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FOOD BANK DRIVE Holiday donations exceed \$78,000

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Final donations to The Daily Journal's Holiday Food Bank Fund Drive have been reported by the Ukiah Community Center. They are: Dennis and Sandra Parks: \$285; Ric Piffero and Dave Hull: \$250; John C. Lehner: \$200; Cynthia and Scott Harpe: \$200; Steve and Vicki Switzer: \$100; Shawn and Poppy Brodski: \$100; Melodie and Tony Sorace: \$100; Kenneth and Brenda Hoek: \$100; John and Ruby Suneson: \$100; Joe Sanchez and Jessica Taaming: \$100; In Memory of Steve Benassini: \$100; From Travis Neece: In Memory of Thomas B. Neece: \$100; Bill and Kay Hansen: \$100; Bard and Marilyn Zensen: In Memory of Bernice Hanratty: \$100; Anonymous: \$100; Anonymous: \$100; Michael and Ruth Hunter: \$75; A. Andrade and M. Shalom: \$75; Ron and Anne Cavaliola: \$50; Patricia Thygesen: \$50; Larry Bianchi and Donna Barber: \$50; Irma E. Turner: \$50; Fleming and Joyce Badenfort: \$50; Myrna M. Hurst: \$30; Lillian Cohn and Thomas Evans: \$30; Leota A. MacMillan: \$30; Tom and Lynne Buske: \$25; Lou and Betty Tustin: \$20; Anonymous: \$20; Anonymous: \$10 for a total of \$2,680 and a grand total of \$78,170.42, surpassing this year's goal of \$75,000.

Flu on increase locally

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal
Every winter, between 5 percent and 20 percent of Americans get the flu, hospitalizing roughly 200,000. In Ukiah, emergency room visits have increased as people with both the flu and common colds visit, seeking treatment. The CDC has developed a list of key factors to identify which illness you have as well as some tips for prevention. "Influenza, or the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness

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College sending more students to 4-year schools

The Daily Journal
The number of students who started their education at Mendocino College and then transferred to a California State University or a University of California reached an all-time high in the 2004/2005 academic year. Since 1989, Mendocino College has helped 1,468 students transfer to CSUs and 220 students transfer to the UC system. Last year, 114 students transferred from Mendocino College to a CSU and 18 transferred to UC, for a total of 132 students transferring. In school year 2004-05, the top four Cal State transfer destinations for Mendocino College students were: Sonoma State University, Chico State University, Humboldt State University and Sacramento State University. The top four UC destinations for Mendocino College students were: UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego and UC Berkeley.

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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Flood displaces families

By SETH FREEDLAND
The Daily Journal

As families across Mendocino County shovel mud from their homes and toss out debris washed into their yards in the wake of the New Year's Flood, some families wish for the opportunity.

To fill a housing void for those hardest hit by the storm, the American Red Cross -- operating out of Santa Rosa because it does not have a Mendocino County chapter -- fashioned a shelter at Ukiah High School. At its peak capacity, 44 Ukiah Valley residents found shelter from the flooding inside, according to Rose Nagy Ostrander, a Red Cross spokeswoman. A total of 100 overnight stays -- if one person slept at the shelter for three nights that equals three stays -- took place at the high school facility.

Almost every family has since returned to their residence, Ostrander said. Only 12 families remain, which is too few to keep the shelter running, according to Red Cross protocol. As a transitional move, Red Cross puts these families up in local motels until their homes regain livability.

One of these dozen families is the Montoyas, currently staying at the Days Inn in Ukiah. Beside bags filled with clothing, Selena, the grade school-aged daughter, recalled waking up in her family's Hopland home and discovering it was completely flooded.

After grabbing some clothing, Selena, her parents, her big brother and the baby jumped to a neighbor's house, which proved to be a temporary solution. Soon a boat came to take them out of the flooded area so they could be transported to the high school shelter, she said.

"It's really sad," Selena said. "We lost everything....When you saw out-



Tina Shott/The Daily Journal
Selena (right) and Natalia Montoya stand outside their room at the Days Inn Ukiah, where they are being put up by the Red Cross after their Hopland home was destroyed during last week's flood.

side, it was like a whole lake, about 10 feet deep. It was deeper than me -- my father had to carry me."

Selena described life in the shelter as a mixed bag, as worries over her family's future were at least partially placated by plenty of food. Meals now consist of the inn's free breakfast and restaurants at night, on a Red Cross credit card.

Under strict orders from her parents not to go back home herself, Selena said her father, Savino, went to Hopland to bring back what could be salvaged. He found nothing. In a few days, Selena said, their time at Days Inn will end and the Montoyas will stay with

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SELENA MONTOYA

friends. Vicki Patterson, executive director for Nuestra Casa, said three Spanish-speaking families, including the Montoyas, contacted the service organization for aid. All need food, household goods and other assistance, as Nuestra Casa's resources

are diminishing, Patterson said. For those families who were able to make it back to their water-logged houses, the Red Cross is currently providing cleanup kits -- brooms, buckets and gloves, among similar products -- and comfort kits, which largely consist of food. In an increasingly common example of inter-county cooperative aid, Napa County presented Mendocino County with an extra emergency relief vehicle, adding to the handful currently utilized locally. One truck leaves its Ukiah base filled to the brim with hot meals, which are then distributed door-to-door down flooded neighborhoods. Ostrander estimated that between 85 and 100 Mendocino County families have received a kit.

Red Cross officials reiterated their need for volunteers over the weekend. See FAMILIES, Page A-14

After the New Year's Flood, another deluge roars in

On Friday, the last available day for counties to report storm damage to the state, Mendocino County relayed a mighty tab to Sacramento -- \$46,068,966, to be exact.

This sum -- expected to climb still higher as damage continues to be reported -- is broken down for the state into three categories: about \$9.5 million for individual assistance, about \$5.7 million in agricultural damage and about \$30.7 million in public assistance.

The total figure may be a great deal of money to you and me -- and obviously doesn't even factor in the sometimes-more-valuable sentimental loss -- but it may seem a relative drop in the state's bucket considering, for instance, the city of Napa is reporting \$100 million in damages.

Officials from all 23 counties receiving emergency declarations from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger worked through the night, adding up staff time and inspecting infrastructure, to



MATTER OF FACT

SETH FREEDLAND

make the Friday deadline. But those declarations give us nothing more than simple eligibility for state reimbursement for emergency-related costs.

Let there be no doubt: As cleaning up our communities

approaches its close, the truly onerous part of the process begins.

"The recovery phase of this is very, very political," sighed Gregg Smith, interim emergency services coordinator and 23-year veteran of disaster relief in Mendocino County.

The warm feelings that come from helping our neighbors -- either providing hot meals to those without electricity or allowing guests into our homes as residences become habitable again -- will inevitably be replaced by white-hot fervor should Mendocino County find itself on the short end of the limited reimbursement pool.

The available state funds -- already painfully finite due to oft-reported budgetary shortfalls -- may be stretched out even thinner because fire, police, sanitation, sewage, transportation,

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DEATH NOTICES

Dr. Margaret Gannon Jensen, 59, of Willits, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006. A celebration of her life will be held Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Ukiah Senior Center, at 2 p.m.

Death notices are free for Mendocino County residents. Death notices are limited to name of deceased, hometown, age, date of death, date, time, and place of services and the funeral home handling the arrangements. For information on how to place a free death notice please call our editorial department at 468-3500.

Please sign the guest book at www.ukiahdailyjournal.com. Funeral notices are paid announcements. For information on how to place a paid funeral notice or make corrections to funeral notices please call our classified department at 468-3529.

Police chase through Ukiah Theater ends in arrest

The Daily Journal On Thursday, Ukiah police chased a local resident through the Ukiah Theater.

At about 4:45 p.m. police responded to a report of a domestic dispute in the 700 block of South Oak Street. Upon arrival, the officer recognized the couple involved as having a history of domestic altercations, and was aware of a domestic violence restraining order against the man, Raul Rodriguez, 28, of Ukiah.

Rodriguez displayed symptoms of alcoholic intoxication and was uncooperative with the officer during questioning, police said. During handcuffing, Rodriguez suddenly turned and ran away from the officer, causing the officer to fall to the ground, UPD said. The officer chased Rodriguez over the fence to the movie theater parking lot. Another Ukiah police officer spotted Rodriguez running near the front of the theater, which Rodriguez entered.

As the officers chased Rodriguez through the theater, he refused to comply with their orders to stop, police said. Rodriguez attempted to jump another fence after exiting the back door of the theater, but officers apprehended him and took him into custody.

Rodriguez was booked into the county jail on suspicion of resisting arrest with violence, violation of a domestic violence restraining order and probation violation. It was later determined the female had initiated contact with Rodriguez, in spite of the restraining order, and arranged to meet with him.

Amy Weitz/The Daily Journal Ukiah police make an arrest after a foot chase Thursday.



CORRECTIONS

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

LOTTERY NUMBERS

DAILY 3: night: 7, 4, 9. afternoon: 2, 3, 2. FANTASY 5: 4, 12, 26, 33, 38. DAILY DERBY: 1st Place: 07 Eureka 2nd Place: 09 Winning Spirit 3rd Place: 11 Money Bags The winning time was 1:43.56. LOTTO: 5-17-29-32-39. Megajackpot: \$80 million.

CHP REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the California Highway Patrol:

ARREST - Steven A. Marlow, 43, of Fort Bragg, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at 10:45 p.m. Friday. He was driving west on Simpson Lane at an excessive rate of speed, according to the CHP. He lost control of his pickup and traveled off the north roadway edge before the vehicle collided with a redwood tree. Marlow was arrested at Mendocino Coast Hospital, where he was being treated for minor injuries -- reduced because he was wearing his seat belt.

DA REPORTS

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

SENTENCE -- Jason Melgard, 25, of Pinole, has been convicted of possession of MDMA (ecstasy) for sale and transportation of the drug. He was sentenced by Judge David Nelson to three years in state prison.

Melgard was found in possession of 94 tablets of MDMA during a traffic stop by Mendocino County sheriff's deputies south of Willits in September 2003. He was

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The world briefly

Tom DeLay steps down as House majority leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Tom DeLay, the defiant face of a conservative revolution in Congress, stepped down as House majority leader on Saturday under pressure from Republicans staggered by an election-year corruption scandal. "During my time in Congress, I have always acted in an ethical manner within the rules of our body and the laws of our land," the Texas lawmaker told fellow Republicans in a letter informing them of his decision.

Still, referring to criminal charges he faces in his home state, he added, "I cannot allow our adversaries to divide and distract our attention."

DeLay temporarily gave up his leadership post after he was charged, but always insisted he would reclaim his duties after clearing his name. His turnaround cleared the way for leadership elections among Republicans buffeted by poor polls and by lobbyist Jack Abramoff's confessions of guilt on corruption charges in connection with congressional wining and dining.

The race to replace DeLay as majority leader began taking shape immediately, with Reps. Roy Blunt of Ohio, the GOP whip, and John Boehner of Ohio, a former member of the leadership, making clear their intentions to run.

Sharon survival prospects good, impairment definite, doctors say

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's chances of surviving his severe stroke are very high, but his ability to think and reason have been damaged, one of his surgeons said Saturday.

The 77-year-old Israeli leader remained in critical condition, though his vital signs were stable and a brain scan Saturday showed a slight reduction in swelling.

Doctors are to decide Sunday when to begin lifting Sharon's medically induced coma to examine the severity of the brain damage. "Tomorrow is the day of truth," Dr. Jose Cohen, one of Sharon's surgeons, told Channel 2 TV. "Tomorrow we will all know if what we did for him helped him or not."

Cohen said he was "quite optimistic" about Sharon's prospects for survival, which he said were "very high now." But when asked about possible cognitive impairment, Cohen replied, "To say after such a severe trauma as this that there will be no cognitive problems is simply not to recognize the reality."

Cohen's comments appeared on Channel 2 as a transcript broadcast on the screen. He did not appear himself. It was not immediately possible to contact Cohen by phone, and Sharon's other surgeon, Dr. Felix Umansky, declined to be interviewed.

Iraqi leaders say government almost in place, will help to end violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's fractious political groups are moving ahead to shape a national unity government, progress that should help stop the carnage of the past several days, the prime minister and other leaders said Saturday. Iraq's Kurdish president predicted that a new government could be formed within weeks.

Jalal Talabani made the comments after meeting with visiting British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, who said Iraqis remain optimistic about their future despite suffering through a violent week that saw nearly 200 people killed in two days, including 11 U.S. troops.

In an effort to help draw Sunni Arabs into the political process as a way to dampen the violence, U.S. officials for months have been communicating directly or through channels with members of the disaffected minority connected to the insurgency.

A Western diplomat on Saturday reported a recent "uptick" in those contacts.

Dying miner's timeline shows some were alive at least 10 hours

PHILIPPI, W.Va. (AP) — In the darkness of the Sago Mine, one of 12 trapped coal miners scrawled a timeline detailing how he was alive but losing air at least 10 hours after an underground explosion, his daughter said Saturday.

"Each time he documented, you could tell it was getting worse," Ann Merideth told The Associated Press of the note written by her father, 61-year-old shuttle car operator Jim Bennett. "Later on down the note, he said that it was getting dark. It was getting smoky. They were losing air."

If he was lucid enough to be writing 10 hours after the blast, he could have been saved — but the rescue operation didn't move fast enough, Merideth said. The first rescuers didn't go into the mine until 11 hours after the blast, a lag officials said was necessary to clear the mine of high concentrations of poisonous gases. When the miners were brought out more than 40 hours after the blast, there was only one survivor. "I'm not sure how many miners went and was able to live as long as my father had, which I'm sure most of them did, and it really bothers me because it took them so long," Bennett's daughter said.

AP poll: Most say government needs warrant to snoop on Americans' calls

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of Americans want the Bush administration to get

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court approval before eavesdropping on people inside the United States, even if those calls might involve suspected terrorists, an AP-Ipsos poll shows. Over the past three weeks, President Bush and top aides have defended the electronic monitoring program they secretly launched shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, as a vital tool to protect the nation from al-Qaida and its affiliates.

Yet 56 percent of respondents in an AP-Ipsos poll said the government should be required to first get a court warrant to eavesdrop on the overseas calls and e-mails of U.S. citizens when those communications are believed to be tied to terrorism. Agreeing with the White House, some 42 percent of those surveyed do not believe the court approval is necessary.

"We're at war," Bush said during a New Year's Day visit to San Antonio. "And as commander in chief, I've got to use the resources at my disposal, within the law, to protect the American people. ... It's a vital, necessary program."

U.S. soldiers question more armor despite Pentagon study

BEJJI, Iraq (AP) — U.S. soldiers in the field were not all supportive of a Pentagon study that found improved body armor saves lives, with some troops arguing Saturday that more armor would hinder combat effectiveness.

The unreleased study examined 93 fatal wounds to Marines from the start of the Iraq war in March 2003 through June 2005. It concluded 74 of them were bullet or shrapnel wounds to shoulders or torso areas unprotected by traditional ceramic armor plating.

Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division's 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans" are required to wear an array of protective clothing they refer to as their "happy gear," ranging from Kevlar drapes over their shoulders and sides, to knee pads and fire-resistant uniforms. But many soldiers say they feel encumbered by the weight and restricted by fabric that does not move as they do. They frequently joke as they strap on their equipment before a patrol, and express relief when they return and peel it off.

Second Lt. Josh Suthoff, 23, of Jefferson City, Mo., said he already sacrifices enough movement when he wears the equipment. More armor would only increase his chances of getting killed, he said.

WHO confirms the spread of deadly bird flu to humans in Turkey

GENEVA (AP) — Teenage siblings who died of bird flu in Turkey were the first humans outside East Asia to succumb to the deadly H5N1 strain that has apparently been spread by migratory birds, the U.N. health agency said Saturday.

A British laboratory confirmed Saturday that the 15-year-old girl and her 14-year-old brother were infected with the virus, said Maria Cheng, spokeswoman for the World Health Organization. Testing is continuing on an 11-year-old sister who died Friday.

"She had similar symptoms and the clinical course of her illness was the same," Cheng said. "So it would be very probable that she died of H5N1, but right now we don't have the laboratory test to

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Sixteen readers identify this Elusive Image

The Daily Journal

This image proved elusive for many, but 16 sharp-eyed readers correctly identified it as what was then 1177 S. Highway and is today the Himalayan Cafe, with a current address of 1639 S. State St.

This structure on the east side of what was then the Redwood Highway was built sometime in the early 1950s, although the exact date isn't known, and for many years has been home to a long string of businesses that have provided food in one form or another.

In 1957, Lester and Edna Verstoppen opened Shady Oaks Grocery here, which they operated until 1962, when Gerald and Flora Farnbach bought the grocery business from the Verstoppens, and ran it until 1967.

In 1968, Gilley's Seafood restaurant opened here, and the building's life as an eatery was begun. Gilley's Seafood was here until 1973, and was followed by Orly's Seafood (1974 to about 1980). From 1980 until 1982, Bert's Cafe, whose owner's first name was "Bertha," fed hungry townspeople and travelers at the site.

Bert's Cafe would be followed by other restaurants: Deep Valley Chateau, Angelo's Italian Restaurant, House of Pizza and for the past several years, the Himalayan Cafe.

Information provided by Held-Poague researcher Ed Bold.

CIRCA 1956

A 1955 Oldsmobile is parked in front of what was at that time 1177 S. Highway.



Photo courtesy of Ed Bold

AND THE WINNER IS ...

Ukiah resident Hugh McAvoy is the winner of this Elusive Images contest, and will receive a free copy of "Reflections: A Pictorial History of Inland Mendocino County, Volume II," which may be claimed at The Daily Journal office at his convenience (590 S. School St.).

Photos are needed for future Elusive Images contests. Those

who have photos they'd like to submit for the contest are invited to contact Jody Martinez at The Daily Journal, 468-3517 or e-mail a scan of the photo(s) to her at udj@pacific.net (jpg format with a resolution of about 200 is best).

For more information, call Ed Bold at 462-1004 or Jody Martinez at 468-3517.

25 years ago

Thursday, Jan. 8, 1981

Ukiah Daily Journal

CITY COUNCIL FEELS INDUSTRIAL PARK MAY KEY ECONOMIC BOOM. In an effort to revitalize the economy of Ukiah, the city council is considering development of an industrial park near the airport.

At its first official meeting of the New Year, the council last night heard a report from a consulting firm it hired to analyze the prospects for bringing some clean industries to a 155-acre parcel of land south of Talmage Road between U. S. 101 and the airport.

The land, which since 1974 has been designated for industrial use in the Ukiah General Plan, consists of both vacant areas and areas being used for agriculture.

The plan, which was prepared by Bolles Associates of San Francisco, states that the area would not lend itself to large, heavy industries, but rather would best be used to facilitate small-scale industrial and commercial businesses such as warehousing, wholesaling and repair.

White industries such as smelting, auto wrecking and wood pulp processing would be excluded, the consultants did recommend that large-scale industries should not be excluded from consideration.

CITY WILL BEGIN SIFTING CITY MANAGER APPLICATIONS. With Friday as the deadline for applications for Ukiah's city manager position, the city council will soon begin sifting through more than 70 resumes submitted thus far. It will be one of the most important decisions the council will have to make this year.

The person who fills the vacancy created by the departure of former city manager Jim Swayne will, according to councilmembers, have to be personable, experienced, and willing to accept the primacy of the council.

"It's my personal feeling," says Councilmember Ted Feibusch, "that our departed city manager more or less ran the show and told the council which way was up."

In the past, councilmembers have expressed concern about what they say was Swayne's tendency to keep the council in the dark regarding his actions. This, they agree, will have to change when a new city manager is chosen. The consensus among the council is that the new appointee should at least advise the council on such matters as the hiring of department heads.

Presently, the city code gives the city manager exclusive authority over hiring and firing of city personnel. And though the council is not looking to assume that responsibility for itself, "I sure as hell would like to be consulted," Feibusch says.

Vice-Mayor Charles Myers agrees. Says he, "I do feel it's only appropriate for the city manager to keep us informed." He likens the function of the city manager to a "commander-in-chief." The council sets policy, and the city manager carries it out.

50 years ago

Thursday, Jan. 5, 1956

The Ukiah News

COUNTY'S FARM FLOOD DAMAGE TOTAL ESTIMATED AT \$196,000. Farm flood damage in the Mendocino county Russian river watershed has been estimated at \$196,000, as the result of a survey conducted by

THIS WAS NEWS



JODY MARTINEZ

the Mendocino County Farm Bureau.

The estimate was released by Robert Brown, executive secretary.

Brown said damages to river flood control structures amounted to approximately \$147,000. Such structures include levees and river bank rip-rap. Brown said the estimate is based on the cost of replacement and the fact farmers will have to do a more extensive job in replacing the structures.

The loss of livestock and farm buildings amounted to approximately \$49,000. This figure includes some loss of land, and damage to pear orchards and hop fields.

Brown said most of the damage was in the southern section of the county, particularly in the Hopland district.

Brown said directors of the California Farm Bureau Federation met in emergency session in Berkeley immediately following the Christmas flood disaster in Northern and Central California and authorized the appointment of county committees to survey farm flood damage in their areas to obtain accurate estimates as to where and what help is needed. The directors also authorized sending commodity experts and other staff personnel into the stricken areas to help where requested.

Financial aid is available through the government, state and other sources, Brown said, but the immediate problem for farmers in the flooded areas is to save and feed livestock.

A LOT OF WATER. IT WAS THE WETTEST MONTH IN 20 YEARS. Ukiah had its biggest bath in the last 20 years during December with 19.85 inches of rain falling during the 31 days. And at the end of the month the yearly rainfall total was the highest of anytime in the last two decades.

Fire department records show 19.85 inches of rain fell last month, to exceed the previous high in the last 20 years by more than three inches. In 1952 the monthly figure was 16.17.

UKIAH HAS SECOND PERFECT YEAR FOR AUTO FATALITIES. For the second straight year Ukiah came through without a traffic fatality within the city limits, Police Chief George Smith reported yesterday. The last fatality was in 1953.

Since 1950 the city has rolled up an impressive record of awards for traffic and pedestrian safety. With 1955's perfect mark more awards are certain to be presented.

In 1952 and 1954 (the city) received plaques from the National Safety council for traffic safety. Two pedestrian safety awards were presented in 1950, two in 1952, one in 1953 and one in 1954.

100 years ago

Friday, Jan. 5, 1906

Dispatch-Democrat

COURT HOUSE HAPPENINGS. BUSY YEAR FOR OUR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND WORK WELL DONE. During the month of December Recorder Connolly collected fees to the amount of \$348.55. The greatest month for Mr. Connolly was October, when the fees ran up to \$532, breaking the record, yet Pat and his deputies handled the work all right. During the entire year the fees collected by Mr. Connolly amounted to \$3924.50, which was more than twice the amount of the salary paid, so his office is at least self sustaining this year.

Hale McCowen was another busy man during the year. His fees for December were \$200.50, just fifty cents more than his salary. May was McCowen's busiest month when there were begun thirty-four civil and probate cases, running the fees up to \$277.90. The fees for the entire year amounted to \$2005.90, lacking \$394.10 of making the office self sustaining.

During December there were begun nineteen civil and probate cases, making a total of 207 for the year. There were thirty-one criminal cases begun also. Cupid has also been busy during December, twenty-four marriage licenses being issued, making 180 in all during the year 1905.

The city contract for wood was let this week to Dan Lynch for twenty-five cords at \$2.49 per cord and fifty cords to John Weselsky at \$2.45 per cord.

'A TEXAS STEER.' A crowded house greeted the presentation of "A Texas Steer" last Monday night by local talent for the benefit of the Fire Company. All who took part in the play did well, and a great deal of praise is due Mrs. T. J. Weldon who drilled the young people in their parts. About \$140 was cleared on the entertainment.

WILL SPEAK HERE. R. W. Teener, of Sacramento, will address the anti saloon league of this city next Wednesday evening. Mr. Teener is said to be an eloquent speaker, and those interested in the matter should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing the gentleman.

The rainfall to date is 5.66 inches. Last year this time over sixteen inches of rain had fallen.

WATERMELON ON NEW YEAR'S. A nice meaty watermelon on New Year's is not frequently enjoyed even in balmy California, but that is what Harry Seims treated the portion of the Palm to Monday night. It was presented to Harry by H. A. Eldred who had it stowed away since last summer.

Potter Valley, Jan. 2 - Will Frazier and Lizzie Smith, two of our most popular young people were married Dec. 24, at the home of the bride's parents in Pomo. Mr. Frazier is a prominent and successful lumber man, and is to be congratulated on winning one of Potter's fairest and most charming daughters. The best wishes of a host of friends are with them.

No alternative to high school exit exam, superintendent says

By JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer
SACRAMENTO
 Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell on Friday refused to offer alternatives for California students who fail the state's high school exit exam.

"I am convinced that the only way to make sure all of our graduates have the critical skills they need in adulthood is through requiring pas-

sage of the high school exit exam," he said. "The 2006 date is firm. There will be no more delays."

Students scheduled to graduate this spring are the first class required to pass the exam to earn a diploma. The exam, which O'Connell helped write, has angered some parents and lawmakers who said his decision will mean thousands of seniors won't graduate this spring.

"We're going to sue the superin-

tendent, and we're going to sue the state Board of Education. ... It's like a three-ring circus over there," said Arturo Gonzalez, a partner with Morrison Foerster in San Francisco, one of the state's largest law firms. "We will spare no expense to help these kids."

The state Board of Education will consider O'Connell's recommendation next week.

A September report found a fifth

of the class of 2006 — about 100,000 students — had not passed the California High School Exit Exam by their junior year, prompting O'Connell to hold a hearing in December to consider alternative assessments.

But opponents of the exam, which measures English and math skills, said the hearing came too late. They questioned whether their input was even considered.

"In the same way the students have known since 1999 when the law was passed, the state has known about its obligation to study alternatives" since 1999, said Liz Guillen, director of legislative and community affairs for Public Advocates, a nonprofit San Francisco law firm. "The state has not taken seriously its obligation."

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SUNDAY TV NEWS SHOWS

- Associated Press**
 Guest lineup for the Sunday TV news shows:
ABC's "This Week"
 — Sens. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Sam Brownback, R-Kan.; General Motors Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Rick Wagoner.
- CBS' "Face the Nation"**
 — Sens. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman and ranking Democrat, respectively, of the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- NBC's "Meet the Press"**
 — Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.
- CNN's "Late Edition"**
 — Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres and chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat; Specter and Leahy.
- "Fox News Sunday"**
 — Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.; Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif.

Bush trumpets new numbers on the economy

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press Writer
CHICAGO

President Bush shrugged off a report showing weaker-than-expected job growth on Friday and declared that "the American economy heads into 2006 with a full head of steam."

Bush rattled off a string of recent government reports suggesting a growing U.S. economy, and he used his speech to the Chicago Economic Club to prod Congress to extend his administration's tax cuts that are due to expire.

"In 2005, the American economy turned in a performance that is the envy of the industrialized world," Bush said.

Bush, who also visited the Chicago Board of Trade, spoke as he and leaders of his economic team fanned out to trumpet recent improvements in the economy despite Friday's mixed jobs report showing a slowdown in monthly hiring.

U.S. payrolls expanded by 108,000 jobs during December, about half of expectations. But hiring in November was revised sharply upward, to 305,000 new jobs instead of the ear-

ly reported 215,000. And the unemployment rate declined last month to 4.9 percent from 5.0 percent in November.

By highlighting recent economic advances, Bush took an opportunity to turn attention away from the conflict in Iraq.

"By the way, we're going to win the war," he added as an aside.

He confronted Democratic critics and others who oppose extending tax cuts scheduled to expire in 2008, including lower rates on stock dividends and capital gains.

"Just as this economy is getting going, there are some in Washington who want to take the money out of your pockets," Bush said.

He said that to oppose extending the tax cuts was the same as "saying we're going to raise taxes on you."

Afterward, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi responded by saying Bush was seeking another round of tax cuts for the wealthy while middle-class families struggled to pay their bills.

"The president claims he has created a strong economy, but working Americans

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PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

are telling a different story," Pelosi, D-Calif., said in a statement. "They feel the American dream slipping further from their grasp and they know the reality is that this economy is not delivering for middle-class families."

The day also featured appearances by Vice President Dick Cheney at a Harley-Davidson factory in Kansas City, Mo.; Treasury Secretary John Snow at the New York Stock Exchange; Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez in Louisville, Ky.; Labor Secretary Elaine Chao in Baltimore; and Energy Secretary Sam Bodman in Pittsburgh.

At the motorcycle plant, Cheney said he and the president "understand that government does not create prosperity. And nobody in

Washington can wave a wand and create jobs."

"What government can do, and must do, is help create an environment in which entrepreneurs want to invest and hire new employees, in which companies can expand and create more jobs," the vice president said.

Bush's poll numbers for handling the economy are up a bit since gasoline prices have fallen, according to AP-Ipsos polling.

Administration officials pointed to respectable if not spectacular holiday retail sales, rising consumer confidence and a third-quarter growth rate of 4.3 percent that was the highest since early 2004.

"We're productive. We're innovative. We're entrepreneurial," Bush declared. "And the role of government is to keep it that way."

Democrats counter by citing higher prescription drug costs and confusion about the new Medicare prescription drug plan, high heating bills, displaced workers in the Gulf Coast and rising federal deficits.

The president also called on Congress to exercise spending restraint and pro-

moted the need for freer trade around the world and adequate education and job training.

Bush's choice of Chicago focused attention on the manufacturing-intensive Midwest, which despite some recent improvements still has one of nation's weakest regional economies. The U.S. automobile industry has been hammered and manufacturing jobs continue to be lost, despite gains elsewhere.

Bush and other members of his economic team emphasized the overall creation of new jobs over the past year and the decline in the unemployment rate, rather than the somewhat disappointing job growth figures for December.

Snow said that there is room for unemployment to drop further, especially if Congress extends the administration's tax cuts due to expire in 2008.

"This is not absolutely full employment. It's getting pretty close, but I don't think we've gotten all the way there," the treasury secretary told CNBC television. He predicted the economy would create "a substantial number of new jobs in '06 and '07."

Federal program to reduce oil consumption instead increases it

By TIM MOLLLOY
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES

A federal push for cars that run on an alternative fuel straight from the heartland isn't winning many converts among American drivers — but is a hit with automakers who use it to skirt mileage standards.

Five million cars across the country are equipped to run on the fuel, but almost no one uses it outside the corn belt.

Fortunately for carmakers, a 1988 law designed to decrease oil use gives them credits for building vehicles that run on the alternative fuel whether anyone uses it or not. Those credits allow automakers to relax gasoline efficiency standards on other vehicles — which drives oil consumption up instead of down.

The situation would be different if many more people replaced the gasoline in their tanks with the fuel known as E85 — a combination of 15 percent gasoline and 85 percent ethanol, a corn-based additive. Flex-fuel cars can run on gas, E85, or combinations of the two.

Ethanol supporters say the extra oil consumption is part of the growing pains of the flex-fuels program, which they say will decrease oil use when more E85 fueling stations are available to drivers.

"You've got to get the cars out before you can get the fueling structure," said Tom Koehler, a spokesman for Fresno-based Pacific Ethanol.

A 2002 Department of Transportation study estimated that E85 accounted for only about 1 percent of the fuel consumed by flex-fuel vehicles between 1996 and 2000 — the equivalent of 26 million gallons.

Relaxed fuel economy standards resulting from flex-fuel credits, meanwhile, were responsible for increased petroleum consumption totaling 772 million gallons — enough gas for a Jeep Grand Cherokee to drive from San Diego to Boston and back more than 8,000 times.

Often cheaper than gasoline, E85 is known for getting fewer miles to the gallon but higher octane, resulting in more horsepower.

The fuel works in more than 30 models, including General Motors's Yukon, Chevrolet's Silverado, and Ford's Taurus, but many people don't know it. Ford and GM have only recently begun national ad campaigns to promote their vehicles' flex-fuel capabilities, trying to lure consumers skittish over gas prices.

Drivers can see if their vehicle will run on E85 by checking the owner's manual or a Web site, e85fuel.com, that lists compatible models. Ethanol promoters say motorists are often stumped to learn their cars will run on the fuel, but even those well-schooled in E85 may need to drive hundreds of miles to buy it.

At the Los Angeles Auto

Show this week, General Motors announced a partnership with Chevron, California officials and Pacific Ethanol to gauge the public's interest in E85. Those involved said high interest could lead to more pumps nationwide.

The GM initiative is only a small step toward the kind of widespread E85 use that the flex-fuel credit program requires, said Roland Hwang, a senior policy analyst for the National Resources Defense Council.

"If this is the beginning and the end, this is less than a drop of the bucket," said Hwang. He said the incentive program should end if it continues to promote rather than discourage oil use.

Therese Langer, transporta-

tion program director for the American Council for the Energy-Efficient Economy, said the program should allow automakers to reduce fuel efficiency standards only if drivers actually use E85 in their vehicles. That use could be monitored by tracking E85 sales.

With strong support from automakers, the incentives program was renewed in the sweeping energy bill President Bush signed in August.

Ethanol's promoters call it a clean-burning fuel that helps farmers in the nation's corn belt while reducing greenhouse emissions and shifting the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

"It's 100 percent domestic," said Phillip Lampert, execu-

tive director of the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition. "We don't have to fight wars to bring it in."

Critics see the ethanol program as a waste of \$3 billion a year in state and federal subsidies, pointing to a study last year by professors at Cornell University and the University of California, Berkeley that said ethanol takes more energy to make than it produces. Ethanol producers dispute the finding.

GM said in Thursday's announcement it would try to promote the fuel by offering 50 to 100 of its flex-fuel vehicles to California in the state's annual competitive bidding process. Chevron will work with the state to provide E85 fueling pumps, with Pacific

Ethanol providing the E85.

The 2002 federal study offered several scenarios for the flex-fuel program's future effect on petroleum consumption. If the percentage of E85 used in flex-fuel vehicles remains at 1 percent from 2001 to 2008, the amount of petroleum consumed could increase by more than 17 billion gallons.

The study projected that if every E85-compatible vehicle ran solely on the fuel in 2006, more than 2.1 billion gallons of oil would be saved this year.

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Exit

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O'Connell refused to speculate on the number of students who might fail to graduate because of the test, saying only that he expects more than 90 percent of seniors to pass it.

The effect on special education students, who must pass the same test as their classmates, has been a particular concern among lawmakers. O'Connell said he has been working with the governor and lawmakers and hopes to present legislation that would give them a one-year waiver.

The superintendent also said he will encourage the Legislature to increase funding for adult education, summer school, community colleges and independent study programs for students who fail the exam.

Students also can attend high school indefinitely until they pass, O'Connell said.

"Get real," Gonzalez said. "How many kids are really going to come back for a fifth year of high school to pass the exit exam? A lot of them are going to throw their hands up when they don't pass this test."

Besides California, 25 other states require graduation exams or have plans for them in the works. Most allow alternatives or modifications for students with disabilities or those who are unable to pass, according to researchers and California exam opponents.

Advocates for special education students and minorities have criticized the Department of Education for failing to offer alternatives, such as judging a student's coursework or another, broader exam.

The state-funded review of the exit exam found that success rates were lower for minority and low-income students in both subject areas. Advocates for those student groups say they are hurt by teachers who are less qualified and have substandard school resources to prepare them for the exam.

The exam prompted advocates for special education students to sue the Department of Education last year. Special education students fall under a broad category, ranging from those with learning disabilities to those with severe handicaps.

An August settlement would have given special education students a one-year reprieve from the requirement that they pass the exam. O'Connell proposed legislation to implement the agreement in which students requesting an exemption would have to show they had taken the test several times. They also would be required to take remedial courses if offered by their schools.

But lawmakers altered the settlement's terms and expanded it to a two-year exemption, prompting O'Connell to withdraw his support. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the bill in September.

Schwarzenegger on Friday praised O'Connell's decision to keep the test, rather than "lower our standards or expectations." He said his budget, to be released next week, will include another \$20 million in funding for tutorials and other programs to help students pass.

O'Connell said he will introduce a bill within a week that is similar to the one he proposed last year. It also would exempt special education students for one year only, he said.

If an exemption for special education students doesn't come by Jan. 20, Rebecca Serafin said she will move her 17-year-old daughter, Amanda, to a school in Tempe, Ariz. That school has agreed to waive its exam requirement for her daughter, who takes special education courses at her high school in the southern San Francisco Bay area.

She said the ordeal has been expensive and emotionally exhausting.

"But, you know, a diploma is the bare necessity to get a job. And if these kids don't get a diploma, you're forever labeling them," she said.

The California Business Alliance for Education Excellence, a coalition of business owners, said it agreed with O'Connell's decision to stay the course.

"The exit exam will ensure students graduate high school with basic skills and a diploma that means something in the real world," president Jim Lanius said in a statement Friday. "We should be encouraging rigor in our schools, not backing away from it."

On the Net: California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

San Jose disputes 'fat city' label

Associated Press
SAN JOSE — Officials and residents here are taking issue with the results of a magazine study that ranked their city as one of the nation's fattest.

Men's Fitness named San Jose as the country's 24th fattest city, behind San Diego, Fresno and Philadelphia. Chicago won the designation as the fattest city, followed by

Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Dallas.

David Vossbrink, spokesman for San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales, disputed the results, saying the nation's 10th biggest city is no different from other locations across the country. The 54-year-old mayor does his part to keep the city off the list of fattest cities by working out three or four days a week.

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY La Conchita remembers those killed in mudslide

Associated Press

LA CONCHITA — About 200 residents gathered Saturday to remember the 10 people who were killed when a mudslide roared through their town last January.

Most of the La Conchita community congregated at the foot of the slide and took a moment of silence as the name of each victim was read aloud and had their photo displayed. Blessings were offered by members of the Chumash Indian tribe and a Catholic priest.

"We are still wounded and we are waiting for healing," said resident Rodleen Gestic, who helped organize the event. "We are hopeful, but there are definitely mixed feelings."

The landslide occurred Jan. 10, 2005, after a series of torrential rains saturated the hillside over La Conchita, sending a cascade of mud and silt streaming toward town. Rescue crews spent more than two days searching for people buried underneath the rubble, but no one was found alive.

Thirteen homes were

destroyed and another 23 were damaged.

Former resident Jimmie Wallet, who lost his wife and three daughters, attended Saturday's event along with others who lost loved ones. Wallet had gone out for ice cream when the slide happened and spent the first night digging for his family aided by friends.

There have been two landslides over the past 11 years in La Conchita, which is 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles. In 1995, nine homes were destroyed but no one was injured.

Residents have asked the government to terrace the hillside to prevent further eroding. Ventura County officials said they are unwilling to take on the liability of a hillside that has been deemed unstable by geologists.

Gestic also said there will be another memorial on Tuesday to mark the one-year anniversary of the slide. A group of surfers will paddle out into the Pacific Ocean and release 10 logs to represent the lost lives.

Flu

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caused by influenza viruses," said Sue Mason, Ukiah Valley Medical Center infection control nurse.

Symptoms include sudden headaches, exhaustion, dry and severe cough, muscle aches and a fever that will usually reach between 102 and 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Sometimes these symptoms will be accompanied by a sore throat and runny or stuffy nose. Among children, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea also sometimes occur.

In contrast, a cold rarely comes with a fever or headache and never produces the extreme exhaustion and muscle aches seen with the flu.

Adults above the age of 65 are at risk for serious complications from the flu, which can include bacterial pneumonia and dehydration. The flu can also worsen existing conditions such as congestive heart failure, asthma and diabetes. Young children are at risk for sinus problems and ear infections. Roughly 36,000 people die from the flu each year.

The best defense against the flu is vaccination. There are two types of vaccination: the "flu shot," which is an injection of inactive virus, and a nasal spray of weakened virus. The injection is safe for anyone over the age of 6 months and can be given to people with chronic medical conditions. The spray is for

anyone from 5 to 49 years of age but not for anyone who is pregnant.

Those who are at serious risk for complications are encouraged to get a flu shot. Flu shots are not approved from anyone under 6 months of age.

Barring that, certain antiviral medications can be prescribed by a doctor. Anyone who contracts either cold or flu is encouraged to stay home for the duration to keep it from spreading and to cover mouth and nose when coughing. Frequent hand washing is also important.

"Washing your hands or using waterless hand sanitizer frequently is the best defense against getting sick this weekend," Mason said.

If you get the flu, drink plenty of fluids and rest, Mason said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is OK to take medication to relieve flu symptoms, but aspirin should never be given to a child or teenager with a fever without first consulting a doctor.

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Freedland

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utility and other public employees were all called in on a holiday weekend across the state.

Asked what to expect from his first California disaster fund allocation process, County Executive Officer John Ball suggested some unease with the process by emphasizing an ability, albeit limited, to address potential "unfairness" after the first dispersal.

"There is a layer of assessment: Did this operate fairly or did we create glaring inequities?" Ball said.

For now, officials said, the best bet is to lobby Schwarzenegger to suggest that President George W. Bush label the 23 counties a federal disaster area, which would open countless additional aid avenues including FEMA and the Small Business Association.

As debatedly the biggest natural disaster since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita pummeled the Gulf Coast, there is some uncertainty from Mendocino County officials as to how the federal government will respond to the New Year's Flood. After what can only be called a continuously bungled reaction by the feds back then, this may be the first time they will take a wholly different tack.

But as state and national politicians mull over increasing funding possibilities, our local executives wearily applauded a disaster response widely accepted to be a veritable success. Of the three or four massive floods Smith has overseen over the years, "this one ran smoother than anything else," he said. When he and the city and county top dogs were asked why, they all gave a unanimous response: teamwork.

Yes, cooperation across departments and between local governments has not always been a strong suit for our local leaders, but the New Year's Flood seems to have united the city and the county as little has in recent memory. Both Ball and City Manager Candace Horsley gushed at the strong communication during tense moments last week, and Smith applauded the high level of cooperation between local agencies in evacuating residents.

Naturally, not everything went as smooth as silk. Valves left open at the Lake Mendocino Hydro Plant unexpectedly caused it to become inundated with water, forcing the city to pay \$70,000 to pump hydraulic fluid-created toxic waste to a hazardous waste site. The plant will be cleaned up within two weeks, Horsley said, and there will be no delay in its start-up. Some of the city's telephone lists weren't fully up-to-date, with city contacts and outside contractors temporarily unavailable during the emergency.

Similar bumps in the road are inevitable in crisis situations, but Horsley and Ukiah Mayor Mark Ashiku met late last week to put together a comprehensive list of resources, including neighborhood leaders, available pilots and temporary cell phone agreements should a cell tower fall. If a larger disaster strikes Mendocino County, the lessons learned from the New Year's Flood will clearly become powerfully useful. Ball even noted that various civic issues -- including land use planning, code enforcement and housing dispersal issues -- will be affected by the single water-logged event.

The next key step at the local level will be the authoring of "after-action reports," in which public workers will spell out what went well and what needs improving. This will be conducted behind closed doors to maximize honesty, officials said.

But during the pregnant pause before the president decides on a federal disaster declaration, other inter-county actions take center stage -- namely, ensuring Mendocino County federal dollars should they become available. Certain criteria -- for one example, 40 percent of small businesses countywide must be damaged to qualify for Small Business Administration funding -- must be carefully categorized and met. Every dollar must be exactly accounted for or else the potential windfalls from Sacramento and Washington, D.C. could slip through our fingers.

And, should that angst be realized, we may see an outgushing of anger only mirrored by the intensity of the more natural downpour.

Seth Freedland would like to remind readers to accurately report their damage costs (residents of Ukiah, 463-6203; Willits, 459-4601; unincorporated areas, 463-4281). He can be reached at udj@pacific.net.



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Letters from our readers

Why the debate?

To the Editor:
In his recent letter, Gary Cavender takes a lot of words in an attempt to refute the theory of evolution. He cites a few sources as if they are the end-all and be-all of scientific thought. Yes, there is a lot of debate about evolution as a scientific process -- this is what scientists do: They continue to examine and question as new information becomes available. Why is it that Cavender and some others feel threatened by evolutionary theory?

It confounds me that Cavender thinks that God and evolution cannot exist at the same time.

Victoria Golden
Ukiah

Price gouging happening again

To the Editor:
Here we go again -- Ukiah gas stations are gouging on the gas prices. There was a 6-cent per gallon increase between the morning and the evening price at one place. This isn't due to an increase of cost to them, it's because they saw the opportunity to do so with the current storms.

When will everyone join forces and everyone stay away from the gas pumps for a day or two? As long as we pay, they'll continue to cheat us.

Marianne Benavidez
Ukiah

Joy riders made it worse

To the Editor:
I can not begin to express how outraged I am at the behavior of some people during the flood. Not only did my neighbors and I have to deal with the flood water swiftly encroaching on our homes. We had to deal with a bunch of yahoos who were under the impression that racing back and forth in the rising water at top speeds was the new sport of the century. What they were doing was creating huge wakes that pushed water into our houses hours before McClure Creek could do it on its own. When asked to stop, explaining why, 90 percent of the time we were treated with hostility. How dare we stop their fun? One young man in a turquoise blue Toyota pick-up told my neighbor, "So, everyone else is doing it," and replied, "I don't care," when he was told about the water he was pushing into the houses.

Even the road construction barriers and cones that were set up got driven around. Both my neighbors and I called the Sheriff's dispatch asking for help, rudely being told that we weren't the only ones flooded and that we were on our own. We were not so naive as to believe that we were the only people to be flooded. We were asking someone who is paid to dispatch help to send us one person (not the whole Emergency Response team) to stop the idiots that were making a dangerous situation even worse with their reckless behavior.

Two or so hours later, a rapid river swiftly swirling around and into our houses, the CCC came by helping my neighbor closest to the creek put bags of sand around their front door. When we asked them for help we were told that we need to call 911 and ask to have them dispatched to our house. They couldn't help us without being dispatched. He explained that he was almost out of sand bags and he wasn't sure he'd have enough so we'd better hurry. I handed him 15 sand bags I had purchased earlier but had run out of sand before getting filled. Would they help? Yes, they would. I just needed to make that call. I called 911, telling the dispatcher what I had been told to get the CCC back to us. Dispatch them, please. She handed me off to fire dispatcher and the Ukiah Valley Fire Department instead. She didn't listen to a word I had said to her. So the CCC never returned.

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ON EDITORIALS

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In our opinion
Still more to be done

The estimate of storm damage in Mendocino County is now up over \$45 million and will likely rise as damages to agriculture are assessed and more homeowners and businesses report in.

It is critical that county and city governments get as clear a picture of the damage as possible so that we can take advantage of the millions of dollars in state and federal emergency aid out there.

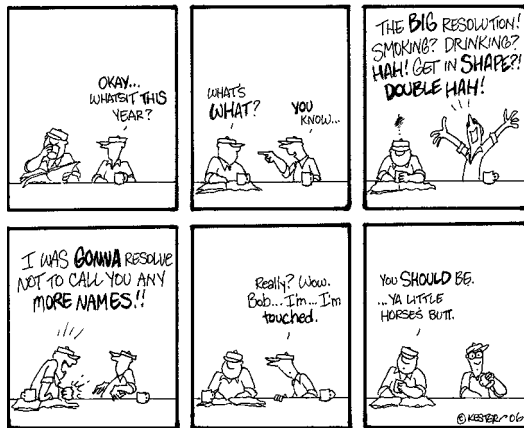
Our state and federal legislators will now need to step up and make sure that our county isn't neglected as the gorilla to our south, Sonoma County, weighs in with mega-dam-

age numbers.

As a community, we also need to keep a close eye on the needs of the many people who were displaced by the flooding, many of them Hispanic families who lost everything, including their livelihoods.

We have long had a tradition here of taking care of each other in times of need. We have had many, many local residents travel to other parts of the nation and the world when a crisis arose.

Now that the crisis has hit home, let us do our best to make sure no one is left to suffer unnecessarily.



The following morning we had people driving from town, going around the road closed barriers at Perkins Street to drive past our houses ever more pushing the receding waters back into our homes. Why? To get it on video tape, that's why. What is wrong with you people? What is happening here? What has happened to Ukiah? It sure isn't that friendly small town I grew up in.

We are being over run with people from larger metropolitan areas wanting that small town atmosphere, yet when they get here aren't willing to give up some of the life they left behind. They don't understand what it is to be a good neighbor to someone even if they aren't your immediate neighbor. Mr. Masonite housing complex can't understand why most of us don't want them here?

My father who recently moved to Oregon has five separate families living in a two square mile radius around him that are from Ukiah. Each family telling the same story my father does. All were driven out by those that have moved in and are systematically destroying everything that made Ukiah such a wonderful place to live. There are three of us in this neighborhood that I know are headed north in the next couple of years.

I do have some people who greatly deserve recognition for their help. Thanks to my new neighbor, whom I haven't had the pleasure of meeting as of yet, A. S. Ruiz, for getting his construction crew out to clear the debris from McClure Creek helping the waters go back under the bridge instead of through our houses. Thank you to Lloyd and Sandy Hopper for being there for us, wonderful neighbors we are so glad we have you. Thank you to Pete Prader for standing in the driving rain for hours turning back the thrill seekers, another wonder-

ful neighbor to have on your side. Thank you to the nice gentlemen with the Ukiah Valley Fire District who we didn't mean to call away from other duties in our quest for the CCC and their help. We do greatly appreciate their kindness and sympathy. You made an awful scary night a little easier to get through. Thank you to the man in the white Chevy pick-up whose name I didn't get. You didn't have to stop and ask if we needed help but you did. Thank you for your generous act of kindness. I would also like to send my sympathy to those who lost the fight against the rising water. I know how you feel and it doesn't feel good.

Erin Simmons
Ukiah

An apology

To the Editor:
This letter is directed to Mr. Steve Thomas and other members of the community who may have misunderstood my statement in Wednesday's edition of the Daily Journal.

Towards the end of the article it states that "I personally wouldn't put my dogs in it." I did make that statement but, as I stated to Mr. Thomas, I was speaking solely about the structural integrity of the building. I wasn't insinuating that the building was a dump or terrible living conditions for anyone to live in.

I feel terrible that it was brought to my attention that my statement might be interpreted differently than I had intended. Mr. Thomas along with a dwindling number of farmers are inspected by numerous agencies every year to ensure that the housing is

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More letters

Wants Delbar investigated

To the Editor:
An Open Letter To District Attorney Norm Vroman:

I am writing to request that within your powers as District Attorney of this county you convene a Grand Jury to investigate the conduct of Supervisor Michael Delbar.

I am a resident of Redwood Valley, and I am writing as a concerned constituent. I am aware that he may have engaged in conduct that betrays the public trust and that constitutes misconduct while in office. I refer you to the newspaper editorial of December 18, 2005 in the Ukiah Daily Journal which the Editor K.C. Meadows reveals that Supervisor Delbar has been engaged in inappropriate activities while working on county time and that these activities may involve sexual harassment. I also refer you to a "no confidence" vote taken earlier in 2005 by the Supervisors regarding conduct of a similar nature that has not been made public.

In your capacity as District Attorney, I urge you to use the powers of your office to assure the citizens of Mendocino County that our county Supervisors are upholding the public trust and conducting themselves accordingly. I also urge you to make public, to the extent allowed by law, the results of your investigation.

Susan Jordan
Ukiah

Could have been done better

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter because someone needed to speak out for this one dog.

Gertie's journey and her demise for the last two and a half years has been unjust and could have been avoided entirely had there been a proper response to the many Humane Welfare calls made to the Inland Mendocino Animal Care and Control Agency.

I live in Redwood Valley and frequently saw Gertie, a black and white Great Dane on my many walks past her house on Laughlin Way. Gertie was always left to roam loose day and evening, which led to her destructive and defensive behavior.

Gertie raided many garbage cans and was always thin, which led me to make my last call on Nov. 7, for a humane welfare check on her condition. Gertie was drastically thin, tied to a tether about 3 feet to 4 feet long. I know this because I went to talk to the people who Gertie belonged to.

I had seen her loose prior to Nov. 7, and was horrified at her unhealthy condition. No one was home.

I never received a call back from Animal Control on my request. I had to call myself to find out what they saw.

On approximately Nov. 9, Gertie was loose again and attacked a small dog causing horrible injury to this animal.

An Animal Control officer and Sheriff were called to the scene, because the owner of the small dog shot Gertie in the shoulder area with a 22 caliber gun.

Gertie was taken to Animal Control where her owner signed her over to the Animal Control Agency. Gertie will be euthanized for being dog aggressive. I was told this by two animal control officers. End of story.

I am appalled and disgusted with this whole situation.

The response from both A.C.O.'s I spoke with was unacceptable and their answers to my questions despicable.

By the way did Gertie have any pain medication for the injury to her shoulder? It was several days before she was euthanized (Nov. 16).

I understand that Mendocino Animal Care and Control will be going through many new and positive changes with a new director.

I should hope that a better training program for it's under staffed Animal Control Officers is a priority, because it was a huge factor in the death of this one dog's life.

There was one A.C.O. who was involved in this situation for the last 2.5 years. He was very familiar with Gertie and the many attempts to better this situation. Shame on you.

Tari Marcolina
Redwood Valley

A good laugh

To the Editor:
I loved reading your witty futuristic scenario of Ukiah, Mendocino County and the world. My children loved it, too. Thanks for beginning our new year with some good laughs.

Robin Sunbeam
Ukiah

Why does Real Goods need the public's donations?

To the Editor:
I hope the people of Mendocino County can volunteer and send donations to their neighbors and friends before helping out a Hopland corporation that should have insurance and if not, plenty of money to help themselves. Please put people before Big Business.

Scott Freeman
Ukiah

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SUNDAY VOICES

Mendo predictions for 2006

There will be no grading ordinance. It took Mendocino County more than five years and dozens of tedious and pointless Mendo meetings to get absolutely nowhere fast on the gridlocked first try while a number of major projects were approved without any grading standards at all. So there's no reason to think 2006 will be any different.

Incumbent Supervisor David Colfax will win in his re-election bid, without a runoff. Undersheriff Gary Hudson will be elected sheriff but he will require a runoff against Lieutenant Tom Allman who will do better than expected because of medical marijuana backlash.

Ray Hall will continue as Head of the Department of Building and Planning even though he was the primary reason for the Ryder Homes fiasco, seriously inconveniencing both Ryder Homes and the county by allowing Ryder to think their oversized development would skate through with minimal opposition as long as Ryder gave the County \$200,000 for an environmental impact report.

County re-organization will be discussed but not seriously undertaken. Even though the imminent retirement of several high-paid Mendo department directors gives CEO John Ball and the Supervisors a golden opportunity to reorganize and simplify the county's 28-plus separate departments, no changes will be made in 2006.

A surprise opponent will arise to run against DA Norm Wronam.

As has been the case for the last ten years, the career Democrats who run the North Coast Railroad will, as usual, preside over another year of no trains running on any of their tracks.

The Ukiah Valley Area Plan will not be finalized, nor will the County General Plan.

A medium sized housing development will be approved in the Ukiah Valley, outside the City limits even though the

Sunday view

BY MARK SCARAMELLA

Ukiah Valley Area Plan and the General Plan remain officially unapproved.

A Mendocino resident will die of from a taser shock administered by a Mendocino Deputy Sheriff or a city police officer.

Someone else will die in another marijuana home invasion robbery.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection will give up on trying to pull the Ukiah Air Attack base again.

Although there was a recent appeals court ruling that apparently expands the definition of "Caregiver" under California's medical marijuana law, confusion will get worse as more and more people claim to be growing more and more marijuana for more and more patients whose illnesses will be unverifiable and therefore unprosecutable -- but not until these major caregivers continue to have their "medical" marijuana seized by cops who can't believe the caregivers numbers or the amounts of cash they seem to have in their position at the time of the seizure.

Former Supervisor John Pinches will again run against Third District Supervisor Hal Wagenet.

Mendocino Coast District Hospital will affiliate with a for-profit hospital chain but in such a way that it does not require a vote of the public hospital district's voters. The hospital chain will acquire Coast Hospital assets for a bargain price but will have to assume the hospital's many outstanding debts and obligations -- if they are not already written off before the chain's acquisition leaving patients, suppliers and employees in limbo.

Almost \$1 million in Proposition 63 money which was supposed to help Mendo's mentally ill with new programs will be absorbed by the County bureaucracy and make no visible difference to the patients it targets.

Hyper vineyard development, which went into hibernation during the predictable grape glut, will begin anew, clearing and converting hundreds more acres of Mendocino County to viticulture (with no grading ordinance for the ponds and land contouring).

A new big box store will be approved for the Ukiah Valley, but construction will not begin in 2006.

Ukiah Mayor Mark Ashiku will cop a plea and pay a fine for illegally demolishing the Ukiah landmark home on his property.

State Senator Wesley Chesbro will announce that because he's term-limited out of his Senate job he will run for the seat being vacated by Assemblywoman Patty Berg.

A fatal accident will occur on Highway 101 which will be attributed to cellphone use.

Methamphetamine and alcohol abuse will continue to be an epidemic in spite of the many well-funded "prevention" programs conducted by the "therapists" in the Public Health department.

If you're inclined to keep score on these or your own predictions for the coming year in Mendocino County, clip these wild guesses to your refrigerator and let keep track of my tea-leave reading for yourself.

Hopefully, I'll be proven wrong on most of these. But Mendo has always been better at talking about things and patting itself on the back while allowing business as usual to continue unabated.

Happy New Year.

Mark Scaramella is a resident of Philo.

ON THE STREETS

How were you affected by the recent floods?



Maria Rodriguez
Ukiah
"At my house, nothing. I wasn't able to leave Ukiah to see my relatives."



Jose Melchori
Hopland
"I lost everything. My car, my house, everything."



Jose Calvillo
Ukiah
"I wasn't affected."



Octavio Chavez
Hopland
"Yes, in my work, we have been closed since Monday. I work in a wood mill in Hopland."



Reina Delgado
Ukiah
Nuestra Casa
"I work with Latino seniors. I know a lady who on the night of the 31st of December, she could not celebrate New Year's in her home. I feel sad because she could not celebrate."



Sofia Zazueta
Ukiah
"Water came into my living room on Boonville Road."

Photos and interviews by Tyler Stoffel.

Take a look

Maybe you have to be a "wordsmith" -- crafting new objects out of words, but have you ever just mullered over a certain word? Examined it, thought about how it's used, or realized its concepts? Okay, so only a few might relate, but humor me a bit here.

Years ago, I even wrote a seven-minute speech for Toastmaster's on the word Time. Amazing... guess you had to be there. Even though this seems random (I'll admit I'm having a hard time focusing while I'm on vacation), let's take a look at the word Look. Yeah, L-O-O-K.

For you older folks, I am not referring to the magazine published from 1937 to 1971. But, speaking of that very popular piece of Americana, remember those wonderful pictures, concise text -- a fantastic example of photojournalism! Though it was a joy to LOOK at, a veritable feast for our eyes, it couldn't manage to stay alive in the advent of the hi-tech and highly-political for some reason.

Take a hard look, take a long look... now, don't look at me like that! Look at the number of ways that word will often pop up in our everyday conversation. Not all of us can stand up to that kind of scrutiny. Heh-heh! We're long past that stage of "Look at me, Mommy!" and, "Hey, look me over..." Most of us would just as soon not have all eyes on us. As we discover ourselves, especially our weaknesses, we'd prefer not to be under the microscope, perhaps.

However, there are always those who can never get enough looks -- the egotistical, the prima donna. We know who they are; we've grown up with them and wish they'd grow up! That might seem a

Sunday view

BY VALERIE HOLM WARD

bit rough, but obviously there's some kind of psychological inadequacy or need that's never been met in their lives, and we can usually look right through them to see the real problem, right? Or we'd like to think so.

Then, there's also that certain look. You know, the way someone's eyes speak silently to your heart? Not a word needs to be said. It's all in The Look. We place much meaning into another's face, don't we? Or has someone looked at you "funny?" You've heard -- or have done the grumbling, "Why'd he give me that look?" And, yes, looks can kill. Or, at least it feels like it sometimes.

There are the desirable looks when you're hoping someone looks at you with interest or eagerness, with an invitation, if you will. Then, hopefully, we all may eventually recognize the "Look of love" even if we sometimes have been "Looking for love in all the wrong places," as our pop lyrics relate. And the number of book titles with the word "Look?" (I'll have to look into that!) Or famous lines from movies? "Here's looking at you, kid."

What would we do without those certain meaningful looks on the big screen? If you haven't gone to see King Kong yet, be prepared for a million close-up shots of feeling-filled looks on Naomi Watts' face as character Ann Darrow.

It actually became distracting after awhile in the three-plus hour film. Her teary, pained or wonder-filled orbs engaged us on the screen over and over. Of course, the awesome beast (kudos to Peter Jackson's vision) was the ultimate receiver of her troubled and angst-ridden looks.

How could she watch his turmoil and not try to impart something sustainable to him through her eyes? We can speak volumes though mute. Each lift of our eyebrow, jutting of our chin, or tinge of color in our cheek can impart messages instinctively -- or after much rehearsal. The candidness of our portrayed sentiment is known only to us, not necessarily to our audience. Hence, great acting by some! Though we're not all on the big screen or small-town stage, our looks can still be deceiving.

Then, there's the whole mind game we play with who's good-looking or not. How much do we spend on achieving and maintaining our looks? She has the latest look! Style and physical appearance drive most of Madison Avenue, right? Many of us buy in to some extent at least.

And, what do we think about at this time of year, especially? Reviewing our path through the last year, we tend to look at New Year resolutions to motivate us toward better plans or behaviors. Pundits or ministers inspire us to look inward and see what may lurk within. Are we able to "see" what's honestly there? We can, at least, keep looking. (FYI - The word "look" appeared 35 times in this article!)

Valerie Holm Ward is a Ukiah resident.

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up to par for the laborers to live in.

Again I apologize for the statement being misunderstood by Mr. Thomas and to anyone in the community who may have rendered the same conclusion.

Dan Gourley
Hopland

Shelter doing its best

To the Editor:

In the Dec. 31 Saturday edition of the Daily Journal, a front page story featured the Buddy Eller Center Shelter's difficulty in providing daytime sanctuary for the city's homeless from the brutal elements of the weekend's deluge. I want to assure readers that the administration of Ford Street Project had been making contingency plans for weekends when the weather became intolerable. Last weekend was such a time. And last weekend, Ford Street responded by opening up the shelter to operate throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.

The Buddy Eller Center Shelter is a young program, just over 19 months old. The shelter

project, including the purchase of the land, cost around \$1.75 million to put into operation. Its annual budget is currently over \$300,000 per year, with primary funding support coming from the County of Mendocino (Department of Social Services), the State of California and United Way. It is our hope that we will eventually be able to capture additional funds to enable us to operate the facility on a 24-hour basis, similar to our residential treatment program across the street. As of now, however, we do not have the necessary funding to realize that hope. For the time being, we at least want to be able to keep the shelter open on days when the elements are especially hostile.

During a Friday afternoon deluge, a reporter and a camera technician from the Ukiah Daily Journal appeared at the shelter, responding to a call from a shelter guest who understandably wanted earlier access to the shelter for himself and his family. Our shelter staff reported feeling "interrogated" by the reporter and their presence and attitude had a divisive effect on the shelter population as a whole. Moreover, the reporter displayed little understanding of what the shelter was about. He had no understanding of its processes, of where we were in the past and what we were trying to evolve into. No calls were made to our agency in advance of this "surprise" visit.

After the shelter opened the reporters came back and took photos without guest permission. Our guests tend to value their privacy. Operating the shelter is often a trying and thankless task for our direct services staff. We would very much appreciate the Journal's assumption that our staff care at least as much about our guests as its reporters.

Mark Rohloff
Executive Director
Buddy Eller Homeless Shelter

Neighbors helping neighbors

To the Editor:

We would like to publicly thank the wonderful persons who rescued us on Friday night the 30th of December from the flood waters at the beginning of West Road in Potter Valley. Our friend and neighbor Chris Dick was the person who realized our safety was in jeopardy and convinced us to leave our home. Chris mobilized members of the community Jay Van Leuven and Grady Hurn to come with a boat to take us out.

They were heroic as they battled the current flowing across our front lawn at 15 miles per hour about 5 feet deep. They took the two of us and our two dogs to the safety of the

high road. Assisting in the process was Dan Todd and a small crew of other volunteers with the Potter Valley Fire Department. Dan waded up to his chest to see that pasture fencing was cut for our boat to pass to high ground in safety.

Other persons in the group remained in contact with two down stream neighbors to assess their safety and walked to the neighbor upstream to assess his safety. When that neighbor did drive at midnight to the Potter Valley Fire Station, he was accompanied home by members of the Potter Valley Fire Department in the early dawn after it was determined safe to return to his home.

We have begun the process of clean up and restoring our home. Help has come to us from all sides in the form of hot showers, laundry facilities, meals, fire wood and sifting through silt and debris to salvage what could be.

We are grateful to be a part of this community in this beautiful valley. Even more grateful are we for the wonderful people who live here and who care so well for each other in times of trouble or disaster. We thank all those who helped us that memorable night and give special thanks to their families who worried while their loved ones were out in the storm.

Charles Dabney Hurd
Russell A. Minor
Potter Valley

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LOCAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, JAN. 9
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Mendocino College men at Merritt College, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Porter Valley at Round Valley, 8 p.m.
Laytonville at Anderson Valley, 6 p.m.
PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
Ukiah at Trines, 7:30 p.m.
Porter Valley at Round Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Laytonville at Anderson Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Calendar listings are culled 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.

TV LISTINGS

TODAY
NFL
Carolina at New York Giants, 10 a.m. (FSN)
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Michigan State at Wisconsin, 10:30 a.m. (CBS)
Boston College at Georgia Tech, 2:30 p.m. (FSN)
Duke at Wake Forest, 5 p.m. (FSN)

MONDAY, JAN. 9
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Iowa at Santa Clara, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Portland at St. Mary's, 7 p.m. (FSN)
 Gonzaga at Santa Clara, 9 p.m. (ESPN2)

COMMUNITY DIGEST

Third North Coast Striders Russula Hustle set for Jan. 15

The North Coast Striders Running and Walking club will be hosting the third annual Russula Hustle Sunday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m., at the Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project. This year the Russula Hustle will feature a four-mile run/walk and a two-mile kids fun/walk. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the RVCPE, a project of the Ukiah Unified School District providing one-day outdoor environmental education experiences for students on a 45-acre woodland site.

Seventh annual sports expo for girls Jan. 22 at Mendocino College

For all girls in grades two through eight, a free one-day sports sampler is being offered by the Girls Scouts of Konocti Council and Mendocino College Jan. 22 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Mendocino College gym in Ukiah. Girls of all skill levels can try a variety of sports and activities in a supportive, non-competitive environment, learning from local college athletes and coaches. The emphasis will be on skill building and teamwork. Girls must bring their own lunches and water bottles, and snacks will be provided. If you would like to be part of this year's fun, contact Connie Kraftman at 465-2888 or 800-764-7322 for more information or to pre-register.

South Ukiah Little League sign ups start Jan. 18

Sign ups for South Ukiah Little League will be Jan. 18-19 from 6-8 p.m. at the Yokayo Elementary School cafeteria with one additional sign up on Jan. 23 from 6-8 p.m. also at the Yokayo cafeteria. All players parents need to bring all of the following: birth certificate (no copies, no baptism or hospital certificates), current utility bill, current driver's license and current car or home insurance for proof of residency. The cost is \$55 for each child registering and \$50 for each additional sibling. There is also a \$30 cash or check mandatory service deposit which will be returned upon working at the concession stand. Players must be five years old by April 30, 2006 and no older than 12 by April 30, 2006 to participate. For more information, visit the South Ukiah Little League website at www.etsamc.com/SULL or call 468-8800.

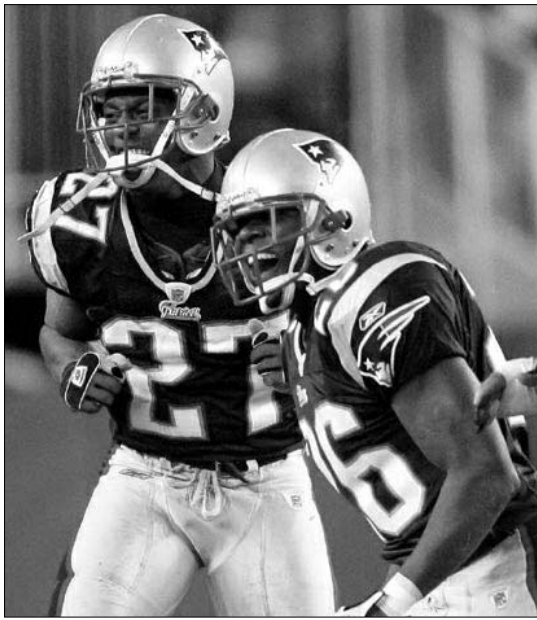
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Mendocino College HOF Dinner tickets

The Mendocino College athletic department will host its first Hall of Fame induction at the Redwood Valley Collage wine tasting room (7051 N. State St., Redwood Valley) on Feb. 18. The evening will begin with a no-host wine tasting at 6 p.m. A catered dinner will follow at 7 and the induction ceremony will begin promptly at 8. Tickets for the meal and ceremony are \$35 each and can be purchased by contacting either Anna Daugherty or Skip Hunter in the college athletic office (468-3255 or 468-3165). 2006 Mendocino College Hall of Fame inductees: special recognition awards — coaches Ed Boyle and Dan Drew; athletic inductees — Rod Dockins, Jerry Ward.

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New England defensive backs Ellis Hobbs (27) and Eugene Wilson (26) were all smiles during the Patriots 28-3 win over Jacksonville Sunday in New England.

Patriots move on

New England sets NFL record with 10th consecutive postseason victory

By BARRY WILNER AP Football Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady, Willie McGinest and the New England Patriots outclassed Jacksonville, setting an NFL record with 10 straight postseason victories and sending a warning to the rest of the league.

Watch out, the Patriots look like champions again. Pursuing an unprecedented third straight Super Bowl title, New England battered the overmatched Jaguars in a 28-3 rout Saturday night. Brady, who has quarterbacked all 10 of those postseason wins, tied a playoff career high with three touchdown passes, and McGinest set NFL postseason marks with 4 1/2 sacks and 16 for his career.

"We had a good time," said McGinest, who surpassed Bruce Smith's record for postseason sacks. "In the company of guys like Bruce Smith and Reggie White, it's definitely a compliment. I'm just humbled to be in the same category with those guys."

McGinest and the rest of the defense, even without co-comeback Player of the Year Tedy Bruschi, who was in uniform but didn't play because of a calf injury, kept Jacksonville from mounting much of a challenge. The Jaguars (12-5) looked like a team making its first postseason appearance since 1999, and one that faced an easy schedule in compiling such a strong record. New England's milestone surpassed the nine straight playoff victories by Green Bay in the 1960s and set up a road trip next week-

end to either Indianapolis or Denver, depending on the outcome of Sunday's Pittsburgh-Cincinnati matchup. While Brady had touchdown throws of 11 yards to Troy Brown, 3 to David Givens and 63 to Ben Watson — the tight end did all the work on that one — the defense never let Jacksonville's offense breathe. Cornerback Asante Samuel was particularly active with a 73-yard interception return early in the fourth quarter that clinched it, and New England finished with six sacks overall.

The Patriots (11-5) last lost a playoff game in 1999, to the Jaguars. Since Bill Belichick became coach in 2000, they have won three Super Bowls in four seasons, but never played in the wild-card round until now. Although they sputtered early, the Patriots were plenty sharp in dominating the second half. They haven't lost a playoff game at home since 1978.

The first half was marked by tenacious defense on both sides. The Jaguars had four sacks and yielded only 126 yards. New England got two sacks and allowed 115 yards. Jacksonville didn't get a first down until about 11 minutes remained in the second quarter. Then Eugene Wilson laid a vicious hit on backup running back Alvin Pearman, forcing a fumble. Richard Seymour recovered at the New England 40.

The Patriots did nothing with the take-away, however, and the Jaguars finally got something going, a 12-play, 56-yard drive to set up Josh Scobee's 36-yard field goal.

New England should have gotten seven more points at the end of the half, but Deion Branch, wide open inside the Jacksonville 20, dropped Brady's long pass.

The Patriots also were forced to use Brown as a defensive back in passing situations, a ploy that worked well last season, but rarely was tried in 2005. Not surprisingly, he performed well in his part-time job.

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Redskins get one back from Bucs

By FRED GOODALL The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — With Joe Gibbs back in the playoffs for the first time in 13 years, the Washington Redskins looked like a Super Bowl contender again. Well, at least on defense.

LaVar Arrington's interception set up Clinton Portis' 6-yard touchdown run. Sean Taylor returned a fumble 51 yards for another first-quarter score and the Redskins held on for a 17-10 victory over Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC wild-card round Saturday.

Taylor was later ejected for spitting in the face of a Bucs player, further depleting an injury-riddled unit that held off two Tampa Bay scoring threats in the closing minutes, including a near catch in the end zone that could have tied the game with just less than three minutes to go.

Chris Simms lofted a perfect spiral to Edell Shepherd on third-and-10 from the Washington 35, but the Tampa Bay receiver lost control of the ball as he was coming down in the end zone. Simms, unaware the pass

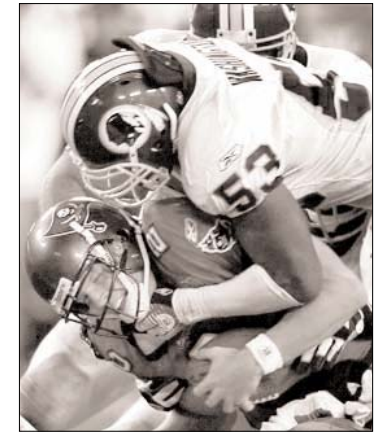
was ruled incomplete, began celebrating near the sideline — and the Bucs' stadium crew set off premature fireworks. Tampa Bay asked for a video review, burning its final timeout, but the call was correctly upheld by instant replay.

The victory was the sixth straight for the Redskins (11-6), who advanced to a divisional round game next Saturday at Seattle (13-3). It also avenged a 36-35 loss to Tampa Bay (11-6) this season, a game the Bucs won on Mike Alstott's 2-point conversion run with less than a minute remaining.

"This is great," Redskins quarterback Mark Brunell said. "We've played our best football in December, and to get a playoff win on the road, as you know, is very difficult to do. Our defense was incredible. You can't say enough about them. They won the game for us."

Gibbs, who came out of retirement two years ago, took over sole possession of third place on the career playoff wins list for a coach, improving to 17-5 in the postseason, Simms, unaware the pass

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Tampa Bay quarterback Chris Simms is sacked by Washington's Marcus Washington Saturday.

Oregon State tops Cal

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Nick DeWitz scored 18 points and Marcel Jones had 13 points and 11 rebounds, helping Oregon State snap a 14-game road losing streak in the Pac-10 with a 72-64 win over first-place California on Saturday.

Sasa Cucic added 16 points for the Beavers (8-6, 1-2), who had lost their first five games away from home since defeating the Bears.

California (9-4, 3-1), which was coming off road wins against USC and UCLA

last week, got 19 points and eight rebounds from Leon Powe but never did find an offensive rhythm against Oregon State's tight zone defense.

The Bears trailed by as many as 14 and managed just two baskets during a critical seven-minute stretch late in the second half when the Beavers put the game away.

The loss drops California into a first-place tie with Arizona in the Pac-10.

After California pulled within 53-46 on Powe's steal

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Saturdays are a reality (again) for SULL

DEAR READER, TONY ADAME



Walking across what used to be the parking lot at the South Ukiah Little League fields Saturday afternoon, I can't help but think of the pictures I've seen from last April of this same ballpark — of glistening yellow tape, ribbon cutting ceremonies and happy kids in crisp cut new uniforms.

Those pictures, now, serve as a sad reminder of what once was. Now, there's a downed power line with yellow caution tape hanging off of it that hangs pre-

viously behind what used to be the minor league outfield fence. The fence is gone now, along with its fancy green mesh lining, doomed to the scrap heap.

The outfield itself has begun, unfortunately, to teeter with the mud and muck of the parking lot.

There's also the marsh, the swamp-mess left after last week's storm that used to be the walkway up to the concession stands and the area in-between the fields. Out farther, past left field, a lonely volunteer tries to rig back together the remnants of the batting cages.

In short, it's a mess. But behind the mess, there's a glimmer of hope.

"I was devastated when I first saw what happened," said Guy Mills, one of a handful of volun-

teers at the SULL fields Saturday. "There was a river running through the minor league fields out the major field. There was a lot of money put into these fields last year and I didn't think we'd have to be going back out, but we're gonna. We're going to get at least one field ready for tryouts by February."

Almost one year after Mills and a dedicated group of parents and volunteers poured their Saturdays into renovating the SULL complex to the tune of \$40,000 worth of improvements, they find themselves in the same situation, although this time facing a much more arduous task of rebuilding the SULL complex from almost the ground up.



Cody Davis works at the South Ukiah Little League complex Saturday afternoon.

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Vick says he'll turn pro

By HANK KURZ Jr. The Associated Press. BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Marcus Vick decided to turn pro Saturday, one day after he was kicked off the Virginia Tech team for transgressions on and off the field.



Quarterback Marcus Vick is the younger brother of Atlanta Falcons superstar quarterback Michael Vick.

"I have decided to enter the NFL draft," the junior quarterback said in a statement released through his lawyers. "I am very excited about this opportunity and look forward to proving my athletic ability at the professional level. I believe I am ready for this challenge and the next chapter of my life."

Vick said he appreciated the trust Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer placed in him during his stay at Virginia Tech, and said "I deeply regret that I allowed my competitive emotions to take control" in the Gator Bowl.

"To all of the Virginia Tech community, I sincerely apologize."

Virginia Tech cited the cumulative effects of Vick's legal problems and his unprofessional conduct in the Jan. 2 bowl in dismissing him from the team Friday.

During the game, he was caught on tape stomping on the left calf of Louisville All-American defensive end Elvis Dumivill after a tackle.

Vick claimed it was an accident, but school officials said Saturday they thought it looked intentional.

"We have received hundreds of letters from fans and alumni who were caught by what they saw," university president Charles Steger said at a Saturday news conference.

Beamer, who delivered the news of the dismissal to Vick and his mother in person, said he did not advise Vick on whether or not to turn pro, but told him during their meeting Friday that he would help him in any way he could when Vick made his decision.

The dismissal hit Vick's mother, Brenda Boddie, hard.

"I cried a lot yesterday," she said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "But we're just going to move on and make something positive out of this and Marcus is going to show everybody that he's not the person a lot of people claim he is."

She agreed that her son "did the wrong thing" and said she understood why Tech dismissed him, but said she resents seeing her son portrayed as a "monster."

Vick was suspended from school in 2004 because of several legal problems and came under intense scrutiny again because of replays of his actions against Dumivill. Vick claimed it was accidental, but hurt his cause by claiming to have apologized to Dumivill, the NCAA sacks leader. Dumivill said he received no such apology.

The last straw came Friday, even as Beamer was preparing to visit Vick and offer him the options of accepting a two-game sus-

ension or deciding to leave Virginia Tech.

A fax sent to Steger's office disclosed that Vick had been stopped for driving 38 mph in a 25 mph zone and driving with a revoked or suspended license on Dec. 17.

Vick had told Beamer about the ticket for driving on a suspended license on Dec. 19, Beamer said, but had never mentioned to anyone that he'd also been caught speeding.

Vick's license had been taken away in August 2004 when he was cited for reckless driving and marijuana possession, but had been reinstated until a friend driving a car owned by Vick was pulled over and found to not have insurance, Beamer said.

Vick received a citation as the car owner, but an investigation by the school revealed that getting his license reinstated was merely a formality, Beamer was told.

Vick entered this season trying to win his team's trust and knowing he would face hostility from opposing fans, mostly stemming from his drug arrest and another conviction for serving alcohol to underage girls during the 2003 school year.

He said he was ready for anything, but reacted to chants of "rapist!" and "child molester!" in West Virginia on Oct. 1 by gesturing obscenely toward the crowd. He met with Beamer afterward and apologized to the team and to Mountaineers fans.

Robinson Rancheria Resort & Casino advertisement for Super Bowl Sunday. Includes details about Happy Hour Drink Specials, Meet NFL Greats (Todd Christensen, Eric Wright), and Pro-Bowl 2006 Hawaiian Weekend.

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Rikki Hayes, Paul Cronin, Anne Barbra, John Gastineau, Kurt Ehmann, Dennis Willeford, Jeff Burrell, Randy Sondag.

BAM Wrestling Club taking sign-ups for youth wrestlers. Practices are held Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 until roughly 9 p.m. Attend a practice to sign up. The registration fee is \$30.

Ukiah Women's 18-Hole Golf Club. Local lady golfers are invited to join the Ukiah Women's 18-Hole Golf Club. Golfers hit the links every Tuesday. Those interested in joining the club may call Shirley Dietrich at 485-5540.

NCR Raceway R/C racing. NCRC hosts radio-controlled car racing on the third or fourth Sunday of each month at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds (1055 N. State St., Ukiah). Sign-ups start at 9 a.m. Racing starts at 11 a.m. sharp. Get there early to set up. NCRC hosts both road course and oval racing for novice to expert drivers. For more information, call Eric at 462-9569.

Ukiah Community Karate program. The Sheriff's Youth Activities League is teaching free youth karate programs at the Redwood Health Club (101 S. State St., Ukiah) on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons for ages 6 and older. Interested parties can register at the class and Sheriff's Activities League fees are \$5 annually. Membership with the Redwood Health Club is not required. For more information, call the Sheriff's Activities League voice mail at 468-4289, Body Works at 468-0594 or chief instructor Mike Tobin at 354-0565 and leave your number.

Willits Community Karate Kids program. The Sheriff's Activities League is also teaching free youth karate programs at the Body Works Gym (1511 Main St., Willits) on Monday and Friday nights for ages 6 and older. For more information, call the Sheriff's Activities League voice mail at 468-4289, Body Works at 468-0594 or chief instructor Mike Tobin at 354-0565 and leave your number.

Tiny Tigers kinderkarate. Tollow Dojo is hosting the weekly Tiny Tigers Kinderkarate course, which utilizes proven techniques to teach martial arts to children 4 to 6 years old. Classes is held Saturdays from 12:30-1:20 p.m. The first class is free. Call 463-1247 or 621-0714 to sign up. Tollow Dojo is located at 501 S. State St., No. 4.

Willits boxing program. The Sheriff's Youth Activities League "Willits" Boxing Program is currently meeting at the Body Works Gym and Martial Arts Center (1511 Main St. in Willits) on Monday and Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the aerobic room. This program is free and open to the public. Ages 8 and above are encouraged to participate. For more information, call Body Works Gym at 468-0594. There is an annual \$5 insurance/registration fee.

Boxers wanted. Boxing classes are offered by Willits Community Karate. Classes are ongoing at the Redwood Health Club for all ages and levels. Adult classes are \$5 a session as follows: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays at 6:45 p.m., Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. Anyone interested in joining SAL should call Mike Tobin at 354-0565 to become a SAL member and pay \$5 a year. Minors must have the forms signed by their parents. Please allow 10 minutes before class to do this. At the end of the summer, boxing hours will be extended so please check for further notices.

Rusty Bowl BMX. Bicycle motocross races are held weekly at Rusty Bowl BMX, located at the east end of Gobbi Street in Ukiah. The American Bicycle Association-sanctioned races are held Saturdays with sign-ups from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and racing immediately after. For more information, call the Rusty Bowl hotline at 462-0249.

Ukiah Dolphin water polo. The Ukiah Dolphin water polo team is now practicing every Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. Practices are held at the Ukiah High School pool during December and January for the winter water polo season and are open for strong swimmers from 10-18 years old. Call Rick Cleland for more information at 463-1551.

To place an announcement in the "Community Sports Digest," contact "The Ukiah Daily Journal Sports Department by phone at 468-3518. You may also mail your listing to 590 S. So. State Street, Ukiah, Calif. 95422, e-mail it to usports@pacnet.net, or fax it to us at 468-3544. Because the "Community Sports Digest" is a FREE service, no guarantees can be made on the frequency of a listing's appearance in The Daily Journal. To assure your event maximum publicity, please contact either our classified (468-3535) or display advertising (468-3510) departments.

Stanford edges Oregon

By JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press
STANFORD (AP) — In the frantic final seconds, Tim Morris somehow found himself switching defensive assignments to guard a charging Aaron Brooks on Oregon's final chance. From Malik Hairston to Brooks — the Ducks' top two players — Morris did his job when it mattered most.

Brooks drove the baseline and missed a shot to tie with about 3 seconds left, preserving Stanford's wild 64-62 victory Saturday that sent Oregon to its 11th straight defeat in the Bay Area. When the final buzzer sounded, Brooks had to be held back by his teammates because he was angry no foul had been called.

"I didn't touch him," Morris said. "It was the same mind-set I had the whole game: just stop them. There was a lot more at stake later on, so my intensity might have stepped up a little bit. I didn't want to give them a three. If they'd hit a 3, we would have lost."

Hairston clearly thought his teammate was touched. "He clobbered him," Hairston said.

Matt Haryasz scored six of his 16 points in the final 3:57 for the Cardinal, who survived shooting 36 percent in the second half after making 57.7 percent of their shots in the opening 20 minutes.

The 6-foot-11 Haryasz, the Cardinal's leading scorer and rebounder, returned after missing Thursday's win over Oregon State with a sprained left ankle but didn't start. He checked in at the 16:29 mark of the first half and carried the Cardinal in the waning moments.

Hairston scored nine straight points for Oregon in the final 3:39 to keep it close, but Haryasz had a three-point play among his six in a row for the Cardinal.

"It's nice to win a close game," Cardinal coach Trent Johnson said. "We're slowly but surely getting there defensively. For us to have any element of success we're going to have to do that. There's no secret to why we're 500 and why we've struggled — we haven't guarded people."

Hairston finished with 21 points — 15 in the second half — and seven rebounds and Ray Schafer 10 points and six boards for Oregon, which lost 77-66 at California on Thursday night and has dropped four of its last five. Brooks was held to seven points.

Chris Hernandez had 12 points and four assists for the Cardinal.

Stanford's Lawrence Hill controlled the ball off Hernandez's miss with 35.2 seconds left, but flung it back over the midcourt line for a half-court violation, giving the ball back to the Ducks. Hairston missed on the other end and Bryce Taylor got an offensive rebound with 19 seconds left to set up Oregon's final chance.

The Ducks haven't won a conference game at either Cal or Stanford since beating the Golden Bears on Feb. 12, 2000, and they are 1-12 on their annual trip to Northern California since the 1999-2000 season.

"I thought we did everything right in this game to put ourselves in position to at least tie it, send it to overtime and possibly even win a game and it just didn't happen," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said.

Maarty Leunen scored 11 points but sprained his right ankle when he hit a long jumper in the final minute of the first half and did not return. He walked without help into the locker room at halftime but was clearly in pain. He did not have an X-ray and all the ligaments were stable, but coach Ernie Kent wasn't sure whether Leunen would play Thursday against Arizona State.



ANG Newspapers
University of California forward Leon Power dunks home two points during the Golden Bears' loss to Oregon State Saturday.

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and driving dunk with 8:42 to play, Oregon State put the game away with a 12-3 run over the next three minutes. Jones had six points in the run while DeWitz's six-foot jumper with 3:56 left gave the Beavers their biggest lead of the game at 63-49.

The Bears made one final run at Oregon State, closing to 68-62 on Ayvide Ubaka's 3-point shot, building a 29-20 lead on Stephens' shot under the basket with 4:09 remaining.

Ukiah J.V. teams victorious

The Daily Journal
With 1.3 seconds left against Santa Rosa Friday, J.J. McMillan converted a three-point play after being fouled on a lay-up to give the Ukiah boys junior varsity a 51-48 win.

Andy Walker led the Wildcats on the glass with 15 rebounds and Casey Prime led Ukiah in scoring with 15 points and Tommy Kiley added 11 points.

Ukiah travels to Piner Wednesday. Game time is 6 p.m.

Ukiah girls J.V. defeats Santa Rosa
The Ukiah girls junior varsity improved its record to 2-0 Thursday, defeating Santa Rosa, 52-28.

"We had an excellent start and jumped out to a big lead but got into foul

seconds to secure the win for the Beavers. Stephens finished with 13 points.

Oregon State's last conference road win came against Washington State on Feb. 12, 2004.

California went into the game shooting 46.6 percent as a team but struggled against Oregon State's defense throughout the game. The Bears opened the game missing 15 of their first 20 shot attempts.

Oregon State scored the first eight points of the game and sank its first three 3-point shots, building a 29-20 lead on Stephens' shot under the basket with 4:09 remaining.

trouble with all three posts having three fouls before the half, allowing Santa Rosa to catch up," said Ukiah head coach Dave Downey. "In the third quarter the girls came out and played hard and built back their big lead."

Katie Dhooghe led Ukiah with 14 points to go with her six rebounds and one steal. Kindee Ramirez was the other Wildcat in double figures with 10 points.

Along with Dhooghe and Ramirez, Ukiah got yeoman-like efforts out of Emily Houghton with seven points and six steals and Yvette Vasquez with seven points, nine rebounds and four steals.

The J.V. girls return to play at Piner Tuesday. Game time is 6 p.m.

Patriots

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But the Pats looked more like, well, the Pats in the second half, moving efficiently on offense while keeping the clamps on Jacksonville with a staunch defense.

Givens, who was wide open after a superb play fake by Brady, has a TD catch in six straight playoff games, two short of John Stallworth's NFL mark.

Watson broke three tackles after taking a short pass on third-and-13, making it

21-3. Six plays later, Samuel stepped in front of Reggie Williams, stole Byron Leftwich's pass and mowed down the left sideline to score.

Leftwich, in his first action since breaking his left ankle on Nov. 27, looked rusty and indecisive. New England's defense had much to do with that, of course, and he left midway through the fourth quarter.

By then, the Patriots had topped Vince Lombardi's Packers and could start thinking about literally hitting the road to the Super Bowl.

Redskins

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including three Super Bowl titles during his first stint with the Redskins from 1981-92.

The Hall of Fame coach is known as an offensive innovator, but the Redskins won this one despite gaining only 120 yards to Tampa Bay's 243. John Hall's 47-yard field goal were the only points produced by an offense that averaged more than 33 points per game the last three weeks of the season.

Brunell went 7-of-15 passing for 43 yards and one interception, and Portis was limited to 53 yards rushing on 15 carries — stopping his streak of consecutive 100-yard games at five.

Simms threw for 198 yards in his first playoff start for Tampa Bay but was intercepted twice and sacked three times.

The Bucs were stopped on downs when Simms threw an incompleton on fourth-and-1 at the Washington 18 — midway through the fourth quarter.

Tampa Bay's Brian Kelly intercepted Brunell at the Redskins 35 four plays later. But Simms was stopped again when Shepherd failed to make his potential game-tying catch on third down, and the quarterback overthrew the same receiver in the end zone on fourth down.

The Bucs got one more chance, taking over at their 46 after a 14-yard punt with 1:05 to go. But Simms' first-down pass was tipped at the line and intercepted by linebacker Marcus Washington, and the Redskins ran out the clock.

"I don't even know if it's sunk in yet," Arrington said. "This is unbelievable. To

come and win in such a great arena. Wow."

Gibbs came out of retirement in 2004, and it's only taken him two years to rebuild a franchise that made the playoffs once during his 11 seasons away from football — and that trip ended with a 14-13 loss at Tampa Bay in the divisional round six years ago.

Arrington picked off Simms' first pass of the game and returned it 21 yards to the Tampa Bay 6 to set up Portis' TD run on the next play for a 7-0 lead. Less than five minutes later, the Redskins' defense struck again.

Washington stopped Camell "Caddis" Williams for a 1-yard gain, forcing a fumble that the linebacker recovered before scrambling to his feet and taking off with the ball.

Tampa Bay's Dan Buenning punched the ball loose from Washington at the 41 before Taylor scooped it up at the 49 and raced to the end zone for a 14-0 lead. The Bucs challenged the TD, arguing that Washington was down by contact when he recovered the ball, but the score was upheld by replay.

After the teams exchanged field goals, Tampa Bay trailed 17-3 at halftime. But the Bucs drove 51 yards in seven plays on their first possession of the third quarter to trim the deficit to 17-10 on Simms' 1-yard run.

The Redskins' defense, already without injured cornerback Shawn Springs, lost defensive end Renaldo Wynn with a broken right forearm in the first quarter and Taylor was tossed for spitting in the face of Michael Pittman as the two stood face-to-face after a 3-yard scramble by Simms in the third quarter.

SULL

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Saturday was the first day of full fledged clean-ups, and with the fields themselves covered with rocks and debris, it was salvage and safety mode for the SULL crew.

"We have to stay off the fields until they dry out," Mills said. "Right now it's just trying to save what we can and make this a safe place to work."

Drainage is a big issue, and the crew was using water pumps and trying to dig ditches to flow the water out from the fields and other areas.

One worker even hit a hidden water line and got a surprise power shower while I was there.

Make no mistake, it's going to take some work to get these fields back into any sort of playing shape, but Mills and the rest of the volunteers on hand are a self-described determined bunch. But they'll need some help.

With SULL trying next month and practices supposed to start in March, it'll be all engines blasting until opening day the beginning of April.

"We'll be here working on this every Saturday until the season starts," said Mills, who has two children that play in the SULL. "We don't know what's going to happen right now with the fields, so we're open to ideas. If we have to scalp the grass off and lay down just dirt, that's what we'll do. If somebody has knowledge of sodding and how to handle this sort of thing, we'd like to hear from them. All we know is rakes and hard work."

Last year, they put down fresh sod, brand new turf. The lush green stuff sweet bunts and 10-year-old little league hero dreams are made of.

This year, they'll be happy with dry dirt.

But at least, then, there would be a place to play.

"We know this is a lot of work, but we feel like this is a great community," said Linda Pedersen, who was also volunteering Saturday at the fields. "We're a determined bunch."

Reach Tony Adame at udjsports@pacific.net or 468-3518. For those who would like to volunteer or offer scramble to the SULL, call Guy Mills at 391-7705.

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Stuart Appleby has a two-shot lead going into the last day of the Mercedes Championships. ANG Newspapers

Appleby in charge at Mercedes

By DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — A two-shot lead at the Mercedes Championships means nothing to Stuart Appleby. Neither do his victories at Kapalua the last two years.

Even after birdies on three of his last six holes for a 3-under 70, matching the best score on another punishing, wind-swept day on west Maui, all Appleby could talk about Saturday were the shots he left out on the Plantation course and how he would have to bring his game up a notch.

"I'll have to knuckle down," Appleby said. "There's some good players behind me, and I'll have to play good golf."

No one was conceding the season-opening tournament to Appleby, although his name atop the leaderboard is daunting. The Aussie is quickly becoming the King of Kapalua, and he has a chance Sunday to become the first player in nearly 50 years to capture the winners-only event three straight times.

"Every part of his game is very sound, very sharp," U.S. Open champion Michael Campbell said after a 71 left him two shots behind and in the final group again with Appleby. "He's going to be tough to beat tomorrow. But I believe I've got the tools to beat him."

Campbell saw Saturday what he is up against.

If the pictures of past champions in the locker room were not enough — two side-by-side of Appleby in the winner's cream blazer with a lei around his neck — his golf in such demanding conditions should be a reminder.

On a course where the average score is 74.8 over three days, Appleby has dropped only two shots over his last 34 holes and looked very much in control by posting a 6-under 213 through three rounds.

"Winning two years in a row, pretty much being in control of this tournament most of the way, he's the guy to beat," said Jim Furyk, a past winner at Kapalua who shot 72 and was three shots behind.

Only a half-dozen players were under par, and only one Kapalua rookie was in that mix. Lucas Glover needed some magic getting there, with a hole-in-one on the 203-yard eighth hole — for a 70 to finish at 217.

Vijay Singh (74) and Sergio Garcia (73) each birdied the last hole to get to 218.

"If you just miss it, you're going to hit it way worse than you think," Singh said. "It was a grind. Putts like 3 or 4 feet it's like, 'Please, hit a good, solid stroke.'"

Scoring has always been low at Kapalua since the tournament moved here in 1999,

with the highest winning score coming in 2000 when Tiger Woods beat Ernie Els in a playoff after they finished at 16 under.

This looks more like a U.S. Open — on the scoreboard and inside the ropes.

Not even the crashing surf below can put these guys at ease, as they battle wind that makes it difficult to stand still and greens that are firm and fast, making it tough to get the ball close to the hole.

The average score was 75.04, the second-toughest behind Friday's average of 75.5.

"I don't think anybody was expecting this kind of a battle the first week of the year," Mark Calcavecchia said. "I certainly wasn't. I'm exhausted."

Calcavecchia made a 15-foot putt on the 18th for only the second eagle of the tournament, giving him a 73 to finish seven shots out of the lead.


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Chicago's Smith is NFL Coach of the Year

By BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press
Lovie Smith is in the company of Hall of Famers.

Smith was hired to resurrect the proud Chicago Bears franchise once coached by George Halas and Mike Ditka. He did such a strong job in 2005 that he was chosen The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year on Saturday.

Halas and Ditka each won the honor twice. In his second season with the Bears, Smith took them from 5-11 to 11-5, Mark Calcuttore said. "I certainly wasn't. I'm exhausted."

Smith also beat out his mentor, Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy, drawing 24 1/2

votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL. Dungy was next with 20 1/2.

"I would have voted for Tony for the award," Smith added. "I'm really happy for our assistant coaches, to get that award. Tony did a great job with his program, as a lot of other coaches did."

Chicago had the league's stingiest defense, which figures because Smith made his reputation as a defensive mastermind, first in Tampa Bay under Dungy, then in St. Louis.

Now, he oversees a team that surged to a Super Bowl contender, armed with a defense that allowed only 202 points, just 61 of those at home.

"I definitely get the sense this is the Bears' year," he said. "We have a special group of athletes, a special team with character. We have

a great team chemistry. Whatever it is the good teams have that make a run, I just think that this team has it."

Smith, who served as Dungy's linebackers coach from 1996-2000 in Tampa, recently attended the funeral of James Dungy, his close friend's oldest son, who died last month. Their bond remains strong and Smith often has credited Dungy with helping develop his leadership skills.

Bears general manager Jerry Angelo also worked for the Buccaneers.

"Lovie, when we went out and started our search for a head coach, it starts with leadership," Angelo said. "And (with) Lovie there've never been any doubts about that. I knew that firsthand. I had the benefit of working with him down in Tampa and saw that come to fruition even more so now that he's in charge."



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Chicago wins; Utah beats Detroit second time

CHICAGO (AP) -- Just 24 hours after one of their best defensive performances of the season, the Memphis Grizzlies played flatfooted and slow against a Chicago Bulls team in constant motion.

"They were a little tired. We smelled that," Chicago guard Ben Gordon said.

And the Bulls made the most of the opportunity against a team that was allowing an NBA-low 86.7 points entering the game.

Kirk Hinrich scored 26 points and fellow guard Gordon had 21 as the Bulls shot 62 percent and routed the Grizzlies 111-82 Saturday night, ending Memphis' five-game winning streak.

"We were able to come out and do what we wanted to on the offensive end," Gordon said. "Kirk and I have to be able to feed off each other and we were able to do that."

Hinrich and Gordon outscored the Grizzlies' starting backcourt of Bobby Jackson and Eddie Jones 47-11 in Memphis' most lopsided loss of the season.

"They shot the ball excellent, but our defense was pretty terrible, too," Jones said. "We knew coming in their guards could really shoot the ball. It was our inability to get to them."

Hinrich shot 9-of-12 from the field and Gordon, in just his sixth start of the season, was 7-for-11. Chicago finished 11-of-15 on 3-pointers.

Up by 10 at the half, the Bulls started the third quarter with an 11-4 run as Hinrich hit a quick jumper and a 3-pointer and Chicago went up 65-48.

Hitting wide open shots and driving through the lane to set up easy perimeter shots against what is usually a tough defensive team, the Bulls increased the lead to 84-59 after three when Chris Duhon sank a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"We work on it a lot, the draw-and-kick. It's something we should be good at because we work at it," Hinrich said.

Phoenix defeats San Antonio
PHOENIX (AP) -- Shawn Marion and Steve Nash triggered a fourth-quarter surge that lifted Phoenix over San Antonio, snapping the Spurs' five-game winning streak in a matchup of division leaders.

Marion scored 11 in the fourth quarter to finish with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Nash scored 10 in the fourth and had 22 points and 10 assists in the Suns' seventh victory in eight games. The lone loss in the stretch was in triple overtime to the Knicks in New York on Monday night.

Boris Diaw also scored 18 for Phoenix, which beat San Antonio for only the second

time in their last nine regular season meetings. Tim Duncan had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Spurs. Manu Ginobili scored 19, Tony Parker 18 and Robert Horry 15 for the defending NBA champs.

Utah 94, Detroit 90, OT
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) -- Andrei Kirilenko had 24 points and 11 rebounds, and former Pistons player Mehmet Okur added 13 points and 17 rebounds as the Utah Jazz beat Detroit for the second time this season, 94-90 in overtime Saturday night.

The win gave Utah a season-series sweep of Detroit and almost as many wins against the Pistons (2) as the rest of the NBA combined (3). The 26-5 Pistons, losers for just the second time in 13 games, had their 10-game home winning streak snapped.

Chauncey Billups scored 19 of his 24 points after half-time for Detroit, and Richard Hamilton added 18. Ben Wallace had 16 rebounds, but just four points.

Rookie Deron Williams had 14 points for Utah off the bench.

Cavaliers 96, Bucks 88
CLEVELAND (AP) -- LeBron James scored 35 points and shook off the effects of a hard fall as Cleveland rebounded from an awful loss by beating Milwaukee.

James landed with a thud under the basket on a drive late in the third quarter, but after having his left thigh treated by Cleveland's trainers, the third-year star led a fourth-quarter push that gave the Cavs their ninth win in 11 games.

Drew Gooden added a season-high 17 rebounds and Donyell Marshall scored 14 points, including a crucial 3-pointer that put the Cavs ahead 89-80 with 3:05 remaining.

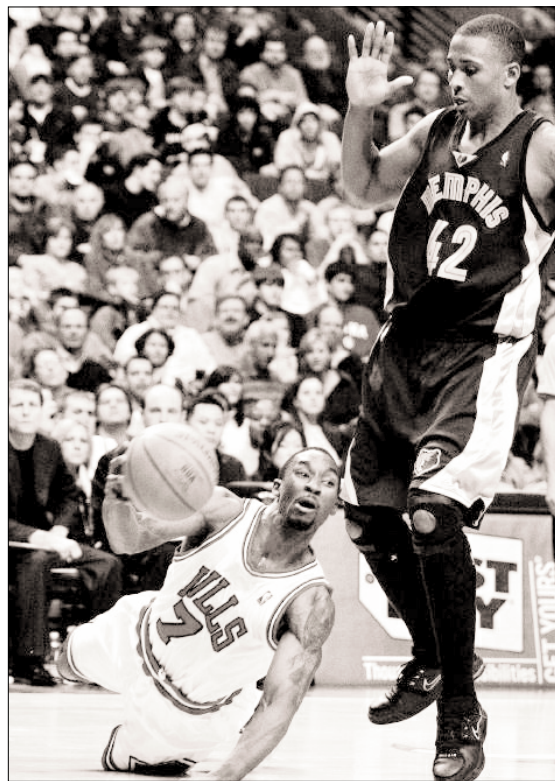
The Cavaliers are 2-1 without Larry Hughes, their second-leading scorer, who will miss at least six weeks following surgery to fix a broken finger.

Michael Redd scored 30 points to pace the Bucks, who have lost three straight for the first time this season. T.J. Ford came back after missing four games with a foot sprain to add 10 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Milwaukee.

Hawks 101, Hornets 93
ATLANTA (AP) -- Al Harrington scored 24 points and Atlanta withstood a career-high 29 points from Speedy Claxton to end New Orleans' three-game winning streak.

Joe Johnson added 20 points for Atlanta and hit a key 3-pointer to help turn back the Hornets' fourth-quarter comeback attempt.

Despite Claxton's strong effort and 22



The Bulls' Ben Gordon, falling, passes the ball Saturday at the United Center in Chicago during the Bulls victory over Memphis.

points from David West, the Hornets could not overcome the absence of rookie guard Chris Paul.

Paul was with the team but not in uniform after tearing a ligament in his right thumb Friday night in a home win over Portland. Paul's right hand was in a cast, and he is expected to miss two weeks.

Kirk Snyder started at point guard in place of Paul, the NBA leader among rookies in scoring, assists, steals and minutes. Snyder scored a career-high 22 points Friday, but had only four points with four assists Saturday.

Magic 108, Bobcats 92
ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) -- Dwight Howard had 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Orlando

took advantage of the injury-riddled Charlotte frontcourt.

Tony Battie added 16 points and 12 rebounds, both season highs, as Orlando broke a three-game losing streak. Steve Francis had 18 points and six assists for the Magic, who outscored the Bobcats 58-24 in the paint.

The Magic placed forward Grant Hill on the inactive list with a strained groin. Hill re-injured himself against New Jersey on Friday night and is listed day-to-day.

Reserve Keith Bogans scored a season-high 22 points for Charlotte, which has lost four straight. The undermanned Bobcats played without injured big men Emeka Okafor, Jake Voskuhl, Melvin Ely and Sean May, and were outscored 47-33.

Atlanta beats Pittsburgh in NHL action; Brodeur leads New Jersey to win at Buffalo

PITTSBURGH (AP) -- Marc Savard broke a tie with a power-play goal with 3:25 to play, and Ilya Kovalchuk had two more goals to help Atlanta beat Pittsburgh for the second straight night.

Kovalchuk pushed his NHL-leading goal total to 32 a night after he had three goals in Atlanta's 6-4 home victory over the Penguins. Jim Slater also scored for Atlanta.

Michel Ouellet had two power-play goals, and Ryan Malone also scored for the Penguins.

Hurricanes 3, Islanders 0
UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) -- Martin Gerber made 30 saves for his sixth career shutout, and Carolina scored three goals in a 6:14 span in the second period.

Rod Brind'Amour, Ray Whitney and Cory Stillman scored for Carolina, which beat the Islanders 4-1 on Friday night in Raleigh. Wade Dubielewicz stopped 25 shots for the Islanders, who have lost seven of their last eight games.

Maple Leafs 3, Oilers 2
EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) -- Backup goalie Mikael Tellqvist made 36 saves and Chad Kilger scored the winning goal early in the third period for Toronto.

Matt Stajan and Darcy Tucker also scored for Toronto, and defenseman Bryan McCabe added two assists to push his team-leading points total to 49. The Maple Leafs have won seven

of their last eight games and eight of 12 in Edmonton. Shawn Horcoff and Ryan Smyth scored for the Oilers.

Devils 3, Sabres 2
BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) -- Brian Rafalski had a goal and an assist, and Martin Brodeur made 26 saves for New Jersey.

Jamie Langenbrunner and Scott Gomez also scored for the Devils, who have won three straight for the first time since November.

Maxim Afinogenov and Thomas Vaneck scored for the Sabres.

Wild 4, Mighty Ducks 1
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Flu shots in short supply at many doctors' offices

Physicians complain discount chains and supermarkets got most of this year's vaccine

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Some elderly and disabled people eager for a flu shot this winter have been frustrated because they couldn't get it where nearly half of patients usually do: from the family doctor.

Many physicians complain much of this year's vaccine went to supermarket and discount chains instead of medical clinics. That's a problem for some people who are most at risk of life-threatening flu complications but aren't always healthy enough to wait in store lines.

Consider Ramon Perez, 64, a quadriplegic who previously used a wheelchair but has been bedridden since the flu two years ago triggered pneumonia, bedsores and other complications.

"I'm so susceptible to getting the flu, so it's important that I get (the vaccine)," Perez said. But his doctor had none, so Perez, nervous about a health aide or visitor infecting him,

had to wait until the doctor finally got some doses last month and came to his Woodbridge Township home to give him the shot.

For thousands of Americans, especially those who are healthy, a flu clinic at the local drugstore or discount chain is easier and faster than making an appointment to see the doctor. However, doctors say chain stores don't necessarily give priority to the nearly 90 million Americans considered at high risk of flu complications. They also say it's often better for those patients to see their doctor, who can check their blood pressure, medications and other concerns.

A survey by the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians found two-thirds who responded had received little or no vaccine by December, but 90 percent saw local stores giving shots. Frustrated, 10 percent said they'll stop giving flu shots altogether and 35 percent are considering it.

In California, one of seven states where the CDC is reporting widespread cases, Dr. Eric Ramos of the Orangeburg Medical Group in Modesto said he suspects pharmacies and chain stores made a profit by

charging \$25 per flu shot, 2.5 times the wholesale price per dose. For some of his elderly patients, who normally get the shot for a \$9 insurance copayment, \$25 is unaffordable, said Ramos, president of the California Academy of Family Physicians.

His office finally got its 1,500 doses in mid-December — well after most people seek flu shots — so his practice could be stuck with about 220 doses that can't be used after this flu season.

"We had none to offer, not one dose, week after week," as patients kept calling, Ramos said. "In the meantime, all of the pharmacies, the major stores were offering vaccines."

In Cranford, N.J., many patients with heart disease, immune system problems, diabetes and the like had to be referred to the local grocery store or never got a flu shot, said Dr. Robert Eidus, who got one-fifth of the doses he ordered just a few weeks ago.

"The vast majority of doctors I've spoken to never got any or got only a limited order," he said.

Because of such complaints, the American Academy of Family Physicians is investigating. "Patients

are really frustrated," said its president-elect, Dr. Rick Kellerman. "They're upset with the doctors for not having it."

Dr. Ardis Hoven, a member of the American Medical Association's board of trustees and an infectious disease specialist at University of Kentucky College of Medicine, had to send many high-risk patients to a county health department because her clinic's order arrived about five weeks late.

"If we were to have any outbreak now, you probably have a high-risk population that's not immunized," she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said about 88 million shots will have been distributed by the end of January, more than in many normal years.

But vaccine manufacturers and distributors say a big factor has been problems for a second year at Chiron Corp., one of the major vaccine suppliers. Last year, the same company was barred from shipping nearly half the U.S. supply because of contamination at its British factory.

Chiron spokeswoman Alison Marquiss said the company's production was late and about several

million doses short. She said U.S. capacity should be back to normal by next flu season.

Medical groups and public health officials are so concerned about distribution problems they have made it a prime topic for their annual flu vaccine summit set for later this month. "Some physicians have had extraordinary difficulty" getting vaccine, said Glenn Nowak, spokesman for the CDC, which is studying the matter.

Meanwhile, flu season, which often peaks in February, has been picking up around the country. Roche Pharmaceuticals said Wednesday it is increasing shipments of its Tamiflu medicine to hard-hit areas. And Sanofi Pasteur, the other large vaccine supplier for the United States, has told doctors it will start taking orders for next flu season on Jan. 31.

On the Net:
CDC flu surveillance site:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm>
American Academy of Family Physicians flu site:
<http://familydoctor.org/073.cml>

Linguists vote 'truthiness' the 2005 word of the year

Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE — A panel of linguists has decided the word that best reflects 2005 is "truthiness," defined as the quality of stating concepts one wishes or believes to be true, rather than the facts.

The American Dialect Society chose the word Friday after a runoff with terms related to Hurricane Katrina, such as "Katrinagate," the scandal erupting from the lack of planning for the monster hurricane.

Michael Adams, a professor at North Carolina State University who specializes in lexicology, said "truthiness" means "truly, not facty."

"The national argument right now is, one, who's got the truth and, two, who's got the facts," he said. "Until we can manage to get the two of them back together again, we're not going make much progress."

The group of linguists, editors and academics agreed the most useful word was "podcast" — a digital feed containing audio or video files for downloading to an MP3 player.

In a runoff for the most creative word, "whale tail," the appearance of a thong above the waistband, beat out "muffin top," the bulge of flesh hanging over the top

of low-riding jeans.

Tom Cruise became the first public figure in the contest's 16 years to be noted for his influence on public discourse. The group coined the term "Cruiselex" to describe such terms as "jump the couch" and "Cruiseazy."

"Jump the couch," meaning to exhibit strange or frenetic behavior, won the best Tom Cruise-related word or phrase. It stems from the actor's antics in May on Oprah Winfrey's couch as he talked about his love for fiancée Katie Holmes.

"Cruiseazy" means to exhibit crazy behavior. "I don't know any other public figure who has inspired so many words in a single year," said Erin McKeon, editor of the New Oxford American Dictionary.

Other winners included "sudoku," a Japanese number puzzle voted the word most likely to succeed, and "pope squatting," the practice of registering an online domain that is the name of the new pope in order to profit from it, as least likely to succeed.

Last year's overall winner was "red, blue and purple states." In the 2004 general election, voters in red states favored Republicans, those in blue states favored Democrats and residents of purple states were undecided.

THE SHIFT AWAY FROM DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS IBM move sharpens focus on 401(k) plans

**By BRIAN BERGSTEIN
AP Technology Writer**

BOSTON — IBM's freeze of its otherwise healthy U.S. pension plan will reverberate through industry not only because it illustrates the erosion of traditional benefit packages, but also because it sharpens the focus on 401(k) plans as a source of retirement security.

With the 401(k) increasingly becoming a de facto pension for many American workers, several experts suggest reforms are in order.

International Business Machines Corp.'s announcement this week drew attention because the security of the technology giant's \$48 billion U.S. pension fund stands in contrast to endangered plans run by airlines and other large companies.

However, retirement analysts found IBM's enhancements to its 401(k) more notable, saying the company is transplanting some virtues of traditional pensions that generally have been absent from newer kinds of plans.

When the pension freeze takes effect for IBM's 125,000 U.S. employees in 2008, IBM will match their 401(k) contributions dollar-for-dollar on up to 6 percent of salary; previously the match had been 50 cents on the dollar, a common figure.

Perhaps more important, the company will automatical-

ly contribute an extra amount equal to 1 percent to 4 percent of employees' pay into their 401(k) plans in an attempt to make sure every employee participates.

Those notions of universal participation and automatic security were hallmarks of traditional pension packages known as "defined-benefit" plans.

Newer plans such as 401(k) packages are known as "defined-contribution" plans because that's all the company is promising — to contribute a set amount, if it offers a match. The size of the retirement benefits depend on the vagaries of investment portfolios, shifting the risk from the company to the employee.

In 1985, 89 percent of

Fortune 100 companies offered traditional pension plans, but that had fallen to 51 percent by 2004, according to Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a human-resources consulting firm. Some 11 percent of the plans in the Fortune 1000 were frozen or terminated for new employees, up from 5 percent in 2001.

Although high-flying returns in pension fund investments sometimes make defined-benefit plans less expensive to run than 401(k) plans — and pad a company's bottom line — companies also decry the year-to-year uncertainty of whether they'll have to contribute to their pension funds in the markets' down years.

These costs and complexi-

ties, the companies argue, are a competitive disadvantage in industries in which nimble startups aren't saddled with pension obligations.

Not surprisingly, many of the blue chip names that have closed pension funds to newly hired workers or ended accruals in plans altogether, such as IBM, Hewlett-Packard Co., Motorola Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc., are in technical fields teeming with younger, pension-less rivals.

IBM, which had already closed its pension plan to workers hired after 2004, said it expects to save up to \$3 billion in pension-related costs through 2010, as the company can stop accounting for bene-

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Martha Stewart conviction over stock sale upheld

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court Friday upheld the conviction of celebrity homemaker Martha Stewart months after she completed her sentence of five months in prison and five months of house arrest.

Stewart was convicted in 2004 of lying to the government about a stock sale. She served five months in prison in West Virginia before beginning five months of home detention last March at her Westchester County estate, north of New York City.

Stewart and former stockbroker Peter Bacanovic were convicted of lying about why Stewart dumped nearly 4,000 shares of InClone Systems Inc. stock in 2001, just before it took a dive on a negative government report about the company.

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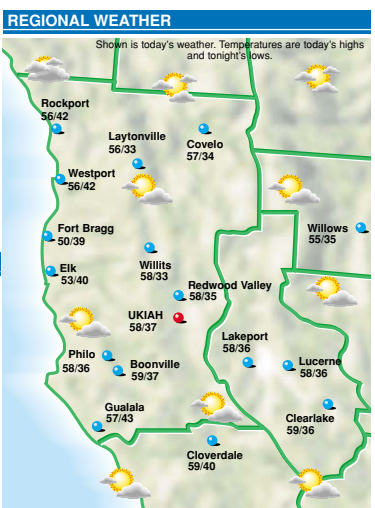
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Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-fog.

Lake Mendocino - Lake level: 742.10 feet; Storage: 76,175 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 750 cfs Outflow: 3,842 cfs
Air quality - n/a

Pensions

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fits that would have accrued after the freeze takes effect. IBM estimated that 19 percent of its U.S. employees would see benefits eroded because of the changes; those people will see, on average, a 12 percent drop in benefits, the company contends.

Another reason for the rise of 401(k) plans is legal uncertainty surrounding a hybrid defined-benefit package known as a cash balance plan, which lets workers accrue benefits that they can take with them if they leave a company, but doesn't pay a lifetime annuity like traditional pensions.

A large part of the controversy involves IBM, which like many U.S. companies moved its employees to a cash-balance plan in the 1990s. Today 86,000 IBM U.S. workers have such a package. But some older workers complained that the packages trimmed their expected pension benefits, and IBM was sued over its plan. Big Blue settled the case but is appealing a verdict that it committed age discrimination.

But while 401(k) plans carry much less baggage for companies, they also carry far less security for the 50 million Americans who have them. If the plans are going to all but replace pensions, many experts say, then wider changes ought to follow.

For example, Medicaid and other public assistance programs generally exclude pension holdings when determining a person's eligibility, but defined-contribution accounts such as 401(k)s are often considered assets that can reduce

someone's ability to get benefits, said Mark Iwry, senior adviser to the Retirement Security Project and a former head of private-pension regulation at the Treasury Department.

Iwry also supports having 401(k) plans automatically enroll employees and increase their contribution level annually unless they opt out, as a way to encourage people to be continually increasing what they put away for retirement.

James Klein, president of the American Benefits Council, which represents companies with pension plans, said people should be allowed to invest part of their 401(k) holdings in annuities, guaranteeing a specific return as an old-school pension would. That's not a widely offered choice now.

He also supports better financial education in schools and in companies to guide people who have to choose how to allocate their 401(k) investments.

"If people are now going to be more responsible for their own retirement income and security, we need to now give them the tools to help them understand this more effectively," Klein said.

That sentiment was shared by Ted Benna, the financial adviser who created these plans in 1980 after noticing that paragraph (k) of Section 401 in the Internal Revenue Code unintentionally allowed tax-deferred retirement accounts.

He said many 401(k) plans could be made more efficient, lowering the expenses and bettering the financial performance for participants.

"We've got 25 years of history now with the 401(k)," Benna said. "We need to look at that history and improve what we're doing, no doubt about it."

Families

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Specifically, any Mendocino County resident with training in health services -- including mental health, EMT and nursing -- is always welcomed. Locals without specialized skills can help fill trucks, officials said.

A local phone number, 463-0112, is being routed to the Santa Rosa office and should be called by any potential volunteers or by anybody seeking aid of any kind, officials said. If contacted, Red Cross will dispatch volunteers to any location in Mendocino County.

Assistance can also be sought through the closest available offices, in Santa Rosa or Guerneville.

For those families back home, storm damage assessments should be filed by calling 463-4281 or online at www.co.mendocino.ca.us and clicking on "Storm Info."

Other numbers to contact include:

- Permits for Building and Environmental Health -- including wells and septic systems -- will be issued for documented storm damage at no cost.
- Agricultural damage should be reported to the county Agricultural Commissioner at 463-4208.
- Animal control issues should be reported to 463-4652.
- For the debris clearing program, call 467-2552.
- For hazardous material recovery, call 463-4466.

Tyler Stoffel contributed to this report.
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Tyler Stoffel/The Daily Journal
Marisol Olea lifts her cousin Giancarlo from an outdoor table at Nuestra Casa's Dia de los Reyes celebration Saturday in Ukiah. El Dia de los Reyes celebrates the coming of the three kings, called Maji in Catholic tradition, to the Bethlehem stable to offer their gifts to the baby Jesus.

College

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Dr. Craig Hayward, the college's institutional research director, said the higher transfer numbers resulted from several factors. To begin, there are more full-time students studying at Mendocino College than ever before, a trend that began in 2003 when there was public higher education in California were raised

across the board.

The quality of teaching that students receive is another important factor, Hayward said. A 2004 survey of Mendocino College students found that students consistently cite small classes, a friendly atmosphere and personalized instruction as high points of their educational career.

Many students also mentioned that the Ukiah campus is a beautiful place to attend classes and to feel personal accomplishment and satisfaction.

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also under the influence of a hallucinogen. A jury convicted him in November 2005 of possession for sale and transportation.

The defendant requested probation, but the court denied the request, finding he was on federal probation

when the crimes occurred and Melgard had previous convictions for three drug sales felonies in federal court before this arrest.

Both the probation officer and the district attorney agreed Melgard's record and the circumstances of this case made a prison sentence appropriate. The judge reduced the sentence to three years from the four recommended by probation.

Approximately 10 to 25 Mendocino College students transfer to private schools and out-of-state schools each year. The exact number is difficult to track because these schools, unlike CSU and UC schools, are not required to report the number of transfer students to the state.

Mendocino College serves approximately 1,100 full-time students each semester out of a total student body of approximately 4,750 students.

Briefly

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proved that."

Five WHO experts were to travel Sunday to the city of Van, near the border with Iran, not far from the village where the three children died, to try to determine whether the disease was spread from animals or other humans.

Iran restricted movement along its border to prevent the disease from spreading into the country.

Syrian leader suggests he will reject interview regarding killing

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Syrian President Bashar Assad

denied threatening Lebanon's former prime minister but suggested in an interview published Saturday that he would not allow U.N. investigators to interview him about Rafik Hariri's killing.

Syria's former vice president Abdul-Halim Khaddam, who defected to France, told The Associated Press on Friday that Assad had threatened Hariri during their last meeting.

"I don't know what others meant by threatening," Assad was quoted as saying in the Egyptian opposition weekly al-Osboa. "This never happened and the aim was to connect the threat with the assassination. The game is clear. Nobody attended the last meeting between me and Hariri, therefore, how can they make these allegations?"

Assad also indirectly rejected the latest request

from U.N. investigators to interview him about the Hariri assassination, saying he has "international immunity."

Miller unhappy over accounts of '60 Minutes' interview

ADELBODEN, Switzerland (AP) — Bode Miller is unhappy with the way his interview with "60 Minutes" in which he said partying had affected his performance in the past was characterized in excerpts and media accounts.

"We are very saddened to see that what is considered the pre-eminent news show in U.S. history has set off a firestorm by headlining a press release on a Bode Miller profile with an out-of-context and salacious headline involving drunkenness," Lowell Taub, the ski star's agent, said

in a statement Saturday.

Taub added that what appeared in the media "as a 'news story' was nothing more than a promotion for a television program."

Miller, who became the first U.S. skier to win the overall World Cup title in 22 years last season, refused to speak with reporters following his 14th-place finish in Saturday's giant slalom, which was won by Benjamin Raich of Austria.

In written excerpts released Thursday by CBS for the segment that will be broadcast Sunday, Miller said "there have been times when I've been in really tough shape at the top of the course."

"Talk about a hard challenge right there. ... If you ever tried to ski when you're wasted, it's not easy," Miller said.

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Photo by Matthew Matthiessen

The long crested eagle is one of the many birds that will be showcased at the "Birds of Uganda" slide show on Thursday, Jan. 19.

Peregrine Audubon presents Matthew Matthiessen's 'Birds of Uganda' slideshow

By KATE MARIANCHILD
Special for the Journal
 Calling all lovers of African wildlife! Matthew Matthiessen, creator of last year's popular "Birds of Borneo" slideshow, will present "Birds of Uganda" on Thursday, Jan. 19 at the City Council Chambers in the Ukiah Civic Center at 7 p.m. While Matthiessen's primary interest is birds, he couldn't resist photographing lots of other animals on last August's trip, including Mountain Gorillas, lions, giraffes, zebras, waterbuck, buffalo, hippos, monkeys, warthogs, and many more. If Matthiessen's previous shows are any indication, this 250-slide presentation is likely to be snappy, entertaining, and rich in gorgeous, high-quality images. Peregrine Audubon welcomes everyone to this horizon-expanding adventure. Please see directions below.

Three highlights of Matthiessen's trip to Uganda in August of 2005 were the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, where he saw a family of mountain gorillas; the Nile River, with its numerous birds and the famous Murchison Falls; and the 10-12,000 foot volcanoes that dot the landscape of the extreme southern part of Uganda. He spent most of his time in a region called the Albertine Rift, an area 500 miles long and 100 miles wide characterized by grasslands and volcanoes. Most of the endemic birds he saw on his trip were in the Albertine Rift. ("Endemic" refers to species not found anywhere else in the world.) We will view images of birds that few people in the world have ever seen, such as the Green-breasted Pitta

and the Brauer's Broadbill. These birds are secretive and have very restricted ranges, but by virtue of educated and persistent searching, with a bit of luck thrown in, Matthiessen was able to find and photograph them. His favorite bird on the trip was the African Shoebill, an elusive stork whose bill is shaped like a shoe. Sunbirds, Bee-Eaters, Weavers, and Cisticolas are but a few of the other species that will round out this colorful presentation. Come take a break from the winter cold and rain and warm yourself with the sights, and possibly sounds, of Africa! To get to the Ukiah Civic Center take Perkins Street west to State Street (second light). Go left on State and right on Seminary Ave to the end.

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Dr. Alan Limbird, on the left, and hygienist Mel Powers, on the right, stand with instructor Dr. David Doernbach after completing the advanced training program.

Dr. Alan Limbird D.D.S. completes advanced training program

Dr. Alan Limbird, D.D.S., a dentist who has practiced general and cosmetic dentistry in Ukiah for over twenty years, has recently completed an advanced training program related to sedation safety along with Mel Powers, the hygienist at Limbird Dentistry. "The Advanced Cardiac Life Support" program was sponsored by DOCS and is the same training received by physicians and paramedics. Dr. Limbird and Mel Powers are now ACLS certified, which is a very prestigious level of medical care. "We're proud to offer sedation dentistry so that more people can have their dental care accomplished while they are totally relaxed and absolutely comfortable," exclaimed Limbird. For many people, going to the dentist can be a frightful event, even though dentistry has changed so much in the past years. "A visit to the dentist can now be even more relaxing and anxiety free with sedation. I have always been very sensitive to my patients' wishes, and now my staff and I can offer them a safe and even more comfortable experience. There are many people who avoid much needed care due to

fear. I am looking forward to helping more people visit the dentist with this safe and wonderful technique of sedation." Limbird is a member of the fastest growing organization of its kind in dentistry, the Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation - D.O.C.S. The purpose of D.O.C.S. is to provide the education necessary for dentists to provide needed care to the large population of people who are avoiding the dentist and to improve their lives with better dental health. Dr. Limbird has been using the D.O.C.S. sedation methods for over six years and is very happy with the success of the treatments he has performed. "Dentistry is very high tech today, with all sorts of gadgets that get the job done better and quicker, but now with sedation dentistry I can bridge the gap between technology and comfort," said Limbird. He added, "You should see the look on the faces of my patients when they complete their care and they have a healthy and beautiful mouth - there aren't words to describe it! That feeling is why I love dentistry. I helped to change someone's life." Limbird and his team are proud of their commitment to the Ukiah community. They can be reached at 462-2993 with any questions regarding sedation dentistry.

Third annual Russla Hustle to be held Jan. 15 at RVOEP

The Daily Journal
 The North Coast Striders Running and Walking club will be hosting the third annual Russula Hustle. This year the Russula Hustle will feature a 4 mile run/walk and a 2 mile kid's run/walk at the Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project on Sunday Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the RVOEP. The Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project is a project of the

Ukiah Unified School District providing one-day outdoor environmental education experiences for students on a 45-acre woodland site. The Russula Hustle will provide participants the opportunity to learn about the vital educational resources offered at the RVOEP while enjoying the beautiful trails of the RVOEP. Hot soup will be provided after the run as well as prizes for participants. Registration will be

from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Contact Andrea Davis at 485-5794 or tworms@pacific.net for additional information. Russula is a family of typically terrestrial, mostly medium sized, often colorfully capped woodland mushrooms that are often found at the RVOEP this time of year. The Hustle is a silly, fun disco dance. If you sneak up on them quietly enough, you may see the Russulas do the Hustle.

Free infrastructure workshop to aid small water systems

The Daily Journal
 A free workshop is being sponsored by Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) and the State of California, Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Program, to help small water system personnel and elected officials plan for costs associated with system infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance.

As public services dollars have dried up around the nation, many small water systems have found themselves scrambling to find the best, most cost effective ways to not only deal with current system maintenance requirements, but also plan for future needs.

This important workshop entitled, "Capital Improvement Plans and Asset Management: Keeping Your Infrastructure Working and Planning for the Future" will offer practical information to train drinking water system personnel and elected officials to more effectively carry out their critical mission of delivering safe, reliable drinking water to the public.

Set to take place on January 18 at the Hampton Inn in Ukiah, RCAC's daylong workshop will help small system personnel and elected officials learn to:

- Conduct a thorough asset inventory
- Prioritize replacements
- Create an asset management plan
- Develop a capital improvement budget
- Discover where to find state and federal loans and grants

Individuals interested in attending the workshop are encouraged to pre-register online at www.rcac.org or by calling RCAC's Mark Wiseman at 916-447-9832 ext. 279. The

class runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour-long "on your own" lunch. The free workshop qualifies for six continuing education/contact hours. This workshop is limited to 40 participants. Headquarters in West Sacramento, California, and serving 13 Western states,

RCAC is a nonprofit agency providing technical assistance and training to rural communities seeking to develop a wide range of local services including, among other things, community facilities, affordable housing and water treatment facilities.

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Students of the Month for November 2005

Ukiah High School



Ukiah High School Students of the Month, for the month of November 2005 are, clockwise from the front: Tanya Gutierrez, 11th grade; Janice Crew, 10th grade; Ashley Boeckx, 12th grade; Andy Kong, 11th grade; Aakash Patel, 12th grade; Sara Lytle, 9th grade; Michael Petri, 9th grade.

South Valley High School



South Valley High School Students of the Month, for the month of November 2005 are, clockwise from the front: Angle Histo, 11th grade; Alisha Equinto, 11th grade; Curtis Moyle, 11th grade; Jack Elliot, 12th grade; Grace Edwards, 11th grade; and Kyle Ornelas, 11th grade.

St. Mary's Elementary School



St. Mary's Students of the Month, for the month of November 2005 are, from the left: Cameron Cavalin, 4th grade; Ryan Cavalin, 7th grade; Halley Young, 6th grade; McIntyre Murphy, 5th grade. (Not pictured, Michael Villa, 8th grade).

Pomolita Middle School



Pomolita Students of the Month, for the month of November 2005 are, clockwise from the front: Essa Sobbizadeh, 7th grade; Roman Beltan, 8th grade; Tayler Yanez, 7th grade; Alaina Brown, 8th grade; Gurdeep Walla, 6th grade. (Not pictured, Samantha Daly, 6th grade).

Students of the Month photos run promptly after they are submitted to the Journal by the school district. For questions or comments on the Students of the Month, call 468-3520 or email udjfeatures@pacific.net

Jackson State Forest Environmental Report now available locally

The Daily Journal
The State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has contracted with Creative Workshop in Ukiah to produce and make available to the public for purchase, the new Jackson State Forest Environmental Impact Report SCH#2004022925.

The 700 page report is produced in three spiral bound books which include 38 full color 11x17 map foldouts and 34 additional color pages. It is a complete copy and can be purchased

for the cost of \$201.40 per report. Cost includes tax, handling and USPS Priority Mail. For an additional freight charge, the report can be shipped United Parcel Service.

Creative Workshop, a local printing and copy firm, is located at 759 S. State St. in Ukiah. Major Credit Cards accepted. Orders can be made by telephone: 468-0251 or 800-694-9999; by email: creative@pacific.net or in person. Allow a week to 10 days for delivery.

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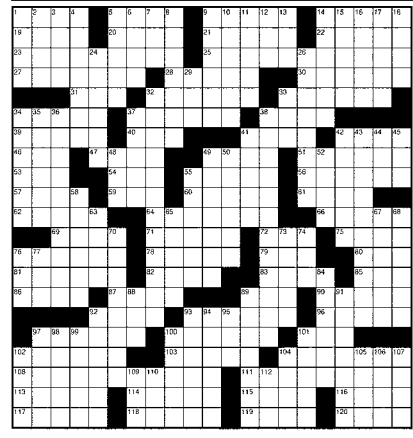
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By Robert Zimmerman

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1. All-time top batter
5. Renown
9. Puts aboard
14. Eighth of 26
19. Sheltered, at sea
20. Broder's "Primer"
21. Fred's sister
22. Bedroom sound effect
23. Nesting place, perhaps
25. Lobbyist?
27. -- to Wash Over Me (Gertrude)
28. Humid
30. Poems
31. Depression-era aggy
32. Container for goodies
33. Ornamental loops
34. Head-table figure
37. Starlina
38. Chimney fallout
39. Dweebs
40. Lull
41. Helated
42. Top-rated
46. Got.
47. Of the ear
49. Guinea pig
51. Needed a scratch
53. Roy Orbison's -- Over!
54. "Exodus" hero
55. Beginning of a polka-dome
56. Salad oil servers
57. Rhythmster
58. Ogden --
59. Gibson or Brooks
60. Home of Bollywood
61. Dillo
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65. Best supporting actor, 1990
66. Homecoming invite
67. Wedding greeter
71. Recipe abbr.
75. It's a gas
76. Con's N.Y. address
78. Painful reminders
79. Inventor -- Whitney
80. Mass. Cape
81. Lures
82. Brewer's supply
83. Campus mil. unit
85. Miss -- MacGraw
86. Sounds of contentment
87. Source of fallow
89. Clock adjustment
90. Leg-foot contractor
92. Dread
93. Boom-boxes
96. Adams and Bishop
97. Dorothy of saring fame
100. Off to a new start
101. Mut
102. Hombrs
103. Foolish
104. Armored glove
108. "The Anniversary Waltz," originally
111. Golf tactics
113. Ascend
114. Words of wisdom
115. Flooring
116. Poet -- Milay
117. Pasta places
118. Gave out
119. Name in lights
120. Nurture
97. Become aware
98. "Tomorrow" musical
99. Computer accessory
100. Competitor
101. Frank
102. Minn. neighbor
104. Desert monster
105. Forty-niners' quest
106. Peak in Sicily
107. Romanov title
109. Bankroll
110. Bustle
112. Broadway success
65. Scarf
67. Unruffled
68. Uninflated
69. Computer companies
70. She may
71. Inead you
73. Vegas attraction
74. Place for the orchestra
75. Denise org.
77. Afternoon social
84. Some Louisianans
89. One-time Arab repub.
89. Points the way
91. Cold wind
92. Presidential candidate in 1996 and 2000
93. Go back on an agreement
94. Lowered in quality
95. Mafia leader



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ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 9, 2006
Your possibilities for increased earnings through different sources look very encouraging for the year ahead. The sooner you start looking for new channels, the sooner the fresh cash can flow in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Unless you've broken out of your shell in the past weekend, you may still be a bit restless. If this is the case, plan to find a little time today to do something fun just for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Conditions in general are favorable for digging in today and getting a good jump-start on the week's agenda. You could be able to reap some extra benefits from being ahead of the game.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- It's to your advantage to get out on the road today and see those people who can offer you what you need to further your interests. You'll mix well with business types or social chums.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Favorable circumstances exist today in your world of work or business dealings, as well as with those who have clout and influence. Press ahead now for what could further your ambitions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Some helpful news coming from a distance is trying to get through to you today, so check your e-mail or answering machine regularly so that you'll be able to act on the information as soon as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Two persons who have previously had your best interests at heart will once again set things up for you, which could help you

immensely. You could learn of their input today.

CANCER (June 21-July 23) -- Your disposition is exceptionally in tune with others in creating an excellent balance between you and almost everyone you meet today. Making friends will come easy for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Tasks which you perform well today will not only give you a strong sense of achievement, but will also be your shell in the past weekend, by someone whose attention you've been anxious to capture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You could be much more popular with your peers today than you may give yourself credit for. Love relationships, in particular, will be better than usual and ready to ripen in ways you'd like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't wait on others to make all the plans or arrangements for what to do today. Put something together yourself with some special friends or with an intimate relationship in mind. Everyone will be glad you did.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You might find yourself trying to avert an altercation between two friends of whom you're equally fond. You'll do a good job of stilling troubled waters and your friends will be grateful for your intervention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- If you've managed your budget wisely in the past few weeks, you should have little problem finding the funds today to purchase a luxury item, which you've had your eye on. Enjoy! It's a new year.

Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

Datebook: Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006

Today is the eighth day of 2006 and the 19th day of winter.
TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1815, Andrew Jackson defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans.
In 1877, Crazy Horse fought -- and lost --

his final battle against the U.S. Cavalry.
In 1916, Allied forces retreated from Turkey's Gallipoli Peninsula after a crushing defeat.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jose Ferrer (1912-1992), actor; Elvis Presley (1935-

1977), singer/actor; Stephen Hawking (1942-), physicist, is 64; David Bowie (1947-), musician, is 59; Wolfgang Puck (1949-), chef, is 57.
TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1955, Georgia Tech ended Kentucky's streak of 129 consecutive college basketball home victories with a 59-58 upset.
TODAY'S QUOTE: "The greatest

enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge." -- Stephen Hawking
TODAY'S FACT: More than 600,000 people annually visit Elvis Presley's gravesite, in a garden next to his Graceland estate.
TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 6) and full moon (Jan. 14).

Was that the housing boom I just heard?

I remember our first apartment. It had an eat-in kitchen. If we ate standing up. One at a time. What it did not have was a cook-in kitchen. As long as we had food delivered or brought it home already prepared, the kitchen worked fine. And as long as we didn't have leftovers. The refrigerator was the size of a picnic cooler, there was no room for leftovers and, say, an egg.
This kitchen had the smallest sink I've ever seen that wasn't on an airplane. If only there had been room for a trash can, it would have been perfect. As if to make up for its tiny size, the apartment did have a river view. If you leaned out the window as far as you could and looked left you could see the river. Reflected off the window of the apartment building down the street. Still, the apartment was all ours, all 750 square feet of it.
I bring this up because that apart-



Village Idiot By Jim Mullen

ment just sold for \$1.1 million. Oh, not by us -- Sue and I lost tens of thousands of dollars on the dump 25 years ago -- but the 23-year-old Wall Street money manager who bought it two years ago for 400 grand just unloaded it for a \$700,000 dollar profit.
And the talking heads say the housing boom is slowing down. Hmmm. I was in Florida a few weeks ago. Here's how a typical non-hurricane-related conversation goes in Florida.
"See that house?" They point out a

large, beautiful, hacienda-style home with a terra-cotta-tiled roof and small lawn facing a canal. "Someone just bought it for \$9 million. They're going to tear it down and build something nice. We heard the new buyer was some talking head and his new trophy wife. He's the guy you see on TV every night saying that the housing bubble is about to burst. They must pay him really well because he only plans to live in the place six weeks a year."
If I heard that story once, I heard it a hundred times. Next door, the same story; down the block, the same story; the next town, the same story. Is the housing boom over? Yes, if you work for a living like me.
But if you're a dope kingpin or you're on TV or bought Google stock last Wednesday or you're a teenage pop singer, or your uncle owns Saudi Arabia or your horse came in at 36,984-to-1 or you own a few Van

Goghs or you invented Viagra, the housing boom is not over. It's never over for these kind of people. Did I mention that in front of every one of these houses is an ocean-going 100-foot-long yacht? The kind of yacht that needs a crew?
When they say housing boom though, they are not always talking about the price of a house. Out West, one-horsey, rural neighborhood association got up in arms when a dot-com billionaire bought a huge tract of land there and decided he wanted to put a 78,000-square-foot house on it. Boom! Sure, that's about the size of your average shopping mall, but he's got six kids. Maybe the kids were each going to get their own bedroom. And their own servant's quarters. And their own spa. And their own media room. And their own living room. And their own home office.
But it is not to be. The neighborhood association got together and

hastily passed a building code limiting new structures to 10,000 square feet.
Who can live like that? Ten thousand square feet? Why, it's hardly bigger than a minimum-security cell in a white-collar, country club prison. There's not enough room for the chef and the personal trainer and the nannies and the household staff and the major domo to park their cars. You may as well live in a double-wide and send the kids to public school.
But then maybe he'll just build a 10,000 square-foot house for each one of the kids. All of whom, when they grow up, will sell them at a huge profit to buy even bigger houses in Florida.
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The ABCs of Medicare Part D

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

Two years ago, when Congress authorized the prescription-drug benefit that would become Medicare Part D, it let private companies offer the coverage instead of mandating that the government provide it, as it does traditional Medicare benefits. Since mid-November of 2005, some 260 companies have been wooing the nation's 43 million Medicare participants to sign up for coverage. This makes it difficult for consumers trying to make apples-to-apples comparisons of the 40 or 50 or even 60 plans that they may be offered in their areas. Congress' blueprint for the standard drug benefit calls for participants to pay monthly premiums and meet a \$250 deductible. When the deductible is satisfied, the plan pays 75 percent of a person's total drug expenses up to \$2,250. Enrollees who spend more enter the coverage gap, or so-called doughnut hole, paying all drug costs out of pocket until their total spending on prescription drugs reaches \$3,600, which is known as the "true out-of-

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pocket cost." At that point, when a total of \$5,100 has been spent by both the enrollee and Medicare, the government pays up to 95 percent of any further expenses. But Congress allowed insurers to stir benefits into other combinations that might prove attractive to seniors as long as the value of the benefits is at least as great as the standard plan's. The result is a confounding hodgepodge of Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) in which premiums and deductibles provide no guide to the benefits you will get. The choice of plan, however, is only the last in a series of considerations that Medicare participants will face. The first is whether to join at all. Some people have that decision made for them: • Those who belong to a Medicare HMO get the drug benefits the HMO provides. (Joining a Medicare HMO or PPO - such arrangements are called Medicare Advantage Plans - usually costs participants a premium in addition to

the \$88.50 monthly fee for Medicare Part B. For that, Medicare Advantage members often have lower out-of-pocket costs and sometimes receive services not covered by Medicare.) • People on Medicare and Medicaid should have already been assigned to a plan by the government. • Retirees whose policy through a former employer, a union or a membership association has drug benefits at least equivalent to Medicare's need not enroll. • People who would probably benefit by joining include the following: • Those with low income. Individual Medicare participants with monthly incomes below \$1,077 (\$1,444 for couples) and cash assets of less than \$7,500 (\$12,000 for couples) pay no premium, no deductible and small co-payments. Individuals with monthly incomes below \$1,197 (\$1,604 for couples) and assets of \$11,500 (\$23,000 for couples) pay premiums based on a sliding

scale, a \$50 deductible and 15 percent of the cost of each prescription. • Those with coverage under Medigap, Medicare's most basic plan is likely to be superior to almost anything Medigap offers. • Those with annual drug expenses greater than \$750. People who spend less than \$750 annually and are in good health can probably afford to wait. For participants who spend more, many of the plans would provide savings. Medicare participants who want the new Part D benefits have until May 15 to sign up for one of the new PDPs. If you delay, you must wait until November 2006 to sign up, and you'll get no benefits until Jan. 1, 2007. Worse, you're subject to a late-enrollment penalty. For help in choosing a PDP, you can call Medicare at 800-633-4227, but be prepared to endure a series of recorded messages before reaching a human being. We think you're better off using Medicare's Web site at www.medicare.gov. If you're not adept with a computer, recruit a friend or relative to guide you.



Everyday Cheap skate
By Mary Hunt

Charlie Lester's turkey pot roast

I received a wonderful note from Charlie Lester in California. It seems that Lester's been on a weight-loss regimen and has shed nearly 85 pounds over the past year. "Part of my plan included giving up red meat, which I did without a fight," Lester said. "I really haven't missed it. Except for one thing -- pot roast." He loves pot roast, especially the heavenly scent that fills his house when he's got one percolating away in the slow cooker. But alas, no more red meat, no more pot roast for Lester. Recently, he picked up a couple of packages of turkey drumsticks, planning to throw them into the oven for roast turkey. "As I was putting the groceries away, I saw my big old double-size Crock-Pot sadly sitting on the shelf with a layer of dust on it, unused to these many months and clearly feeling unwanted and rejected," he reported. And that's when, Lester said, a big lightbulb went off over his head. Why not cook the drumsticks pot roast style? He did, and he said it was "finger-licking, lip-smacking, tummy-rubbing, oh-my-goodness-groaning-out-loud good!" He said it even tasted kind of like pot roast. Well, not really, but it was so good that it was a more-than-reasonable substitute for his beloved pot roast.

Turkey Pot Roast

- 4 turkey drumsticks
- olive oil
- 1 package Lipton's Onion Soup Mix
- whole peppercorns
- mixed vegetables, chopped into bite-size pieces (potatoes, onions, carrots, celery)

Take 4 turkey drumsticks and chop off the ends of the bones with a heavy cleaver right where the meat begins. Discard the bone ends. You need to do this to allow them to fit into your average slow cooker. If you have a turbo-size slow cooker, you might not have to do this. In fact, it would be better if you didn't. Bringing in a platter of whole drumsticks makes for a more dramatic table presentation. Arrange the drumsticks in alternating directions in the cooker. Drizzle with 3 to 4 tablespoons of olive oil. Sprinkle a package of Lipton onion soup mix over the top of the drumsticks, and throw in a small handful of whole peppercorns. Cover and cook on high for 2 to 3 hours. The cooking time will depend on your slow cooker and the size of the drumsticks. You can check them for doneness by pulling back the meat on one of them with a fork. When the meat falls right off and it's nice and brown all the way to the bone, it's done. During the last hour, throw the vegetables on top of the meat, cover again, and cook until tender to your liking. When done, arrange the drumsticks on a large platter, and spoon the vegetables and sauce around and over them. Enjoy!

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Have you received your share of \$30 billion?

According to www.unclaimedassets.com, the 50 states are collectively sitting on \$30 billion to \$40 billion that belongs to millions of Americans, including, perhaps, you. This huge amount of money is owned by people who federal and state governments, corporations, insurance companies and banks cannot locate. For example, the issuers of an estimated \$9 billion in corporate and government bonds cannot find the people who bought them. There are \$10 billion in shares of stocks that generate about half a billion dollars in dividends every year. The owners are unidentified, so those dividend checks have nowhere to go. Almost \$100 million in federal tax refund checks are waiting to be claimed. Many people file their tax returns but move before they get their refunds, and they apparently never think of asking the IRS about them. HUD owes homeowners about \$500 million. Could you be owed a refund of part of your FHA insurance premium or a share of any excess earnings from the FHA's Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund? To find out, go to <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/comprefund/index.cfm> and insert your name. According to one statistic, 25 percent of all life insurance death benefits are not claimed because the insurance companies cannot find the beneficiaries. After all, insurance companies never ask for the addresses of your heirs, who are likely to move many times between the time you buy the policy and the time you die. Also, many heirs don't even know that the insurance policy ever existed. Have you told your kids about all the life insurance policies you own? Do you know about all your parents' policies?



Truth about money
By Ric Edelman

Unclaimed property can be separated into three groups: property held by companies that has not been turned over to the state, property that the state has received, and property held by federal agencies. There is no single source that you can check which has information on all unclaimed property. You could be owed a pile of money and not know it. Are you sure all the assets from a deceased relative have been located? One of the first places to check is www.missingmoney.com. This site has information from most states detailing unclaimed banks accounts, stocks, bonds, insurance policies, trust funds and more. The search is free. All you need to do is insert a first and last name, plus identify the state where the person lives or lived. Federal and state laws require companies to report unclaimed property to the state where the person last lived. However, such unclaimed property may be held by a federal agency that is not required to report such property to the states. Since not all states share information with [missingmoney.com](http://www.missingmoney.com), nor do as any state share all its unclaimed property, you may wish to contact a specific state's Office of Unclaimed Property. OUPs usually are part of the comptroller, treasurer or attorney general's office.

The granddaddy Web site for unclaimed property is maintained by the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators; go to <http://www.unclaimed.org/>. NAUPA makes it easy to locate the unclaimed property Web site for each state. For a more detailed search of other NAUPA links go to <http://www.unclaimed.org/rsrsc/links.asp>? VisitorType=Professional. According to NAUPA, finders charge fees and contact individuals using three methods. 1. You may receive a postcard or letter requesting a flat fee, such as \$19.95, if the sender is to conduct a search for you. They may just send you a list of unclaimed property offices throughout the United States or general information on how you can conduct your own search. 2. A finder has identified property that has not yet been reported to any state agency, or knows about unclaimed property that is held by one of the many federal agencies. The finder will often want to receive a fee of 25 percent to 40 percent of the value of this property. You can try to find the property yourself, you can pay the fee, or you can try to negotiate a lower fee. 3. By checking state records, the finder has located property and is asking you to pay a fee, such as 15 percent to 25 percent of the value of the property, before letting you know where the property is located. Before paying any finder's fees, communicate with a state's unclaimed property office to verify that the finder is legitimate. A better option is to draft an agreement, whereby you pay the fee from the proceeds you receive. Ready for a treasure hunt?

Skipped payments leads to credit panic

DEAR BRUCE: I recently misplaced my mortgage statement and failed to make my mortgage payment. When I received the following month's statement, I realized what happened. I promptly paid it bringing what I owed, current, I called a week later and the mortgage company verified they had received my payment. Being concerned about my credit rating, I asked if they could not report this to the agencies. They told me it was too late and that once reported that by law it could not be removed from my credit report. Is this true? Is there anything I can do? How much impact will this have when applying for a loan in the future? Will I still be able to get the best rate available? How long will this be on my credit report? This is the first time I've ever been late and I'm sick over it. -- J.K., Oxnard, Calif. DEAR J.K.: One late payment is not something to be suicidal over. Sometime in the future you may be penalized for the single late payment. The first thing you ought to do is to pull your credit report from all three agencies. See what your FICO score is and if, in fact, the deficiency is being reported on each credit reporting agency report (Experian, Equifax, Trans Union). I don't think this is going to adversely affect you to the point where you're going to try and do some remedial action, but it's conceivably that it could in the near term result in paying a little



SMART MONEY
By BRUCE WILLIAMS

higher interest rate. I really don't think this is worth getting into a sweat about. Pull the reports and see where you go from there. DEAR BRUCE: We bought some I-bonds and are now wondering if something happens to us, how will our children be able to collect them? They are in my husband's and/or my name. Is the will enough? Is this a good way to put some money away? -- S.R., via e-mail DEAR S.R.: I'm assuming that your will was properly drawn by a licensed attorney in your state. Whichever of you precedes the other you will have the entire I-Bonds in your name. You may either add your children's names as survivors or leave them in your will. DEAR BRUCE: I purchased an equity index annuity for \$100,000 six months ago, which matures in 15 years. Due to a medical emergency for a family member, I must access this money ASAP. The surrender charge on the annuity is 25 percent, which I would like to avoid. I received a quote from a buyer of structured settlements, but the offer was only about \$60,000, which I thought was

extremely low. Do you know if there are buyers who would be willing to buy the annuity for \$90,000? I know I'm going to lose money on a \$40,000 loss after only six months seems awfully steep. I'm unfamiliar with this market and any help would be appreciated. -- M.H., via e-mail DEAR M.H.: This is one of the reasons why I tell people to approach annuities extremely cautiously. The surrender charge seems unusually high. I would contact the company that issued the annuity and ask if there's any way that the surrender percentage might be decreased. Further, was it completely explained to you that this surrender charge would be as high as it was, and under what circumstances could this be avoided? Oftentimes, salespeople are, at the least, a bit slack on making certain that people understand the terms of these types of annuities. That having been said, a structured settlement doesn't seem unreasonable to me given the fact that they will be divorced from their money, as you are, for a considerable period of time. I know of no one that would be willing to give you anything close to 90 percent of the value of the annuity. Send your questions to: Smart Money, P.O. Box 503, Eflers, FL 34680. E-mail to: bruce@brucewilliams.com. Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Ask the Guys

Dear Classified Guys, My kids love dogs, but we don't have the schedule to keep one. However, this past Christmas, my ex-husband saw a classified ad for puppies and bought one for our kids without asking me first. For the past few weeks I've had a little puppy running around the house causing chaos. It's great while the kids have been off from school, but when they go back, the dog will be left alone with no one here to care for it. I can't decide whether to keep the pup or give it away. My kids are already falling in love with him. Now I have to be the bad guy and I know my ex-husband is just sitting back enjoying my dilemma. How do I get out of this puppy mess?



Duane "Cash" Holze & Todd "Carry" Holze

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right breed for the children? Do you have enough time to care for a puppy? Are your kids ready to own a dog?

Cash: Unfortunately, you are now left with a difficult decision and every one could suffer, especially the dog.

Carry: Unless your ex-husband plans on caring for the puppy at his house, the responsibility is all yours. And considering your kids have already spent a few weeks with him, giving the puppy away will be upsetting for all of you.

Cash: Whatever your choice is, act on it quickly. You don't want to let this situation linger too long.

Carry: The first thing you need to do is work on your relationship with your ex-husband. Even though you're divorced, you're both involved in rais-

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Fast Facts

Pet Giving Giving a pet as a gift seems like a great idea at the time, but many of these gifts end up at the local animal shelter when the recipients can't care for them. If you feel the urge to give a pet as a birthday or holiday gift, consider offering the recipient a gift certificate for a pet of their choice instead. That way, they can consider it for themselves. You could include accessories they might need, like a leash or toys, but allow them to pick the animal that best suits their personality.

Wired Pets Over 40 million households in the U.S. have at least one dog in the family according to The American Pet Products Manufacturers Association. But owning a dog can be a lot of work. If you're looking for a simpler alternative, you may be the perfect candidate for a robotic dog. Although this less messy option can cost up to \$1000 or more, mechanical dogs and cats can actually understand commands, express emotions and even play fetch. If only our vacuum cleaners were so evolved.

Reader Humor

Step Lightly I know that people like to spoil their dogs, but when I moved into my apartment I was introduced to a whole new world. Every evening when my neighbor took her dog for a walk, she put booties on each of the dog's paws. Then when they returned to the lobby, she removed the booties before going upstairs. One day, however, she let the dog keep his booties on as we all rode up in the elevator. I couldn't resist joking with her and commented, "I see you're letting your dog wear his boots inside today." To my surprise she answered honestly, "I have to, his slippers are in the wash." (Thanks to Allen B.)

Laughs For Sale

This could be a new NFL breed. FREE TO GOOD HOME: 4-year-old punting dog. Trained to retrieve. Call Tim at...

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10-06 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Mendocino County Planning Commission at its regular meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., to be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following projects at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the items may be heard. As a matter of process, #1 8-2005 and #A 9-2005 will also be heard by the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday, February 28, 2006 meeting to be held in the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chambers, at 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. 1. CASE#: A 8-2005 DATE FILED: 9/20/2005 OWNER: BARBARA HOPPER REQUEST: Placement of an approximate 18 acre parcel into an adjoining 74.58 ± acre Type I Agricultural Preserve. LOCATION: In Potter Valley, lying south and adjacent to Gibson Lane (County Road Number 246), approximately .40 mile west of its intersection with Powerhouse Road (County Road Number 248 A), located at 5011 Gibson Lane, Assessor's Parcel Number 17A-010-15. PROJECT COORDINATOR: John Spoka 2. CASE#: A 9-2005 DATE FILED: 9/30/2005 OWNER: RICHARD & SHARON RUDDICK APPLICANT: LARGO RUDDICK LIMITED PARTNERS REQUEST: Placement of an approximate 26.6 acre parcel into an existing Type I Agricultural Preserve. LOCATION: Approximately 1.5 miles south of Talmage, lying southwest of the Ruddick-Cunningham Road (County Road Number 205) and Howell Creek Road (County Road Number 206B) intersection, located at 1500 Howell Creek Road, Assessor's Parcel Number 183-100-10. PROJECT COORDINATOR: John Spoka ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The request has been processed through the County Environmental Review Process and it has been determined that the projects are Categorically Exempt from Environmental Review. The Planning Commission staff reports and notices are available for public review at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440, Ukiah, California and on the Department of Planning and Building Services website at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning.

Your comments regarding the above project(s) are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Department of Planning and Building Services, at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440, Ukiah, California no later than January 18, 2006. Comments may be presented to the Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors during the public hearing(s). The Planning Commission's action regarding #A 8-2005 and #A 9-2005 are recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors action shall be final. If you challenge the project(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Department of Planning and Building Services or the Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing(s). All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter. Additional information regarding the above noted items may be obtained by calling the Department of Planning and Building Services at 463-4281. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Should you desire notification of the Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors' decision you may do so by requesting notification in writing and providing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Department of Planning and Building Services, RAMMOND HALL, Secretary to the Planning Commission 012-06 1-812/06 NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that separate sealed bids to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, and services necessary to provide: One 2006 55' Heavy Duty Material Handler & 4x2 Chassis, as per City of Ukiah Specifications No. E26567, will be received at the office of the City Clerk, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482 until 2:00 p.m. on Thurs., January 19, 2006, at which time, or as soon thereafter as possible, they will be publicly opened and read. These specifications are available from the City Clerk's office (707) 463-6217 or by contacting Electric Supervisor Stan Bartolomeo at (707) 467-2826. No proposal will be considered unless it is made on the terms furnished by the City of Ukiah and is made in accordance with provisions of the specifications. 1-812/06 1-812/06

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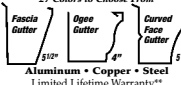
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- The First Thing They See... is the front entry. Check woodwork and door for wear, peeling paint, blistering. See that doorbell is working. Polish brass and replace and unsightly mailbox. Check flooring and replace tiles or recarpet if necessary.
- The Lawn and Landscape... should be well groomed and healthy looking. Hire landscapers or spend time grooming the lawn, shrubbery, garden areas. Also

inspect trees and remove any dead branches. Fencing should be in good shape. Replace missing slats and repaint if necessary.

- The Garage and Driveway... can look unsightly with grease spots and clutter. After tidying up where needed, see that garage doors open easily.
- Patios and Pools... increase the value of your home...but can detract from the beauty if not maintained well. Repair outdoor furniture if needed. Hose and clean pool. Store chemicals out of sight.

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- Doors
- Walls
- Floors
- Carpets
- Light Fixtures
- Switch plates
- Plumbing
- Appliances (those that will be sold with the home)

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- Bathrooms
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