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IN WILLITS

Neighbors weigh in on 55-unit village plan

Concerns over traffic dominate the discussion

By CLAUDIA REED
The Willits News

Should the 101 Redwood mill site fly into the future as White Bird Village?

Site owner (and county supervisor) Hal Wagenet, concerned neighbors, members of the Willits Economic Localization group (WELL), and other community members gathered last week to struggle with the question. After two-and-a-half hours, it seemed clear the primary and sometimes passionate objection to the village is the fear of a dangerous increase in traffic.

The tentative proposal, which will be submitted for a public hearing only if a rezoning of the mill site is granted, would create 55 relatively small housing units on a four-acre parcel. At issue is a tentative plan for traffic flow that includes entrance from Main Street on the west and exit onto Humboldt and Marin streets to the south.

"If you put a red light on Main Street and close off the other streets (to village traffic) the neighbors will say Hallelujah!" promised project neighbor Bernard Kamoroff, who has been one of the most vocal project opponents.

The traffic signal was recommended by WELL member George Cottrell, who said he could not support the project as presented because it's car-centric.

Humboldt and Marin, the streets Kamoroff and others would like to see off limits, form the east and west borders of Bud Snider Park, which has a sizable children's playground.

"The park is the public square," said Ralph Pisciotta, who lives on Marin Street near the park. "It's where we invite the little children to come and play. We had a meeting at my house. The neighbors were all concerned about the impact on the park."

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Human Rights Commission

First steps taken toward forming local organization

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

Where are we, and where do we want to go? Those questions seemed to be the guiding sentiment at the first organizational meeting to create a local Human Rights Commission, held Saturday at the Public Health building.

Local teacher Ernie Jones helped facilitate the meeting, attended by about 40 people, including citizens and representatives from local aid organizations and schools. Jones helped to found the Human Rights Commission in Sonoma County.

"This is not about taking anyone's power away or dispelling the work those groups have been doing," Jones said. A Human Rights Commission can have a broad scope and reach, Jones said. Areas of activity can cover issues ranging from conflict resolution and education, to investigation of complaints about housing, employment and hate violence, helping local people get help at the state, and even national level.

"The commission can be the organization that goes around the gatekeepers," Jones said.

Barry Vogel was curious to know why few of the gatekeepers were at the meeting. He pointed out that, given a recent problem at Ukiah High School involving hate mail directed at a student, he was surprised Ukiah Unified School District Superintendent Ray Chadwick wasn't in attendance.

"It's a Saturday for them, but it's Saturday for us too," Vogel said.

Karin Wandrei, executive director of the Mendocino County Youth Project, was quick to point out that racism and bullying are not new to Mendocino County. Issues within the Native American community have been longstanding, Wandrei said.

"It just takes different forms," Wandrei said. "We're hearing more because people are saying this is unacceptable."

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Amy Wellitz/The Daily Journal

Dorothy Gayle Haas, above, speaks Saturday during the first organizational meeting of the Mendocino County Human Rights Commission. Below left, Ernie Jones, a local teacher, helps facilitate the meeting. Below right, Freida Park expresses her concerns at Saturday's meeting.



Self-fulfilling prophesy dooms Ukiah City Council

A few weeks back, I wrote a column on the Ukiah City Council's discussion on meeting civility. I chose to focus on the rather harsh three-minute cut-offs members of the public received during public comment periods. Toward the end of the column, however, I wrote the following:

"It's much harder to consider changes for the interactions between our council members. That conversation is best left to them and their personalities. ... (I) can get a bit heated and bitter at times, and I, for one, am glad the councilmembers conducted the civil discussion, which appeared to have been productive. Only time will tell."

Two weeks have past and I'm not sure I like what time has told.

I was thinking about my beloved councilmembers on Friday as I read my colleague Laura Clark's story on Ukiah High School's Challenge Day. I was amused at the juxtaposition between reading about a day geared around "real hugs" and Wednesday night's frequently impolite council meeting.

Maybe the five council members should start every meeting with a group hug, in between roll call and the Pledge of



MATTER OF FACT

SETH FREEDLAND

Allegiance. Wouldn't that take a stride toward internal civility and comfort? Wouldn't a momentary love-fest be a nice emotive palate cleanser before the meeting?

Yeah, probably not going to happen. But I have to believe there's a solution to the clear problem facing this council. Yes, there are some strong personalities on the City Council (a rarity among politicians, no doubt) and, yes, butting heads is only to be expected. But City Council groups are increasingly sug-

gesting that the snippiness and the obstinate argumentation may be hurting more than those who sit through the meetings.

Our local leaders, like all humans, have a finite amount of patience and energy. It's no coincidence that snappy rejoinders like "Thanks for interrupting me one more time" -- said Wednesday night -- almost always come toward the end of meetings rather than the first hour. Maybe it's because these meetings end at midnight and no one is at their best after six hours of policy talk.

But I would argue that such an argument allows for a premise the council should not grant itself. If the method by which it made decisions changed for the better, it would end the meetings earlier, thus allowing for decisions to be made easier toward the midnight hour. I'll put it another way: wasting time by bickering is not only a poor way to run a government, the resulting delays also ensure later discussions to be rife with more of the same.

Two things tend to happen when the rest of the county is in

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Firefighters remove a bed frame from an apartment on the corner of North Dora Avenue and Spring Street, after a mattress caught fire about 4:30 a.m. Saturday. No one was injured in the fire. Ukiah Fire Department and Ukiah Valley Fire District responded to the fire.

Amy Wehler/The Daily Journal



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•Eulah May Allsup, 94, of Ukiah, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2006. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Ukiah cemetery. The Eversole Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

•Leo Charles Perry, 86, of Ukiah, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006. The Eversole Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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The world briefly

Deep, unstable mud slows efforts to dig out buried Philippines town

GUINSAUGON, Philippines (AP) — Hoping for a miracle, rescue workers in the Philippines searched for survivors Saturday in an elementary school swamped by a massive landslide that buried this town and killed some 1,800 people.

No more survivors were found, however, and reports that students and teachers sent cell phone text messages from inside went unconfirmed, leaving the search effort dispirited and empty-handed. Fearing more landslides in the area, 11 villages were evacuated as U.S. military ships steamed to the scene.

As rain continued to fall, rescue workers were warned to tread carefully or risk becoming casualties themselves as the uneasy mud settled, a day after the slope of a mountain collapsed Friday. The landslide, which followed two weeks of heavy rains, was believed to have killed nearly every man, woman and child in the farming village of Guinsaungon, which was covered with mud up to 30 feet deep.

At least 15 people killed in northern Nigeria Muslim protests over cartoons

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP) — Nigerian Muslims protesting caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad attacked Christians and burned churches on Saturday, killing at least 15 people in the deadliest confrontation yet in the whirlwind of Muslim anger over the drawings.

It was the first major protest to erupt over the issue in Africa's most populous nation. An Associated Press reporter saw mobs of Muslim protesters swarm through the city center with machetes, sticks and iron rods. One group threw a tire around a man, poured gas on him and set him ablaze.

In Libya, the parliament suspended the interior minister after at least 11 people died when his security forces attacked rioters who torched the Italian consulate in Benghazi.

Right-wing Italian Reforms Minister Roberto Calderoli resigned under pressure, accused of fueling the fury in Benghazi by wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with one of the offending cartoons, first published nearly five months ago in a Danish newspaper.

Car bombs and gunmen kill more than 20 people, including U.S. soldier, in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Car bombs and gunmen killed more than 20 people, including an American soldier, Saturday

as the government said insurgency-related violence cost the country's vital oil industry about \$6.25 billion in damage and lost revenue last year. British and Iraqi authorities, meanwhile, confirmed that two foreigners who disappeared two days ago in the southeastern city of Basra were Macedonians kidnapped on their way from the airport to the city center. The kidnappers have demanded a ransom, officials said. Most of the attacks Saturday were directed against the U.S. military and Iraqi police, with civilians caught up in the violence.

The American soldier died when a roadside bomb exploded about 8 a.m. near the Shaab soccer stadium in eastern Baghdad. The U.S. command said in a statement. It was the first death of an American soldier since Tuesday and brought the number of U.S. personnel killed since the Iraq war began in March 2003 to at least 2,273, according to an Associated Press count.

Senate intelligence chairman says he wants court for eavesdropping program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, breaking ranks with the president on domestic eavesdropping, says he wants a special court to oversee the program.

But less than a day later, a top aide to Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., sought to clarify his position.

Roberts told The New York Times that he is concerned that the secret court established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act could not issue warrants as quickly as the monitoring program requires. But he is optimistic that the problem could be worked out.

"You don't want to have a situation where you have capability that doesn't work well with the FISA court, in terms of speed and agility and hot pursuit," Roberts said Friday.

While he didn't know how such a process would work, Roberts also said the much-discussed National Security Agency program "should come before the FISA court."

Roberts was not available on Saturday. The Senate Intelligence Committee's majority staff director, Bill Duhnke, said the Times story did not reflect "the tenor and status" of the negotiations between Congress and the White House, as well as within Congress.

Military says 10 U.S. troops have been accounted for after helicopter crash

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Rescue crews called off operations Saturday after the U.S. military said it has accounted for 10 American troops who went missing after two transport helicopters crashed into the sea but declined to reveal their fate until family members were notified.

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THIS WAS NEWS



JODY MARTINEZ

25 years ago

Thursday, Feb. 19, 1981
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MASONITE EMPLOYEES GOING BACK TO WORK. "Economically, things are definitely looking up," according to Bill Adams, vice president and general manager of Masonite Corporation's Western Hardboard Division in Ukiah.

Adams announced today that moderate improvements in the economic picture have enabled the division to rehire all those employees laid off last December who are eligible and available for recall.

That recall began Feb. 1 and is now in progress. Adams reports a general feeling of the business community that interest rates will continue their gradual decline. But, he adds, "The overall market is still weak, and we will not achieve full production until mortgage rates drop to the 12-13 percent range."

...Masonite dropped to 55 percent of its production capacity at the Ukiah plant with the December layoffs. However, Clifford J. Williams, employee and community relations manager, said today production has now returned to 75 percent of capacity. He expects the plant to be back at 100 percent of capacity by June, provided interest rates drop to the 12-13 percent level.

Some 49 Masonite employees with recall rights have been rehired and have, or are in the process of, being recalled to work. Williams told the Journal this morning. Another 57 workers laid off with no recall rights are being given prime consideration for rehiring as market conditions improve, he added.

RENTERS TAKE FIXTURES. Renters of a house in Ukiah recently vacated their residence and, according to Ukiah police, took hundreds of dollars of fixtures with them.

The house, which belongs to Loyal H. Woodworth and is located at 130 Ford Street, was robbed by tenants who left without notice sometime between Feb. 14 and Feb. 15, according to police.

A stove, the air conditioning system and fencing, the combined value of which is estimated at \$500, left with the tenants.

GASOLINE STOLEN. Somebody somehow stole 260 gallons of gasoline from a Point Arena service station, according to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

The gas, worth nearly \$300, was taken from an underground tank at Wissel's 76 station on Main Street between Feb. 4 and Feb. 9, according to county police. Presently, there are no suspects in the case.

EAGLES PRIMED FOR SHASTA SHOWDOWN. The Mendocino College Eagles are primed and ready for what could well be their biggest game of the season, this Friday night. Featured will be a showdown with Shasta College, with playoff spots clearly on the line.

The action will take place at Carl Purdy Pavilion, beginning at 8 p.m. Friday. Coupled with a Saturday contest, against Siskiyou at 3 p.m., this weekend will be the final home stand for MC.

UNLESS, as coach Ed Boyle hopes, the team can move up to third place in the GVC, and then would host a playoff game in Ukiah. Shasta, in fourth place in the Golden Valley Conference, currently holds a half-game lead over the fifth place Eagles.

"Even if we get beat, we're not out of it," said Boyle. "but if we win we've got a real good shot at third place." The Eagles would much rather play host in the playoffs, than face the unenviable task of having to beat either Butte, Lassen or Yuba on their home court.

Boyle said he would use the same starters he has used in recent games. Yancy Clark at center; Carl Hatcher and Dwayne Williams at forward; and Mike Payton and Doug Perkins at guard.

"We've had good success with that group, so we'll stick with it. That lineup gives us the added luxury of bringing Weslie Mays off the bench," Boyle points out.

Boyle plans to use his entire bench to keep fresh players on the court, meaning perhaps that they're going to try and run Shasta ragged.

50 years ago

Thursday, Feb. 16, 1956

The Ukiah News

BUILDING RUSH UNDER WAY. Clear weather has sent building contractors scurrying to the office of City Building Inspector Carl Hinds for construction permits.

During the first two weeks of February a total of 26 permits were issued for homes to be constructed in Ukiah Village and Empire Gardens subdivisions. Total value of these new homes to be erected during the next several months is estimated at \$239,000.

Seven permits were issued in January for new homes to be constructed in Ukiah Village. The total value of 35 permits for new homes in Ukiah Village and Empire Gardens issued during January and the first two weeks in February is \$307,440.

NEW GRADE SCHOOL FOR CITY PLANNED IN EASTERN SECTOR. Ukiah Union Elementary school district trustees Tuesday night discussed plans for a bond issue to construct a 14-classroom building on the East side of Ukiah.

It also is planned to add four rooms to Nokomis, newest of the city's four elementary schools. If this can be financed by district funds, the bond issue for the new building would be

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FEBRUARY 1906 TO FEBRUARY 2006

COLONIAL TEA CELEBRATES A CENTURY IN UKIAH

The Daily Journal

One hundred years ago, the women of the First Presbyterian Church felt the need for some social activity that would give pleasure to their friends as well as themselves.

A suggested Afternoon Tea developed into a patriotic party on Washington's birthday. They used the church sanctuary. The pews were placed against the walls with the tea tables in the center. The manse, which stood just south of the church, served for kitchen facilities.

Ida Brown wrote the following firsthand account of the tea of 1906. She was the only member of the UPW (United Presbyterian Women) who was a member of the organization when it was the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society and held the first Colonial Tea. She wrote these memories in 1961.

"Our decorations were an important feature. We particularly remember large bowls of pussy willows and acacia. We always wondered if the pussy willows would be 'out.' Our tables, dressed with our best linens, china and silver, were centered with small bouquets of yellow daffodils and pale blue irises, the best we could do for Colonial blue and buff. We placed Washington's picture on an old-fashioned easel with our country's flag beside it.

"We powdered our hair and for that first tea added only Colonial fichus (triangular scarves worn over the shoulders and crossed or tied in a loose knot in front) to our normal dress. We entertained our guests with good music numbers and patriotic readings.

"The afternoon was a success. That was in 1906. We repeated it the next year and the next. By 1909, we had built the little annex to the sanctuary and added a small kitchen. With floor space outside the sanctuary, we added to our program a pretty minuet, done by eight of our lovely ladies. That minuet became a permanent number and no program



Myrtle Oakley, who portrayed George Washington at the Colonial Tea for more than a half century is shown preparing for the annual event in 1995. She holds a photo of herself dressed up for her debut performance as Washington in 1948.

was complete without it. Once done by sixteen ladies in two groups of eight it was outstandingly beautiful. Of course, with the minuet we

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See Page A-13 for more photos from Colonial Teas of the past.

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The contest is not open to employees of The Daily Journal. Held-Poage volunteers or those who provided the photo for the contest, but everyone else is encouraged to enter.

Last month's contest was won by Ukiah residents Everett and Sandy Evans, who correctly identified the original Ukiah Grange Hall.

Schwarzenegger denies clemency for Morales

Comments on denial of Morales' clemency

Associated Press
 "He expressed remorse and regret at sentencing, but at the same time referred to the horrific murder he committed as a 'mistake.' And in his written statement, he used no form of the word 'murder' or 'kill' to describe the actions for which he

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declined to grant clemency Friday to a murderer scheduled to die Tuesday at San Quentin State Prison for bludgeoning and raping a Lodi girl in 1981.

Michael Morales, 46, admitted he murdered and raped Terri Winchell, 17, but said his own life was worth sparing because of his remorse and redemption on death row.

"There is no compelling evidence that the jury's punishment is not appropriate in this case," Schwarzenegger wrote.

"Morales' claim that he is a changed man does not excuse the brutal murder and rape of Terri Winchell."

Winchell's mother, Barbara Christian, said she was relieved by the decision, which was announced as the defense team was holding a news conference in support of clemency at the gates of San Quentin.

"We believed the governor would stand by the victim," Christian said.

Lawyers for Morales told Schwarzenegger he should be spared

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Conditional OK given Diebold voting machines

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson gave conditional approval Friday for counties to use two voting machines produced by Diebold Election Systems that he had previously questioned.

McPherson's office said in December the Diebold machines failed one of the 10 criteria he established for voting machines because the source coding, or computer language, on their memory cards was not reviewed by independent investigators.

The coding performs two critical tasks — securing ballot entries and later providing instructions to election officials on how to access and tally the votes.

Since then, Diebold submitted the

machines for further testing by University of California, Berkeley security analysts, who concluded that some of the codes on the memory cards need to be rewritten for long-term use. Any immediate worries can be addressed by ensuring there is strict security during voting, the analysts said.

McPherson said the review persuaded him to authorize Diebold's Optical Scan and Touch-Screen voting systems, as long as counties take additional security precautions, including resetting the programmed code on the machines and keeping a written log of who has control of the memory cards.

Diebold is still required to make the long-term programming changes then resubmit the machines for independent test-

ing. Several California counties had already purchased the machines and some used them in November's statewide special election. The machines were designed to comply with the 2002 Help America Vote Act, which in part was intended to phase out punch card ballots and other old-fashioned systems as well as standardize electronic voting systems.

In an effort to meet federal requirements that take effect next year, McPherson's office has been engaged for months in evaluating and certifying several different electronic voting machines, including those from Diebold. The North Canton, Ohio-based company is the nation's largest manufacturer of such machines.

SUNDAY TV NEWS SHOWS

Associated Press

Guest lineup for the Sunday TV news shows:

ABC's "This Week" — Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff; Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., and Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.; basketball player Shaquille O'Neal.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Sens. Bill Frist,

R-Tenn., and Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Chertoff.

CNN's "Late Edition" — Chertoff; British ambassador to the United States David Manning, German ambassador to the U.S. Wolfgang Ischinger and French ambassador to the U.S. Jean-David Levitte; retired Army Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, formerly in charge of Iraqi army training.

"Fox News Sunday" — Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Evan Bayh, D-Ind.; former Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo.



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UKIAH CITY COUNCIL

The Daily Journal
 Wednesday night's City Council meeting included the following actions, in addition to the golf pro and campaign finance reform issues reported on in Friday's edition:

- The council placed a measure on the June ballot to restore the original process of electing five council members who then appoint the mayor from among themselves, rather than directly electing the mayor's position.
- The council directed staff to bring back, in a month, possible revisions to the sign ordinance.
- Mayor Mark Ashiku and Councilmember Doug Crane were appointed to a new subcommittee to improve response capabilities through better utilization of both public and private resources.
- A majority of the council favored returning to the practice of appointing planning commissioners by a City Council vote, with the understanding that each council member will have the right to nominate one planning commissioner. The current system allows each council member absolute authority to appoint one planning commissioner.

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Report: State faces huge liability for retiree health costs

By TOM VERDIN

Associated Press Writer
SACRAMENTO — The state's costs for funding health care for its retired employees have more than tripled in the past decade and could soar once a new government accounting rule takes effect next year, according to an analysis released Friday.

Spending on health costs for state government employees has risen 17 percent a year since 2000-2001, more than five times the rate of growth in general state spending, according to the report from the legislative analyst's office.

Costs are projected to grow from \$1 billion in the proposed 2006-2007 fiscal year to \$1.6 billion in four years. The costs are a concern in part because of the wave of retirees expected over the next decade, when an estimated 35 percent to 45 percent of the state government workforce will retire.

A further concern is a new rule from the Government Accounting Standards Board that will change how governments account for retiree health benefits.

Like most other public entities, California currently funds retiree health costs on a pay-as-you-go basis. That means the money is allocated annually during the state budgeting process for the year in which benefits will be used.

Under the new accounting rule, governments also must quantify the liabilities associated with retiree health care costs that they have not been funding.

The legislative analyst's report estimates that California's unfunded retiree health care liability — to pay the full amount already earned by current and past state employees — will range from \$40 billion to \$70 billion.

That translates into an annual contribution of \$6 billion; \$2 billion for the value of benefits earned by current employees; and \$4 billion to pay off the unfunded liability over 30 years.

The state's liability has grown in part because not enough money has been set aside each year for retiree health care costs. It's the equivalent of the state failing to pay off the full balance on a credit card bill, said Jason Dickerson, a budget analyst with the legislative analyst's office.

The liabilities for fully funding retiree health costs in the University of California, local school districts and local governments could exceed those of the state, the report says.

California is facing the same problem that is bedeviling private companies and governments across the country: how to cover retirees amid rising health care costs, a wave of workers from the baby boom generation leaving the workforce and a history of underfunding pension and health care funds.

The legislative analyst's office recommends that the state controller's office issue a report on retiree health benefits, costs and liabilities statewide.

The state has very limited ability to trim health benefits for current or past employees. But the legislative analyst's report presents options for the Legislature to consider for future

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Letters from our readers

Great to hear the community talking

To the Editor:
 Tuesday, on Valentine's Day, the Board of Supervisors and the Community Coalition for Gang Prevention, a Ukiah-based group, hosted a lunch at the county offices at which Father Gregory Boyle spoke. In the evening, Father Boyle addressed a larger group at Ukiah Unified High School. Those of us who were present received insights into the reality of gang life and an uncompromising assessment of how we are failing our youth. Father Boyle has a true gift for addressing both the head and the heart of his audience; all of us in the audience were both informed and profoundly moved by his words.

But Father Boyle doesn't talk about gangs as much as he talks about all of us. Of course poverty supports and promotes gangs, but gangs are only a symptom and an outgrowth of our own fears and prejudices, ones that allow us to exclude and even throw away our own kin. He speaks of kinship and the imperative for us to acknowledge and nurture it, in order that we embrace all who are human.

I was struck by something more: the wonderful overlap between Father Boyle's message and what I see happening in our community. David Smith-Ferr's letter last week in this newspaper noted the conversations that were taking place among disparate groups around the issues of smart growth and community planning. That same openness to listening - to talking with others instead of at them - is evident on so many topics in our community these days. The discussion at the Board of Supervisors meeting on the Jackson Demonstration State Forest was a good example. Similar extended and inclusive conversations are taking place around the jail, around drug use, and even water. We are getting better at recognizing that we are in this together, that there is only we and no "they," that we are, in fact, kin. We have a long way to go. Our current capacity for drawing lines that divide us is still considerable, but there are many voices speaking loudly in our community to the need for gracious cooperation and inclusive community. I hope we will listen.

Benj Thomas
 Ukiah

Resources exist to teach about hate

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the courageous, gay high school student for saying his truth about being bullied, harassed and threatened at the high school; and feeling that no one has helped him feel safe in his learning environment. Kids can not learn effectively with active learning safe. He also says that many of his gay and lesbian friends, like himself, go on independent study to remove themselves from the threat of violence. This can not continue in our schools. Every child by law must be in a safe environment at school. Now is the time to act ... we need to make sure our schools are safe. First, strong consequences need to happen to students when they bully or threaten any student because of their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. Second, we need education in our schools about acceptance of others who are different. We need to educate kids at a very early age and we need to reinforce that education through out the years. Santa Rosa school district has a mandated "Life Skills" class in the 9th grade which has been proven to be very successful. I hope we can look into having a continuing educational program to deal with these issues.

Currently, our organization has materials teachers can use in their classrooms that will address these issues. We have videos starting with elementary grade that address all types of families to high school age appropriate videos. "Not in our Town" would be great in the high school to start conversations about why people "hate" and how to prevent hate violence. Please feel free to contact our organization at pfah-nb.org or 1-866-350-2462.

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In our opinion

Looking forward to Planning Team

We are encouraged by the notion of forming a special Planning Team in the county to get moving forward quickly on the priorities the citizens have made clear. Among them: get the Ukiah Valley Area Plan finished and the county General Plan updated.

We won't squawk too much about spending some money to do this as long as we don't end up with a Planning Team top heavy with planning staff that have been behind the eight ball for the past decade or so. If we are going to bring in new hires, let's move them onto the new team so that

fresh energy and ideas will be part of the process.

(As for avoiding steep budget increases to carry out these critical needs, what happened to the money the county has, over the years told us it has been setting aside toward a general plan update?)

When the new Planning Team is set up - and we assume that will be soon - we hope to hear regular reports on its progress toward harnessing the considerable citizen energy out there at the moment looking to make plans for our Valley's future.



Planning our community

Momentum is building for a Ukiah Valley community planning and visioning process. People have begun to educate themselves in the tangle of issues involved. Diverse stakeholders are seeking ways to participate.

Local governments are looking seriously at doing more regional planning with community involvement. If done well, this process will tap into the rich veins of knowledge, experience, and commitment running through our community. Few question the need for new and effective structures for community participation, building bridges between interest groups, and balanced decision-making.

Clearly, there is no simple formula for moving forward; however, given recent signs, it looks doable, but only if we enact a joint planning process that is truly regional. The community is now challenging the City of Ukiah, Mendocino County, and municipal service agencies to collaborate with a degree of unanimity never before seen in this county. Our institutions must rise to the occasion.

To help facilitate this complex process, area resour-

Another voice

BY ANTONIO ANDRADE AND ANNE OLIVER

dents have formed the Ukiah Valley Smart Growth Coalition (www.ukiahsmartgrowth.org), an all-volunteer effort committed to helping the community envision its land use future and partner with government in good planning and smart design for our home place. In that interest our members are working in a variety of ways to bring to our community a healthy dialogue about the growth issues facing us.

So far these have included: 1) planning forums and films on community planning; 2) gathering together interest groups, such as local builders, planners, and architects to discuss growth issues and help forge solutions; 3) interfacing with city and county planners to help move the valley planning forward in a positive manner; 4) holding weekly discussion meetings and study groups.

One area of intense study has been our most important regional planning tool as we

go forward: the Ukiah Valley Area Plan and its associated environmental impact report. The UVAP is intended to direct growth for the next 20 years. An adequate UVAP EIR would provide much of the information we need to make sound planning decisions.

Some of the most troubling inadequacies of the current UVAP EIR are rooted in a lack of information. Managing growth cannot be done intelligently and satisfactorily without determining the carrying capacity of the Ukiah Valley. To begin with, this means conducting the necessary studies to determine how much water is available and who has rights to it. Sound planning also hinges on determining the present and future capacities of the Ukiah and Calpella Sanitation Districts, and of completing a circulation plan. The UVAP EIR recommends improvements

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VIEWPOINTS



K.C. MEADOWS

Sensitivity vs. self-censoring

I have had lots of conversations about and keep reading up on the firestorm ignited by the publication of the variety of cartoons portraying Muhammad in a Danish newspaper.

The topic also arose last weekend at a meeting of newspaper editors in Southern California. Our first reaction was dismay at what we saw as the fear of violence by groups editorially portrayed leading to widespread self-censorship by editors. As newspaper editors, of course, we defend the right in this nation of free speech - a right we see threatened by unreasonable (read riots, firebombings, killing) reaction to legitimate (perhaps controversial but news-based) editorial comment.

Since then I have talked with a variety of people in a wide political spectrum, most of whom believe that Muslims are way over-reacting to the cartoons and showing the world, yet again, that they will take any excuse to kill non-Muslims. The cartoons, themselves are now all over the Internet - few American newspapers are actually publishing them.

Part of me wishes that every American newspaper would publish them as a statement defending our freedom of speech tradition and a message that we will not be cowed, by threats of violence, into self-censorship.

But as I continue to read the national and international press about this story, I have come to wonder if that response - heartfelt though it is - would be right.

First, some background. The cartoons actually ran back in September, but the furor arose recently as they were reprinted in another newspaper in Norway. Muslims in the Danish community had been protesting in small groups in Denmark since last fall with little response.

Also the editor of the Danish newspaper asked his cartoonists to specifically draw cartoons using Islam as the topic because he found out that Danish cartoonists were afraid to help illustrate a new children's book on Muhammad. They were afraid because of last year's murder of Dutch filmmaker Theo Van Gogh by Muslim extremists when he criticized the treatment of women by Islam.

There's a thoughtful and interesting commentary on this situation in the International Herald Tribune written by Robert Wright, of the New America Foundation, who reminds us that American editors have been self-censoring for decades. He says that's essentially what has preserved the multi-religion and multi-cultural freedom here that exists really nowhere else in the world. To some extent he's right. At the biggest or smallest of newspapers, editors make those decisions all the time - what photos to use or not, what letters to run or not, how to edit stories for content - we are always watchful not to unduly or unfairly offend our readers in some way. This does not mean we don't print controversial items we know will offend some people, but we don't go out of our way to do it.

Perhaps we just don't think offending the Muslim community particularly matters until something like this happens and then our reaction is, "See? They're just a bunch of terrorists after all."

We in America take for granted that everyone has religious freedom and we respect that. Yet, we don't hesitate to publish cartoons about the religious right's political muscle, about Catholic priests' sexual proclivities, or about constant Arab-Israeli conflict. We take for granted this freedom of speech combined with freedom of religion and conclude that Muslims should not take things so seriously.

Wright points out that what many are now calling appeasement - giving in to the call for sensitivity with a gun pointed at your head - is, in essence, what happened in our own nation during the 1960s when race riots broke out in many of our largest cities. Those riots, he reminds us, did in fact lead to greater sensitivity to the dignity and needs of our black citizens. New civil rights laws were passed, and the media stopped its regular broadcasts of such shows as Amos 'n Andy.

Wright cites Christian conservative blogger Hugh Hewitt who has compared the Danish cartoon with, say, a cartoon someone might draw showing Jesus Christ at an abortion clinic with sticks of TNT sticking out of his crown of thorns. Would American newspapers publish that? He says he doesn't think so. I can think of many that would. And I'd bet that the Christians in this nation would complain, write, call and cancel subscriptions, but not one would kill over it.

In fact, one of the successful strategies that the Christian community has learned is the economic boycott. That has probably led to the cancellation of more TV and radio programming by frightened broadcast executives than any ratings reports.

Interestingly, the Muslim community appears to be learning the same lesson now. They are putting a huge dent in Denmark's economy by boycotting its products sold overseas in Europe and the Middle East. That boycott has cost millions in the past weeks and probably has a lot to do with Denmark's scramble to settle the issue quickly.

Perhaps Muslims will find that they have some

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SUNDAY VOICES

Absence of malice, grace and tolerance

How many cartoons poking fun at clerics of all faiths have graced the corners of newspaper and magazine pages over the last century in Western nations? Too many to count, I'd imagine, just judging from those I've happened to view in the last half-century!

Political and religious leaders and their dogmas have taken it and survived – to laugh about it in some cases. Just caricatures alone of U.S. presidents could fill tomes going back only as far as Nixon. If you – as a person representing a public entity or organization cannot take the heat, get out of the kitchen.

Nixon's skin became pretty tough, I bet, by the time cartoonists and lampoonists got done with him – are we done with him yet? A fairly recent movie I rented this week had a character shouting "I am not a crook" while shaking both hands up in a "V." And how many Nixon masks still stock the costumers' shelves at Halloween? Haven't heard of a lawsuit or fatwa issued by Nixon's descendants to date.

We in America, where our current president is disrespectfully labeled "W" in our largest periodicals' editorials, are used to cutting in pretty deep – and few have lacked the tolerance or grace to actually be offended enough to cry out about it. We are used to it. Free press, and all that, you know. Aside from that, most of us feel it speaks well of our character if we can laugh at ourselves – taking a joke or a ribbing is a positive thing.

But ... in other less tolerant areas of the world, it's another story. Now, did the Danish press (who set out the gauntlet last Fall for the infamous Muhammad cartoons) know how large a taboo it was to make any graphic depiction of the prophet? To me, that's the important question. It wasn't a big deal to free

Sunday view
BY VALERIE HOLM WARD

As popular political cartoonist Daryl Cagle published on his blog cagle.com/news/BLOG/MuhammadColu mn.asp, he found the offending cartoons "disappointingly dull" and hard to see how they could make anyone angry. The cartoons can be viewed on blog.newspaperindex.com.

I can understand an unwillingness to accept restrictions of the freedom of expression, which some take to mean the freedom to offend anyone they choose. And Cagle goes on to say that here in America we would not threaten lives of artists who feel they must paint the "Virgin Mary with animal dung or put a crucifix into a jar of urine." He says our argument here is whether or not our National Endowment for the Arts will subsidize these artists. Hmmm...

After Danish Muslims worked for several weeks to be heard through diplomatic circles, their frustration began to build.

They might have been satisfied with an apology at one point, but could not get through to those with power to say or do anything for so long that their anger built as well. In a recent New York Times article, an imam from Lebanon, Sheikh Muhammad Abu Zaid, said when he first heard about it in December, he made little of it. It was after "ambassadors of Arab countries had tried to meet with the prime minister of Denmark and had been snubbed, that he began to feel differently."

Zaid also compared the drawings to those made of Jesus in Christian countries (and I would add to that irrelevant cartoons of Catholic Popes and Jewish Rabbis over the years as well) and had acknowledged that this was something pretty typical in some places. But, Zaid felt that this thinking was an insult and "we began to believe that their freedom was something that hurts us."

Some of us might think that they need tougher skin – and I might agree – from our perspective. (Just listen to all of the "Them vs Us" phrasing here!) The world is ever-shrinking and our pro-democratic perspective is becoming less noble and altruistic than in post-WWII days, perhaps. Democracies pushing against non-democracies. Muslims pushing against non-Muslims – it's becoming a stickier and trickier diplomatic dance.

We can only hope for more effective diplomats and negotiators – and for a world which starts thinking as "one world" before we get ourselves blown off its face by stupid cartoons, gun-slinging cowboys – or sacrificial religious bombers.

Valerie Holm Ward is a Ukiah resident.

ON THE STREETS

If you could own your own business what would it be?



Matthew Leon Ukiah
Co-op food store staff

"A medicinal herb business farming community supported agriculture."



Butch Clark Ukiah
Retired

"Car repair. I used to be good at it, it would be interesting to get back into it."



Katie Brown Ukiah
Legal assistant

"A shoe store would be fun."



Karen Lee Ukiah

I do (have my own business). Massage therapy and I teach tai chi. I've been in business 20 years.



Rod Logan Ukiah
Teacher

"I used to have business. I was a transportation consultant, helping trucking companies with regulations. I liked helping people in a specialized business."



Jay Holden Ukiah
Psychologist

"Tropical real estate. Wanna join me?"

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to water, sanitation, and circulation. In each case, the county should undertake a study to determine the feasibility and timeline of all planned improvements. Likewise, it should do a fiscal analysis, identifying who pays for the improvements and where that money will come from.

These are not, of course, simple issues. Gathering accurate information about water, for example, may require the endorsement of LAFCO and a Water Agency Municipal Review Process, and determining who has rights to the water may require working with the State Water Resources Board. The question of sanitation capacity cannot be answered without fully resolving the issue of discharging waste into the Russian River. Nonetheless, it is urgent that the county commit itself to this process. We need to complete these studies in a timely fashion; without them, work on the UVAP cannot go forward. The county should commit the money needed to complete the studies, and monitor compliance with its timeline.

The current UVAP recommends numerous zoning changes. These changes should be put firmly on hold. We need to identify the number of developable residential units and the number of parcels and total acreage of residential, agriculture, and industrial lands available for future development in the entire Valley. Any zoning change considerations must be made in the context of the carrying capacity of the valley, of smart growth options and of community priorities. Historic growth rates should be the measure of future housing needs.

Until the UVAP process is complete, the county should not process any General Plan amendments or use permit applications that may undercut this planning process. Future development in the Ukiah Valley should start where the actual infrastructure exists and build out from those centers. We commend Supervisor Wattenburger for recognizing that all significant development must halt until we've completed these planning processes.

As we go forward with the process of revising the UVAP, we recognize that many of the policies it contains are very good, many need strengthening, and some that were removed need to be reinstated. These policies provide a starting point for a revised UVAP. In addition, we should ensure they meet state requirements for housing and planning and can be implemented. The policy language should be strengthened so that "shall do" replaces "should do."

The most difficult "nut to crack" during this "taking stock" period is the affordable housing issue. The county has legal mandates, and the need is acute. The current approach, however, is not necessarily in concert with Smart Growth principles of economically diversified neighborhoods with commercial components and which maintain the integrity of current communities. We want to hold out the possibility that the county can both meet its legal obligations and respond to the real need in our community for affordable housing, while sticking to smart growth principles of development.

Finally, the city and county must coordinate with each other in a whole new way. They must plan together for valley growth and reach revenue sharing agreements. These agreements and the joint city-county planning they make possible

are integral components in any effective long-term regional planning process.

This may seem a daunting undertaking, but we take heart from the large turnout at community forums, from the spirit of open-mindedness and apparent willingness for collaboration evident in meetings we've had with various stakeholders, from the growing commitment on the part of elected officials to enact a community planning process. The enthusiasm and talents of our friends and neighbors is inspiring.

The common goal of enacting an inclusive, regional planning process is an incredible opportunity to work with each other in new ways. It will challenge us to step outside of what's comfortable. It will ask us to work alongside people we haven't worked with before. It will ask groups who have historically seen each other as enemies to find common ground. What binds us across political lines is our love of this valley and the rich quality of life we have here. If we want to preserve that, we all need to be pulling in the same direction.

Anne Oliver and Antonio Andrade are Ukiah Valley residents.

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power after all – and not just over the West's oil (the profits from which do not help the average Middle Eastern citizen) but through their own wallets. Western nations have long known that economic persuasion can work wonders.

What a step forward it would be if the Muslim community recognized that its own buying power, rather than violence, could win it a comfortable seat at any table.

Making his feelings known

It's a dangerous world these days. As Sgt. Phil Esterhaus on Hill Street Blues used to warn his police officers just before they went on the streets, "Be careful out there." Even lawyers, especially those who practice family law and, to a lesser degree, criminal law are at risk. And Alfred Prince demonstrated just how unique those risks can be.

Prince was charged with bank robbery in federal court in Oklahoma. His case inspired federal appeals court Judge Wade Brobry to begin his 1991 opinion reviewing Prince's conviction this way: "While the public's perception of lawyers seems to reach new lows every day, parents - we are told - still encourage their children to enter this profession. But the parent who happens to read this opinion may not be so quick to urge a loved child to become a lawyer after learning how the defendant in this case expressed his extreme personal dislike of his lawyer."

As Judge Brobry elaborated, "Likewise, the would-be lawyer raised on the hit television series, L.A. Law, to believe a law degree is that golden ticket to a glamorous career of big money, fast cars and intimate relationships among the beautiful people may think twice before sending in his or her law school application when word of this case gets out."

Judicial follies
BY FRANK ZOTTER

The issue in Mr. Prince's case was deceptively simple - whether the trial judge erred in refusing to order a second mental competence exam after the first such exam determined that Prince was competent to stand trial. The first mental examination was ordered after Prince exhibited some . . . highly unusual behavior during his first trial (or, more accurately, attempt at a trial).

Prince was originally represented by an attorney from the federal public defender's office. According to Judge Brobry, however, Prince "did not care for his lawyer. Realizing this, the lawyer asked the judge to take him off the case but the judge refused."

When the case was called for trial, but before it got underway, Prince's lawyer again spoke to the judge and asked to be relieved as counsel, stating the Prince "simply does not want to talk to me." But, once again, the judge

refused. As the jury was being sworn in, Prince became loud and disruptive. In Judge Brobry's words, "he managed to get out of his pants and expose a key portion of his lower anatomy to the judge and jury. He then began to urinate in the presence of the jurors, and some of the urine struck the table which was being used by his lawyer. Needless to say, the proceedings were then halted. [Prince] was then 'helped' from the courtroom by United States Marshals and the jury was excused."

According to Brobry, the trial judge then ordered a psychological examination of Prince and, "presumably now fully convinced that [Prince] really did not care for his lawyer, granted the motion" for his public defender to withdraw. It certainly adds a new twist to the term "being relieved as counsel."

While he was in the hospital, Prince also tried to set fire to his hospital room and used the razor he was given to shave with to try to cut his wrists, although the cuts were all superficial. The psychologist concluded that Prince's actions were all fabricated in an effort to get out of being tried for the bank robbery. Prince was retried, represented by a new attorney (who presumably, just to play it safe, wore old clothes while in court). This time,

Prince was convicted. Judge Brobry concluded his opinion, "[T]here is no rule of law equating intentional and public displays of incontinence with incompetence. The trial judge, court personnel, and lawyers who stuck with this case in spite of the unique hazards of working with this defendant are to be commended. As for the one-time budding lawyer whose hopes for a dazzling life have now been dashed by the facts of this case, we suggest an alternative career in screenwriting. Stories about lawyers are in wide demand, and this case - now that it is in the public domain - could be part of your first plot."

Still, perhaps be the best way to summarize Mr. Prince's antics is to borrow from the story, probably apocryphal, about Queen Victoria's reaction when she was advised (inaccurately) that Charles Darwin's The Descent of Man concluded that human beings were descended from apes. Her response is said to have been, "Let us hope that it is not true - but, if it is true, that it does not become widely known."

Because we wouldn't want to encourage anyone to imitate Mr. Prince - would we?

Frank Zotter is a Ukiah attorney.

LOCAL CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEB. 21
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
 Anderson Valley at Potter Valley, 8 p.m.
PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Anderson Valley at Potter Valley, 6:30 p.m.
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TV LISTINGS

TODAY
ARENA FOOTBALL
 New York at Philadelphia, noon (OLN)
NBA
 Miami at Utah, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Connecticut at Notre Dame, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)
BOWLING
 Darts 8:00, 10:30 a.m. (NBC)
AUTO
 Sports Open, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
WINTER OLYMPICS
 XX Winter Olympics, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
 XX Winter Olympics, 6 p.m. (NBC)
 XX Winter Olympics, 7:30 p.m. (NBC)
 XX Winter Olympics, 2 p.m. (NBC)
 XX Winter Olympics, 6 p.m. (USA)
 XX Winter Olympics, 7 p.m. (NBC)

COMMUNITY DIGEST

Ukiah Lions awards night March 4

The Ukiah Lions youth football and cheerleader organization will be holding its 2005 season awards night March 5 at the Ukiah High School cafeteria. The awards ceremony starts at 3:30 p.m., and first sign ups will also be held at that time. For more information, call Chuck Thornhill at 465-7600.

Willits Classic 10-mile and 3-mile runs

The North Coast Striders will present the 26th annual Willits Classic Run on Sunday at 10 a.m. The run will start and finish at Willits Recreation Grove Park. Pre-registration prior to Feb. 8th may be done online at www.active.com or by calling 272-4167 for an application. Same day registration will be 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Sherwood School Project. The first 60 registrants are guaranteed running hats on race day. Fees: \$20 for ages 16 and older, \$5 for ages 15 and under (no hat), \$3/family NCS member discount.

Coyote Valley women's basketball looking for teams

The Coyote Valley Recreation Department is looking for teams to fill out its Women's Basketball League. The season will start March 13 and run through April, with the playoffs beginning May 1. The sponsors fee of \$250 is due by March 6, and a \$10 player fee is due by the first game. The mandatory managers meeting will be Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the Coyote Valley Gymnasium. Any team not represented will not be allowed to participate. For more information, call Ronnie DeSoto at 472-2233.

Ten Star All Star basketball camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star summer basketball camp. The camp is by invitation only and boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. In 2005, players from 50 states and 16 foreign countries attended the camp. For a free brochure, call 704-372-0673.

City of Ukiah girls youth softball

The City of Ukiah Community Service Department would like to announce the beginning of registration for the 2006 Girls Youth Softball League. Participants may register individually and will be placed on teams according to their grade level. The league will be divided into the following divisions: Grades K-2 (1 Ball), Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, and Grades 7-12. League play begins in early April and will run through early June. Cost is \$50 per player (sibling discounts and Low Income Discounts are available). The registration deadline is February 27, 2006 and forms are available at the City of Ukiah (411 West Clay). For more information, call 463-6714.

City of Ukiah co-ed volleyball league

The City of Ukiah Community Service Department would like to announce the beginning of registration for the 2006 Co-Ed Volleyball League. Adults, 16 years and older, are invited to register on a team of up to 12 players. Recreational and Competitive leagues are available. All teams will play at least 8 games and at least 1 playoff game. Games will be played on week-nights starting in late March or early April and running into June. You may register as a team or individuals interested in playing may register and be placed on an available team. Cost is \$275 per team (up to 12 players) or \$40 per individual before March 2. Registration forms are available at the City of Ukiah, 411 West Clay St. Call 463-6714 for more information.

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Corns enters rare air in Ukiah win

The Daily Journal

Down 9-0 in the first quarter of an all-or-nothing game against Elsie Allen Friday, Ukiah head coach Bill Heath called a timeout.

Not to discuss strategies or to set up a play, either.

"I sat them down and questioned their commitment, their desire," Heath said. "And what do you know?"

Ukiah emerged from the timeout and went on a 17-0 run, rolling to a 74-54 win over Elsie and earning the fourth spot in the North Bay League playoffs.

Ukiah's Zach Corns entered rarefied air Friday, scoring 11 points, grabbing 11 rebounds, and blocking 10 shots to become just the third Wildcat player in 30 years to record a triple-double.

Corns also had five assists and three steals.

Kyle Heath achieved the feat nine times in his career and Sam Eaquinto did it four times.

"It's really something," Heath said. "Zach was tremendous." Corns was just one of a group of Wildcats who had big games.

Joe Eaquinto led all scorers with 25 points to

go with seven rebounds and three steals. Cary Willeford had 18 points, five steals, and five assists.

Ukiah point guard Aakash Patel was in double figures for the second straight game, scoring 10 points.

Chris Frey played his best game of the year, according to Heath, scoring eight points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

It was also the Wildcats tenth consecutive game hitting over 80 percent of their free throws, and the seventh straight game in which they had more assists than turnovers.

Friday's game turned into a must-win for both teams when word came down that Maria Carrillo would be forced to forfeit a game because of a coaching violation, taking the Pumas out of the playoff race.

"Friday was the biggie," Heath said. "The kids knew they had to win to keep the season alive and that's what they did."

With the win, Ukiah (6-8 NBL, 14-12 overall) will travel to play first place Cardinal Newman Wednesday in Santa Rosa.

Game time is 8 p.m.



Zach Corns became just the third player in Ukiah history to record a triple-double Friday.

File photo

HOMETOWN HEROES



Jeff Burrell (left), and Dennis Willeford (right) were part of Mendocino College's inaugural Hall of Fame class Saturday. The inductees were awarded with a plaque, a 10K gold ring, and were honored in a ceremony at Redwood Valley Wine Cellars.

Sabbatini maintains control at Nissan

By DOUG FERGUSON
 The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Even with a four-shot lead in the Nissan Open, Rory Sabbatini is far from satisfied. Never mind that he is playing some of his best golf this year and that his name is on the leaderboard just about every week. Or that Sabbatini shot a 4-under 67 on Saturday and never let anyone get close to him. Not long after his 9-iron plopped down 5 feet from the cup for a birdie on the final hole, he already had a plan for the final round.

"I think I might switch my irons out and go back to my old set," he said. "I don't feel like I'm hitting the ball well."

The last challenge for Sabbatini might be overcoming the crowd. The gallery was in full force on a surprisingly sunny afternoon off Sunset Boulevard, cheering for one of the most popular players at Riviera. No, it wasn't Tiger Woods. He didn't even show up Saturday, withdrawing after a week of

batting the flu and narrowly making the cut. They flocked to Fred Couples, a two-time winner at Riviera who overcame a nasty head cold earlier in the week for a 6-under 65 to get into the final group with Sabbatini and Craig Barlow (67).

Sabbatini was at 14-under 199. "If I can play a really good round, I can catch Rory," Couples said. "If he plays well, we're all done."

Clearly, it all depends on Sabbatini, who might be the hottest player on the PGA Tour with two second-place finishes this year and nothing worse than a tie for 20th. Right when a couple of players were closing in on his lead, he ran off three straight birdies, then padded his lead one extra stroke with a birdie on the 18th.

He was asked if he had ever switched irons in the last round with a four-shot lead. "I haven't had too many four-shot leads," Sabbatini said. "I felt like I left a lot of shots out there."

Barlow played in the final group five years ago at Riviera and trailed by three shots. He closed with a 73 and tied for 13th, three shots out of a playoff. Now he faces a four-shot deficit against a guy who appears to do nothing wrong.

"He's going to be the favorite tomorrow," Barlow said. "But a four-shot lead is never too much to make up."

Dean Wilson made the biggest charge with five birdies on his first 11 holes to get within two shots, but then he three-putted two holes in a row — for double bogey and bogey — and wound up with 69, seven shots behind.

Still, the roars belonged to Couples, one of the most popular figures in golf, especially at Riviera. During a seven-year stretch in the '90s, Couples won twice and was runner-up three other times. This is his 25th consecutive year playing the Nissan Open, and he never could have guessed he would be in the final



Tiger Woods had to drop out of the Nissan Open Saturday due to battling the flu. Rory Sabbatini was the leader with a 4-under 67 at the Los Angeles tournament.

See SABBATINI, Page A-9

Point Arena edges Potter

The Daily Journal
POINT ARENA — Point Arena edged Potter Valley in North Coast League II girls basketball action Friday, 45-41 in Point Arena.

Both teams got out to a slow start, with Point Arena leading just 6-3 after one quarter, but the Pirates regrouped in the second quarter for a 22-8 halftime lead.

"The second quarter didn't

go very well," said Potter Valley head coach Fred Austin. "We were pretty even after that, but they got a few in there."

Maria Operza led Point Arena with 16 points to best a group of Bearcats who had a solid game, led by Whitney Phillips team-high 16 points.

Also for Potter Valley, Kelsi Ryan had eight points and 12 rebounds, Hannah

Marshall had seven points and 11 rebounds.

Shanelle VonFeldt finished with eight points.

Potter Valley (6-5 NCL II, 12-11 overall) hosts Anderson Valley Tuesday in its regular season finale.

Game time is 6 p.m.

Point Arena 9 5 18 15 = 41
 Potter Valley 6 5 14 9 = 37

Kobe is talk of All-Star weekend

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press
HOUSTON — Even when it's only an exhibition, everyone wants to ask Kobe Bryant about point totals.

Bryant won't make any predictions about how many he'll put up Sunday night in the NBA All-Star game, even though scoring has made him the biggest attraction in the league during the first half of the season.

"I just look forward to going out there and winning the game, playing defense, believe it or not, doing whatever we need to win the game," he said.

Uh, sorry Kobe. People in more than 200 countries aren't tuning in to watch you block shots.

The possibilities seem endless. After scoring 81 points in a game this season, imagine how many Bryant can get in a game where there is little defense played.

"I think it's fun to have the discussions about Kobe," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "I think it's a terrific water cooler subject. Can he go for 100? Can he outscore a team by himself?"

The latter seems unlikely, given that the Eastern Conference centers with Allen Iverson and LeBron James, who trail Bryant in what is shaping up as the most exciting scoring race in years.

Bryant went into the All-Star break averaging 35 points, with Iverson at 33.2 and James at 31.2. The NBA hasn't had three players average 30 or more points since 1982, when George Gervin beat out Moses Malone and Adrian Dantley to win the scoring title.

Bryant and Iverson have already been the stars in the NBA's showcase.

Iverson won his second MVP award in the East's victory last year in Denver, and Bryant took the award in 2002 after scoring 31 points back home in Philadelphia.

Maybe now it's James' turn. The Cleveland star headed into his second All-Star game after scoring 43 points in a win over San Antonio on Monday, then adding 43 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists Wednesday night in a victory over Boston.

James, the No. 1 pick in the 2003 draft, made his All-Star debut last year with 15 points, but he fell into the break with comfortable playoff position — which Bryant and Iverson don't have — after leading the Cavs to the third-best record in the East.

The All-Star game record, by the way, is 42 points, and Bryant wasn't surprised at all to learn who held it.

"Will? Oh, couldn't have guessed that one," he said with a smile.

Chamberlain set that record in 1962, the year of his 100-point game, and Bryant is 81 against Toronto in January was the next-highest in an NBA game.

The scoring race has sometimes overshadowed the other big story of the first half, the game of the Detroit Pistons. The Pistons got off to one of the best starts in NBA history before cooling off a bit and bringing a 42-9 record into the break.

Though none of its players was elected to start, four Detroit players were voted in as reserves. Pistons coach Flip Saunders, who will coach the East, said he may send Chauncey Billups, Richard Hamilton, Ben Wallace and Rasheem Wallace into the game at the same time.

"We are definitely going to

have to work it out where all of us are on the floor together," Billups said.

All-Star weekend is back in Houston for the first time since 1989, when the game drew 44,735 fans at the Astrodome. It's a rare chance to celebrate this season for the city's fans, who have watched the Rockets stumble into last place while enduring injuries to Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming.

Both players will start for the West, and Yao could garner more attention from the worldwide audience than any of the other 23 All-Stars. China has sent a seven electronic news outlets to Houston.

With players such as Memphis' Pau Gasol (Spain) and San Antonio's Tony Parker (France) making their first All-Star game appearances, the game is being televised in 44 languages. More than 300 international media members were scheduled to be in Houston for the weekend festivities, including the 3-point game and dunk contests Saturday night.

Maybe that's why Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy wasn't impressed after learning his two players would get to start in front of the home crowd.

Billups, Hamilton and Toronto's Chris Bosh are the other first-time All-Stars. Bryant and Iverson both started the first selection was their highlight.

"The first appearance is always going to be the most memorable," Iverson said. "This one is special because I'm 30 years old and you hear all the negative things about your game declining and at this point you should be breaking down. I still got out and play hard every night and give it my all."

COMMUNITY DIGEST — CONTINUED FROM PAGE A-8

Women's self defense class at World Gym

Women's self defense will be taught in a one-time class Mar. 4 at World Gym Fitness Center from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The class fee is \$5 per person, and pre-registration is required.

Registration forms can be picked up at Coldwell Banker Mendo Realty in Ukiah.

For more information or to register call Erika Holzhauser at 462-5400. Space is limited and registration forms must be received by Mar. 1.

Pony & Colt League

Pony & Colt League will hold its 2006 sign up Feb. 18 and Feb. 25 from 1-3 p.m. at Mendo-Lake Office Products.

Players must be between the ages of 15-17 on or before April 31, 2006. An original county certified birth certificate is required for age verification. The cost to sign up is \$75 for the first child and \$65 for each additional sibling.

For more information, call Chris at 468-3800.

Sheriff's Activity League offers fitness for kids

The Sheriff's Activity League kids fitness class meets every Thursday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Redwood Health Club.

The class is co-ed, for ages 7-12. It is a positive, high energy class with ACE certified fitness trainer Melissa Johnson of RHC.

Melissa incorporates fun routines and new games to challenge children to get up and move.

You do not have to be a member of RHC to join, and there is a \$5 annual insurance/administration fee per child.

For more information, call SAL President Mike Tobin at 354-0565.

U.W.A.A. softball meeting for 2006 season Feb. 21

A general meeting for the Ukiah Women's Athletic Association 2006 women's softball season will be held Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at Wright Stuff Facility.

All teams and women interested in playing softball this season are welcome.

For more information contact 972-1719.

City of Ukiah men's softball league

The City of Ukiah Community Sports Department would like to announce the beginning of the 2006 men's softball league. There is an information meeting at the Pub in Ukiah March 16 at 6:30 p.m. League play is scheduled to begin in early May.

Team fees are \$450 for the sponsor fee and \$30 per player, with checks made payable to the City of Ukiah. Payment is scheduled to begin in early May.

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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 in those interested in joining the club may call Shirley Dietrich at 485-5540.

Tiny Tigers kinderkarate

Tollow Dojo is hosting the weekly Tiny Tigers kinder karate course, which utilizes proven techniques to help children ages 4 to 6 years.

The class is held Saturdays from 12:30-1:20 p.m. The first class is free.

Call 463-1347 or 621-0714 to sign up. Tollow Dojo is located at 3001 S. State St., No. 4.

Willits boxing program

The Sheriff's Youth Activities League "Willits" Boxing Program is currently meeting at the Body Works Gym and Martial Arts Center (1511 Main St. 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 459-0594. There is an annual \$5 insurance/registration fee.

Boxers wanted

Boxing classes are offered by Mendocino County Sheriff's SAL and are ongoing at the Redwood Health Club for all ages and levels. New expanded class times for winter 2006 are: Tuesday, 6:45 p.m.; Friday, 5 p.m.; Sunday 5 p.m.; Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

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

Call Chris and Patlie at 463-1339 for questions.

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Montreal	26	22	8	60	180	180	San Jose	24	24	10	58	188	180
St. Louis	24	24	10	58	188	180	Seattle	14	34	11	39	165	235
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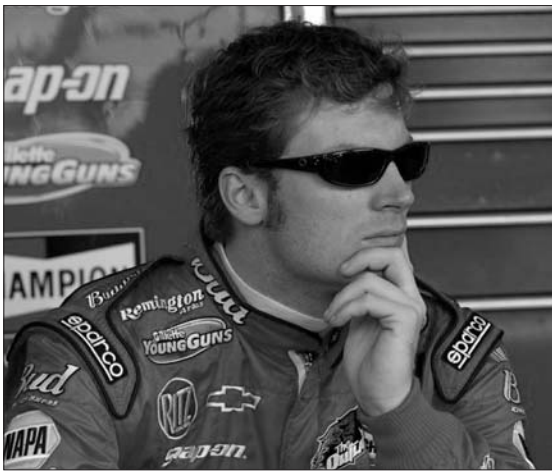
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Dale Earnhardt Jr., will try for another Daytona 500 title today.

Earnhardt Jr., Gordon will try to set tone at Daytona

By JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press
 DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The slate is wiped clean for Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon, two drivers temporarily sprung from the shadows of their mortifying 2005 seasons.

They were failures. Busts. A pair of chumps ineligible to race for the biggest prize in NASCAR.

All that was erased the moment they drove through the gates at Daytona International Speedway. This track belongs to Earnhardt and Gordon — they've combined for 20 wins here in various events, including the past two Daytona 500s.

Now they'll both try to kick-start the 2006 season with strong runs in Sunday's season-opening event.

Gordon has no doubt he'll be strong.

"I think anybody that feels like we've slipped on the restrictor-plate tracks hasn't seen restrictor-plate racing for the last couple of years," Gordon said. "I mean, I think that no matter what our seasons are like, what's happening with our team, we always seem to be pretty steady at restrictor-plate tracks."

Gordon won Daytona last year — his third 500 title only to see his season fall apart just a few months later. The four-time series champion with 73 career victories struggled through the summer and found himself shut out of the Chase for the championship.

Gordon wound up 11th in the standings, his lowest points finish since he was 14th during his 1993 rookie season.

His Hendrick Motorsports team didn't waste any time

turning its attention to 2006, replacing crew chief Robbie Loomis with newcomer Steve Letarte for the final 10 races of last year. The move put Gordon ahead of schedule when he arrived at Daytona, and he proved it by placing second in the 500 time trials, then running away with a dominating victory in one of the qualifying races.

Earnhardt used a similar strategy, reuniting with former crew chief Tony Eury Jr. late last year after the two spent the season apart in an ill-advised swapping of crews at Dale Earnhardt Inc.

The move made Junior an also-ran most of last season, just a shell of his former self at Daytona and Talladega, the two places he was always a guaranteed contender.

But with Eury back as his leader, Junior's back among the favorites for the Great American Race.

"Working with Tony Jr. is going to be a lot of fun, there's a good, close bond there," Earnhardt said.

It has done wonders for Earnhardt's confidence. He had pretty much written off his title chances at the midpoint of last season, but heads into Sunday's race confident that he'll be there at the end of the event and at the end of the year.

"I think we're going to come into the Chase being top three in the points," he boasted. "We'll have six or seven wins this season, if not more. If we lose the championship, it won't be by much."

Unlike Gordon, Earnhardt has yet to show just how good his Chevrolet is for Sunday's race. He finished second in an exhibition race, second in the qualifying race and will start seventh in the 500.

Although they are the favorites, Earnhardt and Gordon will have a slew of contenders to deal with.

Among them is Tony Stewart, who only needs a Daytona 500 victory to complete his resume of NASCAR milestones.

The defending series champion has come so close before, finishing second to Earnhardt in 2004 and dominating last year's race before fading to seventh at the end.

But he comes back this year buoyed by his Daytona dominance last July, when he embarrassed the field by leading all but nine laps.

Now he'll try to cross the 500 of his list of things to do.

"I've got three goals this year and this is No. 1 of the three," said Stewart, adding that winning at Indianapolis Speedway and capturing a third Cup title are the others.

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Team Canada upset by Swiss in men's hockey

By ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — The Swiss called their Olympic upset of the Czechs the biggest victory in their country's history.

How wrong they turned out to be. Switzerland stunned defending Olympic champion Canada on Saturday with a 2-0 victory that shook up the men's hockey tournament at the Turin Games. Canadian-born Paul DiPietro scored twice and goalie Martin Gerber turned aside 49 shots.

Coached by a Canadian, Winnipeg's Ralph Krueger, and getting both goals from the Saulx Sainte Marie-born DiPietro — who hasn't played in the NHL in 10 years — the Swiss beat the near equivalent of an NHL all-star team with only two NHL players in their lineup.

Call it impossible. Call it incredible. All the adjectives fit.

Cheered on by hundreds of arena-rocking fans who chanted "Hop, Suisse! Hop, Suisse!" — the equivalent of Go Swiss! — the Swiss pulled off one of the biggest upsets in modern Olympic hockey history only two days after doing the same thing by beating the world champion Czech Republic 3-2.

Now, with only Germany and Italy to play, the Swiss have an excellent chance to win their six-team group — seen as a near impossibility when the Olympics began, considering the quality of opponents.

And Canada, which needed only to win Saturday to be assured of reaching the quarterfinals, now faces tough games against Finland on Sunday and the Czechs on Tuesday, not assured of a win in either game. The lower they finish in Group A, the tougher their quarterfinal round opponent from Group B is likely to be.

That they lost to a team whose scoring star last made an NHL impact 12 years ago with the Montreal Canadiens must make it hurt even worse.

After the Canadians went 0-for-5 while

being on the power play most of the first 15 minutes, Patric Della Rossa gathered the puck behind the net and fed it in front to DiPietro, who powered it past goalie Martin Brodeur. The sequence began with Canada's Joe Thornton turning the puck over at the blue line while being double teamed.

Canada, off its game from the start against an opponent that lacks many NHL players but often trains together during down times in the European pro schedule, later went two men down when defencemen Adam Foote and Chris Pronger drew penalties 42 seconds apart in the second.

DiPietro took advantage to score his second goal 10 seconds after Pronger went off, grabbing the rebound of Goran Bezina's shot from the right point and steering it in the lower left circle — nearly hopping off his skates to celebrate afterward.

Hop, Suisse, indeed.

The Canadians thought they had gotten a goal back when Gerber's glove appeared to cross the goal line while stopping Rick Nash's hard shot later in the second. But after an exceptionally long video review, Russian Super League referee Viacheslav Bulanov ruled no goal — causing the pro-Swiss crowd to erupt with cheers.

The Swiss, a smallish team with 13 players under 6 feet, held on to win much as they did against the Czechs with excellent goalkeeping in the face of rush after rush. This time it was Gerber rather than David Aebischer, who beat the Czechs.

Maybe this wasn't an upset equivalent to Belarus beating Sweden in the 2002 quarterfinals, but it was close — the Swiss are No. 8 in the world but were considered at a level far below the top-tier teams. But they neutralized all of Canada's elite scorers — fitting for a team from the land of neutrality.

And, if nothing else, the Swiss no longer must be reminded they lost to Canada 33-0 in the 1924 Olympics, the most one-sided hockey loss in Olympic history.

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Davis does it his way in winning gold medal

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Say what you want about Shani Davis. Call him a trailblazer. Accuse him of selfishness. Snicker at him for being a momma's boy. Just don't forget this: He's also an Olympic champion.

Davis became the first black athlete to claim an individual gold medal in Winter Olympic history Saturday, winning the 1,000-meter speedskating race and justifying his decision to focus on himself first, his team second. Joey Cheek made it a 1-2 American finish, adding a silver to his victory in the 500.

"I'm one of a kind," Davis said, fully aware of how much he stands out in the mostly white sport. "I'm a different type of person. I have a different charisma. A lot of people don't understand me."

That much was clear from the racially charged messages to his personal Web site — "people saying they hoped I would fall, break my leg, using the n-word," he said. Even the great Eric Heiden had some choice words for America's newest gold medalist, regarding his decision to skip the team pursuit.

"He is going his own way," said Heiden, who won five gold medals at the 1980 Lake Placid Games. "He's very different to a lot of speedskaters, and we have to respect that, but he is not a team player."

Maybe not, but the 23-year-old from Chicago's South

Side is building a heck of a rivalry with Texan Chad Hedrick.

Hedrick won the first speedskating gold with a dominating performance in the 5,000. Davis got him back in the 1,000, the weakest of Hedrick's individual events. They'll face off again Tuesday in the 1,500 — an event Davis ruled until Hedrick snatched away the world record.

"I'm not trying to beat Chad," Davis insisted. "I'm trying to beat everyone."

Hedrick, who had only skated the 1,000 a half-dozen times in his career, put up an early time that stood until Davis bested it in the 19th of 21 pairs with a clocking of 1 minute, 8.89 seconds.

Four other skaters passed Hedrick as well, leaving him in sixth place. Erben Wennemars of the Netherlands claimed the bronze, which was fine with Hedrick.

"Once Shani beat me, I didn't care if I got a bronze," he said. "I'm here to win. It's all or nothing."

The testy relationship between the two U.S. stars was apparent after the race. Hedrick didn't even bother congratulating Davis.

"Shani skated fast today," Hedrick said. "That's about all I have to say about that."

Davis came under fire for skipping the team pursuit — especially when a Hedrick-led squad was knocked out by Italy in the quarterfinals,

doomed by a slow skater who might not have been on the ice if Davis was available. The loss denied Hedrick a chance to go after Heiden's record of records, those five golds at Lake Placid.

But Davis, world record holder in the 1,000, wanted to focus on his signature event. And his victory — a third straight individual triumph for the U.S. men at the Olympic oval — means that Hedrick's quest would have come up short, even with a gold in the team pursuit.

After Davis became the first guy to break 1:09 on the slow Turin ice, there were still two more pairs to go — four skaters capable of knocking him out.

Cheek went in the next group and came the closest, fading a bit at the end for a time of 1:09.16.

Five days earlier, he dominated the shortest race on the schedule and donated his \$25,000 bonus to a charity run by speedskating icon Johann Olav Koss.

This time, he'll hand over a \$15,000 check to Koss. Dutch stars Wennemars and Jan Bos went in the final pair, but neither caught the Americans. Wennemars grabbed the bronze in 1:09.32.

"I'm just very happy about my race," Davis said. "More than anything, the things I trained for, I was right about."

Davis showed no immediate emotion after the last two skaters failed to beat his time.

He was cooling down in the warmup lane, skating slowly with his arms behind his back.

Finally, he smiled and waved to the crowd, picking up a stuffed bear that a fan tossed on the ice. As he came to the other end of the rink, Davis found Wennemars waiting.

The friendly rivals gave each other a big hug in front of the orange-clad, predominantly Dutch crowd, prompting the biggest cheer of the night.

"I like him as a person, I like him as a speedskater," Wennemars said. "What the United States thinks about him doesn't matter because Shani is the Olympic champion, so he is right."

Davis, wearing a Chicago White Sox cap afterward, grew up wanting to skate.

He shrugged off friends who wondered why a black kid from the city of Michael Jordan and Da Bears would want to don a tight-fitting suit and compete with a bunch of white dudes in a fringe sport.

"Maybe I can be the Michael Jordan of speedskating," he said. "His choice of sports wouldn't be the last time he bucked the norm."

Davis' mother, Cherie, has a long-running feud with the folks at U.S. Speedskating, believing they worked against her only child when he was younger because of the color of his skin.

The organization says that's not so, but Davis doesn't train



File photo

Shani Davis won a gold medal for the United States in speedskating Saturday.

with the national program, frequently complains about a lack of marketing opportunities and gladly lets his mother fight his battles.

He's not even sure that being the first black to win an individual winter gold is that big a deal because of speedskating's obscurity outside of the Olympics.

"It's a breakthrough," Davis said, "but it's what people make of it."

He seemed to be doing his own thing in Turin, avoiding the media and the rest of the team.

There was even talk he would skip the medalist news conference, though he showed up and stayed long past the allotted time.

"If he feels it's him against the rest of the world, then it's him who pitted himself

against the world." American teammate Casey FitzRandolph said.

Vonetta Flowers became the first black to capture winter gold at the Salt Lake City Games four years ago.

She was a pusher on the two-woman bobsled team, someone who helps get the machine going and hops along for the ride.

Davis won this gold entirely on his own.

"If you put your mind to it and you believe it, you can achieve it," he said. "You cannot give up — even if the road is a tough road."

Sabbatini

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group Sunday.

Couples was so sick that he stayed in bed Monday and Tuesday, and skipped the pro-am Wednesday. He managed to open with a 66, got caught in the rain during his round of 72 on Friday and then turned it on Saturday in chilly sunshine, running off four birdies in a five-hole stretch on the back nine.

"The first day was a fluke," Couples said. "Today, I was finally sharp and made a lot of putts. I've been playing here 25 years, so I have a feel for the course."

Woods never made it to the first tee. He was battling the flu all week, and after narrowly making the cut on Friday, decided to withdraw. More than 1,000 people around the 10th tee let out a collective groan when the starter announced that Woods was

not playing, and they scattered across Riviera in search of someone to watch.

Most of them found Couples.

"I did get some of his strays," Couples said. "The way I play sometimes, I probably don't deserve two or three people out there."

Saturday was not one of those days, and Couples is starting to believe he's capable of another win.

Sabbatini, however, has not shown any signs that he could give back the lead. He sputtered at the start, opening with six pars but reminding himself of a four-shot lead. Then came a 15-foot birdie on the seventh hole, and he took off at the turn with a chip to 3 feet on the 310-yard 10th, reaching the 11th green in two for a two-putt birdie, and a 5-iron into 12 feet on the 12th that allowed him to regain control.

A victory would be a great chance for Sabbatini to take focus off his behavior last

year at the Booz Allen Classic, where he became so fed up with the slow play of Ben Crane that he finished playing the 17th hole before Crane even reached the green.

To slow down, Sabbatini has been keeping his own yardage and found himself a little more at peace. He even played Pebble Beach last week, the tournament known for its six-hour rounds.

He doesn't care how long it takes to play Sunday, just as long as he holds his position.

Divots: Arron Oberholser, who won at Pebble Beach last week for his first PGA Tour victory, withdrew after shooting a 75 on Saturday. He did not give a reason. ... Ernie Els shot 71 and remained even-par for the tournament. ... John Rollins was on the verge of missing the cut Friday until he saved par from a bunker and birdied the 17th hole for some breathing room. He shot 64 on Saturday and was in sixth place.

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Appeals court mulls allowing worship services in libraries

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Prohibiting a Christian group from using a library meeting room for prayer services violates free speech rights and is discriminatory, an attorney for the group argued Friday in federal court.

"To bar them is viewpoint-based discrimination," said Benjamin Bull, an attorney representing the Rev. Hattie Hopkins of Faith Center Church Evangelistic Ministries.

Hopkins sued over a Contra Costa County policy allowing the public to use free meeting rooms at its libraries, but prohibiting religious services and activities.

The case started last year after the faith group, which doesn't have a permanent church, told the county it wanted to hold a "prayer, praise and worship" service that would be open to the public. The group held one session last year at the Antioch library before the county banned it from having others.

The Faith Center claimed it was being discriminated against because of its speech and demanded equal treatment. A federal judge sided with the group, and blocked the

county from discriminating against religious organizations. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is considering whether to uphold that decision.

A panel of judges asked attorneys repeatedly on Friday what constitutes a religious service and how that could affect decisions about who should be allowed to use the library.

Judge Richard Paez asked Contra Costa attorneys why groups like Narcotics Anonymous are allowed to use the library when their meetings often involve prayers, discussion of religious figures like Christ and help from a "higher power" to stay sober.

"There's nothing in the policy that tells a government official how to define a religious service," Judge Richard Tallman said.

Kelly Flanagan, an attorney for Contra Costa County, said there is a clear difference between religious services and informal discussions about religion or performance of religious songs. She argued that church services should be kept out of public buildings.

Political campaigning in county libraries also is prohibited, Flanagan said.

Retirees

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employees.

Those include raising the number of years required to be vested in retiree health benefits and establishing what is known as a defined-contribution program for future employees. Such programs reduce costs to the state while shifting financial risk to employees.

Assemblyman Keith Richman, R-Chatsworth, has introduced a constitutional amendment that would create a new way to fund pensions and retiree health care for state employees hired after

July 1, 2007. In part, the measure would standardize the age at which retirees could receive medical benefits to 65 or the limit set by Social Security.

The state's share would then supplement Medicare, offering significant savings.

Richman's bill does not address the unfunded liabilities, but he said the state needs to deal quickly with both the current and future costs of retiree health care.

"Let's stop digging the hole deeper," he said. "Let's stop accumulating more debt and passing that along to our children."

The California Public Employees Retirement System voted Friday to

oppose Richman's amendment.

The state could address the costs of retiree health care simply by setting aside a certain amount of money each year, said Dave Low, chairman of a public-employee coalition formed last year after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed pension reform.

"I would dispute this crisis mentality," he said. "Everybody already knew that (unfunded liability) was there. It's a reporting mechanism — not a crisis. The debt today is the same as it was yesterday."

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Freedland

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bed watching late-night TV: Either frustration peaks or issues get glossed over. Again, there's simply no way for our elected officials to be able to care a great deal about a minor budgetary matter after a two-hour talk on campaign finance reform. And that scares a number of City Council meeting regulars. The sexy issues receive an undue amount of attention and smaller issues see quick, weary votes.

I don't have a fix. Like I suggested in my earlier column, this is a problem only the council members themselves can alleviate. But progress is possible -- after all, I did clock one speaker Wednesday night who talked eloquently for a whopping 3:42 without interruption -- but any change is going to have to come from within.

A frequent council meeting observer told me that those

who sit up on the dais need to shift their focus away from an adversarial tone and toward a collegial one or else policy may start to suffer. When a board convenes for the first time, the observer continued, some work is done with setting tone and standards for discussion -- and perhaps this council did not focus on those issues as much as it might have.

Mayor Mark Ashiku, who has the thankless job of running the meetings, may be surprised to not find any easier time than former Mayor Eric Larson did in shortening the meetings. Ashiku said later that meetings get jammed up when a person enters a discussion with his or her mind already made, and trying to get them unstuck is no easy task. I agree with him, and would suggest that this problem affects all council members. How could it not? They are elected because of their opinions, and human instincts tell us to fight for what we believe through thick

and thin.

And yet, perhaps more communication could be done outside of meetings to prevent laborious process fights. (I would argue the campaign reform "evidence" debate could have been halved with one pre-meeting email.) Or maybe more subcommittees could be created to decrease and mitigate Wednesday night realizations.

Or maybe -- just maybe -- that pre-meeting hug is worth a second thought.

Seth Freedland once took part in a group that tried to set the world record for largest group hug, but the effort only resulted in second-place. True story. If you have any political questions, comments or story ideas please contact him at wdjsf@pacfic.net.

Morales

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because he accepted responsibility and repeatedly expressed regret for the murder. The judge who presided over Morales' trial also asked the governor to commute the sentence to life in prison because new evidence casts doubt on the testimony of a key witness.

But the clemency case lost some strength when defense lawyers, including former Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr, were forced to withdraw unreliable affidavits that a private investigator claimed to get from jurors who wanted Morales to live.

Prosecutors said affidavits by six trial jurors were frauds and the signatures had been forged. Many of the jurors said they never spoke to the investigator and indeed wanted Morales to die.

Starr and co-counsel, David Senior, appeared shaken at San Quentin when they heard of Schwarzenegger's decision, which was made without any clemency hearing.

"It's disappointing in the extreme," Starr said. "I regret we did not have an opportunity to be heard, but hope springs eternal."

Schwarzenegger has now denied clemency to all five

condemned inmates who have requested it since he took office two years ago. The last California governor to grant clemency was Ronald Reagan, who spared a mentally ill killer in 1967.

Morales has two challenges pending at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which among other things is being asked to block the execution on claims that lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment.

In his clemency petition, Morales said he was led astray by a "manipulative crime partner," his cousin Rick Ortega, who got him drunk and high on PCP the day of the murder. Ortega was sentenced to life in prison for his role.

The petition included support from Judge Charles McGrath who presided over Morales' trial in 1983.

McGrath said he no longer believes the testimony of jailhouse informant Bruce Samuelson, who testified that Morales boasted of his assault and made obscene and derogatory references to Winchell. Samuelson told investigators that the two men spoke in Spanish, a language Morales said he doesn't speak.

"New information has emerged to show the evidence upon which I relied in sentencing Mr. Morales to death -- Mr. Samuelson's testimony -- is false," McGrath wrote in

a statement with the clemency petition.

McGrath told the jury that Samuelson's testimony, at the phase of trial when jurors were considering a life or death sentence, "alone could be used to outweigh" all the reasons against sentencing Morales to death.

The California Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a petition to spare Morales on those grounds, a decision that was also appealed to the 9th Circuit on Friday.

Comments

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says he accepts responsibility, nor did he acknowledge the rape or any of the specific acts he perpetrated against Ms. Winchell," Schwarzenegger wrote.

"The pain Ms. Winchell's loved ones have been forced to endure at the hands of Morales is unfathomable as is the brutality of the acts he perpetrated," Schwarzenegger wrote.

"We believed the governor would stand by the victim," said Barbara Christian, Winchell's mother.

"Because of the brutality of the crime, that was an overriding factor for the jury in deciding for death for Mr. Morales, and the governor supported that decision," San Joaquin County prosecutor Chuck Schultz said.

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Myrtle Oakley as George Washington (center) with her daughters-in-law Alice Oakley (left) and Charlotte Oakley in costume for one of First Presbyterian Church's Colonial Teas.

Colonial

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This year, in honor of a century of First Presbyterian Church Colonial Teas, the 100th Colonial Tea Celebration will also include a free showing for the entire community at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24. The evening will include a summary of Colonial Tea history and the performance of "Sweet Land of Liberty" by the Liberty Chorale.

This program will also be presented at the 100th Colonial Tea at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 for those with tickets.

Organizers invite the community to participate in this special birthday celebration, as they commemorate a century of Colonial Teas in Ukiah.



Nadine Scott with her doll collection at the Colonial Tea. A program on the dolls was a highlight of that year's tea.



The program from the 93rd Colonial Tea on Feb. 20, 1999. That year's program included a performance by Ukiah High School's Advanced Women's Choral and Women From the Performing Arts Ensemble, directed by Rich Allan and accompanied by Ruth Hensell.

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approximately \$400,000.

Repairs at Yokayo school also are planned during the summer months.

AIRPORT RUNWAY REPAIRS FINISHED.

Although repairs to the south end of the runway at the Ukiah Municipal airport were completed yesterday, Southwest Airways flights have still not been authorized.

City Business Manager Charles Keene said the repairs completed by the city have not as yet been approved by the CAA and Southwest Airways. An inspection by a Southwest Airways engineer is expected within the next day or two, Keene said.

All transport flights were halted last Thursday morning when a Southwest Airways DC 3 passenger plane struck a soft spot in the recently completed runway addition. A wheel sank about eight inches. It occurred while the plane was taxiing.

Repairs included the installation of a reinforced drainage system and paving.

COUNTY CROP VALUE IS OVER \$3 MILLION. The gross value of Mendocino county fruit and nut crops for 1955 is set at \$3,083,537 in Agricultural Commissioner Ted Eriksen's annual report.

Almost half of the valuation, \$1,513,211, came from the pear crop, which produced 17,931 tons of fruit from 2,124 acres. The grape crop rated next with a value of \$812,454.

The apple crop value was set at \$229,774 while all varieties of prunes were valued at \$461,017. The walnut crop valuation was \$50,101 and miscellaneous fruit and nut crops had a value of \$16,980.

The gross value was approximately \$522,000 less than in 1954.

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Friday, Feb. 16, 1906 Dispatch-Democrat GRAPE CUTTINGS EAGERLY SOUGHT. HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF GRAPES BEING PUT OUT IN THIS COUNTY. L. B. Frasier, the secretary of the local committee that has had charge of the distribution of grape cuttings, has been busy all of last week and this week dealing out grape cuttings to the farmers who desire to plant them. Mr. Frasier has already disposed of the 100,000 cuttings that were shipped here by Messrs. Mallirsh and Rossi and has placed an order for 140,000 more, all of which will be taken as soon as they arrive.

This certainly shows considerable interest in the matter, as over 400 acres will be planted to grapes this year.

Some of the farmers have already entered into a ten year contract with the Asti company, selling the product for \$15 per ton as a minimum, with the benefit of a raise. This certainly looks like a good proposition, as the Asti company is thoroughly reliable. Mr. Frasier has blank forms for the ten year contract and all desiring to get the benefit of the \$15 per ton offer may sign a contract at

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COMPANY PAYS DAMAGES. Mrs. Frank Perkins, who was seriously injured a few weeks ago by falling in a telephone post hole on Standley street, brought suit against the company last week through her attorneys McNab & Hirsch. The suit was finally compromised and the company gave Mrs. Perkins \$500 damages.

YOUNG PEOPLE MARRY. Robert E. Dashiell and Miss Irene Brower, both of Potter valley, were married in the parlors of the Hotel Cecilie on Valentine Day by Rev. Geo. Stewart, of the Presbyterian church. The young people are very popular in Potter valley and are receiving the congratulations of friends.

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Pisciotta reminded those present that a child had been hit by a car in a street near the park a few years ago. He said the streets are already impacted by overflow parking from the Willits branch of Mendocino Community College and recommended speed bumps be installed.

Wagenet said he was considering installing speed bumps on the project's new road, which would circle the perimeter of the wedge-shaped parcel. He said he had intended to make the residential area of the village, 18 townhouses in eight units circling a central open space, car-free and walkable by placing the roadway on the outside.

Several meeting participants offered suggestions for parking, as well as for traffic control.

Parcel co-owner Rosie Wagenet, speaking after the meeting, said there is enough on-site parking for the restaurant and retail spaces planned for the narrow edge of the parcel fronting Main Street; and enough for the residences with garages fronting the perimeter road. The problem, she said, is with the central commercial spaces topped with residential units. The city's formula for the number of cars per commercial space calls for more parking stalls than the land allows.

At the meeting, Wagenet said he hoped the city and the Skunk Train owners would arrange for parking in the rail corridor northwest of the parcel. His family members later said the rail spur had been built there specifically to deliver lumber to the 101 Redwood mill.

It is not clear that all of the length of the line is currently used as a train turnaround, but several at the meeting voiced strong opposition to track removal. For Cottrell and others, the primary value of a future village at the site is the demonstration of an eco-friendly, walkable community. A resurrection of rail transportation, he said, should be part of the picture.

Walking forward to point out the place on Wagenet's Power Point image, Cottrell suggested the use of railroad land to the northeast of the parcel, which does not contain a track, for parking purposes. Alison Pernell, of Laytonville's localization group, who identified herself as a community planner, suggested making the two-way perimeter road into a one-lane, one-way drive, leaving the other lane open for parking.

Wagenet said the current plan is the fifth version so far and that he's not adverse to producing another version. He plans to incorporate the results of a full-scale report from a traffic consultant, which should be available this week.

"We're not wedded to any of this," he said, waving his hand at the screen.

Apart from the vehicle issues, the overall plan drew positive comments.

"Having this kind of development in the city center is the best possible place for it," Pernell said.

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ther from the center tends to grow new arterials, she said. The proposed placement, she added, promotes walking and bike riding.

Wagenet pointed out the smart growth concept of substituting relatively dense development near existing city services for widely separated residences that constitute urban sprawl and consume agricultural land. The live-work units and retail outlets could eliminate the need to drive to a job or to more distant shopping, he added. A walking path to Willits High School could also be part of the plan.

Extending the smart growth concept to energy independence, Wagenet said the residences would be oriented to maximize solar power generation.

Kamoroff and former 101 Redwood employee Steve Ford, however, said the property's history suggests a negative approach to the environment. Ford, who reportedly has a longstanding dispute with the company over the closure that cost him his job, accused the Wagenets of a series of environmental violations.

A different picture is presented in the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report prepared for the Wagenets by PIERS Environmental Services, Inc.

Regarding the former mill area, the report suggests only labeling 55 gallon drums which are on-site but not leaking and disposing of drums of water-based wood stain.

The report does express concern about the tenant automotive repair business in the southwest corner of the property, where stains were observed on the soil and automotive parts are stored on the bare ground, rather than on a concrete surface. The Wagenets say they are in the process of cleaning up that operation, which would be eliminated if the project goes forward.

Although the meeting was listed in WELL's calendar and attendance was recommended, it was not, as previously reported, sponsored by WELL, nor has WELL taken a stand in support of the project.

Speaking for himself, Cottrell described the project modified to reflect community concerns as an opportunity to put into practice WELL's vision of a neighborhood that encourages economic localization.

"Here it is," he said of the opportunity to influence the design. "Let's go to it!"

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Other attendees expressed concern with the way in which the school district has been handling problems of racism and gang violence. Some pointed out that it seems disruptive students and gang members are simply sent to South Valley High School.

"How do we stop the school system from hurting out children," Jones asked.

Teachers in the group responded, saying that educational requirements can make it difficult to deal with growing behavioral problems.

"We're not doing as much as needs to be done, but we're not going to get anywhere by throwing out a lot of blame," said Judy Corwin, a teacher at Ukiah High School. "The school system cannot take the place of parents."

Diversity education programs in public schools were proposed as a possible solution to the problem.

Sharon Govern said the program should be a part of education at every level and not just for eighth- or ninth-grade students.

"It has to be integrated across the board," she said.

David Colfax, who was not representing the Board of Supervisors at the meeting, agreed that for education to be the most effective it has to begin early. Colfax said many of the violence problems of-



Ann Wehnitz/The Daily Journal

Matt Park, a Ukiah High and Mariposa School graduate and now a school psychologist in Marin, speaks with Jean Harmon during a break in the organizational meeting for the Mendocino County Human Rights Commission on Saturday.

cial encounters begin much earlier in life as childhood mental illness and disability, or because of problems in the home.

"If there is hope for this town it's in the fact that we are dealing with kids age zero to five," Colfax said, referring to programs like First Five.

Freida Park, a former UHS student and University of California, Berkeley graduate said diversity education can be a good thing, but that sig-

nificantly more can be gained by actual social interaction between different races, something she didn't realize until she began attending classes at UC Berkeley.

"It isn't until you're left in the room together that you start to work things out," Park said.

Colfax agreed there are problems with a purely educational approach because, while it works as preven-

tion, it doesn't effectively address the existing problem.

"How do you say it is unacceptable to be a racist," Colfax said.

Having decided on issues for the commission to confront, attendees gathered in smaller groups to determine how the commission would be structured. Further meetings are expected.

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Businesses get big tax breaks for SUVs but not hybrids

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — New tax breaks are available to small business owners and others who want to help the environment by purchasing fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles. But if those business people really want to save money, bigger tax breaks come with buying the largest gas-guzzling SUVs.

The disparity has drawn criticism from the Republican chairman of the Senate's tax-writing committee and environmentalists. Car dealers and SUV owners who have benefited from the SUV tax incentives say the breaks help spur a key part of the economy — auto-making — and allow small business owners to purchase vehicles that improve their bottom line.

Federal tax rules that took effect last month allow a credit of up to \$3,150 for anyone buying a hybrid car, with small business owners getting the same break as everyone else. The credit is the same regardless of tax bracket.

However, small business owners who buy a Hummer, Ford Excursion or other SUV weighing more than 3 tons get a deduction of up to \$25,000 if they use the vehicle exclusively for work. The amount they get back from the deduction depends on their tax bracket.

Those in the 15 percent bracket would get \$3,750; those in the 35 percent bracket would get \$8,750.

The benefits don't stop there. Once they subtract the \$25,000 from the cost of their 3-ton SUV, business owners can deduct the depreciation on the remaining amount. Someone who bought a \$60,000 SUV, for example, can claim the remaining \$35,000 over six years.

No such luck for small business owners who buy cars weighing less than 3 tons. No matter how much their vehicles cost, they can claim just \$15,535 in depreciation over six years and \$1,675 each additional year. The deductions for depreciation on trucks and vans weighing

less than 3 tons are slightly more generous.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, is working on a bill that would provide new incentives to level the playing field between SUVs and hybrids.

"It's inconsistent for the tax code to encourage business people to buy heavy SUVs and not alternative vehicles," said Grassley, whose committee has oversight of tax legislation. "As consumer demand for alternative energy products increases, it's important for the tax code to be consistent."

A Grassley aide declined to describe the legislation in detail, saying more information will be released in coming weeks.

Dan Becker, head of the Sierra Club's global warming program, said the SUV tax break flies in the face of President Bush's State of the Union call for less reliance on oil.

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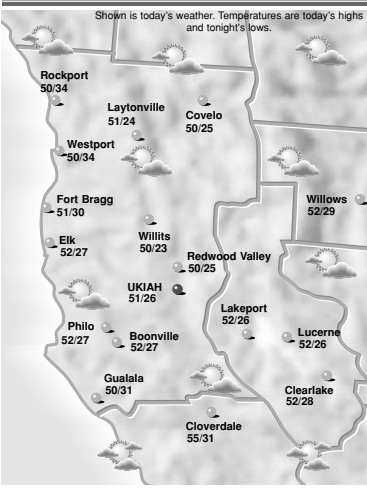
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Briefly

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The U.S. military normally publicly acknowledges any successful rescue of servicemen, as it did Friday in announcing that two injured crew members were recovered from the crash site.

In saying that the 10 previously missing crew members had been accounted for, the U.S. military command in Djibouti did not indicate they had been recovered alive. "We are not giving additional details on the status or condition of the crew out of respect for the next-of-kin," said Maj. Susan Romano of the U.S.-led Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

The CH-53E choppers, carrying a dozen crew and troops from the counterterrorism force, went down Friday in the Gulf of Aden, near the northern coastal town of Ras Sityan.

Cold weather, Katrina means small crowds for Mardi Gras parades

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The first of the major Mardi Gras parades with marching bands, brightly decorated floats and flying plastic beads rolled down New Orleans' streets Saturday, greeted by small but celebratory crowds.

Despite the widespread destruction from Hurricane Katrina, officials decided to allow a scaled-back Mardi Gras celebration this year. New Orleans parades, put on by private groups, were restricted to one corridor to help cut the cost of police protection and trash pickup. Five parades rolled back-to-back in New Orleans on Saturday under cloudy damp skies through neighborhoods left mostly unscathed by the Aug. 29 storm. More were scheduled for today and next weekend, leading up to Fat Tuesday on Feb. 28. Capt. Juan Quinton, a police spokesman, said no major problems were reported along the route and that crowds, though small, were having fun.

Many of the residents attending the parades said Mardi Gras is an important part of the city's heritage. Children and families often gather on the same street corners year after year.

Top Disney designer Marty Sklar to leave his post at Imagineering

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of Walt Disney's top theme park designers is stepping down after three decades with the company, signaling the end of an era for the Magic Kingdom.

Marty Sklar is one of the last remaining employees who once worked closely with the company's co-founder, Walt Disney.

The 72-year-old said he would leave his executive job at Walt Disney Imagineering to serve as its "ambassador," according to a memo to colleagues Thursday.

He helped to design such park attractions as "The Enchanted Tiki Room," "It's a Small World" and "Space Mountain."

"He understands the Disney way because he learned it at

Walt's knee," said Jim Cora, a former chairman of Disneyland International. "He is the keeper of the keys, the conscience, the Jimmy Cricket for the organization."

Sklar said he had long planned to step down after reaching two milestones — the 50th anniversary of Disneyland and his own half-century at the company. Last year he reached the first mark, and this June he will hit the other.

Oscar host Jon Stewart gets ready for the big game

NEW YORK (AP) — Jon Stewart just won the Heisman — the comedians' version. As host of the Academy Awards, Stewart joins an elite group that includes Steve Martin, Billy Crystal, Bob Hope and Johnny Carson.

"It doesn't mean you're going to have a good pro career, or even do well in the bowl game," Stewart says, sitting in his Manhattan office behind a desk cluttered with papers. "But to get to that point means something. Now you're in the club."

Membership requires entertaining a television audience of more than 40 million, plus getting laughs from some of the most powerful people in Hollywood. Stewart's up for the challenge.

It's why he took the gig. The huge audience. The intense glare. "For a comedian," he says, "it feels like the ultimate stage."

But between preparing for the Oscars, hosting Comedy Central's award-winning fake news program "The Daily Show" and caring for his newborn daughter and 19-month-old son with wife Tracey, Stewart is going for a record-breaking season.

Shani Davis wins gold medal in Turin

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Say what you want about Shani Davis. Call him a trailblazer. Accuse him of selfishness. Snicker at him for being a momma's boy.

Just don't forget this: He's also an Olympic champion. Davis became the first black athlete to claim an individual gold medal in Winter Olympic history Saturday, winning the 1,000-meter speedskating race and justifying his decision to focus on himself first, his team second.

Joey Cheek made it a 1-2 American finish, adding a silver to his victory in the 500.

"I'm one of a kind," Davis said, fully aware of how much he stands out in the mostly white sport. "I'm a different type of person. I have a different character. A lot of people don't understand me."

Powerball

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worth of tickets for himself and four co-workers Friday.

The chances of winning the jackpot by matching all six numbers were 1 in 146.1 million.

The Powerball jackpot topped the previous lottery record, which was \$363 million for the Big Game — the forerunner of Mega Millions. That was won by two ticket holders in Illinois and Michigan in 2000.

Powerball's previous record of \$340 million was won by an Oregon family in October.

West Virginia retailers cranked out tickets at a rate of 29 per second on Friday, said Libby White, the lottery's marketing director. North Carolina and Virginia residents called the West Virginia lottery asking for directions to the closest retailer, she said.

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Mary Buckley to be honored at the Ukiah Civic Center

On March 5, at Ukiah Civic Center, with the doors opening at 12:30 p.m., the Women's History Coalition will be honoring Mary Buckley for her outstanding contributions to her community. The theme this year is Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams. As the executive director of Plowshares Peace and Justice Center, Buckley has worked to feed the hungry at Plowshares and the elderly and disabled with Meals-on-Wheels. Plowshare is now serving an average of 181 meals per day and 3,986 per month. She has also developed showers and a guest laundry to give homeless folks a sense of dignity. Buckley is looking forward to the new building for Plowshares on S. State St. in Ukiah.



Mary Buckley

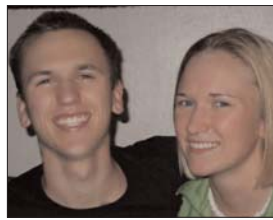
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For more information, call Val Muchowski at 895-3543

Thompson nominates siblings and youth to Naval Academy

Congressman Mike Thompson (D-Mendocino County) today announced the nominations of Jenny and Mark Sturzebecher of Redwood Valley to the U.S. Naval Academy and Timothy Ramming of Willits to the Merchant Marine Academy.

"These are exceptional leaders," Congressman Thompson said. "We are honored that they have chosen to serve our coun-



Mark and Jenny Sturzebecher

try through military careers." Jenny Sturzebecher, a 2005 graduate of Ukiah High School, has spent the past year at the Naval Prep School in Newport, Rhode Island. The Prep School accepts a limited number of applicants for rigorous academic preparation before beginning their first year at the Academy.

Older brother Mark, impressed by his sister's academic schedule and commitment to the Navy, petitioned Congressman Thompson to join his sister at the Academy. He is a 2004 graduate of Ukiah High School.

Timothy Ramming has also spent the last year at New Mexico Military Institute, which serves as the Merchant Marine Academy's prep school. Ramming was an active duty Seaman with the U.S. Navy when he sought and received a nomination from Congressman Thompson last year.

"Prep schools are an excellent avenue for applicants from some of our smaller schools," said Thompson. "They help put our kids on an equal footing with applicants from throughout the country and give them a greater opportunity to succeed at the academies."

Each of the academies must select at least one person for its Class of 2010 from the list of nominees submitted by Congressman Thompson. Seven young people were nominated to the Air Force Academy, six to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, eleven to the Naval Academy and five to the Merchant Marine Academy.

The academies will make their selections by April.

ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT



Paul and Frances Poulos

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Poulos, Jr. celebrate 50th anniversary

A 50th wedding anniversary luncheon for family and friends was held at Fetzer Vineyard at the Valley Oaks Ranch Pavilion on December 28, 2005 for Dr. and Mrs. Paul Poulos, Jr. The hosts were their daughter and two sons and their families: Paige and John Woolley, of Point Richmond, CA and Geoffrey and Jody Poulos of Folsom, CA and Gregory and Cindy Poulos of San Rafael, Calif.

Married at Twin Oaks Farm in Potter Valley, CA on December 28, 1955, Paul, who had completed three years in the U.S. Navy, was then a student at U.C. Davis and his bride, the former Frances Gibson, also of Potter Valley, was working for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Ukiah. After receiving his degree in Veterinary Medicine in 1960 the couple

brought their three young children back to Ukiah where they built the Yokayo Veterinary Clinic.

In 1972 they sold the clinic and the family returned to Davis where Dr. Poulos became Board Certified in Radiology. In 1975, having decided on a career in academic medicine, the family moved to Stockholm, Sweden where Dr. Poulos continued his specialty studies and received his Ph.D. in Comparative Pathology. In 1977 he became Associate Professor of Radiology at the University of Utrecht in The Netherlands.

In 1980, with their three children then in college at U.C. Davis, the couple moved from The Netherlands to Florida where Dr. Poulos became Professor and Chairman of both the Department of Radiology and the Department of Comparative and Experimental Pathology at the University of Florida at Gainesville. In 1983, Mrs. Poulos received her degree in English literature from the University of Florida and taught in the Alachua County School system for three years.

Retiring from academic life in 1990 they moved back to Mendocino County in 1995 where they keep active with family, friends, golf and genealogy. Dr. Poulos is President of the Mendocino County Historical Society.

"Just like our wedding date in 1955, we had the excitement of rain storms, flooded roads and gale force winds to go along with our anniversary party in 2005. Luckily we have a hearty group of friends, some of whom were guests at our wedding, who were willing to brave the storm to help us celebrate. Our celebration was actually continued right into 2006 with the arrival of five couples from across the states and Europe who also braved the weather to spend a few days with us," said Frannie.

"During the past fifty years we have had a very interesting life and are happy to have returned to our roots for our retirement years," added Paul. The couple has seven grandchildren.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monlux

Twin daughters Julia Lee Monlux and Audrey Elizabeth Monlux, were born Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006 to Tanya Steinman and Dan Monlux of San Diego. Julia weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces, Audrey weighed 5 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.

Their grandparents are Vic and Lisa Steinman of Alexandria Va. and Bill and Elizabeth Monlux of Potter Valley.

Burns

A baby son, Deagan James Burns, was born Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, to Christina and Jason Burns of Redwood Valley. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

The new baby is also welcomed by older siblings, Bobbie, Brandon, and Jaydan Burns.

His grandparents are Jim and Lucy Burns of Redwood Valley, Bob and Kathryn Greene, of Willits and Cindy Martinez, of Sacramento.



Catherine Gray Spackman

Spackman

A baby daughter, Catherine Gray Spackman, was born Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, to Natalie and Steven Spackman of Ukiah. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.

The new baby is also welcomed by older brother Collin. Her grandparents are Mark and Jackie Spackman of Live Oak, and Gary and Cathy Moller of Sebastopol.

Monlux

A baby daughter, Anais Ashlee Monlux, was born Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, to Jessica and Paul Monlux of Potter Valley. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Her grandparents are Carl and Dora Sepponen of San Diego, and Bill and Elizabeth Monlux of Potter Valley.

Ramos

A baby son, Genero Richard Ramos, was born Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006 to Theresa L. And Richard G. Ramos of Redwood Valley. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.

The new baby is also welcomed by older siblings Natasha, Rachel and Travis.

His grandparents are Richard and Angela Ramos of Ukiah and Dennis and Carole Remstedt.

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Phoenix Certified Hospice of Mendocino County to offers volunteer training in Willits

The Daily Journal

Phoenix Certified Hospice of Mendocino County will provide volunteer training for new hospice volunteers in Willits beginning March 16, from 6 to 8:30p.m. at the hospice office located in the Evergreen Shopping Center.

Hospice care is a special way of caring for people with life ending illnesses with the focus on the patient and their family. Hospice care provides compassionate care and emotional support that are not possible in a traditional health care setting. This special kind of care concentrates on not just the patients medical needs, but their emotional, social and spiritual needs as well - and the needs of their families. Whenever possible this care is provided in the comfortable surroundings of the patient's own home and volunteers play a vital role in providing this complete care.

Services provided by Phoenix Hospice allow this meaningful care to be available to those who need it. Their group of physicians, specialty trained nurses, social workers, chaplains, grief counselors, home health aids and volunteers work together to provide the comprehensive and complete end of life care for their patients and their families. In keeping with the goal of supporting independence and quality of life, hospice patients do not need to be home bound.

Phoenix Hospice is the only non-profit, certified hospice in Mendocino County. Phoenix Hospice provides hospice services to inland Mendocino County including the Ukiah Valley area, Redwood Valley, Potter Valley, Hopland, Boonville, Laytonville, Covelo and Willits. Being a certified hospice allows patients and their families to utilize their Medicare and Medi-Cal Hospice Benefits. Many private insurance plans also include a hospice benefit package. Similar to Medicare and Medi-Cal, enrollment in a certified hospice is necessary in order to take advantage of these private insurance benefits. These hospice Medicare, Medi-Cal and private insurance benefits are substantial and mean that 100% of the cost of the patient's medication and any needed medical equipment such as hospital beds, oxygen, wheelchairs etc. are covered. The rising cost of pain medication and medical equipment can be a tremendous burden on the patient and their families during this most difficult time. Assurance that these extremely expensive items will be covered is one more component in Phoenix Hospice's special kind of caring. Twenty-four-hour on-call nursing services are available and Phoenix Hospice provides bereavement support for family and friends for one year following the death of their loved one.

The important role of volunteers of Phoenix

Certified Hospice cannot be overstated. Volunteers are needed to provide a kind of support to patients and their families that is an essential component in the total care Phoenix Certified Hospice is proud to provide. Giving the gift of time to offer respite care to the primary care giver, run errands for the family or to just "be there" to let the patient know they are not alone, is invaluable. Volunteers often bring their talents to hospice patients such as story telling, singing and massage. Being a Hospice Volunteer and being a part of this special kind of caring is truly a meaningful and rewarding experience. Volunteers often express that they receive great emotional and spiritual benefits from their relationships with hospice patients and families. The ability to make a difference at such a critical time in someone's life is a moving experience.

Hospice Volunteer Training is offered as a no fee public education program. Although its primary focus is to prepare prospective volunteers to provide end-of-life care to patients and their families, the training is also helpful to community members who simply want to be better informed or may be personally involved in caring for a loved one. Anyone is welcome to attend the complete training or particular segments of the training. Please remember while this training is for patient care volunteers, Phoenix Hospice also needs volunteers to assist with special events, provide office support and assist in grief support. For more information on volunteer opportunities or to register for our patient care training please contact Diane Clerhuc-Smith at 707-459-1818 or 1-800-606-9596.

Volunteer training schedule

March 16 -- Overview of Hospice and the Volunteer Role; March 23 -- Communication Skills and Family Dynamics; March 30 -- Pain Management and Comfort Care; April 6 -- Body Mechanics, Bedside Care Techniques and Community Resources; April 20 -- Grief and Loss; April 27 -- Funeral Procedures and Advanced Planning Documentation; May 4 -- Spiritual Care

Phoenix Certified Hospice is a not-for-profit and offers services based on need rather than ability to pay. Although private insurance, Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits provide some financial support for hospice services, such payments rarely cover the full cost of care. Phoenix Certified Hospice relies on grants and the generosity of donations and community support to provide the very best hospice care available.

Good news from the library

Good News! Beginning in March, two hours will be added each Wednesday, with the Library opening at 10 a.m. rather than noon. It will still be open until 8 p.m.

The Friends of the Library met on Feb. 8 with 18 members present -- a good turnout, but of course all members are welcome. The main topic discussed was the business of the new Finance Committee.

The Friends pledged \$1,000 to expand the number of books in the CD collection.

At the Friends Book Sale during the Family Life Expo on April 22 and 23, the emphasis will be on children's books. Louisa Gibson reported that there is an urgent need for more books to sell. So comb your houses for children's books that are no longer used and bring them to the Library. The Friends will sort and store them for the sale.

The list of those people nominated for office in 2006 are: Phil Boynton, President; Mac McKibbin, Vice President; Lois Cook, Secretary; Bruce Loberg, Treasurer; Bing Gibson, Joyce Hosfelt-Hill, Faith Curl, Jim Trumble, and Barbara Oldenburg, Board Members at Large. Come to the meeting

The Library File

By Barbara Oldenburg

on May 10th to make other nominations if you wish, and to vote.

Melanie (Mel) Lightfoot, the Mendocino County Library Director, wants to refresh the Ukiah Library building, and much progress has already been made. This includes painting, floor cleaning, rewiring, and new equipment. The County as taken over the gardening, which is now in the clean-up stage.

Dori Anderson, Ukiah Library Director, reported that through the Gates Foundation, we will be getting extra computers within the next six weeks. Libraries now provide an important service to people without computers and those traveling which enables them to pick up E-mail using the Library's public-service computers.

The wonderful children's programs will continue through the summer. These will be animal-related, including The Humane Society telling how to take care of pets, Raptor Rescue, and a

Reptile organization which will exhibit snakes, lizards, etc.

The Ukiah Branch Library is a sponsor of the Haiku Festival which is coming up on Sunday, April 23rd. Here are the different topic areas and grade level groupings: General Topics: Children are divided into Grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, plus Adults. Haiku under Ukiah: 18 and under and Adults; Contemporary Haiku: 18 and under and Adults. The Adult Contemporary Haiku Category has a submission fee of \$3 per Haiku or \$5 for 2 or 3 Haiku. The entries must be postmarked on or before March 20th.

The Featured Quilt this month was made by Joyce Paterson. The quilt's title is "A Sunbeam, A Sunbeam", recalling a song she sang with a group similar to the Brownies, called the Sunbeams.

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Phil Angelides to speak in Fort Bragg

The Daily Journal

State Treasurer and Democratic Candidate for Governor, Phil Angelides will meet with Mendocino County Democrats at a special Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, February 25th at 9:30 am. The Mendocino Coast Democratic Club will host the event at the Harbor Lite Lodge in Fort Bragg.

A breakfast buffet will be served. Seating is limited, so tickets (\$15) should be purchased in advance by contacting Rachel Binah 957-3227 or rachel@mcn.org. The proceeds will be used for local Mendocino Coast Democratic Club campaign and election activities, including an office in Fort Bragg and an intensive Get-

Out-The-Vote program.

In the last week, Phil Angelides has gained the endorsements of leading organizations representing nearly 1 million working Californians, peace officers, teachers and environmental protection. The Service Employees International Union (SEIU),

Vote the Coast, Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), and California Teacher's Association (CTA) have all announced their overwhelming support for Phil Angelides' campaign for Governor and praised his leadership and vision to take California forward.

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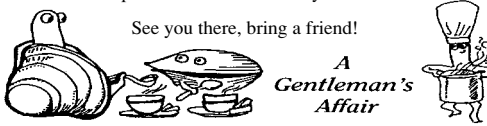


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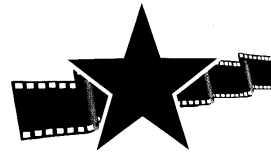
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- 7:30 live Wine Auction
- 9:00-12:30 Dancing -D.J. Larry Thompson
- \$30 per person
- No one under 21 admitted

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- Dessert Derby -11:30
- Live Auction -12 noon-4:00pm
- Toyota Truck Raffle -4:00pm
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- ☛ Raider tickets
- ☛ 1 adult and 2 children for cleaning and needed x-ray's donated by Dr. Pasternak
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- ☛ Handmade auction items from each class K-8

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By James Barrick

ACROSS

- 1. Online journal
5. Turf
10. Air defense system
15. Ascant
19. King in a play
23. Flooding contractor
21. Dodge
22. Carbon compound
23. Sgt. Snorkel's dog
24. Wine quality
25. Kind of verb or logic
26. Remaining piece
27. Start of a quip by Natalie Wood, 5 wds.
31. Old proposition
32. Spotted wildcat
33. Gossip
34. Belle or Brenda

- 36. Fromm or Leinsdorf
39. Out
42. Times
45. Common flavor enhancer
48. Scrow
50. Rush-hour problem
52. Porch
53. Swaps and souls
55. Observes
57. Headache
59. One of the Muppets
60. Reserved
62. The muscadine is one
64. Burns the surface of
66. Rent
67. Sawbuck
69. Emissions from blossoms

- 71. Stir up
73. Part 2 of quip: 4 wds.
78. Ballet and Trotsky
79. Mil. Rank
80. Elevator alternative
82. Neighbor of Ala.
84. Honey badger
87. Register var.
89. Expunge
90. Chow
92. Went at an easy gait
94. Massive volumes
96. Prep school in England
97. Brought to bay
99. Yearns
101. To the -
103. Close
104. Vipers
105. Third largest state; abbr.

- 108. Layers
110. Sneak
112. Currency exchange charge
114. Vegetable sponge
118. Greek letter
120. End of the quip: 6 wds.
125. Stonewort
127. - da gamba
128. Walk stiffly
129. Electronic sound
130. Ensign
131. Acetate, e.g.
132. Ankle bones
133. Punta del -
134. Vetch
135. Sight degree
136. Of bees
137. Ruminant mammals

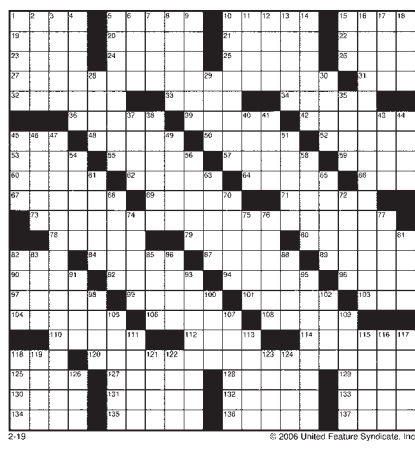
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- 1. Dries, in a way
2. River
4. Thing and sleeping
3. Western
4. Slot
5. Equine animal
6. Lean and strong
7. Think - - of
8. Canceled as a penalty
9. Plays
10. Grassing anew
11. State openly
12. Wainscot
13. - apple
14. Tell
15. Matter in law
16. Like some amateur sports
17. Spoil
18. Dresden's river
28. Aromatic ornament
29. Annexes
30. Rests a while
35. Repetition

- 37. Congest
38. Dragster; 2 wds.
40. Dining and sleeping
41. Amerindian
43. Native habitat
44. Spy
45. Part of MVP
46. Satisfies
47. Something sweet; 2 wds.
49. Scans
51. Live and -
54. Seeing that
56. Treat like a king
58. Braided fasteners
61. Furnishings
63. Pyle or Kovacs
65. Reissue
68. Of the kidneys
70. What blood- hours trail
72. Trap
74. Prevent by legal rule

- 75. Saginaw's lake
76. Extremely tiny
77. Fire-raising
81. Broadcast
82. Variety
83. Solid fat
85. Monumental
86. River in Siberia
88. "Foglight Snow" host
91. Try to get
93. The Diamond State
95. Animal pelt
98. Brake part
100. Lamentation
102. Old Greek colonnade
105. Tolls
107. Wingding
109. Blubbered
111. Cousin to the empanada
113. Available; 2 wds.
115. Sham

- 116. Grab - - (get some food)
117. Excitable
118. Wilson's predecessor
119. - breve
121. Jot
122. Tundra vehicle
123. Mata -
124. Lancheester or Schiaparelli
126. Time



Puzzle answers on the next page



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Feb. 20, 2006

There's a possibility that you could become involved in a new enterprise in the year ahead with an individual whose talents and skills you admire greatly. You will gain from this alliance both intellectually and materially.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- In your haste to get things done today, you could end up running around in circles unless you first take time to organize your activities. Otherwise, you'll have no hope of accomplishing your goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be mindful today of saving and filing away your receipts or records of your business or commercial transactions. A failure to do so could result in some kind of problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't let a hotheaded person upset you today and goad you into an ugly confrontation. Arguments won't resolve anything, so walk away and let him/her be the one who looks bad.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- This could be one of those days to temporarily postpone a distasteful chore you resent doing rather than undertake it with a poor attitude. You'll only mess things up for yourself and others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A troublemaking friend could spoil the fun for everyone today. If you know a character of this ilk, don't include this person in your

social arrangements or you'll pay the consequences.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- There's nothing wrong with making suggestions to a friend today, but if you do so just be careful you don't come on too forcefully. Encourage your pal to think, but don't make him/her blink.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Be wary of a joint venture that places the greater burden on one or the other either physically or financially. It won't work if the load isn't equally distributed and shared by both parties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Being self-sufficient is an admirable quality; being self-serving isn't. Guard against carrying your interests to extremes today, especially in situations which call for harmony and teamwork.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- This is apt to turn out to be a rather demanding day for you. If you do not take proper charge of your responsibilities, they could end up taking charge of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Spend your leisure time today in the company of persons with whom you feel very comfortable and relaxed instead of with those who make you feel you must compete in one-upmanship games.

Major changes are ahead for Pisces 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.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Let no one expect anything of certainty of astronomy." -- Nicolaus Copernicus.
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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 13) and last quarter (Feb. 21).

Datebook: Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1807, former U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr was arrested for treason.
In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which led to

the internment of Japanese-Americans.
In 1945, the U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543), astronomer; Stan

Kenton (1912-1979), jazz musician; Lee Marvin (1924-1987), actor; Smokey Robinson (1940-), singer, is 66; Amy Tan (1952-), writer, is 54; Benicio Del Toro (1967-), actor, is 39.
TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1995, Sterling Marlin became the first person in a decade to win back-to-back Daytona 500s.

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What's good for the snow goose...

If there was one story you couldn't miss this Olympics, it's that Bode Miller is the "bad boy" of skiing. And exactly what does he do that's so bad? Does he rob 7-Elevens between World Cup races? Does he run a Columbian drug cartel? Does he bribe, oops, I mean lobby members of Congress? Has he been betting large amounts of money on the women's luge races? No, it's far more serious. Apparently, Miller's heinous nature is much more evil than anyone who has ever strapped on skis. Ever. This monster... has skied after having a few drinks. It's almost as if Miller hasn't seen all those beer commercials telling people to drink responsibly. How can he not take moral guidance from a gigantic, multinational brewery?



Village Idiot By Jim Mullen

And where did he possibly get alcohol at a ski resort? You'd think there was a bar at the top of every mountain, every mid and base station.
What a huge disappointment the 28-year-old Miller must be to his parents. Instead of living at home, smoking all day and playing video games in his bedroom, he's out wasting his life traveling to the most beautiful spots on the planet, hanging out with other famous world travelers and making Hummers full of cash.

Pathetic loser. His parents must be so ashamed.
If only Miller's parents could have given birth to someone whose high ethical standards are above reproach. A politician, a bishop, or, say, the CEO of an energy company. Why did their son have to turn into the bad boy of skiing?
Kids at home watching may decide to start exercising 10 hours a day without supervision, they may decide that there's more to life than sitting around watching television. If that happens, all we can do is blame this evil exercise inspirer, Bode Miller.
If only the poor Millers could have raised someone with high moral standards and the desire to leave the world a better place than they found it. If only the Millers could have raised a sportswriter.

Or a humor columnist.
Certainly, no sportswriter has ever written a story while under the influence of alcohol. Certainly, no sportswriter has ever used performance-enhancing drugs to meet his deadline. That would be the stuff of legend. That would reflect badly on all sportswriters and make them the laughingstock of professional journalism.
But still, don't take my word for it. It occurs to me that if drug testing is such a wonderful idea for athletes, wouldn't it be a great idea for sportswriters, too?
I'm calling for the mandatory random drug testing of all sportswriters. It's not that we don't trust them, but this will keep the cheaters out. Even if sportswriters don't have the talent to be Olympic skiers, they can still

share the humiliation and presumed guilt of one. Oh, I know many of them use Rogaine just for baldness, but how do we know some of them aren't using it to cover up steroid abuse?
Maybe we should ban sportswriters from betting on sports, too. And let's make sportswriters salaries public so we can talk about how much they are overpaid while we're downing a few beers at the local sports bar. What's good for the goose...
Hey, it's OK for me to have a few drinks. I'm not nearly talented or driven enough to be an Olympic skier. All I have to do is drive home.
Jim Mullen is the author of "It Takes a Village Idiot: Complicating the Simple Life" and "Baby's First Tattoo." You can reach him at jim_mullen@myway.com

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Visual navigation: The latest in digital video gear

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

Great picture and sound quality, plus relatively low prices, made the digital video disc one of the most successful consumer-electronics formats ever. But while DVDs remain the clearest, sharpest medium for viewing recorded movies and programs on regular TVs, they can't yet deliver high-definition (HD) picture quality.

That's set to change this year, as manufacturers introduce DVD formats that can take advantage of HDTV's potential. Expect to see high prices for these first HD players (HD recorders may be longer in coming), as well as a limited selection of recorded movies and other titles.

If you're shopping for digital video gear now, take a moment to zero in on the type of machine that meets your needs and budget. Decide, for instance, whether you just want to play DVDs, or both play them and record onto them or to a hard drive. Here are some options.

• **Players.** People who simply want an inexpensive machine for watching DVDs

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can find single-disc players starting at \$25. Larger and more expensive are DVD changers (\$100 to \$400), which also permit playing multiple CDs. People who want both a DVD player and a VCR -- but have only room for one machine -- can get a combo unit for \$90 to \$140. The downside to such models is that they often have fewer functions than separate units.

• **Recorders.** If you want to play and record, there are two choices. Assuming you're satisfied with VCR-like functionality on a digital platform, first consider a DVD recorder. At \$100 to \$300, it's the least expensive way to record on DVDs -- and the easiest way to copy digital camcorder movies onto DVD. However, if you record often -- and mainly TV fare -- you may want to consider a digital video recorder. DVRs cost from \$100 to \$1,000 to purchase and can record 40 to 100 hours of TV programs on their built-in hard drives. Some also have an onscreen

program guide that makes recording a snap.

Then again, you may be better off renting a DVR through your cable provider or satellite company. For about \$5 to \$10 a month, renting a set-top box with an integrated DVR spares you from buying recording hardware that becomes obsolete when TV broadcasters make the switch from analog to digital, now slated for early 2009. Another reason to rent: Cable and satellite services offer DVRs that can record in high definition. The few stand-alone DVR models that record HD are expensive, in the range of \$700 to \$1,000.

If you're going to buy a DVR, think about getting a unit incorporating a DVD recorder, so that you can archive. Three models stood out from our previous tests. Two Pioneer units -- the DVR-633H-S (\$420) and DVR-533H-S (\$400) -- provide the best images from the widest range of recorded DVDs and have TV Guide On

Screen program guide. The Humax DRT-400 (\$375) has the more advanced TiVo programming guide.

For basic TV recording onto a DVD, we like the Panasonic DMR-E65S (\$190) and the Sony RDR-GX300 (\$280). The Panasonic is the lone DVD-only model we tested that has TV Guide On Screens. It also has a slot for the SD memory cards used by many digital cameras. While the Panasonic controls a cable box only, the Sony can control a cable box or a satellite receiver.

Excellent picture quality and solid performance are hallmarks of brand-name DVD players, so you can safely purchase by disc capacity, features and price. While you can use any DVD player with your HDTV, our tests identified two -- the Panasonic DVD-S77 (\$220) and the Denon DVD-1920 (\$300) -- that are significantly better than others at "smoothing" progressive-scan images on an HDTV set.

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Everyday Cheap skate
By Mary Hunt

Grilled sandwiches spell comfort

I don't know what it is about good grilled sandwiches that is so comforting. I just know that I love them. Maybe it's the melted cheese, meat and veggies nestled between slices of crisp yet tender, crusted bread.

The best way to make a great grilled sandwich is in a press, such as a Panini press, a George Foreman grill or even a waffle iron. Pressing down on the sandwich while it is grilling is the secret for making a treat that is crisp on the outside but heated to melted perfection on the inside. And if you can work on both sides at the same time, you'll be out of the kitchen in half the time.

Don't have such an appliance in your kitchen? No problem. An ordinary skillet or griddle will work well. You can press down on the sandwiches by placing another heavy skillet on them directly while they're cooking.

Grilled Chicken and Apple Sandwiches

- 1 12-ounce can dark- and light-meat chicken, drained
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1-1/2 cups grated Swiss cheese
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 apple, finely chopped
- 12 slices whole-wheat bread
- 2 tablespoons butter

In a small bowl, combine the chicken, mayonnaise, cheese, lemon juice, celery and apple. Make the sandwiches with the bread. Spread the outside of the sandwiches with butter. Grill the sandwiches, covered, over medium heat, turning once, until the cheese begins to melt and the bread is toasted.

Yield: 6 sandwiches.

Monte Cristo Sandwiches

Traditionally, a Monte Cristo sandwich is deep fried. But you can skip all of that hot oil and create a sandwich just as (and perhaps more) delicious and eye-pleasing with a Panini press, a dual-surface countertop grill or a waffle iron -- or, if you prefer, a skillet or griddle.

- 8 slices sourdough bread
- 3 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 4 thin slices Provolone cheese
- 4 thin slices Swiss cheese
- 1/2 pound thinly sliced deli ham
- 1/2 pound thinly sliced deli turkey or chicken breast
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 cup finely crushed crisp-rice cereal
- powdered sugar
- strawberry jam

Spread one side of each bread slice with the mustard. Make 4 sandwiches with the 2 kinds of cheese and the ham and turkey slices. In a shallow bowl, combine the eggs, milk and oil, and beat well. Place the crushed cereal on a shallow plate.

Dip each sandwich briefly into the egg mixture, then into the cereal to coat. Grill sandwiches in a dual-contact grill, like a George Foreman grill, Panini press or waffle iron until crisp and brown, 3 to 4 minutes; or grill in a skillet, 4 minutes on each side. Sprinkle hot sandwiches with powdered sugar and serve with strawberry jam for dipping.

Serves: 4.

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Destination retirement -- No second chances on this ride

As a financial planner, I meet with many folks who come in hoping -- expecting -- to retire within the next few years and seeking a financial strategy for so doing. During the course of preparing their financial plans, I have a unique opportunity to observe and evaluate their various degrees of financial readiness. Contrasting their financial preparedness against the almost universally lengthy list of goals they wish to fulfill during retirement is most revealing. The typical vision of retirement often includes activities deferred for many years due to too little time and/or money, such as world travel, visits to friends and family, golf and tennis, hobbies and more. They also expect retirement to be a lengthy period of long-anticipated relaxation -- an escape from the active work of earning an income. They expect to be supported by passive income flowing out of pension plans, Social Security and investment accounts.

People who arrive at our door just prior to retirement reflect the entire spectrum of financial preparedness -- from those who will enjoy dreams far exceeding their goals to those who have no chance of maintaining their current lifestyle. Those that are adequately prepared for retirement share a common thread: They developed a routine of saving and investing at an early age. In many instances, a parent, mentor or financial adviser got them started early by stressing the importance of saving on a regular basis. They are often amazed at how much they have accumulated after decades of growth in their investments. Because of their advanced planning, they are pleased to discover that they now have adequate funds to enjoy the retirement lifestyle they desire.

Unfortunately, there are many who are not financially prepared to retire at the



Truth about money
By Ric Edelman

age they wish. As contrasted with their more successful counterparts, their inadequate retirement portfolio often is the result of not starting to save on a regular basis early enough. As too many discover too late, accumulating the resources needed for retirement is not something that happens after only a few years of "serious" saving.

Often, the poorly prepared aren't always completely responsible for their plight. I have not done the research, but my bet is that, while children, their parents did not teach them to save. Children rely on parents as role models, and when it comes to money, parents are not always the best examples. But parents are not the only group that shares responsibility for people arriving at retirement unprepared. Schools (K-12) and colleges do little or nothing to teach students about the need to save. Schools teach economics, but the vast majority has ignored personal finance. Too bad, because the topic can be easily included in the curricula for math, science, economics, social studies, history and more.

Too many employers also earn low marks. Many offer retirement plans, such as 401(k) and pension plans, but most employees spend little time educating employees about their need to fund retirement and the advantages of participating in their employer's plan. Even the few employees who do make maximum contributions to their employers' plans often

mistakenly think they have done all that they need to do in order to fund their retirement.

Yet, funding the employer's plan is never enough, even for employees who participate for decades. Too often, employees who do participate in the plan invest the money poorly -- we need look no further than Enron for an example of how disastrous a poor investment strategy can be.

When you are getting close to retirement, there are no second chances. You are either prepared or not. If not, then you have to change your vision of your future. And working longer may not be an option: Many physically cannot because they have family members who need their attention, or work in a field where continued employment beyond a certain age is not feasible. The unhappy result: Many people do not have the option to work longer, and they find themselves prevented from continuing to earn the income they once received. Thus, they live on less, often much less, and some must actually move to a less desirable location solely due to finances.

If you have children, get serious with them about becoming disciplined savers.

If you have met with a financial professional yourself, take a good look at your finances and your dreams. If you aren't yet where you want to go, what are you waiting for? Now is the time to find out if you are on track. You need a plan. You need to know what you should be doing now. A planner can help you.

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Don't turn you jewelry into bars of gold

DEAR BRUCE: I have some gold and diamond jewelry left to me from my mother -- some I want to keep, and some I'm thinking about selling. Where can I go to have it safely appraised, and either melt it down into bars of gold or sell it. I live in Las Vegas. I don't know how to make this into a good investment. Any advice on what to do with it, or where to go to get this done will be greatly appreciated. -- Reader, via e-mail

DEAR READER: Your jewelry will be worth more as jewelry than as the metal value. You mentioned that this has been left to you. I am assuming that much of this is fairly old. There are a number of jewelers around the country with sterling reputations who sell estate jewelry on commission. If they were to purchase it, they would pay you no more than 50 percent of its retail value (they are entitled to a profit). They will, however, take it on a commission basis and perhaps charge you 20 percent. I would sort out those things that you want to keep and then, for the others, look for one of these estate jewelry resellers. You can start with a search on the Internet but you must understand that there is no guarantee because they advertise that they are reputable. Checking their credentials is your job. First of all require a couple of bank



SMART MONEY
By BRUCE WILLIAMS

references and check them personally. Then ask for a trade reference.

DEAR BRUCE: How do I protect myself from my husband's debt? -- Reader, via e-mail

DEAR READER: In nine words you have a very profound and deep question and there is no absolute answer. First, it depends upon what you have signed during your marriage. Generally speaking, a husband and wife are both considered liable for debts incurred during the marriage. Divorce, of course, is one way to at least delineate who's responsible for what, but even if the courts decide that he's responsible, as far as the creditors are concerned, you are very much on the notes. Sometimes bankruptcy is the only answer. If you are as concerned as you appear to be, you really should consult an attorney in your state and find out precisely what you can be doing now to pro-

tect your interests. Time is very much your enemy -- get on it.

DEAR BRUCE: When someone defaults on a credit card debt, the credit card company will after a time "charge off" the debt. There are companies that buy these charged off accounts then attempt to collect the debt from the person that defaulted. How much do these companies pay for the charged off accounts -- 2 percent, 5 percent, 10 percent? -- A.D., Weber City, Iowa

DEAR A.D.: Not only credit card companies, but most credit grantors eventually will sell off charged debt. These are accounts that they have failed to collect on. The price can range from 2 percent to 20 cents on the dollar depending upon the "collect ability" in the opinion of the buyers and sellers. When these folks do try to collect, oftentimes they amount can be negotiated for a quick cash settlement.

Send your questions to: Smart Money, P.O. Box 503, Elfers, 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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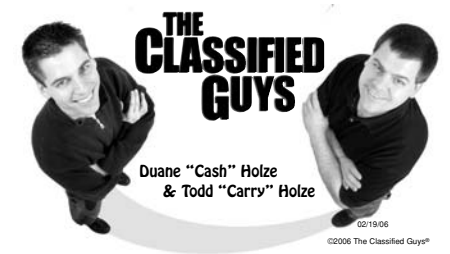


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Ask the Guys

Dear Classified Guys,
As a former member of my college marching band, I was well prepared when my daughter wanted to play an instrument in school. I just didn't realize she would keep changing instruments. First, she played the flute so she could sit with her friends in band. Then she switched to the clarinet to sit near the boy she liked. Fortunately, I had experience with both instruments, so I found a good deal on them used. Now however, she wants to take up the electric guitar in hopes of becoming a rock star. I'd like to give her the opportunity to learn the instrument, but the only thing I know about guitars is that they have five strings. Can you guys give me the 411 on guitars and help this former band-geek Dad look cool!

Cash: We can help you learn about guitars, but as a "band-geek Dad" you're on your own to try and look cool.
Carry: And unless you plan on buying your daughter a banjo, your first lesson is that guitars have six strings, not five.
Cash: Now unless your daughter



plans to begin her career on stage, almost any basic electric guitar and amplifier will do for her to learn chord progressions. If she improves and wants to stay with the instrument, you can begin shopping for a more quality guitar. That should give you some time to tune your knowledge.
Carry: There are many types and styles of electric guitars, but the most important detail for your daughter at this point would be that she likes the style of the guitar. That way, she'll be more excited to practice.
Cash: Although there are many considerations when buying a quality guitar, for now you simply need to make

Fast Facts

Tune In
Buying a used acoustic guitar has more advantages than simply saving money. String instruments like acoustic guitars are believed to improve their sound with age, making older styles sought after by professionals. As a guitar gets older, the stiffness of the wood changes, as well as the hardening of the resin used to create it. However, more than simply age, the constant vibration of a well-played guitar is believed to alter the wood, creating an instrument with richer tones than the original.

Encore
Most music teachers will tell you to practice, practice, practice, but one musician has taken his playing time to a new level. In January of 2005, Guillermo Paolisso Terraza from Argentina played for over 42 hours straight to break the world record for the longest guitar-playing marathon. Guillermo's performance included over 800 songs in an assortment of 16 different musical styles. This was the third time he performed, beating his previous records of 36 and 41 hours.
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Reader Humor

Practice Makes Perfect
For months I've listened to our neighbor's son practice his trumpet outside their house. His playing has yet to improve. So when my daughter took interest in learning the clarinet, I saw it as an opportunity to get even.
One afternoon when I couldn't tolerate the squeaks and squeals of her practicing in the house, I encouraged her to try playing outside on the front porch.
It was only a few minutes before the neighbors called and talked to my wife. I whispered to her while she was on the phone, "Are they complaining about the noise?"
To my dismay she replied, "No. They want to send their son over to practice with her!"
(Thanks to Jerry D.)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Ukiah on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following measure: Shall the original system by which the City of Ukiah appoints the mayor from among the five elected City Council members, all of whom serve four year terms, and the practice of the direct election of the mayor for a two year term be eliminated?
YES NO
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the City measure.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and sample ballots for the election, the City Clerk has fixed March 1, 2006, during normal office hours, as posted, as the date after which no arguments for or against the City measure may be submitted to the City Clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as provided in the Article 4. Arguments shall be submitted to the City Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, at the City Hall, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council has determined that rebuttal arguments, as submitted by the authors of the opposing direct

arguments, may be filed with the Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, not more than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any ordinance, impartial analysis, or direct argument filed under the authority of the elections code will be available for public examination in the City Clerk's office for not less than 10 calendar days from the deadline for the filing of the arguments and analysis. Any rebuttal argument filed under the authority of the elections code will be available for public examination in the City Clerk's office for not less than 10 calendar days from the deadline for filing rebuttal arguments. Dated 2/19/06
s/ Marc Ukiah, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 1076
SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE:
The following is a summary of a Revised Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance which is published pursuant to California Government Code Section 36933.
This revised ordinance: 1) It eliminates the Use Permit requirement which is problematic for the following reasons: a) The public notice requirements of the ordinance publicizes where marijuana is being grown, which is contrary to one of the purposes of the ordinance; to avoid marijuana from being an attractive nuisance; b) The public notice, public hearing and public record features of the permit have been argued to violate the privacy rights of a marijuana patient; c) By issuing a permit, the City may, in fact, be authorizing an activity which is a violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act; d) Requiring an application for a permit has been argued to violate a marijuana grower's 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination by requiring him or her to admit in the application to a violation of federal law; and e) The elimination of the permitting requirements will reduce administrative burdens on the City's planning department. Conversely, it will eliminate an argument that the permit is a de facto prohibition, because it is so burdensome. In fact, no one has yet filed for a Use Permit. 2) eliminating the six plants per parcel limitation in residential zoning districts avoids the potential conflict with SB 420. Adding the language that allows the

abatement of a public nuisance caused by indoor or outdoor growing addresses the problem of someone growing so much marijuana on the property - even indoors, as to create public nuisance. If that is happening at a particular address, a civil action can filed to abate the specific nuisance impacts involved. 3) If all marijuana is required to be grown within a secure structure, there is less demonstrable need for banning cultivation within a stated distance of public facilities such as schools of parks. Moreover, eliminating this prohibition: a) Eliminates another argument that the ordinance violates SB 420; and b) Allows a patient who is using marijuana to grow small quantities indoors within 200 or 300 feet of a school, as long as that activity does not create a public nuisance. Introduced by title only February 1, 2006 by the following roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Crane, McCown, Rodin, and Mayor Ashiku. Adopted on February 15, 2006 by the following roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Crane, McCown, Rodin, Baldwin, Mayor Ashiku. A copy of the full Ordinance is available for review at the office of the City Clerk, Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA. s/ Marie Ukiah, City Clerk.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Administrator of the City of Ukiah, California will hold a public hearing regarding: A. Minor Use Permit No. 06-04, as submitted by James Mulhern, to the allow resident manager housing in a portion of the business known as Ukiah Custom Cabinets. The subject property is located at 502 Waugh Lane (APN 003-090-39); zoned M (Manufacturing). This hearing will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practical, in Conference Room #1 of the Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California. Please pass this notice on to your neighbors, friends, or other interested parties. You are encouraged to discuss this project with, and express any view you may have, or request additional information from Associate Planner Sandra Liston at the City Planning Department at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. s/CHARLEY STUMP/PLANNING DIRECTOR

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NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Ukiah, California will consider the following:
A. Preliminary discussion of design issues related to the redevelopment of the Rite Aid property located at 680 South State Street (APN 002-301-43). The property owners propose to demolish the existing Rite Aid structure, to construct a smaller replacement structure closer to the State Street side of the property; and to subdivide the property into front and rear halves (approximately). The property owners have not submitted an application for development and instead seek to obtain the opinions of and direction from the Commissioners regarding the preliminary building design and site layout. This discussion is preliminary in nature only; no decisions will be made at this meeting. The subject property is zoned C-1 (Community Commercial). This meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Council Chambers of the Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California. Please pass this notice on to your neighbors, friends, or other interested parties. You are encouraged to discuss this potential redevelopment with, and express any view you may have, or request additional information from Associate Planner Sandra Liston at the City Planning Department at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. s/ CHARLEY STUMP/PLANNING DIRECTOR

106-06
2-19,26,31-06
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kelseyville Unified School District will receive prior to Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 2:00 p.m., sealed bids for the award of a contract for furnishing of all labor, materials, transportation and services required to install approximately 42,000 sq. ft. of carpeting at various school sites. Bids will be received at the Kelseyville Unified School District Office, located at 4410 Knocott Road, Kelseyville, CA, phone 707-279-1511. Said bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the time and date set forth above.
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108-06
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 \$1572-\$2531 DOE + gd. benns.
 Fast paced, non-profit legal ad. oc. Housing/Pub. Bens. focus. Direct client contact. No sensitivity to issues affecting low income families. Wide range areas duties. Need gd comm/org. skills, compr literacy a must. Fluency in Span and/or Soc. Serv. exp. pref.
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Ford Street Project Residential Treatment Program.
 Entry level graveyard & AOD counselors. Various positions.
 BEC homeless shelter. Evening, nights, & weekend workers.
P/U app. & job description at 139 Ford Street.
 Ford Street Project is an EOE

20 HELP WANTED
Sr. Substance Abuse Therapist
 Mendocino County Public Health in Ukiah, \$3300, \$4194/Mo. Req BA in Counseling or related field and 3 yrs exp OR the equivalent of education and experience providing substance abuse counseling or therapeutic treatment for adults. Bilingual English/Spanish are encouraged to apply. Apply by 02/21/06 to: HR Dept, 579 Low Gap Rd. Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4261, vTDD (800) 735-2929. www.mendocino.ca.gov/usa/jr. EOE

20 HELP WANTED
KNAUF INSULATION MAINTENANCE-SHIFT ELECTRICIAN
 Seeking qualified applicants to join our shift maintenance team who is responsible for keeping our plant's equipment operating at top efficiency. Key job duties include: inspecting, troubleshooting, repairing and installing 480V, 3-phase power distribution systems, PLCs, VFDs/A/C and D/C motor controls and combustion systems. This position works a rotating 12-hour shift schedule, which includes some weekends and holidays.
 Qualified candidates will have five years electrical experience working in an industrial environment. Will be able to read and interpret electrical power distribution, control ladder logic, piping and hydraulic diagrams. Applicant must be able to use computer and computer-related equipment to diagnose problems with production equipment. Excellent troubleshooting and problem solving skills are needed. Candidates must also have good verbal and written communication skills.
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 3100 Ashby Road Shasta Lake, CA 96019 From 8am to 2pm (Monday through Friday) or email resume to maintain.walton@knip.com No phone inquiries please.
Landscape/Erosion Control/Preventative Crew Leader/Rel. ch DMV (A or B) lic pref., drug/alcohol test, inter-county trvl. Excl pay, union wages, benns. Apply: 895-2100 (Eng/Span pref'd) Application/job description available at: www.cityofukiah.com
 City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Ave, Ukiah, CA 95482;

20 HELP WANTED
Sherriff's Services Technician
 Mendocino Co Sheriff's Dept, \$2233-\$2702/Mo. Performs jail bookings in Ukiah, Eng. Hrs Grad or GED and two yrs clerical exp. Apply by 03/01/06 to: HR Dept, 5713 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4261, vTDD (800) 735-2929. www.mendocino.ca.gov/usa/jr. EOE

20 HELP WANTED
LEAD MILLWRIGHT & MILLWRIGHT FOR SAWMILL.
 Knowledge in all aspects of mill maintenance including hydraulics, welding, and basic electrical. Good analytical & problem solving skills. Experience necessary. Call 707-894-4242 and ask for Ken or apply in person.
Redwood Empire Sawmill
 31401 McCray Rd. Ft. Bidwell, CA
Great opportunity!
LICENSED PHARMACY TECH.
 Salary negotiable. Willits Pharmacy 707-459-6977

20 HELP WANTED
Looking for PT receptionist. Good phone and communication skills. Must be a computer exp. pref'd. Send resume attn: Michelle, 50 West Lake Mendocino Dr. or fax 463-3107
MANAGER
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 Don't miss this exciting opportunity!
 • Guaranteed income to start.
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 • \$50,000 & above for Management opportunity.
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 We are looking for someone who has a sincerely want to get ahead need apply. Previous sales exp is not nec. For a personal interview, please call Clara Rossi 530-945-6638
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 Must be familiar with ICD9 & CPT coding \$12-17 DOE benefits Fax: 707-468-0793 mkbias@mcbinc.com
Merchandise-liable worker to set and merchandise products and home improvement chains. Must be organized & detailed. Room for advancement. Hourly and benns. 800-697-7773 ext 610
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 6 wks pd vacation 401 K Day & Eve avail. Small home like environment, good pay & benefits. Fax resume to 463-6957
Now Hiring servers, bussers, & kitchen. Please apply @ Crushed Grapes 13500 Hwy 101 Hopland Sales-Label comp. Exp. self-motivated outside sales. North/East Bay South Bay, Base+com, full benes. Fax 775-459-7717

20 HELP WANTED
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CO.
 seeks competent, reliable maintenance person. Must have own transportation, valid DL...current insurance.
 \$13.00-\$15.00/ hr. Send resume to PO Box 1389, Ukiah.
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 1252 Airport Park Blvd. Suite D-1, Ukiah, CA 95482
 707-462-8719
 Looking for an E.O.E. to join us at our new state of the art office. Must be a team player & willing to work hard!
 Competitive pay w/benefits. Please apply at the office or fax resume to Tonia @ 463-6952
R/A WILL TRAIN Mountain View Senior Living
 Apply within 1343 S. Dore St. Ukiah

30 LOST & FOUND
FOUND in Ukiah Chocolate Paint
 Siamese with white socks, long hair, neutered male, very friendly. Can be seen at Mendocino Co. Animal Control, Plant road. Cage #62. Call 463-4427 to claim or adopt.
FOUND: Siamese Cat
 at farm supply. 463-3929
Found: White long haired female cat
 wigray on her ears. Found in Willits. 462-3929
LOST- Red female
 Missa Apso, 8 yrs old. Missing since 2/15 from Fortford Ave/Beacon Ln. Name is Princess. Her owner, 3 yr old Lily Misses her and wants her back. 462-7247

30 ASSISTANT ENGINEER:
 Total annual compensation up to \$81,256, including merit. Incentive pay and flex dollars. \$4,891-\$5,945 per month, plus benefits. Performs civil engineering work related to designing, planning, reviewing and inspecting public works and private facilities and developments. Complete info on a description/application available at www.cityofukiah.com
 City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Ave, Ukiah, CA 95482 or www.cityofukiah.com.
Deadline: 5 pm, 02/23/06, EOE.

Compassionate person to care for fully disabled adults. 462-1902
Counter Person/ Dock Worker for welding supply. Bilingual a plus. Must be 21. Apply at 3080 N. State St. Ukiah
COUNTER SALES
 Ukiah Valley Lumber is looking for a motivated person for lumber sales. Retail exp., math & computer skills are a plus. Applicants are subject to pre-employment drug screening. Pick up application at 901 S. State St. Ukiah
DRIVER Class A Hazmat endorsement. Apply 3080 N. State St. Ukiah

Graveyard shift WORKING with kids, small home like environment, good pay & benefits. Fax resume to 463-6957
Help Wanted. Live in care for senior citizen. Help with housekeeping, run errands, some cooking rec'd. Please respond with resume to box 01071, c/o Ukiah Daily Journal, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482-0749.
HOWARD HOSPITAL
 RN, ICU, nights, FT, exp. req. all shifts, cont.
 RN, SURGERY FT, exp. req. OCCUP THERAPIST Home Health, FT, Home Health
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PHLEBOTOMIST FT, exp & CA license req.
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RESPIRATORY THERAPY SUPERVISOR FT, exp & license req.
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Human Resources Medical Credentialing
 HR Dept. Support. Must have excellent clerical, computer & customer service. \$13-17 DOE/benefits. Fax: 468-0793 mkbias@mcbinc.com
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Limited Term prog Asst
Vll/Edg Supp. AA pref., \$12.84-\$13.50/hr DOE. NCO app w/ transcripts req. (800)666-5550 x333 or www.ncoinc.org
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Resident Manager & Maintenance Manager
 RCDC, a well-established non-profit housing corp., is seeking a FT Resident Manager for community in Ukiah. Management experience required. FT Maintenance Manager requires entry-level plumbing & electrical skills. Ca. Drivers License & Apt-Sal. benefits. Teams & individuals welcome to apply Call 707-463-1975 ext 0 or down load from www.rcdc.org Open until filled.

POLICE OFFICER (Entry Level & Lateral):
 \$3,545 - \$4,589 per mo., + benefits. Bilingual (Eng/Span pref'd) Application/job description available at: www.cityofukiah.com
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 matching 4038 TSA Plan, paid holidays & vacation, paid trainings, on duty meals. **FREE** Co-op Day Care provided.
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\$3388-\$4126 mo., plus excellent benefit package.
 Performs a wide variety of utility work including maintenance duties in the installation, construction, repair, maintenance and landscaping of City facilities and system operations, including the skilled operation of power driven equipment. Requires education equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade and two years experience in construction or maintenance work, preferably including the operation of construction equipment or the performance of trades work. State of California Class B Driver's license is also required.
 Deadline to apply: Friday, February 24, 2006.
 Request application materials: City of Healdsburg Personnel Office, 401 Grove Street, Healdsburg, CA 95448
 707-431-3322. EOE/AA/ADA

60 MEETINGS & EVENTS
 Student needs to interview a woman who does yoga. Please call Aysa@456-9565

120 HELP WANTED
\$8-\$10.75 hr. MORNING, EVE. & NIGHT SHIFTS
 No exp. PD, training provided. Cooking, cleaning, driving & providing living skills assist. to adults w/ developmental disabilities. Will consider resp. Hi. Schl. Sr. 485-0165, 468-0602

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 is hiring drivers with van or pickup w/whell for local morning delivery routes based in Mendocino County area. Earn \$10.00 per hour plus mileage reimbursement plus additional reimbursement based on local fuel cost. Benefits available including health coverage and 401(K) with Company match. Call Maurice Stephens 865-778-7726

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 for birth to 3 special needs. Early Childhood or related field. 900-234-7325
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 FT (8 hrs 5 days wk) 12 mos). \$13.07-\$16.66/hr.
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HOUSING SERVICES OF LAKE COUNTY has an immed opening for FT RN w/bnfis. Home Health/Hospice exp. a +. Excellent opportunity for motivated RN who enjoys interaction with patients & families. For immed. interview, contact Arnie Panney @ 263-6222 or fax resume 263-4045. PU App #177. So. Main St. Lakeport. EOE

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 APPLY ONLINE BEFORE THE FAIR to pre-qualify for employment testing and interviewing at the Hiring Fair. Go to www.up.com on Jobs at UP. View Positions, then Search Position Database. For Internet access, visit your local job service, library or copy center. Apply for any of these opportunities in Roseville:
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120 HELP WANTED

RECREATION SUPERVISOR
 City of Healdsburg. Salary range \$4748-\$5708 per month, plus excellent benefit package. Under general direction, coordinates, directs and plans a variety of facility use functions; supervises the organization and planning of program development; directs scheduling athletic fields, school grounds, parks and community facilities, prepares budget requests, reports and informational statements on program activities and supervises and oversees the operation of City owned pool. Position requires a four-year degree in recreation, education, physical education, public administration or a closely related field and two years experience in recreation program planning an implementation which included the supervision of paid recreational personnel and volunteers. Apply by Wednesday, March 8, 2006, 5:00 p.m. Resume and City application required. For application contact the City of Healdsburg Personnel Office 401 Grove Street, Healdsburg, CA 95448. Phone 707-431-3322. EOE/AA/ADA. Find us on the Web at www.ci.heidsg.ca.us.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR
 Requires accounting background. Excellent knowledge in excel, MS word, power point, customer service and marketing. FT. Benefits Job Description and application: Solid Wastes of Willits, Inc. 351 Franklin Avenue Willits 459-4845, swow@pacific.net

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 Inside sales shipping/receiving. Must have hazmat endorsement. Full benefits packaging & 401k. Apply at UKIAH OXYGEN CO. 3470 N. State St. Ukiah

RESIDENT MANAGER
 needed for 31 units on South side of Ukiah. Fax resume to 707-463-1502. Attn: Property Management

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 RCHDC, a well established non-profit housing corp., is seeking a PT Resident Office Assistant for HUD/USD Tax Credit Apt. Community in Ukiah. Some management experience. Ca. Drivers License & Insurance required. Apt+Sal+benefits. Call 707-463-1975 ext 0 or down load from www.rchdc.org Open until filled.

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120 HELP WANTED

Retail Store Services
 has an immediate opening for a PT Service Rep to merchandise manufacturer's products in Ukiah Home Depot Store. Retail or merchandising exp. & internet access req. 8 hrs/wk. Fax resume to 801-760-1651 or e-mail mfossan@rss-inc.com

SECRETARY III
 Perform skilled secretarial functions at a school site. Qual: 3 yrs. exper., 50 wpm typs, 8 hrs/day; 11 mo/yr. Sal. range begins \$11.28-12.44/hr; benefit pkg. Open until filled. Info & app: Personnel Commission Ukiah Unified School District, 1056 N. Bush St., Ukiah, CA 95482 707-463-6206. EOE

SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER:
 Total annual compensation up to \$85,030, including management incentive pay and flex dollars. \$5,136-\$6,242 per month, plus benefits. Performs professional civil engineering work related to supervising, designing, planning, reviewing, and inspecting public works and private facilities and developments. Complete job description/application available at  City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Ave. Ukiah, CA 95482 www.cityofukiah.com Deadline: 5 pm, 02/23/06 EOE

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator:
 \$3,295-\$4,005/mo. plus benefits. Must possess Grade 1 CA Wastewater Op. Certificate. Complete job description/application available at:  City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Ave. Ukiah, CA 95482 or www.cityofukiah.com **Deadline Extended 5 pm, 2/28/06, EOE**

Open House Event - Riverwood Subdivision
 Sunday - Feb 19th Starting at 1:00



501 Kennwood Drive 1:00 - 2:00

Located in a choice neighborhood, near Lake Mendocino awaits this 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,300 sq. ft. home. Amenities include upgraded custom lighting and fixtures throughout, maple cabinets, custom tile and a great dining room/living room combination. The fireplace adds a comfy note to the living room and the well planned kitchen has space galore, opening into a quaint family room. Master suite includes a personal gas fireplace, a large walk in closet and a sparkling master bath. Enjoy your resort style backyard with a beautiful salt water swimming pool, gorgeous redwood pergola, lush landscaping, brick patio and a wooden fence affording you both beauty and privacy with this lot. Proudly Presented at: \$689,000

521 Kennwood Drive 1:00 - 2:00

Located in a choice neighborhood awaits this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home, in immaculate condition. Upgrades include a bonus room, maple cabinets throughout, tile countertops, a dream pantry, custom paint, central heat and air and much more. Home has a 2100 sq. ft. versatile floor plan great for entertaining, large master bedroom featuring a walk in closet and a master bath with all the bells and whistles. Enjoy the fully landscaped, low maintenance private rear yard with Russian river views and custom slate patio. Don't forget to check out the subdivision's recreation area. Only a stones throw away from lake Mendocino. Offered at \$649,000



493 Briarwood Drive 1:00 - 2:00

Relieve your growing pains in this four bedroom, three bathroom, 2300 square foot home. The warm and delightful living room / dining room combo invites family enjoyment. Upgraded tile countertops and lighting throughout mean a bright and easy-to-clean kitchen. Some amenities include central heat and air, a cozy fireplace and an attractive garden window. Enjoy your master suite with walk in closet and a Jacuzzi in the master bathroom. The bedroom on the first floor is a great solution to your guest problems. Large yard in the most enviable neighborhood in Ukiah. A wonderful home in perfect condition all offered to you at ...\$611,500



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Senior Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator:
\$4,014-\$4,879 per mo. plus benefits. Valid Class C CA. Div. Lic., possession of a Grade III California Wastewater Operator Certificate & 4 years exp. in the wastewater treatment field req.
Complete job description/application available at:

City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah, CA 95425 or www.cityofukiah.com
Deadline: 5 p.m. 02/28/06. EOE.

120 HELP WANTED

Staff Expansion: We Need: RNs, Medical Assistants, and Drivers

Blood Centers of the Pacific's donor site located in Ukiah seeks to fill the following positions immediately! Come join our team in a healthy work environment! All positions require a valid CA drivers license, acceptable driving record and ability to interact effectively with public and staff.

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Work with healthy volunteer community blood donors. We offer a full training and orientation program. RNs require a valid CA RN license. MAs require six months related exp. or MA certificate & three months relevant exp.

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20 Hours

Will set-up/breakdown equipment for community blood drives, transport supplies and staff as needed. Must be able to lift & carry up to 50 lbs. Requires one year relevant exp. Class B license preferred, but not required.

Send resume to: BCP Human Resources, Job Code: UK P.O. Box 591329, San Francisco, CA 94159-1329 or email: resumes@bloodcenter.s.org or fax (415) 749-6620. EOE/AA. www.bloodcenters.org

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For job application and description call or come into: Sherwood Valley Rancheria Tribal Office
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Mendocino County Department of Social Services Children and Adult Services Divisions
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Youth Advocate for Foster Family Agency Intensive Treatment Foster Care Program.
Will aid foster parents w/child rearing problems. Assist children & youth w/difficulties in social adjustments. Must have AA in Social Science Field w/1 yr exp or BA & initial training upon hire. Must be able to work w/ees & wknds. 20-29 hrs. wk. Pay \$10 & up DOE. Must pass fingerprint clearance, have physical & TB before hire. Fax resume to: Attn: Angie (707) 462-6994 or mail to: PO Box 422, Ukiah, CA 95482. EOE.

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Info & app: Personnel Commission, 1056 N. Bush St., Ukiah, CA 95482, 707-463-9205. EOE.

Vineyard Mgmt Co. looking for an Experienced Mechanic to work on diesel engine, heavy & light trucks, and misc. equipment. Must have tools and acceptable DMV print out. Fax resume to 707-967-3542.

OPEN HOMES

OPEN HOUSE Sunday, February 19th, 12:30pm-2:00pm
425 Hardwick Drive



Presented by Eric Garbacia
Don't miss this well maintained three bedroom two bath Manufactured home on a permanent foundation situated on a nicely landscaped 1/2 acre! With vaulted ceilings, new carpet, central heat, a large master suite, covered patio area, an above ground pool and a detached 896 square foot garage/shop. \$379,000

462-5005
114 South School Street-Ukiah, CA

OPEN HOUSE Sunday, February 19th, 1:30pm-3:30pm
710 North Pine Street



Presented by Rachel Maki
Two bedroom one bath cottage situated on a large lot with alley access on the west side of Ukiah. Close to schools, the City Park and Golf Course and downtown. This home is priced to sell \$319,000

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114 South School Street-Ukiah, CA

OPEN HOUSE Sunday, February 19th, 12:00pm-3:00pm
341 Sauvignon Court



Presented by Jake McFadden
This great three bedroom two bath home is located on a corner lot features an open floor plan, central heat, newer laminate flooring in the kitchen and dining area, a romantic master suite with French doors leading onto a deck with a hot tub in the large landscaped yard with room to roam! Double car garage with tons of storage. Conveniently located close to schools and shopping. \$389,000

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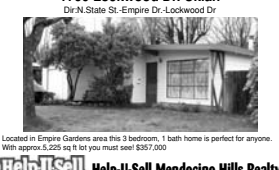
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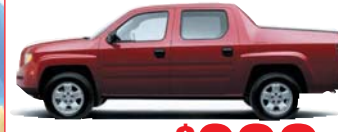


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