. We have had no more rearranging of my "stuff." -- Cluttered in Western Pennsylvania

Dear Cluttered: We can't imagine the chutzpah involved in rearranging another person's private papers, but we think you hit on a good solution.

FRIDAY EVENING

8/31/07	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
BROADCAST CHANNELS											
(2)	MLB Baseball	Friends	Seinfeld	Movie: ★★ "13 Going on 30"	(2004)	Ten O'clock News (N)	Seinfeld	(N)			
(4)	News (N)	Extra (N)	Hollywood	1 vs. 100	(N)	Las Vegas	(N)	News (N)			
(5)	News (N)	Eye-Bay	Judge J.	Ghost Whisperer	(N)	Jericho "Casus Belli"	NUMB3RS	(N)	News (N)		
(6)	News (N)	Jeopardy!	Fortune	Set for Life (N)	(N)	Lopez	Lopez	20/20	(N)	News (N)	
(8)	News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	NOW (N)	Parks	Parks	Calif. Gold	Parks	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	Sound		
(8)	Paparazzi	Alma Gemela	Alma Gemela	Pelicula se Anunciará				Alma Gemela	Night Show		
(9)	News-Lehrer	Business	Immigrate	Wash Wk	NOW (N)	Benise: Nights of Fire	(N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)			
(20)	Fresh Pr.	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	Jim	News		Comics Un.	Cheaters		
(26)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	70s Show	70s Show	Cops	Cops	The Tyra Banks Show	Frasier	(N)	HS Sports	
(40)	King of Hill	Malcolm	Raymond	Raymond	Movie: ★★ "13 Going on 30"	(2004)	News (N)	(N)	Will-Grace		
(44)	King	King	Simpsons	Simpsons	WWE Friday Night SmackDown!	(N)	(N)	Simpsons	South Park	Will-Grace	
(50)	The Insider	Entertain	Becker	Still Stnd	Raymond	Raymond	Frasier	(N)	Still Stnd	Becker	Blind Date
CABLE CHANNELS											
A&E	Cold Case Files	(N)	CSI: Miami	(N)	CSI: Miami "Wannabe"	(N)	CSI: Miami "Legal"	(N)	CSI: Miami "The Score"	CSI: Miami	
AMC	(5:00) Movie: ★★ "Dave"		Movie: ★★ "Cape Fear"	(1991)	Robert De Niro.		Movie: ★ "Nightwatch"	(1998)			
COM	"So I Married"	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Chappelle	Chappelle	Titus	Norman Rockwell Is Bleeding		
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Survivorman	Survivorman	Lobster Wars	Survivorman (N)	Survivorman (N)	Going Tribal (N)	Survivor		
DISN	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Movie: ★★ "Angels in the Outfield"	(1994)	So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life		
ESPN	(5:00) College Football	Washington at Syracuse.	SportsCenter (Live)	(N)	Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter (Live)	(N)	SportsCtr.		
FAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Movie: ★★ "The Sound of Music"	(1965)	Musical	Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer.	(N)	700 Club			
FSB	Baseball	Pregame	MLB Baseball	Detroit Tigers at Oakland Athletics.	(Subject to Blackout)	Final Score	Baseball	Fight			
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Princess Diana	Movie: "The Murder of Princess Diana"	(2007)	Will-Grace			
NICK	Zoey 101	School	OddParent	Neutron	Tak, Power	Tak, Power	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Videos	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
SCI FI	Stargate SG-1	(N)	Painkiller Jane (N)	(N)	Stargate SG-1	(N)	Painkiller Jane (N)	(N)	Stargate SG-1		
TBS	Seinfeld	(N)	Seinfeld	(N)	Raymond	Raymond	Movie: ★★ "Hitch"	(2005)	Will Smith, Eva Mendes.	(N)	Funniest Commercials
TNN	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Movie: ★★ "GoodFellas"	(1990)	Robert De Niro.				
TNT	Law & Order	(DVS)	Law & Order	(DVS)	Law & Order	(DVS)	Law & Order	(DVS)	Movie: ★★ "Rush Hour"	(N)	
USA	U.S. Open Tennis		Law Order: Cl		Monk	(N)	Psych	(N)	House	(N)	
WGN	"Summer of Sam"	(N)	WGN News at Nine (N)		Sex & City	Scrubs	Scrubs	(N)	Becker	(N)	Behrendt
PREMIUM CHANNELS											
HBO	"Dukes-Hazzard"	Hard Knocks	Movie: ★★ "Snakes on a Plane"	(2006)	R	Entourage	Entourage	Real Time			
MAX	"Momma	Movie: "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"	(N)	Movie: ★★ "Over the Hedge"		Movie: "Big Momma's House 2"					
SHOW	(5:45) Movie: ★★ "House of D"	"Larry the Cable Guy"	Weeds	Californ	Movie: ★★ "Hostel"	(2006)	R				

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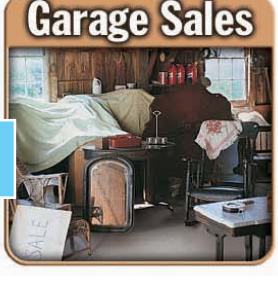
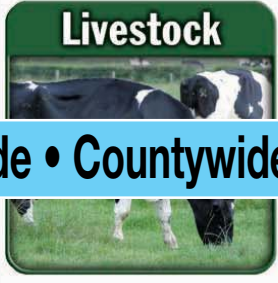
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/s/Barbara T. Marshall
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Deborah A. Ioimo
13031 Tomki Rd. Redwood Valley, CA 95470
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in County on July 9, 2007. This business was conducted by a California Limited Partnership. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mendocino County on July 9, 2007.
/s/Nicholas A. Ioimo
NICHOLAS A. IOIMO

635-07
8-17,24,31,9-7/07
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 2007-F0568
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
READY, SET, GO! AND PARTY SUPPLIES OF UKIAH
P.O. Box 856, (street: 676 S. Orchard Ave) Ukiah, CA 95482
Dottie Deerwester
P.O. Box 518 (417 N. Oak St) Ukiah, CA 95482
Gordon Elton
P.O. Box 518 (417 N. Oak St) Ukiah, CA 95482
This business is conducted by Husband & Wife. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2007. Endorsed-Filed on Aug. 16, 2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.
/s/Dottie Deerwester
DOTTIE DEERWESTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

638-07
8-17,24,31,9-7/07
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (persons) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:
UKIAH CYCLE CENTER
1420 S. State St. Ukiah, CA 95482
Craig Vincent
1310 So Dora Ukiah CA 95482
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in County on July 23, 2001. This business was conducted by an individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mendocino County on August 10, 2007.
/s/Craig Vincent
CRAIG VINCENT

640-07
8-17,24,31,9-7/07
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 2007-F0555
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
UKIAH CYCLE CENTER KTM
1420 S. State Street Ukiah, CA 95482
David O'Leary
2501 N. State St Ukiah, CA 95482
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/10/07. Endorsed-Filed on 8/10/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.
/s/David O'Leary
DAVID O'LEARY

642-07
8-24,31,9-7,14/07
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 2007-F0582
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
ROKS
1543 Daphne Dr. Willits, CA 95490
Gregory McDonald Atherton
1543 Daphne Dr. Ukiah, CA 95490
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 23, 2007. Endorsed-Filed on 08/30/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.
/s/Gregory McDonald Atherton
GREGORY MCDONALD ATHERTON

PUBLIC NOTICE

683-07
8-31,9-7,14,21/07
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 2007-F0536
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
HERBALIFE CARLA GLASS INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTOR
464 Briarwood Drive Ukiah, CA 95482
Carla Jean Glass
464 Briarwood Drive Ukiah, CA 95482
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 1, 2007. Endorsed-Filed on 08/01/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.
/s/Carla J. Glass
CARLA JEAN GLASS

679-07
8-31,9-7,14,21/07
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 2007-F0592
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
RUSSIAN RIVER CUSTOMS
4001 N. State St Ukiah, CA 95482
Timothy J Smith
4001 N. State St Ukiah, CA 95482
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8-29-07. Endorsed-Filed on 08/29/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.
/s/Timothy Joseph Smith
TIMOTHY JOSEPH SMITH

682-07
8-31,9-7,14,21/07
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 2007-F0593
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
JESSE
4570 Old River Road Ukiah, CA 95482
Jose Jesus Leon Ortiz (DBA Consultant)
4570 Old River Rd Ukiah, CA 95482
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8-30-2007. Endorsed-Filed on 08/30/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.
/s/Jose Jesus Leon Ortiz
JOSE JESUS LEON ORTIZ

639-07

8-17,24,31/07
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/5/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein-after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.
Trustor: **RANDY S. SPEARS, a single man**
Duly Appointed Trustee: **Law Offices of Les Zieve** Deed of Trust recorded 10/18/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-20773 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Mendocino County, California, Date of Sale: 9/7/2007 at 10:00 AM
Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$435,017.00**
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed.
A.P.N.: **003-410-45-00**
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.
August 17, 2007
THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
EPP 617. 8/17, 8/24, 8/31/2007.

PUBLIC NOTICE
637-07
8-17,24,31,9-7/07
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 2007-0549
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
ASHLEY BROOKE VINEYARDS
2350 McNab Ranch Rd Ukiah, CA 95482
ASHLEY BROOKE Winery
2350 McNab Ranch Rd Ukiah, CA 95482
PLC, LLC
2350 McNab Ranch Rd Ukiah, CA 95482
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 1 2007. Endorsed-Filed on 08/07/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.
/s/Richard P. Parducci
RICHARD P. PARDUCCI GENERAL MANAGER

10 NOTICES
Climbing The Mountain Together
Alzheimer's Caregiver Benefit Grace Hudson Museum Sat. Sept. 8 2-6 pm Tickets \$25
Several dynamic local artists will perform. Sponsored by: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans & Soroptimist International of Yokayo Sunrise. Tickets: Mendocino Book Co., Ukiah Chamber of Commerce Ukiah, and Leaves Of Grass, Willits or any Committee Member or Carole Hester @ 707-463-1231. **Fantastic silent auction items available!**

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30 LOST & FOUND

I was wandering down Hwy 175 in Hopland on 8/28. I am just about 4 mo. old, a male Lab mix. What danger I was in. Anything could have happened to me! I shudder to think about it. Well now I am safe at the Ukiah shelter. If I am yours, please come find me. I will be up for adoption on 9/4. I am at 298 Plant Rd or call Sage 467-6453.

70 TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

PRISCO SAFARIS
Let's Go Africa Safari Dec 3-14, 2007
www.priscosafaris.com
707-245-9818

120 HELP WANTED

ACCOUNTANT
FT Accountant to oversee AP, PR, maintain GL, prepare FS and required bank reporting, prepare and maintain budgets, forecasting and analysis. Min. BA degree or equivalent or five years exper. Benefits inc. health, retirement, holiday and vacation pay, etc. Job description & application available
Solid Wastes of Willits, 350 Franklin Ave. EOE
Accounting: F/T opening for A/R data Clerk. Self-starter, 10-key & computer knowledge. Apply in person, Kelly Moore Paint Co., 217 E. Gobbi Street
All Shifts FT & PT Available!!
No experience needed. Higher wage with experience This year's seniors welcome. Full training provided. Drug testing required, cannabis not tested for hire. Assist disabled in their home and on outings. Call for interview 485-5168, 485-0165, 468-0602
Help Wanted
P/T. Dishwasher, baker/breakfast cook & host. Apply at Hopland Inn 13401 S. Hwy 101.

120 HELP WANTED

ASSISTANT COOK
Must be exp. Pre-employment physical & drug testing req'd. Dental, Vision, Medical benefits. Free co-op child care. Apply **Trinity School 915 W. Church St. Ukiah**
BARTENDER
F/T w/benefits \$8.50-10.50/hr DOEEO
Mendocino Brewing Company's Hopland Ale House.
13351 S. Hwy 101, Hopland. christia@mendocinobrew.com
BOOKKEEPER
P/T w/busy real estate office. Quickbooks exp. nec. Payroll, AR & AP. Knowledge of office equipment & procedures a+. Hourly wage based on exp. Send reply to box 03092, c/o Ukiah Daily Journal, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482-0749.

BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR
Experienced Accountant/Bookkeeper with full competency in A/R, A/P, bank reconciliation, fixed assets & G/L monthly close. Respond via email jobs@metalfx.com or send resume to **Metalfx, Attn: Human Resources, 300 East Hill Road Willits, Ca. 95490**

Business Manager \$60,387-\$78,992 or Accountant \$49,756-\$68,361
One position to be filled at either **Business Mgr. or Accountant level.** Salary placement is based on education & experience in the appropriate field.
Mendocino County Office of Education
Visit www.mcoe.us/jobs 467-5012 or hr@mcoe.us
Open until 9/17/07 to assure consideration.

Caregiver for mental health facility. PT & full in. Various shifts **\$8-\$10/hr. 467-0911**
Caregiver position opening to the right person. Private pay. For interview 367-5476

CLASS A DRIVER
w/exp. Call for application (707)894-5685 or fax (707)894-2006

Customer Service Rep.
Inside Sales, Exp. Preferred. Requires good organizational & interactive people skills & computer skills. Great benefits. EOE. Respond jobs@metalfx.com or send resume to METALFX, 300 E. Hill Rd, Willits, CA 95490

DIESEL MECHANIC
5 yrs. exp. Good pay. + benefits. Clean DMV. 462-9318.
Medical Assistant.
FT. Patient skills essential, also computer knowledge. Good benefits. Send reply to box 03094, c/o Ukiah Daily Journal, PO Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482

120 HELP WANTED

DRIVERS - \$1000 HIRING BONUS Golden State Overnight is hiring full & part time drivers with insured, dependable van or pickup w/shell for local morning small package delivery routes in both Mendocino & Lake Counties. Earn a competitive wage plus mileage reimbursement plus additional reimbursement for fuel cost. Routes available Mon-Fri & Tues-Sat. Benefits available including health coverage & 401k w/company match. Contact **Steven Koller 866-779-7726 or skoller@gso.com**

Drivers-Class A
Night Shift, local haul chips. Current DMV printout. Starts at \$14.00. 459-4131.

ELECTRICIAN
Journeyman/Electrician in training. **Tipton Electric 707-462-8229**

Environmental Program Coordinator
Requires degree in environmental, natural resources or related field. FT - competitive wage and generous benefits. Inquire at 707-744-1647 x1341 or Email hr@hoplandtribe.com

Exp. Cooks Servers Hosts Hostess
Apply at **ZACKS 1430 N. State.**

F/T Back Office
Pos. for busy medical office. Mail resume to 246 Hospital Dr. Ukiah

Family & Child Unification Advocacy Specialist
Central Office, Nice, CA. Native American Cash Assistance Program. F/T w/Benefits, \$45K. Closing 8/31/07. Get Application & Job Description at www.cttp.net. Questions/information: Call 707-262-4404. Fax Resume & Application to 707-274-4233. Indian Hiring Preference Applies.

Jensen's Restaurant
Cooks, dishwashers. Experienced. Eves & graveyards. Apply 1550 Lover's Ln. No phone calls.

Join Our Professional Driving Team
A local petroleum distributor is currently seeking qualified **Class A Drivers** Applicants will need to have full endorsements, clean DMV, current medical card. Positions are F/T, year-round. Earning potential of \$60,000+ annually. Bonus program, health benefits, 401(k) holiday, vacation pay. Please apply in person at 2401 N. State St. Ukiah 707-462-8811

LABORATORY ASSISTANT/TRAINEE
Clean glassware & assist technicians in busy laboratory. Full time. High school diploma or equivalent required. Apply Alpha Analytical Laboratories, 208 Mason St., Ukiah. No phone calls please.

Pet Care Tech.
P/T & F/T. Incl. wknds & holidays. Apply in person only **Blue Ribbon Pets** 5290 N. State St.

120 HELP WANTED

FISCAL ACCOUNTANT-CONFIDENTIAL Community Development Commission of Mendocino County has F/T position in Ukiah. \$17,34-\$28,25 per hr. DOE, health benefits, PERS. Responsible for complete payroll and accounts payable processing, assists in budget development and audits, financial analyses involving spreadsheet and report development. Manages the general ledger and performs main interface with Lindsey software. Complete job description & application available at 1076 N. State St. Ukiah, CA 95482, EOE 707-463-5462x101, TDD 707-463-5697. Open until filled.

Furniture delivery and warehouse person. Good DMV. Apply in person 245 East Standley St. Ukiah

General Maintenance for industrial park. Clean CDL. Fax resume 485-1824

Hazardous Waste Technician
Local gov. agency. Operate haz waste collections. Recycle paint. Good DMV required. \$14.42 start, benefits. Call Mike 468-9710 or p/u app at 101 W. Church Rm. 9, Ukiah.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for Office Mgr. Full charge. Payroll, PR taxes, payables, bank reconciliations, health insurance, phones, mail. Must be highly exp. in MS Word, Excel and cost acctg. Heavy data entry. 35 hr/wk. Full benefits. Mail resume to 10751-B Main St., Potter Valley 95469 wms@pacific.net or fax 743-1455

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120 HELP WANTED

LICENSED NURSES & CNA'S
We have openings on our team. A \$1500 hire on bonus is available for full-time LVN's or RN's. Please contact Lakeport Skilled Nursing Center. 263-6101

Maintenance & Operations Director \$76,334-\$94,939 Mendocino County Office of Education
Visit www.mcoe.us/jobs 467-5012 or hr@mcoe.us
Open until filled. Apply by 9/17/07 to assure consideration.

Medical Assistant F/T for MCHC.
2 Pos. OB exp. a-a. Bilingual in Span. pref. \$12-\$17 DOE. Fax: 468-0793 skerry@mchcinc.org www.mchcinc.org

Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency Social Services Branch
Currently recruiting for:
●Account Clerk II (Ukiah Only)
For further info go to: www.mss.ca.gov to "Career Opportunities" or call the Jobline: 707-467-5866. Closes 9/14/07

Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency Social Services Branch
Currently recruiting for:
●Social Worker Supervisor I
●Social Worker Supervisor II
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Metal Analyst
Fast paced environmental laboratory. BA/BS in Chemistry and experience in AA, GF, ICPMS and other related experience preferred. 401 K plan, good salary, long established business. No phone calls. Respond with resume to 208 Mason St.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ASSISTED LIVING (senior housing) NOW HIRING!!!
MAINTENANCE CAREGIVERS MED PASSERS BEAUTICIAN COOK P/T ALL SHIFTS
Drug test & background check required. Wage DOE Apply at 1343 S. Dora St. Ukiah

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120 HELP WANTED
NEW EXCITING POSITION WORKING WITH KIDS
 6 wks pd vacation
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No. Circle Indian Housing Authority is seeking a F/T Receptionist/Clerk. Duties include: processing of mail, prepare mo. Board packets, maintain various logs, serve as key operator of business machines, handle a large volume of phone calls. Applic. deadline: Sept. 4th. Full job desc. and application at 694 Pinoleville Drive, Ukiah. Ph: 468-1336. Indian Preference in hiring will apply.

Nursing Director
 F/T FOR MCHC
 Manage staff at 3 clinics. Bilingual in Span. a+. Salary DOE
 Fax: 468-0793
 skennney@mchcinc.org
 www.mchcinc.org

OFFICE/MARKETING COORDINATOR
 Boutique-Hopland winery seeks P/T staffer to handle office ops, mktg/sales projects, website mgmt, inventory, rcpn/secr.duties. 4 yrs. office exp. req. 2 or 4 yr. degree prf. Strong computer, math, oral, written skills req. Flex sched/exc wrkg environ. Email resume w/salary hist. to info@saracina.com or fax 707-744-1472

Payroll-HR Clerk
 FT-Ukiah. Perform payroll, general acct., clerical work, incl computer data entry. Req. 2 yrs. paid clerical exp incl Payroll exp. HS grad or equiv. Sal. \$1832-\$2578/mo. Exel. Bene. Closes 9/12/07 at 5 pm.
 Send resume & letter of interest to HR RCRC

1116 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah, CA 95482, email HR@redwoodoastcorp.org or fax 462-4280 "EOE/M-F"

People to work with developmentally disabled adults one on one in their own home. All Shifts available. Call **Cindy 468-9331**

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN
 Full or part time. **Willits Rexall Pharmacy**
 90 S. Main St. Willits. 459-6877
 Fax 459-3299

PHLEBOTOMIST
 P/T for MCHC. 12-20 hrs per wk. \$12-\$17 DOE
 Fax: 468-0793. skennney@mchcinc.org
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 Medical Front Desk F/T. Exp. Preferred. Bilingual Preferred Salary DOE.
 Call Erica 707-743-1188 Ext 110

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 • Auditor - P/T
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YARD HELPER
 Entry level, 18+ Clean CDL. Hay & feed loading. F/T, full benefits, holidays, vacation. Apply **RAINBOW AG**
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120 HELP WANTED
Sherwood Oaks Long Term Care Facility
 is currently hiring for the following management and staff positions:
 •MDs/Resident Assessment Coordinator, RN
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 •RN/LVN charge nurses
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Come join our great team on the coast! Call Kim Butler at (707) 964-6333 or pick up application at 130 Dana St., Fort Bragg CA

Staff Accountant F/T for MCHC. Exp. in general ledger. \$17.50-\$19 DOE plus great benefits pkg. Fax: 468-0793 skennney@mchcinc.org
 www.mchcinc.org

SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTIONAL PARA-PROFESSIONALS NEEDED
 \$12.74/hr for 48 or more college units. **Mendocino County Office of Education**
 Please visit www.mcoe.us/jobs or call 707-467-5012

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED \$125/day
Mendocino County Office of Education Alternative Education Programs
 Please visit www.mcoe.us/jobs or call 707-467-5012

TEACHER -Office Occupations \$27.84-\$46.36/hr
 South Valley High School 2 hrs/day (7:30-9:30 am), 5 days/wk, 10 mos/yr. Regular teaching credential not required. Visit www.mcoe.us/jobs or call 467-5012
DEADLINE: 9/10/07

TEACHER ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION
 County Community Day School Grades 6-8 Multiple Subject Credential Preferred. F/T \$27.84-\$46.36/hr Visit www.mcoe.us/jobs or call 467-5012
DEADLINE: 9/10/07

Teachers for E Center's Migrant Head Start Prgm
 in Kelseyville 40 & 20 hr/wk positions; seasonal; benefits for positions 30+ hours; bilingual Eng/Span) pref: **Level I**; \$11.42 with potential up to \$13.91; 24 ECE units & 16 GE units with "C" or better & min 1 yr. exp; **Level II**; \$12.58 with potential up to \$15.33; AA Degree in ECE & 1 yr. exp; **Level III**; \$13.88 with potential up to \$16.90; BA degree in ECE or Child Dev. & 1 yr exp. **Associate**: \$10.87/hr w/potential up to \$13.24/hr; CDA credential or Min 12 core units ECE & 1 yr. classrm exp; must have valid CA driver's license; contact: HR Dept., 410 Jones St., Ukiah; 707-462-0194: www.ectr.org deadline 9/4/07, 5 pm. EOE

TLC Child & Family Services
 seeks 2 additional homes for Shelter Care program Applicants need to have at least 1 spare bdrm to house a child for up to 30 days. Guaranteed monthly allotment. Generous increase upon placement. Income tax-exempt. Exp. with children req. Parents will receive training. + Social Worker, in-home support & respite. Need 1 or 2-parent homes, with 1 parent home full time. Home with no more than 1 biological child considered. Retirees invited to apply. Contact **TLC**
 707-463-1100 Lic#236800809

120 HELP WANTED
TRINITY YOUTH SERVICES Child Care
 Swing & graveyard shifts available. Starting \$9.40 per hr. On call \$9 per hr. Qualif. 21 years old, Med. & drug exam, T.B. test, criminal background check. Great benefit pkg. Apply
 915 W. Church St. Ukiah 95482

UVAH is looking for: Janitorial/house-keeping Supervisor. (3 mo. position possible F/T, M-F. 35+ hrs per wk., approx. 7:30 am-3:30pm). **FT Skills Instructors** M-F 8am-4:30 pm Excel. benefits: Medical, vision, dental, paid holidays, sick & vacation. Req. valid CDL, clean DMV, HS dip. or equiv., fingerprint clearance. **Apps/job description** 990 S. Dora St. Ukiah Ca 95482707-468-8824. **Ask for Linda Sue**

Vocational Technician-Work Ability \$13.39-\$17.09/hr
 15 hrs. week Work with youth with disabilities in grades 8-12. **Mendocino County Office of Education**
 Visit www.mcoe.us/jobs 467-5012 or hr@mcoe.us
DEADLINE: 8/31/07

Wanted cellar & laboratory help. Experience a plus, but will train the right person. Apply in person at Graziano Family of Wines 1170 Bel Arbes Road, Redwood Valley, CA 95470 or send resume to Cheson@pacific.net Fax 485-9742

WANTED: P/T Adm. Asst.
 Requirements: ability to multi-task; experience w/Microsoft Office Suite, copiers, & printers; filing; good writing/editing skills; excellent phone/people skills; ability to lift 40 lbs. Office located up one flight of stairs. \$16/hr + benefits. Get application at www.communityfound.org and submit with cover letter to: Susanne@communityfound.org OR CFMC, 135 West Gobbi Street, Ste 204, Ukiah CA 95482 The Community Foundation of Mendocino County is an EOE.

WELDER/FABRICATOR. Must be able to fix & fabricate. Mechanic Certified w/10 yrs exp in the industry. Must be able to fi & fabricate & have mechanical aptitude. Must be detail-oriented & understand & carry out all phases of preventive maintenance. Must read, write, speak English fluently. Computer exp. preferred. Manufacturing bckgrnd a+. Fax Res. (530)795-4441

WINERY TASTING ROOM SALES
 Friendly, outgoing personality with a passion for wine. Must be able to work all weekends, live within an hour commute of Anderson Valley, Mendocino Co. and have solid computer skills. Full time position with health, dental, paid vacation and profit sharing. Starting salary averages \$18/hour. Send resume to Pat Hanks Navarro Vineyards, POB 47 Philo CA 95466, fax 707-895-9501 navarrohr@pacific.net.

200 SERVICES OFFERED
EXPERT CARPENTRY, Reasonable rates 468-5937
 Loving child care by responsible 18 y/o ref's CPR cert. house cleaning. 272-8215

SBL home repairs. FLOORS-Hardwood, tile & laminate. Reas. rates. 489-9348

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 We can help you earn 9-15%. Call today 707-391-5950

250 BUSINESS RENTALS
 A quiet off. dwntn. 359 N. Oak. Perfect for 1 person. \$300/ incl utils. 463-1081

Shop Space For Lease in Ukiah. Roll up door \$500/mo. Bathroom. w/ Util. Avail. now. 391-5950

SHOP/WAREHOUSE
 4950+/- sq.ft. Shared fenced yard Great N. Ukiah Loc.

DOWNTOWN
 1600+/-sqft Ofc. Ste. Hi-traffic loc. Parking.

MEDICAL OFFICE or RETAIL
 S. Orchard 3400+-sq. ft. Parking.

LEE KRAEMER Real Estate Broker 468-8951
Warehouse S. Ukiah
 1250 sq', lg. fenced yard, with office, 220V, clean. No automotive. \$650 + Sec. 462-8273

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