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For more information, contact Janet Cetani @ 468-9577

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•Provide leadership training to 18-23-year-old men and women.

•These skills include: interview skills, math, literacy, home finance and basic garment repair.

For more information, contact LaVone Dyer @ 463-2822

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•This is a wrap-around program providing support to families to be able to keep a special needs child at home and prevent out-of-home placement.

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For more information, contact Laurel Bless @ 463-4341

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For more information, contact Deborah Lovett @ 463-4018

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For more information, contact Hai-Lee Sun @ 458-0361

Literacy Volunteers of America

•Teach adults (16 and over) to read and write

For more information in Willits, contact Katherine Moberg @ 459-6527; Ukiah contact Luisa Norris @ 463-4155

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Ukiah water use drops 11%

City aiming for 15% in voluntary reductions

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

The city of Ukiah announced Wednesday that water usage in the city was reduced by 11

percent during the first three weeks of July, leaving Ukiah only 4 percent short of the target of a 15-percent reduction.

City spokesperson Lauren McPhaul said the city of Ukiah has asked its water users to voluntarily use less water this summer due to a dry winter and low water levels in Lake Mendocino.

McPhaul said the city has been reducing its own water use in several ways, including reducing water use in all city parks.

Notices have also been sent out to all business and residential customers advising them how to conserve water.

"We appreciate the help of homeowners and

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'FAMILY FUN IN THE SUN' AT OBSERVATORY PARK



MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

Redwood Valley resident Nevaeh Travis, 5, leads the south facing team in a tug of war at Observatory Park Saturday morning. Behind her in the green dress is 3-year-old Ruby Veno and in the blue shirt Keith Stalker, 10.

Residents get first chance to enjoy park

City park at historic site not yet complete; opens for only single day of activities

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

Saturday's "Family Fun in the Sun" event,

put on by the city of Ukiah, was the first public event in Observatory Park since the area was closed for improvements.

The park is not yet open to the public, said Ukiah Director of Community Services Sage Sangiacomo, because there is more work to be done.

"It's a little underdeveloped to allow unsu-

pervised use at this time," he said.

On Saturday, under the watchful eyes of city employees, children played in the grass, jumped in the bounce houses and competed in a hard-fought game of tug-of-war.

Katie Merz, Community Services supervisor, said in addition to the regular activities,

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Assignment: Ukiah

By Tommy Wayne Kramer

Editor's note: The elusive Tommy Wayne Kramer has come out of retirement to share his thoughts with our readers in what we hope will be a regular Sunday column. Last heard from in the pages of "The Grapevine" independent weekly (that old hippie rag) Kramer is bound to offend just about everyone before he's through.

Music's OK, but stop those people!

We are midway through the annual Sundays in the Park concert series and I'm already worried about next year. We should begin planning now in order to avoid the mistakes made previously with regard to picking the groups to entertain us.

The music? Oh geez, the music's fine. Who cares? It's the crowd that concerns me. Specifically, the goofy hippies that ruin the show for right-thinking folks like you and me.

Have you been to one of these Sundays in the Park concerts? If so, I doubt you'd want to go to another. Ten years ago I went to all of them, and five years ago I went to a few of them. This year I've attended a total of one, and it was a mistake I won't repeat.

The problem? Hippies. They come scuttling out from Greenfield Ranch and other nests where they thrive,

because they hear something "free" is being held in town. These people love anything that's free. Wait'll they find out that funerals are free and City Council meetings are free, and Baptist Church gatherings are free.

By now most hippies are dead nationwide, probably due to marijuana poisoning or ignorance of basic health and hygiene practices. But a virulent strain persists in Mendocino County, and when the music starts a-playin' at 6 p.m. on Sundays they come from the tops of the hills and from beneath the rocks to sway and groove to the far-out tunes. They force their way to the front of the crowd where they utterly destroy the view of anyone present who didn't come to the show to see scrawny old hippie guys without shirts wave their arms in the air and shove their pelvises toward innocent bystanders.

And then there are the hippie women. Oh my. It's like driving past a car wreck: you want to simultaneously gawk and avert your eyes. This one's swooping and swooning in what she must think looks exotic and gypsy-esque; another is flailing away wearing less clothes than it would take to make a blindfold for a parakeet. Avert eyes now!

BACKGROUND: Dear readers, I know of which I write. I am a former hippie. I understand these people. I have walked among them. I have smoked their maryjane and eaten their tofu. I have had congress with their women. I know how they "think" when it comes to music. They love blues and reggae and Cajun and Afrikan music because it's supposedly so "authentic" and "ethnic" and "righteous."

So isn't it perfectly obvious

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Got family?



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Public safety microwave funding included in bill

The Daily Journal

North Coast Congressman Mike Thompson (D-St. Helena) secured \$300,000 to be included in the Commerce, Justice, Science spending bill for a new public safety microwave system for Mendocino County.

The system will help law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services communicate with one another during emergencies,

according to Thompson. It will also increase access to broadband Internet and phone communications, which is much-needed in rural communities.

"Effective and fast communication between first responders is a critical way to keep people safe during an emergency," Thompson said. "This funding will go toward help-

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FUNERAL NOTICES



CHERRY YOUNG

Cherry Young passed away on July 21, 2007 in Ukiah, peacefully with her family and

friends at her side after a long battle with cancer. Born in England August 12, 1945, she arrived at 6 months of age in Berkeley, CA. with her twin brother. The family lived in various places she graduated from Tomales High School. Cherry was a 30 year resident of Elk, CA.

Cherry was a store owner for 10 years, she will be remembered for her showing of her generosity to those she loved, and her beautiful heart. She enjoyed photography, kismet

and astrology. Cherry was a member of the Church of Christ.

Cherry is survived by her parents Paul & Jean Young, daughter Reebie Ann Lynn Arndt Bean, son Robert Allen Arndt, sister-in-law Masako Young, brother Paul Young, grandchildren Matthew & Jessica Bean, Ashley, Jessica & Katie Arndt. Cherry was preceded in death by her grandparents Charles and Li.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial in celebration of Cherry's life on Sunday Au-

gust 12, 2007 from noon to 4:00 PM at the Elk Community Center, all are welcome.

The family would like to thank the many people that helped in the care for our mother.

Thanks to wonderful response of the Elk Fire Department, CalStar and Ukiah medical team, thank you so much! Thanks to John Terwilliger for being there to the end.

Memorial contributions may be made to Paul and Jean Young.

Arrangements are under the care of the Eversole Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICE

•Robert William Dorsey Sr., 74, of Ukiah, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007. Visitation will be Monday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Eversole Mortuary. Funeral services will be held Tuesday starting at 11 a.m. at the Eversole Mortuary.

CORRECTIONS

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

POLICE REPORTS

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

ARREST -- Brian Hooper, 31, hometown not listed, was arrested on suspicion of battery of a spouse in the 600 block of Orchard Avenue at 2:17 p.m. Friday.

ARREST -- Tina Tripp, 43, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in the 200 block of North State Street at 7:42 p.m. Friday.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

DAILY 3: night: 6, 8, 5; afternoon: 2, 7, 4.

FANTASY 5: 04, 05, 11, 14, 30.

DAILY DERBY: 1st Place: 09, Winning Spirit. 2nd Place: 06, Whirl Win. 3rd Place: 12, Lucky Charms.

Race time: 1.45.88.

LOTTO: 2, 33, 36, 39, 46. Mega: 7.

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

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

The world briefly

Bush surveys collapsed Minnesota bridge, pledges to help cut red tape

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — President Bush pledged Saturday to cut red tape that could delay rebuilding a highway bridge that once arched over the Mississippi River but now lies crumbled in muddy water concealing some victims.

Bush, still dogged by his administration's sluggish response to Hurricane Katrina, toured the site of Wednesday's collapse, which sent dozens of cars sliding into the river from the Minneapolis span. At least five people died and about 100 others were injured.

"Our message to the Twin Cities is, we want to get this bridge rebuilt as quick as possible, that we understand this is a main artery of life here — that people count on this bridge and this highway system to get to work," Bush said as he stood next to the buckled spans, still littered with abandoned vehicles.

"There's a lot of paperwork involved with government," he said. "One of our jobs is to work with the governor and the mayor and the senators and the members of the Congress to cut through that paperwork, and to see if we can't get this bridge rebuilt in a way that not only expedites the flow of traffic, but in a way that can stand the test of time."

Divers continued searching the river for victims Saturday, pausing periodically so crews could remove debris that stood in the way. Eight or more people are believed trapped in the wreckage.

Divers continue search for bridge collapse victims as families agonize

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Divers searched the Mississippi River for victims of a bridge collapse for a third day Saturday, pausing periodically so crews could remove debris that stood in the way.

Families of the missing continued to wait for word that any bodies had been found in the murky waters.

Authorities initially said the dive had been suspended Saturday afternoon because of shifting debris in the river. Later, they said divers were being pulled out of the water occasionally so crews could remove debris or to assist National Transportation Safety Board investigators.

"Diving operations are continuing, and they will continue

until tonight unless the weather goes south on us," said Sgt. Tracey Martin of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.

The number of dead stood at five as new details emerged about the eight or more victims believed trapped in the wreckage.

Officials say Iraq power grid is near collapse because of insurgent sabotage

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's power grid is on the brink of collapse because of insurgent sabotage of infrastructure, rising demand, fuel shortages and provinces that are unplugging local power stations from the national grid, officials said Saturday.

Electricity Ministry spokesman Aziz al-Shimari said power generation nationally is only meeting half the demand, and there had been four nationwide blackouts over the past two days. The shortages across the country are the worst since the summer of 2003, shortly after the U.S.-led invasion to topple Saddam Hussein, he said.

Power supplies in Baghdad have been sporadic all summer and now are down to just a few hours a day, if that. The water supply in the capital has also been severely curtailed by power blackouts and cuts that have affected pumping and filtration stations.

Karbala province south of Baghdad has been without power for three days, causing water mains to go dry in the provincial capital, the Shiite holy city of Karbala.

"We no longer need television documentaries about the Stone Age. We are actually living in it. We are in constant danger because of the filthy water and rotten food we are having," said Hazim Obeid, who sells clothing at a stall in the Karbala market.

Electricity shortages are a perennial problem in Iraq, even though it sits atop one of the world's largest crude oil reserves. The national power grid became decrepit under Saddam Hussein because his regime was under U.N. sanctions after the Gulf War and had trouble buying spare parts or equipment to upgrade the system.

Foot-and-mouth outbreak prompts Britain to ban meat and dairy exports

WANBOROUGH, England (AP) — Britain raced to avert economic disaster Saturday by halting meat and dairy exports and the movement of livestock around the country after foot-

and-mouth disease was found on a southern English farm.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown vowed to work "night and day" to avoid a repeat of a 2001 outbreak, when millions of dead animals were burned on pyres, swaths of the countryside were closed, rural tourism was badly hurt and British meat was shut out of international markets.

"Our first priority has been to act quickly and decisively," Brown said. "I can assure people ... we are doing everything in our power to look at the scientific evidence and to get to the bottom of what has happened and then to eradicate this disease."

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, or DEFRA, said Britain had banned the export of live cattle, pigs, sheep and goats, as well as carcasses, meat and milk.

The United States and Japan immediately banned British pigs and pork products in response to the outbreak. British beef is already banned in both countries because of mad-cow disease.

SF Giants slugger Barry Bonds hits 755th home run, ties Aaron's record

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Barry Bonds swung, took a half-dozen steps and clapped his hands. With no trace of a smile but a strong shot for all the doubters, he caught Hank Aaron and tied the career home run record Saturday night. No. 755 was an opposite-field drive to left-center field, moving Bonds within one swing of having baseball's pinnacle of power all to himself.

Commissioner Bud Selig stood up and put his hands in his pockets while Bonds' family hugged and high-fived. When Bonds crossed the plate, he lifted his batboy son, Nikolai, and carried him several steps in an embrace.

The Petco Park crowd stood and cheered, with some boos mixed in, when the San Francisco slugger homered off Clay Hensley in the second inning. Several fans held up asterisk signs. Bonds was booed as he headed to left field at the end of the inning. The 43-year-old star has been shadowed by suspicions of steroid use for several years, which some fans feel has tainted his chase for the home run record.

It had been eight days since Bonds hit his 754th home run, and he came out for early batting practice Saturday, hoping to break his slump. He did it quickly, homering to lead off the second.

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THIS WAS NEWS



JODY MARTINEZ

25 years ago

Thursday, Aug. 5, 1982
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1982 PEAR PRICES, PACK ARE DOWN. Mendocino County pear growers will be paid \$30 per ton less for top quality Bartlett canning pears than last year, and canners also will be packing less of the fruit.

Cameron Girton, manager of the California Canning Pear Association, said the Association and canners had agreed on a price of \$135 per ton for A1 grade California canning Bartlett pears at a meeting Monday. The pear harvest is now in full swing in many major producing districts, including Mendocino County.

The 1981 California crop of canned pears sold at a price of \$165 per ton for A1 grade Bartletts.

... "Although the total Bartlett pear crop on the Pacific Coast is about 135,000 tons less than last year's production, the burdensome industry carryover of canned fruits and a low price in the Pacific Northwest (\$122.50 per ton) have forced this range of settlement," said Girton.

"The growers are not happy (with the agreement), but I think they are well aware this is a difficult season," he said.

RAIDERS SEIZE 350 PLANTS. The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has reported recent raids on marijuana gardens.

Deputies Friday seized 350 pot plants valued at half a million dollars from two separate properties in the Fort Bragg area.

UKIAH PLAYHOUSE IS RISING; DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED. Thanks largely to donations of time and materials from the community, the Ukiah Playhouse is slowly becoming a reality. The walls of the playhouse have been framed on a cement slab, lifted by crane and secured.

Next, construction crews and volunteers will be building the trusses for the roof and the risers for the seats.

...Birch plywood seats have been purchased from Church of the Nazarene for a nominal cost, but lumber, paint and electrical and plumbing supplies are still needed.

...Construction began June 15 and the playhouse is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 15.

DOW DROPS BELOW 800 IN MODERATELY ACTIVE TRADING. NEW YORK (UPI) – Investor uncertainty over the course of the economy and interest rate shrinkage was pushing stocks broadly lower at midday Thursday in moderately active trading.

...The Dow Jones industrial average, which plunged 12.94 points Wednesday, was off 7.51 points to 795.95 around noon EDT. Wednesday's setback was the worst since it fell 13.04 points on Feb. 22.

50 years ago

Monday, Aug. 5, 1957
Ukiah Daily Journal

1155 ADMITTED TO COUNTY HOSPITAL DURING 1956-57. A total of 1,155 persons were admitted to the Mendocino county hospital during the fiscal year of 1956-57, according to the institution's annual census report released this week.

An additional 5,328 patient visits to the out-patient clinic were reported.

During the year the average patient load at the hospital was 74.08 patients.

Births at the hospital outnumbered deaths 115-77, during the year.

There were 66 major and 133 minor surgical operations performed, and a total of 3,700 x-ray films taken of 2,455 patients.

During the final quarter of the year, April to June 30, there were 37 births recorded and 20 deaths.

...During the fiscal year there were 38 victims of tuberculosis admitted to the hospital, 29 of whom were later discharged.

There were 21 persons admitted for psychiatric treatment and 19 discharged.

Admitted for custodial or boarder care were 18 persons.

POUNDMAN CALLS 'KITTY,' CAN'T GET ALL OF THEM. "Here, Kitty, Kitty, Kitty..."

He got results when he issued that call, city poundmaster Elmer Bridge reported today, but not enough, so he'll have to return to 1370 Yokayo drive and pick up the balance of some 20 to 27 cats, left uncaught.

Bridge received a report to contact Mrs. Roy McKee, 1370 Yokayo drive. She had some cats to be picked up – lots of cats. They were crowding her yard.

Only the cats and kittens didn't all get caught. Some slipped under the house. So Bridge hauled in 15 of the felines and prepared to go after escapees later.

Meanwhile, Ukiah police enjoyed a comparatively quiet weekend. Theft of weight lifting apparatus owned by W. I. Holloway at 620 Joseph was reported, the weights being lifted from his yard. A hunter arising to head for the hills discovered an empty gas can had been taken from his jeep, and a water bag also taken. The straps tying down the gear to the truck were cut, Ernie Brower, 1730 Lockwood, reported.

The police also helped a stranded Minnesota family find food through the Red Cross unit here when the family reported to the police department and said it hadn't eaten for a couple days.

100 years ago

Friday, Aug. 2, 1907
Dispatch-Democrat

RAILROAD WILL BE EXTENDED. WORK ORDERED

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COLLECTION DECISIONS



Photo by Tom Liden Photography

Shown here are some of the many items for silent bid at the Grace Hudson Museum's Aug. 25 fundraising auction.

Grace Hudson Museum fine art fundraising auction approaching

To keep or not to keep? That is the question that often faces us when we downsize or inherit possessions that were memorable in the homes of others, but seem as strangers within our own walls. Pondering the old picture album or the painting that hung in grandmother's dining room is a familiar experience for many of us. Are these historic treasures or merely emotionally charged clutter? How often have we wished to find a new home for an object where it would again be cherished and admired? These, I believe, are some of the motivations underlying gifts given to the Grace Hudson and other museums.

Often, a donor wants to ensure that artifacts will be preserved as a cultural legacy for future generations to enjoy and from which to learn. Other times, donors have an idea that because an object is old, it might have some significance of which they are unaware. And so, at the Museum, we receive phone calls and letters of inquiry. We also get the brown paper bags left outside our front door and the bulging manila envelopes stuffed in our mailbox. Museum staff, in turn, have to decide what to keep and not to keep.

What makes something "museum quality?" The answer to that depends on the specific museum and its mission and purpose. The Grace Hudson Museum's mission is "to preserve, document, research and interpret the Carpenter-Hudson collections for public benefit, with emphasis on the lifework of artist Grace Carpenter Hudson and her husband, ethnologist Dr. John W. Hudson. The Hudson-Carpenter family's contributions to the understanding and development of the artistic, historical and cultural heritage of California's North Coast during the late 19th and early 20th centuries guide and inform the Museum's activities."

Our collections reflect that mission. The core of our collections is the Hudson-Carpenter Estate, some 30,000 diverse, though inter-related objects which were the multi-generational product of this unusual and talented local family. Besides Grace and John Hudson, its members included a pioneer Mendocino County photographer and newspaper editor (A. O. Carpenter), a well-known abolitionist and women's rights activist (Clarina Howard Carpenter Nichols), a teacher and author (Helen McCowen Carpenter), and a newspaper columnist, playwright, novelist and screenwriter who headed Hollywood's Screenwriters Guild (Grant Carpenter).

Thanks to this diverse family, the



Grace Notes

By Sherrie Smith-Ferri
and Marge Giuntoli

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Grace Hudson Museum's collections contain such assorted holdings as a piece of acorn bread that is more than 100 years old, colorful dishes from China, a 24-foot carved totem pole, a vial of mercury used to amalgamate mined gold, a delicate framed floral wreath made from family members' hair, a tiny derringier pistol, and a pin made from a rattlesnake's rattles, along with our more well-known holdings of paintings, Pomo Indian baskets, early historic photographs and ethnographic manuscripts. However, we only accept items into our collection that once belonged to members of that family or reflect their long-standing interests. Often we have to tell interested donors, "thank you for thinking of us, but we cannot accept your gift because it doesn't fit our collection guidelines." In such cases, we will work with the potential donor to try to

find another, more appropriate, museum home.

Sometimes, potential donors do not give us the chance to say "no." This is the case with the before-mentioned "goodie bags" left anonymously at the front door and the "care packages" arriving in the mail. Other times the Museum is given something with the understanding that it will eventually be sold to raise funds to help support the Museum.

One such occasion is fast approaching. On Saturday evening, August 25th, the Sun House Guild invites you to indulge in a bit of nostalgia and join them for a fine art auction to benefit the Grace Hudson Museum. The many available pieces are eclectic, to say the least, and represent a variety of media donated to the Museum from decades past, as well as contemporary art from local artists. Guests may find themselves bidding simultaneously on current works by local artists Tommy Thornhill and Francine Bearden, ceramicist Adriana Dakin, and photographer William Hendricks. Ethnic influences are evident in Daphne Gillen's ceramic diorama filled with whimsical animals from Mexico; a large Native American porcelain doll complete with a hand-beaded feather headdress and fringed leather garment; an East Asian 5 foot long carved wooden panel; several older ceramic pieces from Acoma Pueblo, and beaded deer antlers by Donald Duncan. For even more variety there are beautiful wildlife prints of dogs and ducks, large and small oils, signed etchings and watercolors, a rubbing from a Thai temple, an old log-cabin quilt, and a Waterbury school clock.

Please mark your calendars for this unique "something for everyone" summer evening, and join the Guild for both live and silent auctions while sampling elegant hors d'oeuvres paired with Mendocino County wines. For those wishing to enjoy more fine wine at home, Sun House Courtyard Zinfandel, crafted by John and Rich Parducci from the grapes of Redwood Valley's Castanon Vineyards, will be available for purchase at half-price, to help fund the Museum's Native Plants Courtyard.

Tickets for this event are available at the Grace Hudson Museum's front desk, or at the Mendocino Book Company. For more information, call 467-2836.

Editor's note: Sherrie Smith-Ferri is the Museum's director, and Marge Giuntoli is editor of the SunLetter.

Grace Notes is a regular monthly feature of the Reminisce page.

Letters from our readers

Wake up county government!

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Roni McFadden and Joleen Logan for having the courage to speak up about the marijuana problems in our county. If something is not done soon, you supervisors who just received your huge raise will find no money left in the coffers to pay your salary, as well as none for our Sheriff and other county employees. Marijuana growers do not pay income tax on their income from their crops, so consequently they get to keep all the cash for themselves, while the rest of us try to get by after the government gets its fair share. These people drain our county funds by abusing our social service systems, such as MediCal, Food Stamps, etc. because they show no income.

These growers buy a piece of land with their cash, put up huge fences, bring in illegal mobile homes, live on the property without septic systems, and never pay a dime for permits, or have their property reassessed and pay a reasonable property tax. The excuses I've heard are that they have locked gates so the county inspectors cannot get to their property. Well, doesn't the Sheriff have the right to get a warrant to go onto the property, and take the county inspectors with him? If all of us can see all the violations from the road, what is the problem here?

For the first time in 19 years, I am afraid to go check on my livestock at night for fear that my flashlight will be mistaken for someone coming to take their precious plants. Imagine trying to sleep at night when it smells like someone has put a skunk in your window and it has let loose, and doesn't stop. The next morning when you close your house up to try to keep it cool, that horrible smell still permeates your house. The only way to get away from this is to move, but why should those of us that do the right thing and live within the law be penalized and have to leave such a beautiful place?

I only hope that the county government wakes up before it is too late.

Sue Meek
Potter Valley

What I learned as a grand juror

To the Editor:

Regarding the Mendocino grand jury: I served a year on the grand jury. I served 20 years as a public employee in Mendocino County. I qualify to write on both sides of public employment and investigations.

When on the jury, several statements were made to me: the grand jury is a "toothless tiger" -- "What the public doesn't know won't hurt them" and "Don't rock the boat." These made by some of the public employees. I learned that they were made because of ignorance of what the grand jury really does. My term on the jury convinced me that they are the most factual reporting group you would ever want to know.

My 20 years as a public employee convinced me that on the whole, public employees are honest and hard working people. Both of these statements are not totally correct. There are some employees, elected and employed that work honestly just so long as someone is looking over their shoulders.

As a juror, I found out that when I interviewed a person, when they found out I was not witch hunting, I got honest answers to all my questions. Some were evasive a bit, but who can say that they are wholly without sin occasionally.

All investigations are done in triplicate, by three persons, checked and double checked, and there is no falsifying what we learned. All investigations are carefully checked, written and rewritten so that a true picture of the investigation comes out without evasion.

As a grand juror, I found out that where there's ignorance or lack of proper oversight, employees take advantage of their positions.

I hope to serve another term on the grand jury some year.

Kenneth I. Dewell
Ukiah

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ON EDITORIALS

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In our opinion
Marijuana law still being abused

Another hung jury in a widely watched trial this week in Mendocino County is frustrating.

The hung jury in the Denoyer horse abuse case has got lots of local residents shaking their heads, wondering what you have to do to an animal to be punished for abusing it. A dead horse and a string of starving, damaged animals, it appears, isn't enough. We hope that DA Meredith Lintott's office will reshape its prosecution to tighten up the charges and retry Mr. Denoyer.

In the Parker brothers trial, again, people shake their heads and wonder, how did we get to a point where a city resident can grow 400 marijuana plants in his back yard and say it's all just medical marijuana and get away with it? We are encouraged that 10 out of 12 jurors weren't buying it, and again, we think Ms. Lintott ought to go back to court. Her prosecutors were able to convince the majority of the jury that Mr. Memo Parker was growing more marijuana than he ought.

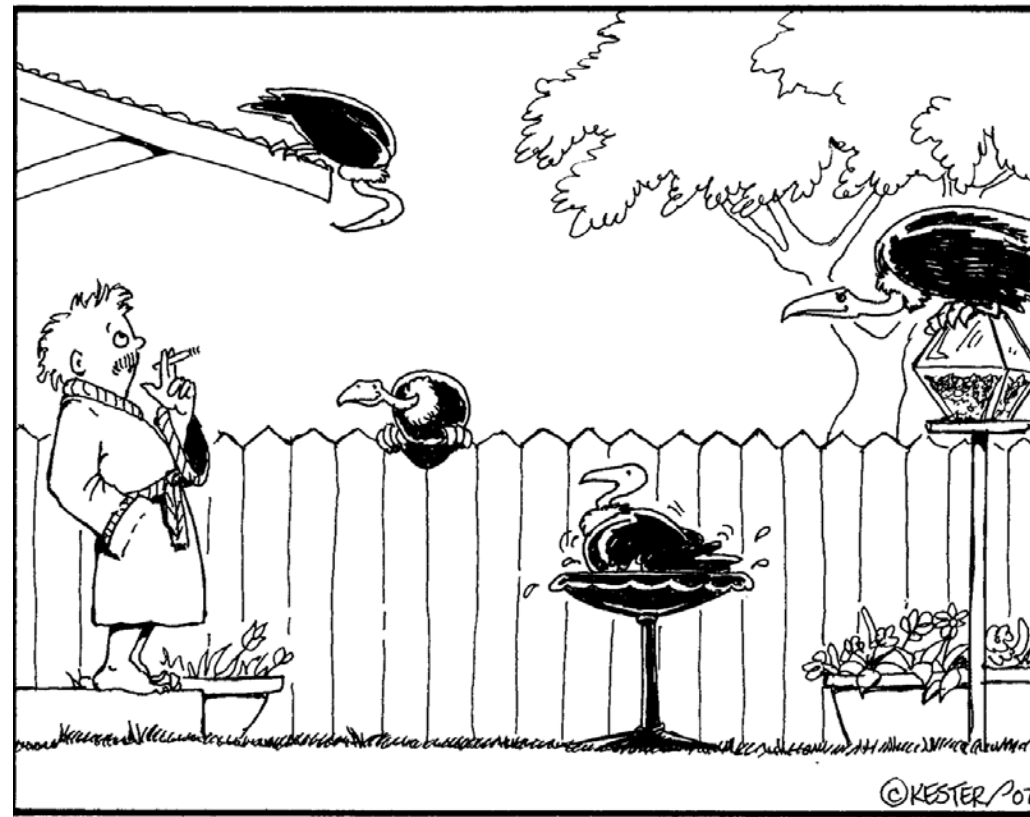
While Prop. 215, the medical marijuana law, allows patients to appoint caregivers to grow their marijuana for them, we believe the vast majority who voted for Prop. 215 did not mean for it to allow any local resident to start growing enormous quantities of marijuana for people in San Francisco. We

also believe that anyone who takes even one thin dime in return, is nothing more than a drug dealer.

We believe medical marijuana caregivers are intended to be construed as caregivers are in other health care arenas: people who have personal contact with a patient and who care for them in many ways, not just by growing marijuana for them at a distance of hundreds of miles and then selling it to cooperatives. The law does not cite medical marijuana patients and their appointed "growers." It cites caregivers. That is something very different which has been twisted out of all proportion by people who are making big bucks using our neighborhoods to grow pot under false pretenses.

We think it may be time for a new statewide ballot measure to amend Prop. 215 to specify exactly - and limit - what a caregiver is, how many plants can be grown by one person, and provide for local governments to regulate medical marijuana as they see fit as long as patients have access to marijuana - which we believe can be provided through local government growing programs in places like county jail gardens.

It's time to bring Prop. 215 back to the compassionate law it was intended to be, not the drug dealer's haven it is now.



Why are there liquor ads at a children's movie?

To the Editor:

I marched with great vigor and excitement to the movie theater last week for the latest installment of the Harry Potter series. Yes, I'm in my early 30s, but I'm a fan of the books and mass marketing. Admittedly, I'm no movie buff, and haven't patronized the local movie house in some months. I was shocked to see so many commercials before the start of the show. Dismayed, even, as one who is impressionable by all forms of advertising. I see a good water-bottle commercial, I have to have it while mountain biking. Feminine hygiene products are even appealing to me, and I find myself mindlessly lingering in the ladies section of hair-care products, wondering in vain if my hair is dry or traumatized by the sun. I inevitably buy something that will restore me to my former, sexier self. But I digress.

On this Friday, I was surrounded, as one would assume, but adolescents eagerly expecting broom flight and spells. On came a plug for popcorn, and I immediately

rushed out of my seat and treated those in my row to an extra-large portion of popped delight, with plenty of so-called "butter." Yumm.

I was just in time for a rather hip and glamorous commercial for Absolut Vodka. But as I hurried to the concession stand, hoping against hope that I might by a friendly round for the children in my row, I was saddened, nay, my friends, I was aghast! The cinema doesn't sell booze!

Now why would the theater push hard liquor sales during a children's movie and then deny them the joy of getting a few drinks for a show? Surely, if Regal Cinema is ready to advertise alcohol to children, they should allow them a drink or two. In today's confusing world, aren't we just sending too many mixed messages? If we are going to pump up a product in glory upon the impressionable minds of our children, shouldn't we offer them that product to "experiment" with during a friendly showing of Harry Potter?

Or here's another idea: please stop showing liquor advertisements during children's films. Please. And thank you.

Mike Jamison
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A chat with the wife

Another voice BY EDWARD MCSHANE

The wife and I are sitting on the deck being that the temperature has dropped down to a chilly 92 degrees Fahrenheit while the house is about, I don't know, 115, 120. The wife, as is her usual custom, has her nose buried in the Daily Journal whilst I am merely musing over a glass or two of some good Mendocino red.

"Ha!" the wife says. "Ha!" the wife says again. You gotta understand that when the wife says "Ha!" at that volume and tone, roosting birds flee their trees. Dogs begin barking throughout the Valley, and I, invariably, spill a drop or two of my precious Mendocino red.

"OK," I concede, "what's up?" "It's your Republican friend Jimmy Rickel," the wife says. "He's trying to ban marijuana growing in the County."

Well, Jimmy Rickel isn't a friend, though I'm sure he's a fine fellow. The wife, a lifelong Democrat, likes to call all Republicans my "friend," or my "crony," or, even, my "fellow traveler." But really, the only connection is our Republican brotherhood. And when voting time comes around in November, the wife always asks me who or what I voted on. And I always answer, "secret ballot."

This lack of candor on my part bugs her to no end, but it is the only absolute privacy and control I have in my married life. "Secret ballot," I say authoritatively. "The voting process is an American heritage cherished and honored among all Republicans," I say senatorially. "But let me see that article," I said, ignoring yet another "Ha!"

I see it's not an article but, rather, a petition. I read on. I must admit I'm surprised. It seems Mr. Rickel wants the County to give up local control regarding marijuana, he wants more governmental regulation through licenses and such, and he wants people to pay more taxes. "Humm," I muse aloud. "Maybe Jimmy isn't a Republican. Maybe he changed over to the dark side: the Democrats."

"I swear you are so dense," the wife says. "Rickel must be a Republican and the reason he's against marijuana is perfectly obvious. I'm surprised you haven't figured it out." I take this last as a compliment and ask the wife for her opinion.

"You are aware that the House Republicans passed the Medicare prescription drug bill three and a half years ago. And you are aware the pharmaceutical lobbyists wrote the bill. And you are aware that at least 15 congressional staffers, congressmen and federal officials left the government to work for the pharmaceutical industry, are you not?" I began to sweat under this interrogation. "And," her voice rising to a climax, "you are aware that the law did not allow Medicare to bargain for lower prices from the drug companies." The "not" was so loud the birds again erupted from their night roosts.

"OK, now I see why Jimmy Rickel is against Mendocino marijuana cultivation," I said. I hurried on, quickly formulating my theory on the run, lest the wife interject another "Ha." "You see, Jimmy, like all good Republicans, wants the big drug companies and the Congress to control marijuana. This way it is regulated by those who do the regulating and not by some small time entrepreneurs sweating out our hot Mendocino summers in their fields of grass.

"Mr. Rickel, the Republicans, and the drug companies want to control us because a well regulated drug user, being necessary to business interests, the right to grow and sell marijuana shall be restricted by the Congress and the big drug companies."

"How many glasses of wine have you had?" The wife eyed me suspiciously. "Only two or three," I admitted. "Let's go inside. It's getting chilly and my lumbago is beginning to act up." "Time for your 'medicine' I suppose," the wife smiled knowingly. "Ha!" I said.

Edward McShane is a Ukiah resident.

Inside UDJ



By UDJ Editor K.C. Meadows

What's the back story on the radio show? Are the supervisors planning to reverse the pay raise next Tuesday? What stranger bought the coffee Saturday morning?

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SUNDAY VOICES

Finding solitude

My life has not always been as quiet as it thankfully is now, here in Ukiah. I've had my share of noise. Back East, before coming to Ukiah, my wife and I raised two boys who at times brought a surfeit of noise into our house, often with the help of friends. Before they discovered rap music, each of our sons played several musical instruments including the cello, saxophone and drums. In addition, we had a young neighbor who played the trumpet in his backyard probably because his parents couldn't stand to have him practice inside the house.

In the Connecticut countryside where I grew up there was a lot of quiet. I had plenty of space to play in, spacious meadows and plenty of woods. During the years when I was growing up, there was generally a lot less noise around than there is now. As kids, we had nothing resembling iPods or any other kind of portable music player. We played records on a record player that was stationary by necessity because it was attached to the wall by a cord, which limited the sound to one location. The loud speakers weren't really all that loud - not when judged by today's standards.

We had a television that was turned on only at night. In the morning my mother listened to soap operas on her radio in the kitchen. The sounds coming from the radio were soft and soothing. Afternoons, my mother listened mostly to big bands like Benny Goodman's or crooners with romantic sounding voices like Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Dinah Shore and Doris Day.

During my tour in Vietnam I experienced real noise for the first time.

Noise was everywhere. There were loud trucks, loud planes, even louder rifles, machine guns, and much louder than all, artillery. After returning from Vietnam I learned during my final physical at Ft. Lewis, Washington, that I'd lost half the hearing in my right ear. Reviewing my year in country I recalled a day when I had been standing in front of a 105mm Howitzer when it went off. I remembered that the blast made my ears ring for hours. It was, undoubtedly, the loudest noise I've ever experienced.

Sunday view
BY TONY ANTHONY

Being a writer may be the most solitary occupation there is, apart from lighthouse keeper. Solitude is what I like most about writing. I chose it as an occupation, for one thing, because it affords me a lot of quiet time, but at this moment, as is true for me in most moments in time, I notice that silence appears to be hidden.

In the years after the war almost any loud noise at all made me anxious because it took away the open space around myself, my perimeter of safety and quiet. Back in the States I longed to regain the open and spacious quality I felt as a boy.

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On this particular Sunday afternoon an air conditioner from the neighbor's house, although not loud, is a constant drone. It is not an unpleasant sound, like waves crashing on the seashore. Slightly louder than that, but intermittent, is the afternoon breeze, which rustles the leaves in the tree above my seat. As I become more aware of the sounds being played around me, I hear a bird chirping every few seconds. Then, more wind in

the leaves. Another bird sings and one replies. A stronger gust of wind produces an enlivening tingle from the neighbor's wind chime. A car passes on the road below. Another bird. And another. One more car. Then rustling leaves again.

Even with all these sounds, it remains mostly a quiet, lazy Sunday afternoon. But where is the silence? Where does it exist? Will it be found hiding between the sounds, or hiding between these words?

As I wonder, my mind sinks into the infinite cloudless blue sky. "Now," I think to myself, "that's silent!" Next, my gaze falls upon a small Colorado Spruce in the yard. The tree is simply doing its thing, growing, yes, silently. Letting myself open up to it, I start to feel the silence in the tree, and the aura of solitude that surrounds it.

Yet just when I begin to feel this, my thoughts interrupt. I hear the sound of my voice exclaim loudly inside my head, "now, that's quiet!"

Interesting, isn't it? My own thoughts seem to be creating a lot of noise, which makes me realize that on this peaceful Sunday afternoon, the loudest noise I hear is from the voice inside my head.

Since I feel like I'm getting close to finding the place where silence hides, I'm going to still my voice and let the brilliant Jesuit, Anthony De Mello, explain things for me in his short parable "Solitude." In a discussion between a student and his teacher, the student begins:

"I want to be with God in prayer."
"What you want is an absurdity."
"Why?"

"Because whenever you are, God is not; whenever God is, you are not. So how could you be with God?"

Later the Master said: "Seek aloneness. When you are with someone else, you are not alone. When you are 'with God,' you are not alone. The only way to really be with God is to be utterly alone. Then, hopefully, God will be and you will not."

Mmmh, yes, I must get myself out of the way.

Tony Anthony is a Ukiah resident.

ON THE STREETS

How does the threat of terrorism affect your daily life?



Seamus Fleming
Student
Mendocino

"It doesn't really."



Tina Elsemore
Artist
Ukiah

"Not at all. I don't give it a thought."



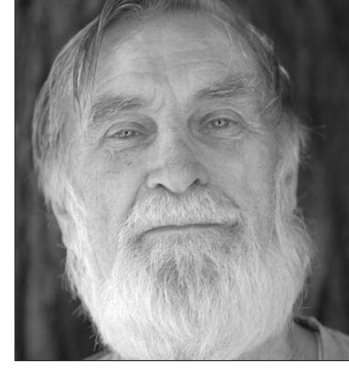
Lisa Mammina
Artist
Ukiah

"After 9/11 I retired from a corporate job. I left that life and realized what mattered ... My community in Ukiah."



Lyndee Coleman
Banker
Ukiah

"It pisses me off.... The fact that someone wants to do us harm."



Marvin Gentz
Retired school teacher
Ukiah

"The think the Bush administration has used it to frighten the American people. Essentially just to scare us and take away our liberties."



Kim Cavender
Realtor
Ukiah

"I'm concerned for the future of our country... Not knowing what to expect."

Photos and interviews by MacLeod Pappidas.

The three denials

The three denials of the local community. I'll mix my metaphors: bunch of sheep with their heads in the sand and their little tails caught in ATM machines.

Earthquakes, water, and the Constitution.

Earthquake retrofit for clear and present danger? That's a threat to private property rights (including warnings NOT).

Let's see: un-reinforced masonry buildings - a prominent pub, a dance studio, and a liberal protestant church social hall. Little mini disasters ready and primed to happen when the Mayacamas fault goes off.

There was a time when an ordinance acknowledging the danger was passed locally requiring posted warnings. Some of those have disappeared, or become obscurely located. What the heck, its only a warning! Not many teeth in that, so why bother? Let the bricks fall down!

Water water, promised

Another voice
BY AL KRAUSS

everywhere but existing nowhere - Moratorium on hookups? Ah, another threat to private property rights.

After all, big zoning ambitions in the Ukiah Valley, no limit to the implicit promise of unlimited water for all (new)comers. Come one, come all, development and infill is our goal. Like, another bigger better crossroads megamall (I thought a crossroad was where you made a critical decision, for better or for worse).

Build all the houses the acreage can hold and never mind food production. Shop yourselves to death so the mismanagers of local government can build the tax debase-ment. Money shall flow, the water is sure to follow (possibly a 1,000-year flood will solve all our problems -- Lake Ukiah, the Russian River out-

let blocked by massive terrain collapse -- lots of water, and maybe houseboat permits over the inundated flood plains).

And now, to cap it off, as in "off the table," the never never land of a Cheney/Bush impeachment. That last can be translated as the tacit recognition by too many that we have an expendable Bill of Rights, that we consider Habeus Corpus another quaint relic, like the Geneva Convention. Bush talk has invaded us all.

Gosh, that sounds just like strike three in our Three Strikes!

The primed to go fault, the primed to go martial law, the primed to go bulldozer of urban development, in a Mendocino County hopelessly out of touch with the radically changing world around it, in which consumption of cheap plastic and oil, the

watering of lawns and pools, and patriotic anti-terror bamboolement are already recognized as symptoms of a fatal disease

But please don't come out in the streets, don't demand change in government, that's just too French, or Asian, or, to make it simple, unAmerican. So embarrassing, and scruffy, sort of like that trouble maker Michael Moore (Sicko, 9/11). Life is hard (well, yes it is, for ordinary people not into development scams and influence peddling).

Better to just whine and complain about how hard it is to make a living these days. Its just fine and dandy that the local pol (Mike Thompson) won't add his name to the growing list, still short by a couple of congresspersons, of said congresspersons willing to facilitate the impeachment and eviction of the world's two No. 1 terrorists, in order of criminality, no. 1 - Cheney, and no. 2 - Bush.

Seems just not enough sheep are calling him.

Al Krauss is a Ukiah resident.

Be kind to fish

Some years back, the California Supreme Court decided a case involving a California woman who was forced to give up her two house cats under rules adopted by her condominium association that prohibited pet ownership. Though not all pet ownership; the association's rules allowed "birds and domestic fish" but not cats. This gave one of the justices the opportunity to wax long and poetically about the joys of cat ownership and why his colleagues were wrong in not protecting the woman's pets.

Well, just last year, a more horrific case from New York gave a judge on one of that state's appellate courts a similar opportunity to write in praise of one of the two animals that had been allowed by that condominium association. And perhaps it's also a response to those who have use the expression "a cold fish" to describe someone without emotions.

On August 2, 2003, a woman named Emelie Martinez and her three children were living in an apartment in New York City with a man named Michael Garcia. Also living in the apartment were two dogs, a cat, and three goldfish. In the early hours of that day, Emelie awoke to find Garcia holding the children's fish tank, which he promptly threw into their television set telling her "that could have been

Judicial follies
BY FRANK ZOTTER

you."

After things calmed down a bit from Garcia's unprovoked attack, and while Emelie was trying to clean up the mess, Garcia, noticing the presence of the children, said, "You want to see something awesome?" and stomped on the fish, which (though no doubt flopping around) were still alive and perhaps could have been saved. The next day, after an even more vicious attack on Emelie, during which Garcia both punched her and pulled a knife, he was finally arrested.

Garcia was eventually convicted of a variety of crimes, including "aggravated cruelty to animals," a felony under New York law - but only if the attack was on someone's "companion animal"; otherwise, his conduct would have been a misdemeanor "unjustifiable killing of any animal," whether wild or tame. Garcia appealed his conviction, giving Judge James M. Catterson a chance to write an essay on the place of fish as "human companions."

Garcia must have gotten some inkling of where the judge was going when Catterson began his opinion. "The earliest known domestic animal appears to be the dog, a companion to mankind as early as 15,000 B.C. ... The domestication of fish is believed to have begun much later, in China during the Tang Dynasty, around 620 A.D. The common goldfish ... a member of the carp family that was first domesticated in China, is now the most commonly kept aquarium fish. ...The goldfish's popularity in the West began as the first public aquarium opened in London in 1853. Keeping goldfish as companions and pets in the United States has been popular since that time."

After reciting the facts of the case, Catterson discussed whether the companion animal statute applied to Garcia's conduct. Once again, he telegraphed his conclusion, titling this part of his opinion, "ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL" -- taken, of course, from a nineteenth century hymn written by Cecil Francis Alexander ("All things bright and beautiful/All creatures great and small/All things wise and wonderful/The Lord God made them all") which also provided the titles of four of James Herriot's best-sellers about his English veterinary practice.

Garcia's lawyer argued that goldfish were

not "domesticated" animals because, given the opportunity, they would have left the Martinez home. Catterson rejected this, noting, "While this trait arguably distinguishes fish from dogs and, probably to a lesser extent cats, it fails to take into account that many other animals commonly considered pets, such as hermit crabs, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs and rabbits, would depart for less confining venues and greener pastures if given the opportunity."

Ultimately, Catterson concluded that it was Garcia's state of mind -- his desire to traumatize the children with his cruel act of killing their pet -- that was the purpose behind the New York law. He agreed with the trial judge that "the crime was established in recognition of the correlation between violence against animals and subsequent violence against human beings" -- or, in this case, simultaneous violence. Garcia's convictions on most of his other crimes were also upheld and he was sent away for a long time.

The only thing troubling about Catterson's opinion was his suggestion that, like the other pets he mentioned, hermit crabs would also depart for "greener pastures" if given the chance. Grayer beaches, maybe - but not pastures.

Frank Zotter is a Ukiah attorney.

California orders voting machines to have tighter security

By STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — California's secretary of state on Friday placed rigorous security conditions on voting equipment used in dozens of counties and limited the use of two of the most widely used machines.

The most affected counties will have to scramble to find alternate equipment just six months before California holds its presidential primary.

Secretary of State Debra Bowen had set Friday as the deadline to tell counties whether their voting equipment would be decertified because of California's accelerated election schedule next year. She had to alert them six months before the Feb. 5 presidential primary and made her announcement just minutes before midnight.

Her decision followed the results of an eight-week security review of the voting systems used in all but a handful of California's 58 counties.

University of California computer experts found that voting machines sold by three companies — Diebold Election Systems, Hart InterCivic and Sequoia Voting Systems — were vulnerable to hackers and that voting results could be altered.

Bowen said it revealed some vulnerabilities that would allow hackers to manipulate the systems "with little chance of detection and with dire consequences."

Her review also found that the machines posed problems for disabled voters.

Specifically, Bowen said she had decertified the machines for use and then recertified them on the condition they meet her new security standards. When asked what would happen if the companies failed to do so, Bowen responded, "I think they will."

In a move with potentially wide-ranging consequences, Bowen also

limited the Diebold and Sequoia machines to one per polling place. She said that would help voters with disabilities cast their ballots while significantly reducing the threat of vote manipulation.

But the limited use of those machines will force some counties to find replacement equipment on a tight schedule.

Bowen ordered the review, which was released last week, to ensure that California would not face the same doubts about the accuracy of its voting systems that hit Florida after the 2000 election and Ohio in 2004. She held a public hearing on the reports Monday.

The secretary of state's office took on an eerie feel Friday night, with Bowen huddling with her aides behind closed doors in the hours before her cusp-of-midnight news conference.

An announcement coming so late on the day Bowen had set as the deadline concerned local elections officials.

Steve Weir, president of the state association of registrars, said the actual deadline to notify counties under state election law is Sunday.

That means Bowen could have scheduled her announcement for Monday and still met the six-month timeframe, giving her more time to review the reports and decide on a course of action, he said.

"This thing has been rushed at every stage, and the amount of time the public has had to review and comment is unconscionable," Weir said before Bowen made her announcement. "This is way too important to be doing that."

The full scope of Bowen's decision was not immediately clear late Friday. Weir said 42 counties use electronic voting machines for disabled voters, while 22 use them as their primary method at polling places.

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He expressed concern about Bowen's order limiting the use of some Diebold and Sequoia voting systems, the most widely used in California.

Bowen suggested that counties could replace the Diebold and Sequoia equipment with electronic scanners that use paper ballots — the kind used to read absentee ballots.

Weir, however, was concerned that there may be too few vendors to produce the scanning machines or paper ballots needed to fill the gaps left by Bowen's order.

"We're talking about tens of millions of additional ballots for three elections next year. You do not just go to Kinkos," he said.

He also warned that the companies would have to get federal approval if Bowen's conditions for recertification require any more than minimal changes to a machine's software and hardware. That process could take up to eight months — well past California's presidential primary.

Bowen was undeterred by the challenges and the criticism she has faced from local election officials. She compared her mission to ensure the integrity of voting machines to the federal government issuing a recall when it determines a consumer

product is unsafe.

The same standards should be applied to voting systems, she said, to "make sure they are secure, accurate and reliable."

The additional security requirements she imposed included banning all modum or wireless connections to the machines to prevent them from being linked to an outside computer or the Internet. Each machine that must be recertified also has a lengthy list of additional conditions it must meet, many of them highly technical.

She also required a full manual count of all votes cast on Diebold or Sequoia machines to ensure accuracy.

Company officials have downplayed the results of Bowen's review, saying they reflected unrealistic, worst-case scenarios that would be counteracted by security measures taken by the companies and local election officials.

The companies also complained that the examiners had access to computer coding, manuals and other information that is not available to the public.

Officials with Sequoia said they were disappointed with Bowen's withdrawal of the company's certification but said they would make any necessary improvements to their equipment, which they defended as accurate and secure.

"Electronic voting systems have never been successfully tampered with in an actual election," the company said in a statement. "That same statement cannot be made about lever machines and paper-based voting systems throughout our nation's history."

In a statement, Hart InterCivic also defended its equipment, and said the company would work to comply with Bowen's requirements.

Messages left with Diebold early Saturday were not immediately returned.

Machines made by a fourth company, Election Systems & Software, were not included in the review because it was late providing information the secretary of state's office needed, said Nicole Winger, a spokeswoman for Bowen.

The secretary of state launched a separate review of that company's Inkavote Plus system, which is used only in Los Angeles County. On Friday, Bowen said she had decertified that equipment but would review and reconsider it.

A message left for a company spokesman early Saturday morning was not immediately returned.

Bowen's office also is reviewing an application by Election Systems & Software for certification of a new version of its Automark voting system, which is used in 10 counties.

A third aspect of the secretary of state's study examined the complicated computer codes that control how electronic voting systems operate. Besides Los Angeles County, San Francisco and Contra Costa counties were not included in the review.

Last November's general election ran relatively smoothly in most counties, except for the occasional technical glitch. The three companies whose machines were reviewed by the secretary of state each experienced minor problems, ranging from machines that would not accept voters' ballot cards to printers that did not turn out paper records of ballots.

Since 2004, California has required that all voting machines produce a paper trail that allows elections officials to see ballot results.

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Busiest 50 'structurally deficient' bridges include 38 in populous Southern California

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California motorists make millions of daily crossings of bridges and overpasses classified as "structurally deficient" like the span that collapsed in Minneapolis, but state transportation officials say none are in danger of falling down.

Of the 50 most heavily trafficked bridges and overpasses deemed structurally deficient in the United States, 38 are in populous Southern California, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the Federal Highway Administration. Of those, 32 are in Los Angeles County, five in Orange County and one in Riverside County.

Bridges with the designation in Essex and Hunterdon counties in New Jersey have the most traffic in the country. Drivers in the three Southern California counties alone make more than 27 million crossings of structurally deficient bridges each day.

Federal transportation officials classify a bridge structurally deficient if it needs significant maintenance, there are plans to replace it or if weight restrictions are imposed upon it.

California Department of Transportation Director Will Kempton said, however, that the designation is broad. "Being on that list does not mean that the bridge is in danger of falling down," Kempton said. "There are many reasons bridges are placed on that list."

About 95 percent of California's deficient bridges have so-called deck problems such as eroding pavement, peeling paint, or missing highway signs, he said.

The remaining 5 percent — which the department said would take days to identify — are being attended to, he said. They might include bridges with foundation problems, cracking in concrete or steel or heavy corrosion.

"There is no bridge in our system that is in danger of collapse at this point," he said.

A spokeswoman for the city of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works,

which is responsible for maintaining more than 530 bridges in the city, said Los Angeles motorists have nothing to fear. Spokeswoman Tonya Durrell said state inspectors haven't informed the city about any bridges in danger of carrying heavy loads.

"We don't see any imminent threat of these bridges collapsing," Durrell said.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich said, however, that the data serves as a reminder of how important it is to maintain infrastructure in an area with so much motor traffic.

"This is a wake-up call and we're directing the Department of Public Works to ensure that all county bridges are inspected and analyzed for structural safety," he said.

Ted Nguyen, spokesman for the Orange County Transportation Authority, said Kempton sent an e-mail to the agency Thursday assuring it that Orange County bridges are safe.

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Two-thirds vote requirement for budget gives GOP leverage

By DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer
SACRAMENTO

Environmental requirements in San Bernardino County. Transportation projects approved by voters last fall.

Such mundane matters have little to do with California's annual budget, but they are among the chief reasons the spending plan for the current fiscal year is almost seven weeks overdue.

The reason: California's requirement that the budget pass with a two-thirds vote in each house. It is one of only three states to have the requirement, which gives minority Republicans a rare chance to exert influence.

"Quite frankly, there are a few places to which we can leverage those kind of policy issues, and this is one of them," said Sen. George Runner of Lancaster, the Senate's Republican Caucus chairman.

All but one of the 15 Senate Republicans voted against the state's \$145 billion spending plan Wednesday, the second time the budget has failed to win enough support in that house. That leaves Democrats in the 40-member chamber one vote short of the two-thirds they need.

The budget passed the Assembly July 20 when eight Republicans joined Democrats to meet the super majority requirement. Republicans in the Senate appear content to hold out indefinitely for more concessions.

The impasse has led some lawmakers and many political observers outside government wondering whether the state's budget process must be overhauled. Of the last 20 state budgets, just seven were approved before the July 1 start of each new fiscal year.

California voters adopted the two-thirds majority requirement in 1933 during the Great Depression, when finances were precarious and voters worried about government spending and higher taxes.

At the time, the requirement applied only to budgets that were more than 5 percent higher than the previous year. In 1962, voters extended the rule to all budgets. Proposition 13 in 1978 required two-thirds majorities for tax increases, as well.

In 2004, California voters rejected a ballot measure that

would have lowered the majority to pass the budget and tax increases to 55 percent.

"The two-thirds majority really holds the budget process hostage," said Chris Carson, government director for the League of Women Voters, which backed the 2004 initiative. "If they pass a budget that the voters don't like, then they can hold them accountable. This is a representative democracy."

Requiring a narrower majority, however, is hardly a panacea, said Arturo Perez, a fiscal analyst with the Denver-based National Conference of State Legislatures.

Only Arkansas and Rhode Island require a similar super majority for budget approval, and both passed their budgets on time this year. Meanwhile, budgets were delayed in several states that require just simple majority votes.

Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Democratic Senate leader Don Perata of Oakland are among those promising to consider changes in California's budget process this fall, after the current spending plan is approved.

"I think everyone realizes the current system isn't working," Senate Minority Leader Dick Ackerman, R-Tustin, said in a telephone interview Friday.

Democrat-controlled committees are free to adopt their priorities while ignoring those put forward by Republicans. When the plan is presented to the Assembly or the Senate, the process grinds to a halt when the budget needs at least some Republican votes to reach the two-thirds threshold.

"We've made our positions known since January, but they're never taken seriously until we are where we are right now," Ackerman said.

He thinks requiring a two-thirds majority would be useful throughout the budget process, including with the conference committee that drafts the final budget, "as a check-and-balance so parties can't go too wild."

Schwarzenegger supported the budget approved by the Assembly and has placed part of the blame for the stalemate on the way California draws its legislative districts. In general, the districts are safe for the party currently holding the seat and tend to produce lawmakers who are very conserv-

ative or very liberal. Moderates have all but disappeared from the Capitol, making compromise more elusive.

Sen. Tom McClintock, R-Thousand Oaks, has been the most vocal this year in rallying conservatives to support the Republicans' cause.

Yet McClintock favors shifting to a simple majority vote so the party in power bears total responsibility for the budget. He would retain the two-thirds vote requirement for tax increases and install stiffer requirements that the state's revenue and spending balance in each budget.

This year, the Senate's Republicans say they want additional spending cuts to eliminate the budget's \$700 million deficit. Schwarzenegger has said he

will use his veto power to balance the budget, but that hasn't been enough to satisfy members of his own party.

On Thursday, a somewhat exasperated governor told reporters, "I don't really know now what it takes to close it."

Part of his frustration can be traced to the list of issues Republicans want to address, concerns that in many cases have little if anything to do with the budgeting process. They're holding out to win concessions because the budget process gives them the only real leverage they have all year against the Democratic majority.

Senate Republicans say they want changes to budget-related bills they claim would unfairly eliminate railroads from state funding, send too much money to Los Angeles

and decide how a transportation bond approved last year by voters is spent.

They also are demanding protections for local governments that are being threatened by Attorney General Jerry Brown. The former Democratic governor is demanding that cities and counties account for the negative effects their housing, commercial and road projects might have on global climate change. Republicans fear lawsuits by Brown could bring development to a halt.

Schwarzenegger said he shares his fellow Republicans' concerns but on Thursday criticized senators for using such peripheral interests to stall the budget.

"We have to make some adjustments there. But let me be very clear; I do not support

holding up a state budget because of non-budget issues," Schwarzenegger said.

The governor's assertion "is just way off mark," said Runner, the Republican senator. "Billions of dollars in this year's budget and in future budgets deal with the issue of investment in infrastructure. That goes to the core of spending those dollars, so it is directly related to the budget."

The transportation bond money is included in a section of the overall budget that is outside the \$103 billion general fund, which pays for ongoing state operations. Runner also defended Republicans' fight against the attorney general, saying Brown's attack on local governments has the potential to delay public works projects and thus put public safety at risk.

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Ukiah High football camp

The fourth annual Ukiah High School football camp will be running August 12-15. Incoming freshman through seniors are invited to come.

The camp will comprise of conditioning and contact drills, and will have guest speakers. The camp is free, but players must have a physical prior to entering the camp. For more information please call Russ at 489-0963.

Soccer Camp Scholarship

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

Mendocino College volleyball camp

Mendocino College will host a week-long volleyball camp for area girls beginning Monday, August 6. This is a general skills camp put on by the Mendo-Lake Spikers Volleyball Club. Girls going into grades 7-9 should sign up for the morning session (running from 9 a.m.-noon). Girls going into 10-12th grades should sign up for the later session (1-4 p.m.) for the more advanced players.

Local coaches will teach fundamental skill in a low player to coach environment. This camp is perfect for girls trying out for teams in the fall, or just for fun. The cost is \$80. To register call Ori Polkinghorne at 463-0451 and receive a camp flier. Registration is also available the first day of camp.

High school boy's soccer

Ukiah High will be holding a free conditioning and skills soccer class for all boy's high school soccer players. It will run from July 31 until August 9, and will meet Tuesday through Thursday 5:30-7 p.m.

For more information call coach Mario Garcia at 462-1601.

Ukiah High volleyball

Ukiah High School volleyball will start open weight training and conditioning on August 13, and will run until August 17. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Try-outs will follow, starting on August 20 and running to August 26. Physicals are required before the first day of try-outs.

UHS runners camp

Cross Country summer conditioning camp for potential Ukiah High School runners will begin Monday, August 6, at 6 p.m. at the high school. It will run Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the high school and on Tuesday and Thursday at the Shakota Trail located at Lake Mendocino. Actual cross country practice will begin August 20, at the high school.

For more information please call Chad Raugewitz at 467-9158, or Judi Walsh at 462-5877.

Summer basketball camp

Open to boys and girls ages 7 to 17, this week long summer basketball camp offers players an opportunity to build a solid sports foundation. Each day is filled with fundamental skill progression drills, easy to understand instruction, as well as games and fun competitions.

From beginners to advanced players these camps will be a great experience with no more than eight campers to each coach. All campers receive great instruction, a lot of fun, and a free T-shirt. Lunch is not provided.

The camp runs August 20 through August 24 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Admission is \$125 (\$75 half day rate), the camp will be held at Pomolita Middle School Gym. Pre-register at the City of Ukiah. For additional questions, please call the Recreation Department at 463-6714.

Benefit softball tournament

The annual Friends of Friends softball tournament will be held at the Cloverdale City Park, entry fee is \$300 for each team. Proceeds go to a person in the community in need due to medical expenses. For more information call (707) 972-8122.

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Phelps' magic, near record steal show at nationals

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Phelps barely gave the 100 backstroke a thought — and still came within an eyelash of a world record.

Phelps' time of 53.01 seconds was the second-fastest ever, just three-hundredths of a second off Aaron Peirsol's mark set in March at the world championships. That prompted coach Bob Bowman to warn the rest of the swimming world of the unthinkable: Phelps can go even faster.

"How much?" coach Bob Bowman said. "A lot. A lot faster because he's done next to no preparation for that race specifically."

The backstroke was one of two national titles the two-time Olympian won Friday night — four for the week.

Phelps set a meet record in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:44.98, then regrouped and still had enough energy to swim what Bowman called his best closing 50 ever in the 100 back.

The two wins put him within one victory of becoming the

first American man to win five titles in back-to-back summer nationals. He had also won five events in 2003 and 2006; no other American man has even done it once.

But Saturday's potentially big finish won't happen this year because Phelps and Bowman cut a deal Friday morning.

"Our deal was that if I broke 45 (in the free) and 54 (in the back), then I could have a sleep-in tomorrow," Phelps said. "It's good to have a sleep-in day because I've not had one in a while."

That means Phelps is out of the 200 individual medley and will have to wait at least two more years to add that line to his impeccable resume. At 22, though, Phelps should have plenty of other opportunities.

He did match another one of his previous records Friday. The victory in the freestyle gave him titles in three different strokes this week, and he's the only American to do that.

But, at least, Phelps was challenged this time.

He had to fend off the hard-charging Peter Vanderkaay,



Jim Gensheimer/Mercury News

Michael Phelps of Club Wolverine competes in the 200M IM, during the Santa Clara International Swim Meet on July 1.

his teammate with Club Wolverine, to take the 200 free. Vanderkaay was second in 1:45.45 — both times were faster than the previous meet record.

In the 100 back, Phelps watched Indiana University's Ben Hesen go out quickly, turning in a 25.78, a sub-world record split.

This time, Phelps proved he

could rally, too. He hit the wall hard, went right past Hesen, who struggled in the last 50. By the time David Cromwell started to close on Phelps the only remaining question was whether Phelps would break the record.

Cromwell was second in 53.82, Hesen third at 54.40.

"I saw them going out, and I didn't want them to get too

Buck's single in the seventh leads the A's past the Angels

Associated Press

OAKLAND — Pinch hitter Travis Buck hit a two-out, tie-breaking single to lead the Oakland Athletics to a 2-1 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Saturday.

Joe Blanton (9-8) ended a personal four-game losing streak, allowing eight hits in seven innings. He gave up one run, did not strike out a batter and walked two.

Huston Street pitched the eighth and Alan Embree pitched a perfect ninth for his 13th save in 15 chances.

Kelvin Escobar (11-6) lost his third straight start despite allowing one earned run and two hits over seven innings. He matched his career high with seven walks and struck out two.

With the score tied at 1 in the seventh, Escobar walked Mark Ellis and Marco Scutaro around Mark Kotsay's fly out. Donnie Murphy lined out to Chone Figgins at third base before Buck came on and lunged for a pitch, hitting it to right where it fell just in front of Reggie Willits.

The Angels grabbed a 1-0



Sean Connelley/The Oakland Tribune

Oakland Athletics Nick Swisher, left, and Travis Buck loosen up before their game against the Los Angeles Angels on Friday.

lead when Casey Kotchman doubled to lead off the second inning, went to third on Maicer Izturis' single and scored on Jeff Mathis' sacri-

fice fly to right field.

The A's tied the score in the sixth, helped by an error by Escobar. Donnie Murphy and Shannon Stewart each drew a

walk from the right-hander. With one out, Nick Swisher grounded sharply to Kotchman at first. Kotchman threw to Orlando Cabrera at

second for the force but Escobar, covering first, couldn't handle Cabrera's return throw and the ball bounded into the Angels dugout, allowing Murphy to score.

Escobar walked Jack Cust but then made a nice play on Mike Piazza's sharp comeback to end the inning.

The Angels managed seven hits in the first four innings against Blanton but hit into a pair of double plays and were 1-for-4 with runners in scoring position.

Following Izturis' one-out single in the fourth, Blanton retired the next 10 hitters in succession.

Since giving up a season-high seven earned runs in 4 1-3 innings in Baltimore on June 29, Escobar has allowed just eight earned runs in 44 2-3 innings (1.61 ERA).

Notes: Angels OF Juan Rivera has begun running in 90-foot intervals as he recovers from a broken left leg.

Angels RHP John Lackey, who starts Sunday's series finale, is 10-3 with a 2.93 ERA in 22 games against the A's.

Alex Rodriguez becomes youngest to hit 500 home runs

By JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez became the youngest player in major league history to hit 500 home runs, sending the first pitch he saw Saturday just past the foul pole in left field.

Rodriguez stood at home plate for a second, waiting to see if his first-inning drive off Kansas City's Kyle Davies would stay fair.

He threw his hands in the air after the ball landed in the seats and began trotting around the bases with a wide grin on his face as the Yankee Stadium crowd cheered wildly.

When he reached the plate, he hugged Derek Jeter and Bobby Abreu, who both scored on the landmark home run, and blew a kiss toward the stands. His teammates were already on the field and he embraced several of them on his way back to the bench.

The crowd buzzed and roared again when A-Rod stuck his head out of the dugout for the long-awaited curtain call, which came more than a week after he hit No. 499 and eight days after his 32nd birthday.

Afuer he took his seat next to Jeter, the Yankees captain reached out and playfully rubbed A-Rod's head as the two superstars laughed. The two were close when they were younger but Rodriguez admitted in spring training that their relationship had cooled over the years.

Rodriguez surpassed Jimmie Foxx (32 years, 338



Ross Cameron/The Oakland Tribune

Alex Rodriguez swings at a pitch on June 24 against the Giants. Rodriguez has become the youngest player ever to reach 500 home runs.

days) as the youngest player to reach 500 homers. A-Rod is the 22nd player to reach the mark, the second this season behind Frank Thomas.

"Never, as a kid, did I ever think I'd hit even one," Rodriguez said after hitting No. 499 in a 7-1 win over Kansas City on July 25.

Now he's considered a strong candidate to become

baseball's career home run leader someday. First up though is Barry Bonds, who was two away from breaking Hank Aaron's record of 755 heading into San Francisco's game at San Diego on Saturday night.

The Yankees said the man who ended up with the ball from Rodriguez's home run didn't want to be identified,

and hadn't decided what he was going to do with it.

Rodriguez went into a tail-spin after his previous homer against the Royals. He was hitless in a career-worst 22 straight at-bats before he singled in the second inning of Thursday's 13-9 loss against the Chicago White Sox.

His 500th came in his 1,855th game. Only two players took fewer games to reach 500: Mark McGwire (1,639) and Babe Ruth (1,740).

Rodriguez also became the third player to accomplish the feat as a Yankee and the second to do it in the Bronx. Babe Ruth hit his 500th at Cleveland on Aug. 11, 1929, and Mickey Mantle reached the mark at home against Baltimore on May 14, 1967.

Yankees manager Joe Torre, standing next to the dugout mHster on a hot summer day, saw the drive off A-Rod's bat and pointed toward the pole as it went out.

One fan held up a yellow sign that read "501?" before his second at-bat, but Rodriguez walked on four pitches. He stole second, advanced to third on a ground-out and scored on Wilson Betemit's single to give New York a 5-2 lead.

He singled to right in the fourth, flied out to deep center in the sixth and singled to left in the seventh.

The Seattle Mariners took Rodriguez with the first kver-all pick in the 1993 draft. One year later, he became the third 18-year-old shortstop in the majors since 1900. At that point, he gave little indication

that he would develop into a two-time AL MVP and one of the game's greatest home run hitters.

He went homerless in 17 games for Seattle in that first season, and hit five in 48 games the following year.

But in 1996, his first full season in the big leagues, he hit 36 home runs. And after hitting 23 in 1997, he hasn't fallen short of 30 since. His seven seasons of 40 or more home runs are tied for fifth in major league history, and in 2001 he became only the fourth player with 50 homers and 200 hits in a season.

A-Rod's first home run came on June 12, 1995, against Tom Gordon and Kansas City. He hit No. 100 in August 1998, No. 200 in May 2001 with Texas and No. 300 in April 2003 with Texas. Number 400 came on June 8, 2005, against Milwaukee during his second season with the Yankees.

He hit 189 home runs with Seattle, 156 with Texas and has 155 with New York. He is one of only three players, along with Reggie Jackson and Darrell Evans, to hit 100 home runs for three different teams.

Rodriguez leads the majors with 36 this season, already surpassing the 35 he hit last year.

"Fifty home runs doesn't seem to be an issue," Torre said recently. "Fifty home runs. That's incredible. You're talking about him hitting in the 50s — in a couple of years he'll be going for No. 600."

Leader Sabbatini gets another shot at Woods

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

AKRON, Ohio — Rory Sabbatini met one goal Saturday. He gets another shot at Tiger Woods.

Sabbatini got his mistake out of the way early at the Bridgestone Invitational, settling down after a double bogey to salvage a 2-over 72 and build a one-shot lead over Woods, a five-time winner at Firestone.

Woods dropped out of a share for the lead with a bogey from the trees on the 18th hole, but he still managed a 69 and left himself a good chance to win this World Golf Championship for the third straight year.

"I tried to hang in there and not give any shots back," Woods said.

Sabbatini was at 4-under 206, the highest score for a 54-hole leader at Firestone since it became a WGC event in 1999.

Kenny Perry had a 71 and was the only other player under par at 1-under 209. He will be in the final threesome Sunday, presumably playing the part of Switzerland.

Sabbatini and Woods verbally sparred this spring starting at the Wachovia Championship, where Woods rallied from one shot behind the spunky South African to win at Quail Hollow. Five days later, Sabbatini said he thought Woods looked "as beatable as ever." And while he said Woods can be scary when he's on his game, he liked "the new Tiger" better.

Woods responded the next day by mentioning he had

three victories in 2007, as many as Sabbatini had in his career.

What kind of fireworks will Sunday bring?

"He's trying to obviously think of ways to motivate himself," Woods said. "A lot of guys don't really externalize it. We all say things like that inside, and he's just trying to gain any kind of edge mentally when you're out there playing. He just verbalizes them."

Sabbatini didn't back down, on the golf course and when he had finished his round with a 54-hole lead for the sixth time in his career. He mentioned he was 1-1 going against Woods in the final round, the most recent coming at Quail Hollow.

And the other time? "NCAAs, final round. I beat him by five," Sabbatini said proudly.

But didn't Woods win the NCAA title that year?

"He did, but I beat him in the final round," Sabbatini said with a grin. "So if I beat him by five tomorrow, I'm loving my chances."

Whether it becomes a two-man race remains to be seen.

Ten players were separated by five shots going into the final round, and Masters champion Zach Johnson was among those who showed how quickly it can turn on a Firestone course that might be tougher than Southern Hills next week for the PGA Championship. He dropped six shots in two holes with a quadruple bogey-double bogey stretch that sent him to a 76.

Of the last three groups, Woods was the only player to break par. The other five players were 21 over par.

With storms in the forecast Sunday, the starting times have been moved up to the morning in threesomes with hopes of finishing. Rain might be the only thing to spare players from another grueling round.

The best anyone could do was a 67, one of those belonging to Aaron Baddeley. That put him in a tie for fourth at 1-over 211, a group that included Justin Leonard and Hunter Mahan, who each had a 71; and Andres Romero, the 26-year-old from Argentina coming off his first European Tour victory last week in Germany.

"It so firm right now, you look at some of these pins and you just start to laugh," Leonard said. "But it's supposed to rain tomorrow, soften up a little bit. And if that happens, we might see some better scores."

Big numbers figure to stick around regardless. Sabbatini got his early when his shot out of a fairway bunker clipped a tree and dropped into the deep rough, leaving him little chance of reaching the green. Joe Durant got his late.

"If you fall asleep for just a minute or two, it can bite you," Durant said.

He fell asleep for two holes at the end of an otherwise solid round, and he had teeth marks. First came a three-putt bogey on the 17th when he missed a pkr putt from 20 inches, then a double bogey on the 18th during a journey through the trees for a 71.

No one suffered quite like Johnson.

The Masters champion was tied for the lead at 5 under par when his tee shot on the par-4 ninth went right into deep rough. He tried to hack out to the fairway, but the grass turned his club and the ball shot across into the left rough. From there he went into a bunker, then over the green. His wedge slid under the ball during a flop shot, moving it only a few feet. Another chip didn't reach the green. Johnson had to make a 4-footer to escape with a quadruple-bogey 8.

Then he took double bogey on the next hole, and went from leading to five shots behind.

"I tried to play safe every shot," Johnson said. "I tried to play the percentages on every single shot I hit. And I made a 4-footer for an 8. A good 8."

Of the top five on the leaderboard going into the final round, everyone made double bogey except for Woods. He was more bothered by not making birdie, especially after missing chances inside 15 feet on his first three holes.

But he finally made one from 10 feet on the fourth, and we he holed an 8-foot birdie at No. 6, he was tied for the lead.

He swapped birdies and bogeys the rest of the way, with one unusual par on the 13th. He hit his drive so far left that it went

into the 14th fairway, which led to a blind shot over the trees into a bunker. He blasted out to 5 feet and made the putt.

At X Games, skateboarding and riders grow up

By ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press Writer

CARSON — Skateboarding is all grown up. Long synonymous with youth, many of the sport's top practitioners and biggest stars are now husbands as well as fathers.

Long associated with delinquency, skateboarding is now downright respectable.

One-time teen sensation Tony Hawk is now over 40, retired from competition and acting the elder statesman as he does commentary for ESPN's X Games coverage.

The sport has even been around long enough to now have its own version of an old timers' game — an exhibition called Legends of Vert, featuring 1980s skate idols like Hawk, Christian Hosoi and Mike McGill, will be held on Sunday morning.

Compared to the newer and more youth-oriented variations of sports the X Games churns out every year, Sunday's signature event Skateboard Vert is almost like baseball, storied and classic.

All of the returning medalists in the event are at least 30: defending champ Sandro Dias is 32, silver medalist Bob

Burnquist is 30 and bronze winner Bucky Lasek is 34.

Lasek, who won gold in Vert in 2003 and 2004 and won Best Trick last year, has been married for 10 years. He has kids 9 and 7 and a third on the way.

He says it's a suburban dad's life at his Baltimore home when he's not on the ramp.

"If I'm not traveling I'm taking them to school, most of the time not picking them up because I'm skating, and then I come home and make dinner and be daddy."

He said the kids only dabble in skateboarding. The sport seems stodgy when dad does it, and they've gone in a different direction.

"They're into horseback riding," he said. "They ride English-style."

While the years haven't hurt Lasek's game, they've hurt his body.

"Over time, you definitely start feeling it more, the little ones start to add up," Lasek said as he sat with both knees iced. "I just had surgery on my left knee, I had it fixed but I was favoring my right knee because of the injured left knee and now my right knee is

swelled."

Lasek faced criticism for what some observers called a conservative style that left him with just a bronze last year.

He was quick to dismiss the thought that he needed to take a more aggressive approach.

"My whole ride is aggressive, my whole line is aggressive," he said. "If I make my line I have no doubt. I have a good feeling."

Burnquist, coming off a Thursday night win in Big Air, hasn't won Vert gold since 2001, when he was 24.

He said age can be an advantage.

"Over time, you know what works, you know what doesn't, you set up your lines right, you're a little bit more collected, you're not super-nervous, you don't have much to prove."

"I'm actually in better shape now than when I was 20."

The three thirtysomethings will still get a serious challenge from youth, though.

Twenty-year-old Shaun White has hoarded gold medals in the Winter X Games and Winter Olympics but has never won a gold in skateboarding.

Lorena Ochoa takes 6-shot lead at Women's British Open

By ROBERT MILLWARD
AP Sports Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Lorena Ochoa equates playing golf tournaments to running marathons.

After going six shots ahead of the field at the Women's British Open on Saturday, the top-ranked Mexican can at last see the finishing line for her first major victory in her 24th attempt.

Ochoa shot a second straight par 73 and was the only player under par on the Old Course at St. Andrews. She is at 6-under 213, six shots ahead of Linda Wessberg of Sweden (72).

The biggest danger may come from Annika Sorenstam (77), one of four players seven shots back at 1-over 220.

"I'm not going to pay attention to other players and just play my own game and try to be aggressive and make some birdies," Ochoa said. "I think once you try to start doing something different you get in trouble. I just want to play my game and hopefully, I can win

maybe by more."

Ochoa is lithely built but physically strong, something she attributes to marathons. She ran a half-marathon in her home city of Guadalajara, and a marathon at Tucson when she was studying at the University of Arizona.

"I like to train for half-marathons," she said. "Even on the tour, I like to think we are running in a marathon and we are just training. You can go really, really far. It helps me to know just how far I can go and never to give up, and just keep on going and be tough."

"In a way you can relate it to golf. Just always be strong and have a mind-set that you can do it and that you want to make it."

After twice finishing second in majors — as well as coming third and fourth — this may be the first time she crosses the line first.

Wi 3/4h winds gusting up to 35 mph at the home of golf, virtually all of Ochoa's rivals dropped shots. The only three

sub-par rounds of the day came from golfers way back in the field who played in the calmer part of the day.

One of those was Wessberg. She was tied for 19th at the start of her round, but recorded her fourth birdie of the day at the 18th to compensate for a double-bogey 6 at the 13th.

Sorenstam bogeyed four holes on the outward nine but made a good recovery.

"I was just trying to be smart, hit fairways and greens and go from there," Sorenstam said. "I believe I shot level-par the last 10 or 11 holes. I'll take that any time in a championship like this. I just didn't get off to a good start."

Ochoa punctuated her solid round with some spectacular play.

She sank a 30-foot birdie putt at the third and just missed a 60-foot eagle at the fifth. The ball rolled up one slope and down another to creep past the rim of the cup and leave her a 1-foot birdie.

She also benefited from a

two-shot swing at the 12th, where she holed a 2-foot birdie putt and playing partner Wendy Ward missed a 7-foot putt for bogey.

Starting one shot behind and tied for second, Ward had six bogeys and a double-bogey 7 at the 17th, 7ere she needed four shots to reach the green. She finished with an 80 for a share of seventh at 2-over 221.

While most players were shooting high 70s or into the 80s in the strong wind, Stacy Prammanasudh shot a 1-under 72. The American had three birdies and moved up from 52nd to a tie for 12th at 3-over 222.

Juli Inkster has had three wildly erratic rounds. The seven-time major winner threatened for the lead during a second-round 68, which was an 11-shot improvement on her opening 79. Her third-round 82 was a 14-stroke swing the other way as she finished tied for 51st at 10-over 229.

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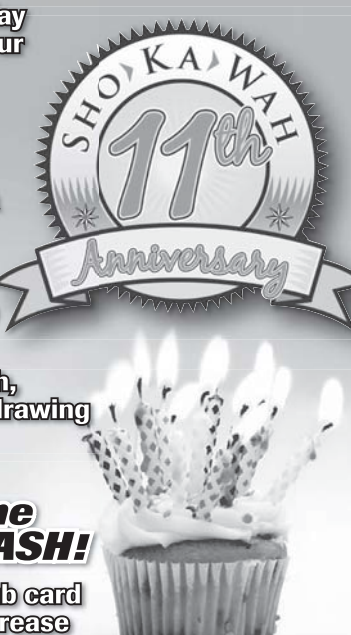
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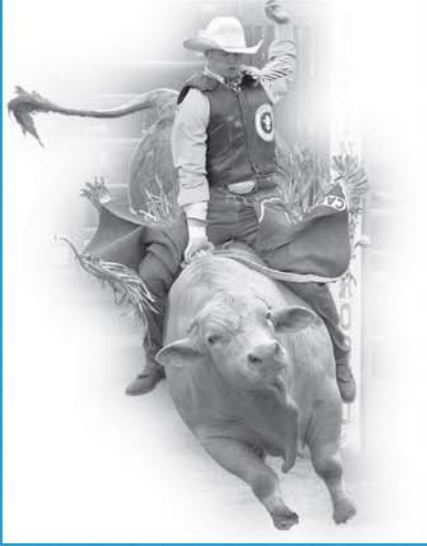
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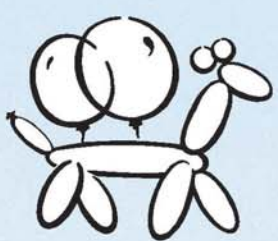
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The City of Ukiah would like to announce the beginning of registration for a women's slow pitch softball tournament. The tournament will be held at the Ukiah Sports Complex on Saturday, August 25. The format will be a three game round-robin with a single elimination playoff to follow.

All players on the roster must be 18 years or older at time of registration. The deadline for registration is Friday, August 17, and there is a maximum of 12 teams. Team fees are \$250 per team.

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Tryouts for the Ukiah High School Girls Tennis Team will take place from Monday through Friday, August 20 through 24, and on Monday, August 27, as well as Wednesday through Friday, August 29 through 31, times from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day, at the MENDOCINO COLLEGE tennis courts.

All participants must have completed their Sports Physical Examination, and have turned in their fully completed Sports Participation Packet to the Ukiah Administration Office prior to tryouts, to be eligible to participate. Athletes will receive an eligibility card which is to be turned in to the tennis coach at the tryouts.

Participants need to bring a tennis racquet, athletic shoes designed specifically for tennis, and a water bottle each day.

The Ukiah High School Girls Tennis Team will play all of their home matches at MENDOCINO COLLEGE, due to court renovations at Ukiah. Practices will also be held on these courts once school begins.

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Bonds' entourage growing as the chase for 755 drags on

By JANIE McCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO - A pair of publicists and two of his trainers. The personal videographer. His agent. Major League Baseball's authenticator. Family and lots of friends.

Don't forget all the stern-faced security guards.

With each day that Barry Bonds' home run chase drags on, the group of people around him grows. Two weeks ago in Chicago, the Rev. Jesse Jackson made an appearance

at Wrigley Field to root for Bonds.

This pursuit has become downright diva-like.

And Bonds' godfather, Hall of Famer Willie Mays, was expected to jump aboard the Bonds' road show soon.

"I didn't know he had a posse," teammate Kevin Frandsen said. "I don't think any of us have any idea."

Everybody seems to want a piece of history when it happens. Bonds headed into Saturday night's middle game

at San Diego with 754 home runs, still one away from Hank Aaron's record. He hasn't hit one out since July 27 at home against Florida.

On Friday night, Bonds played only seven innings - a fourth straight early exit for the 43-year-old slugger - but stayed around Petco Park for nearly an hour after San Diego's 4-3, 10-inning victory over Bonds' San Francisco Giants. He walked out of the clubhouse in dark sunglasses and surrounded by his swarm.

"I don't know anything. I'm just along for the ride," Bonds' Beverly Hills-based agent, Jeff Borris, said with a grin.

Bonds was greeted by energetic 8-year-old daughter Aisha and wife Liz, and a big group of friends. He posed for photos with a bunch of friends and a baby girl and opted not to talk about his latest homerless performance against the Padres.

Just down the hallway from the informal gathering at the

ballpark service entrance, a crying female fan sporting a black "Bonds 25" jersey was hauled away in handcuffs.

"Barry's getting a lot of attention and it's well deserved," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

And that doesn't even count all the media assigned to follow his every move. The Padres said about 350 people were credentialed for each day of the weekend series - 250 more than the club's regular number.

Nobody will be able to look at the NBA the same way

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

Nobody will look at an NBA game the same way for some time.

That's as true for casual fans as it is for the federal investigators even now poring over videotape of every game of ex-referee Tim Donaghy, accused of betting on games over the last two seasons.

The question of whether Donaghy manipulated games is best left to the U.S. Attorney's office in Brooklyn. How he might have done it is a different matter.

"There's three groups that gamblers can work with to get what they want — players, coaches and officials," said Mike Mathis, who refereed for 26 years in the NBA before retiring in 2001. "And the one that needs the least amount of help by far, is the official."

"Common sense tells you those guys in Vegas are awfully good at setting the point spread, so in most games, at the end, they're right in the hunt. One traveling call, or a foul and two free throws at a critical point and you're pretty darned close to right where you need to be."

The foul call that inspires the loudest howls of protests late in any game comes when a player drives to the basket and draws contact, requiring the ref to decide whether to whistle charging or blocking. The NBA has tried to narrow the interpretation of the rule by carving out a portion of the lane for defenders.

It's been part of a larger effort by the league to quell on-court dissent by players and coaches, and quiet complaints by fans about incompetent officiating, let alone conspiracy theorists.

But the evidence suggests that taking away some of the refs' discretionary powers and making the review process less transparent has had just the opposite effect.

Many observers would argue — and ESPN.com's Bill Simmons has been downright prescient on the issue for two seasons now — the quality of the NBA's officiating crews is at an all-time low.

And as anybody who watched Dwyane Wade shoot 25 free throws in Game 5 of the 2006 finals — as many as the entire Dallas Mavericks team — will recall, the charging-blocking continuum remains as confusing as ever. Besides, there are easier and less detectable ways to manipulate games.

Trying to help one team win, or even adjusting the margin of victory — the point spread — are way too risky;

either tactic likely would have produced patterns that the league's supervisory officiating crews or the Vegas bookmakers who set the point spreads would have been quick to spot. Much tougher to catch would be a ref focused on manipulating the over-under line.

An over-under bet, one of several "proposition" bets available at sports books, requires picking whether the two teams playing will score more or less than the combined number of points predicted.

Find a game where the over-under bet is around 190 points and an astute ref has a number of tools available to influence the outcome either way.

Say Kobe Bryant or Kevin Garnett picks up a quick foul early 3/4n a game — legitimately. All a crooked ref has to do next is tack on a second soon after, then sit back.

Everybody in the building knows what's next," Mathis said. "The coach pulls the guy. And if a team that has a tough enough time scoring with a superstar has to play long stretches without him well ..."

Or the ref can take the opposite tack. In an up-and-down game where points flow freely in the first half, a ref subtly begins accelerating the pace of the foul calls early at the outset of the third quarter, spreads those calls around so no one is in danger of fouling out, and gets both teams into the bonus situation by early in the fourth.

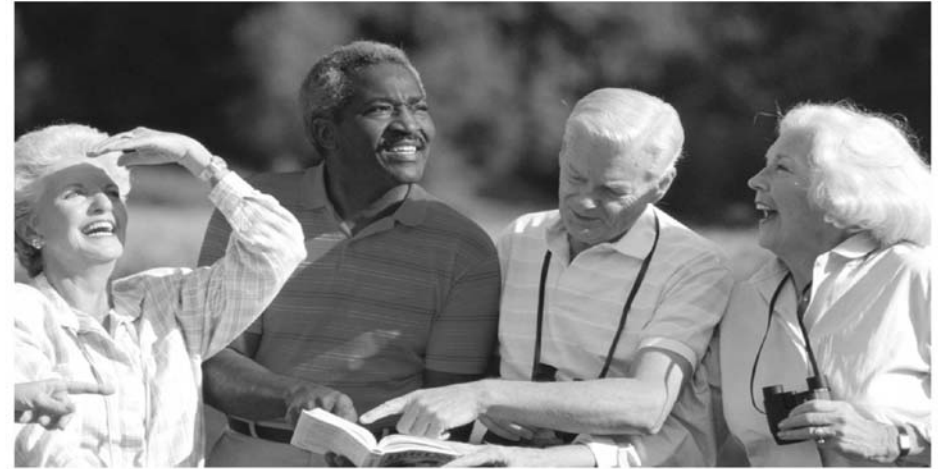
Mathis sid he never even considered how a ref might work the over-under scenario, but he did point out that the more calls a ref has to make, the more he risks raising the suspicions of not just players, coaches and officials, but the other two members of the officiating crew. But he contends even that obstacle can be overcome.

"Nowthat I'm retired, I get calls all the time from coaches, assistants and GMs who want me to explain what

they're seeing Or I watch a game, see a guy three feet from the ply get whistled and hear the announcer say, 'I guess the ref saw something we didn't.'

"And my answer," Mathis said, "is, 'No he didn't.' That means one of three things went on. The ref guessed. He's incompetent. Or there's funny stuff going on. ... To me, there's been an accountability problem in how the league office handles officials going back at least 20 years. And now that they're accountable to no one outside that office, it's only gotten worse."

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Brown's towering drop draws gasps, but he walks away

By ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES — The slam of the skateboarder's body against the ramp caused a collective shudder among X Games spectators and had Web video watchers gasping Friday morning.

Jake Brown fell flailing and helpless for about 40 feet on the skateboard big air mega ramp during his fifth and final run Thursday night. Brown bruised his lung and liver and remained in the intensive care unit at California Hospital Medical Center on Friday night, X Games officials said.

"He's in stable condition," hospital spokeswoman Katreena Salgado said.

After pulling off a difficult 720 over the ramp's 70-foot gap, he launched up the adjacent quarterpipe and immediately lost control. Plunging face first, his legs pedaling wildly, Brown turned over in the air and landed on his tailbone, with his head and limbs hitting soon after.

He slid limply down the last few feet of ramp and lay motionless for nearly five minutes. The crack echoed into box seats at the top of the Staples Center.

Fans and fellow competitors worried Brown could be paralyzed or worse, and Bob Burnquist, the only competitor with a run remaining, said he thought seriously about just letting Brown, who was in first place, have the gold.

When Brown finally showed signs of stirring, the tension broke. Five minutes later, he walked away. Vert skaters typically don't wear pads on their lower back and tailbone, but in the super-risky Big Air event many wear gear similar to body armor. Burnquist topped Brown's score in his final run to take the gold, then sprinted into the nearby corridor to see Brown off to the hospital.

GIDDY LITTLE KID: Kevin Robinson remained the only gold medal winner in the BMX Big Air competition, winning for the second straight year.

Despite being a veteran at BMX, the 35-year-old Robinson adores the nearly new Big Air event and its giant, frightening mega ramp. "I get on that ramp and it just feels like a big toy to me," he said. "I'm just a giddy little kid."

Robinson dominated from his first run of the night Friday, landing all five of his tricks and posting two scores that would have won the event. "I just felt like I could do no wrong," he said. "I just felt dialed in."

For the winning run, Robinson did a no-handed back flip over the 70-foot gap, into an 18-foot high flare on the quarterpipe for a score of 95.33. Australian Steve McCann was second with a 93.

Anthony Napolitan was third with a 92.66.

COLE REPEATS: Chris Cole won the men's street skateboarding gold for the second straight year Friday.

Cole, a 25-year-old skateboarder from Levittown, Pa., managed a sky-high score of

96.5 on his final session to spring past Greg Lutzka. He did it with a kick flip back lick on the course's rail and a grapefruit grind on the flat bar.

"The tricks just presented themselves," Cole said.

Lutzka had managed a very tough flip switch 270 and a score of 96.25 to get into first place.

"I was really stoked to land the flip switch," Lutzka said. "I am totally cool with second place."

Jereme Rogers won the bronze.

The event's two most-hyped stars — 17-year-old, soon-to-be MTV reality star Ryan Sheckler and 22-year-old Paul Rodriguez Jr. went without medals.

Sheckler finished fourth. Rodriguez, the son of comedian and actor Paul Rodriguez and the gold medalist in the event in 2004 and 2005, finished sixth.

RENNER STEPS UP: Ronnie Renner of Westminster, Calif., won gold in Moto X Step Up with a jump of 33 feet.

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BEGUN AT ONCE ON GAP BETWEEN WILLITS AND EUREKA. The work of extending the Northwestern Pacific railroad has been ordered commenced. The first scenes of operations will be on the most difficult parts of the route, below Pepperwood, in Humboldt county. It is expected that sufficient progress will be made on the tunnels and bridges in that locality to enable the entire extension to be finished by the end of next year. Tuesday's Examiner says:

"Edward H. Harriman has sent out orders from New York to proceed at once with the construction of the Northwestern Pacific's through line to Eureka in Humboldt county. This means an expenditure of between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000, as the gap of 110 miles between Willits in Mendocino county and Shively in Humboldt county, which is a very mountainous country, has to be filled in. Harriman's order was received yesterday by E. E. Calvin and Captain A. F. Payson, the latter being the president of the Northwestern Pacific and Mr. Calvin the vice-president. They represent the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe joint ownership in the road.

ELECTION TO-DAY IN "GOOD ROADS." The election in the district proposed to be known as the town of Good Roads on the question of incorporation comes off today. The proponents are confident of success at the polls. Some opposition has developed, but those in favor of the move claim that it will not amount to much. From the opposition, however, comes the assurance that the result of the vote will show more against the move than there appears to be, and the latter claim that those favorable to incorporation have no walkover by any means and that even success is doubtful.

Volunteers

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Mendocino County Volunteer of the Year Awards (MCOVY)

•Annual dinner event that recognizes volunteers (adult and youth) in Mendocino County. This event is held in April.

For more information, contact Vicki Sparkman or Tami Bartolomei @ 462-2596

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is an abuse or neglected child's voice in court.

•CASA volunteers are people who work to keep children in the community safe. They are instrumental in walking with a child through the maze of the child welfare systems. A CASA volunteer is a part of the larger circle of adults who care about the child's well-being. CASA is offering a 30-hour training to special people who would like to join the program. An inland training will be held in Ukiah in the fall. For more information, call 463-6503.

American Red Cross

•Any volunteers available to respond to countywide disasters on the disaster team or Health and Safety
For more information, contact Shirley Purvis or Robin Hill @ 463-0112; e-mail: arcnc@pacific.net

West Company

•Any volunteers available for the month of September, we have an annual event called "Celebrate Business," which needs volunteers for servers and help in kitchen, with the food.
•Also in need of volunteers

at the Commerce Cafe for marketing, accounting, law, financial and planning expertise. Also in need for client tracking, follow-up survey and clerical tasks, such as copying, filing, phone relief, plant care
For more information, contact Marlene @ 468-3553 or visit www.westcompany.org

Willits Community Services

•Any volunteers available to help at the Food Bank to help with distribution of food, agency maintenance, and office volunteers
For more information, contact Linda Myers @ 459-3333

Disabled American Veterans

•Any volunteers located in Mendocino County or Santa Rosa available to transport veteran patients to San Francisco VA Medical Center
For more information, contact Jeny Erickson for Mendocino County @ 485-7706 or e-mail at Erkkson@pacific.net
For Santa Rosa area, contact Ken Wingett @ 544-9929

Mendocino County Youth Project

•Any volunteers interested in working with youth in the drop-in center.
•Any adult volunteers for foster homes
For more information, contact Jerome Bouvier @ 463-4915 Web site: www.mcyp.org

Plowshares

•Any volunteers for Meals on Wheels drivers, one to two hours for one or two days a week
•Any volunteers also to help out in the kitchen and dining room, flexible hours between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

CHAMBER MAY DECIDE TO DISBAND. The Ukiah chamber of commerce will hold a special meeting at the court house next Monday evening at which matters of vital importance to the organization and the city at large will be discussed. That being the case it is desired that all interested in the welfare of the city and county will be in attendance.

The few progressive spirits who have kept the organization alive since it was organized have finally become discouraged at the failure of those as fully interested as themselves and have resolved to put the question of continuing the organization or disbanding altogether before the members and business men.

TO AGITATE QUESTION OF WATER SUPPLY. A mass meeting has been called for tomorrow (Saturday) night at the court house, at which the matter of an adequate water supply for Ukiah will be discussed. Everybody urged to attend.

LOSING CHANCE TO WIDEN STATE STREET. Work was begun a few days ago on the cement sidewalk in front of the Sandelin dwelling on North State street, and many were surprised at seeing where the curb line of the walk belonged. The correct location of the curb narrows the street by fifteen or twenty feet, and the query at once arises in one's mind why steps were not taken to make the street line as now defined remain permanent and not disfigure the main street of the town by narrowing it down.

Of course there is nothing else for the city engineer to do but follow the street boundaries as he finds them, but there appears to have been an opportunity for the trustees to have kept the street at its present width. The majority, if not all, of the property owners affected have expressed a willingness to donate the land for street purposes necessary. There may be other obstacles in the way of which we are not aware, but in

common with others who desire to see the town made as attractive as possible we regret to see the street narrowed.

NOTICE TO BRIDGE BUILDERS. Notice is hereby given that bids will be received up to 2 o'clock p.m. August 6, 1907, for the construction of a wooden Trestle Bridge across Mitchell Creek, between Caspar and Fort Bragg, Mendocino county Cal.

The bridge shall consist of framed trestle and piling. Extreme length 260 feet. The top of floor shall be at an elevation of 44 feet above the ground at the highest point. Width of roadway 18 feet in the clear.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Ukiah July 3, 1907.
D. H. LAWSON, Chairman board of supervisors, Mendocino County
Attest: Hale McCowen, County Clerk and Ex-officio clerk of the Board of Supervisors

THE CATHOLIC LADIES WILL GIVE FAIR. The Catholic ladies of Ukiah and vicinity are arranging to give a fair and entertainment in the near future. The date has not been definitely set yet, but will be about the first of November. It is well known that there is much talent of a literary and musical nature in Catholic circles here and an unusual treat may be expected from the efforts of the ladies.

The object of the affair is to raise funds to pay for the cement sidewalks along the church property in this city. Other improvements will be necessary, all of which will be appreciated by the city in general as well as those immediately interested. Particulars will be announced later.

Jody Martinez can be reached at udj@pacific.net.

Contact Rhonda De Los Santos @ 462-8582 or check out the Web site @ www.plowsharesfeeds.org

Project Sanctuary

•Project Sanctuary is a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis center, and is currently accepting volunteers.

For more information, contact Mary @ 462-9196.

VORP

•Any volunteers to work with juvenile offenders and victims. Must go through an eight-hour training.
For more information, contact the VORP Office @ 462-6160.

Pomolita Middle School and Pomolita Club Live

•Any volunteers to help in the library, computer lab, music boosters and more
For more information, con-

tact Vera Leach @ 462-4721

Department of Rehabilitation

•Any volunteers to do some office work, they will train in computer data work, filing and answering phones.

For more information, contact Lucy @ 463-6803 (leave a message, and she will return your call.) Or check out the Web site @ www.dor.ca.gov

Willits Seniors Inc

•Needs any volunteers to help in dining room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Eileen @ 459-6826.

Salvation Army

•Any volunteers to help with the August Child Spree at Mervyn's in Ukiah, and two days before Thanksgiving to start the Bell Ring

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Dot Johnson	Vineyard
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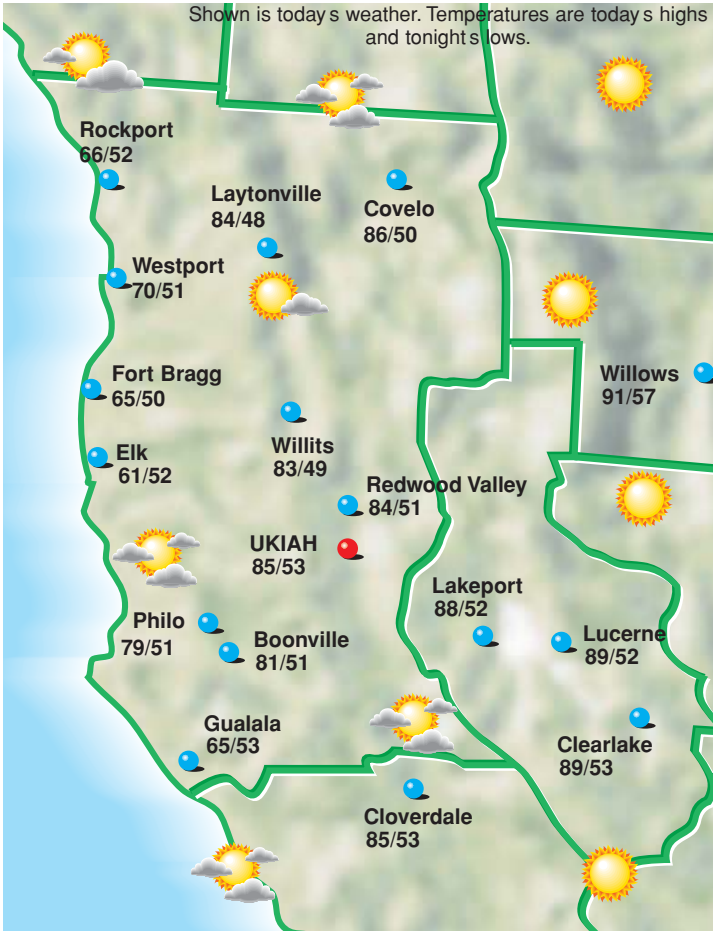
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Antioch	84/55/s	80/55/s	Needles	103/81/t	101/79/pc
Arroyo Grande	75/54/pc	74/50/pc	Oakland	66/56/pc	68/57/pc
Atascadero	86/52/pc	82/50/pc	Ontario	88/64/pc	87/62/s
Auburn	91/58/s	90/60/s	Orange	82/63/pc	81/60/pc
Barstow	101/72/s	101/69/s	Oxnard	75/61/pc	71/58/pc
Big Sur	74/51/pc	71/55/pc	Palm Springs	99/79/s	101/76/s
Bishop	96/57/s	93/49/s	Pasadena	84/63/pc	83/64/pc
Blythe	97/79/t	98/78/pc	Pomona	86/62/pc	84/58/pc
Burbank	84/66/pc	82/61/pc	Potter Valley	85/51/s	82/52/pc
California City	95/67/s	94/61/s	Redding	94/60/s	95/57/s
Carpinteria	70/59/pc	69/56/pc	Riverside	88/64/pc	88/59/s
Catalina	69/61/pc	68/56/pc	Sacramento	86/55/s	87/55/s
Chico	91/59/s	91/59/s	Salinas	68/56/pc	67/56/pc
Crescent City	60/52/pc	61/52/pc	San Bernardino	89/63/pc	88/61/s
Death Valley	118/86/s	114/81/s	San Diego	74/68/pc	75/67/pc
Downey	80/65/pc	80/63/pc	San Fernando	84/63/pc	82/61/pc
Encinitas	77/65/pc	76/63/pc	San Francisco	65/57/pc	68/58/pc
Escondido	83/64/pc	83/62/s	San Jose	75/56/pc	73/57/pc
Eureka	63/51/pc	60/51/pc	San Luis Obispo	76/54/pc	72/52/pc
Fort Bragg	65/50/pc	65/51/pc	San Rafael	66/54/pc	64/54/pc
Fresno	98/65/s	93/63/s	Santa Ana	77/67/pc	76/64/pc
Gilroy	79/54/pc	77/53/pc	Santa Barbara	74/57/pc	73/53/pc
Indio	102/76/s	101/75/s	Santa Cruz	71/53/pc	71/55/pc
Irvine	77/67/pc	76/64/pc	Santa Monica	74/64/pc	74/61/pc
Hollywood	82/63/pc	81/63/pc	Santa Rosa	76/52/pc	76/51/pc
Lake Arrowhead	84/56/s	80/47/s	S. Lake Tahoe	74/41/s	76/39/s
Lodi	92/55/s	90/55/s	Stockton	92/55/s	87/55/s
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Los Angeles	80/66/pc	79/62/pc	Vacaville	90/55/s	86/55/s
Mammoth	72/44/s	74/36/s	Vallejo	69/53/pc	68/53/pc
Marysville	92/59/s	91/54/s	Van Nuys	86/63/pc	83/61/pc
Modesto	91/58/s	91/59/s	Visalia	96/61/s	92/59/s
Monrovia	85/63/pc	84/63/s	Willits	83/49/pc	79/49/pc
Monterey	64/55/pc	66/55/pc	Yosemite Valley	96/56/pc	96/49/s
Morro Bay	64/56/pc	67/56/pc	Yreka	88/52/s	91/50/s

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

Lake Mendocino – Lake level: 729.54 feet; Storage: 55,571 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 132 cfs Outflow: 198 cfs n/a

Fun

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Saturday's event also served as an opportunity to educate the public.

"We're educating everyone in the neighborhood on the ongoing project," she said.

Sangiaco said the park is nearly complete, but the city wants to finish the walkway around the park before it opens. He said Community Services has recommended that the money be put in the budget to complete the walkway next year.

The city is also hoping to organize a "community plant day" to help landscape the park before it opens.

Sangiaco said volunteer work is important to completing the work in Ukiah's parks, as was seen in the work recently completed in Orchard Park.

The event also enabled the city to provide the community with information about the historic observatory from

which the park takes its name, Merz said.

Ukiah was chosen to be one of five places in the world where observatories were built in 1898 to determine the wobble of the earth on its axis. The program ran for almost a century.

Sangiaco said the city is working with "Friends of the Observatory" to restore the building that once housed the telescope and the home where the astronomers slept during the day.

Family Fun in the Sun will be holding one more event this summer, at Todd Grove Park on Aug. 18.

The event will last from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and have constant supervised activities including arts and crafts, teamwork games, bounce houses, balloons, healthy snacks and beverages and other fun activities.

For more information, call the city of Ukiah Community Services Department at 463-6231.

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Daily

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ARREST -- Lucinda Suttles, 52, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at the intersection of Hospital Drive and East Perkins Street at 1:19 a.m. Saturday.

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

CALTRANS REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports

Gunman sought after Caesars Palace shooting leaves 2 wounded

Associated Press
 LAS VEGAS — Officers Saturday searched for a man suspected of shooting two people after an early morning fistfight in a Las Vegas Strip casino, police said.

Richard Earl Shepherd Jr., 34, of Las Vegas, is wanted in the shooting around 4 a.m. that left two men with non-life-threatening injuries, said Officer Ramon Denby of the Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

The gunshots rang out soon after a fight involving several people near an elevator leading to a parking garage at the Caesars Palace hotel-casino, Denby said.

Officers believe Shepherd boarded the elevator after the fight, during which he had been knocked to the floor, and retrieved a gun from the parking garage, he said. He then returned to the site of the brawl and opened fire as he stepped out of the elevator.

prepared by the California Department of Transportation.

TRAFFIC WARNING -- CalTrans is expecting traffic delays on Highway 101 as far south as Willits to result from the Reggae Rising Concert this weekend at French's Camp, 10 miles south of Garberville on Highway 101.

Those driving through the area can expect short delays during the concert and delays of up to one hour following the conclusion of the event.

Local traffic will be allowed to use State Route 271 through Monday.

In addition, CalTrans also expects delays on State Route 20 from Interstate 5 to Highway 101.

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ing Mendocino County's first responders obtain the state-of-the-art communications equipment they need to alert each other and local residents when a crisis strikes."

The current communications system in Mendocino County will be obsolete in a few years, making this funding imperative, according to Thompson. This new system will be capable of handling Mendocino County's secure high-speed data transmission needs, such as mobile data terminals, biometric identifica-

tion, infrastructure security applications and other sources of digital traffic.

Apart from the above capabilities, it will fill the requirement standards established by the Department of Homeland Security for secure data transmissions.

The Mendocino County grand jury wrote in its report this year that the county microwave system is at risk of permanent failure and suggested it be replaced immediately. The Mendocino County General Services Department is planning to replace the microwave system in the next seven years, according to the grand jury report.

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Water

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business," McPhaul said.

The city has been practicing voluntary conservation since the beginning of July. In June, the State Water Resources Control Board announced that entities that take water out of the Russian River, which flows out of Lake Mendocino, must reduce water usage by 15-percent.

McPhaul said the city is not bound by that order, which was given to the Sonoma County Water Agency, but has been practicing water conservation voluntarily.

"We're doing it on our own," she said.

McPhaul said the city will be practicing voluntary conservation for the next two-to-three months, until the rainy season begins.

The SCWA has been making water conservation efforts since April, when it announced that the water level in Lake Mendocino could drop as low as 8,000 acre-feet by the end of summer.

Lake Mendocino has a total storage capacity of 122,500 acre-feet. As of Friday, the lake level was at 55,742 acre-feet.

The low lake levels have been blamed on a low winter rainfall and a reduction in the flow of water through the Potter Valley Project into Lake Mendocino.

Additional information about water conservation is available at the city of Ukiah's Web site at www.cityofukiah.com. To report broken sprinklers or poor irrigation practices, call the city water conservation hotline at 463-6297.

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Kramer

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that to discourage these unwanted non-guests we need to schedule musical acts in 2008 that these folks find abhorrent. I suggest the following:

- Big band would be an excellent choice. It's an elegant, dignified style of music that encourages couples to dance with one another; hippies dance at one another.

- Country-Western music is seen as hick, racist, hate-filled and intolerant by the "love one another right now" crowd.

- Barbershop quartet. No explanation necessary.

- How about a concert in

early July featuring patriotic music? The high school could do a fine medley of John Philip Sousa tunes, although we would run the risk of offending local Democrats. Perhaps some patriotic music from France or Canada or Iraq could also be included.

This type of music has proven to be effective in deterring mobs of half-dressed idiots from showing up at concerts, even free ones.

And please, I do not wish to be accused of trying to marginalize our silly brothers and sisters of the hippie faith. In fact, I think the City of Ukiah should sponsor a great big Pink Floyd concert (complete with light show!) next year. But hold it in Laytonville.

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From Juneau to Washington, oil magnate sowed political influence

By JEANNETTE J. LEE
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- The former head of the oil field services company VECO Corp. was once a model of political clout.

From the halls of Congress to the sequestered capital city of Juneau, Bill Allen spent more than two decades throwing lavish fundraisers for favored candidates, sending them generous campaign contributions and lobbying hard for the oil and gas industry.

But Allen's seemingly unshakable influence ended abruptly this year when the founder and then-chairman of VECO pleaded guilty to bribing state legislators.

Now, the fallen business magnate appears to be the link between at least three unfolding investigations of Alaska politicians by the Department of Justice, the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service.

Two influential members of Alaska's congressional delegation, Sen. Ted Stevens and Rep. Don Young, both Republicans, are under investigation for their relationships with VECO. Meanwhile, three former Republican state legislators have been indicted since December for accepting bribes from Allen and other high-ranking VECO officers.

Stevens' son, Ben, is also under investigation for ties to VECO and has not been charged. Ben Stevens is former president of the state senate.

The multimillion dollar company is the largest oil field services firm on Alaska's lucrative North Slope, home to the nation's most productive oil field. And until the federal probes surfaced last year, VECO was one of the state's most prolific campaign donors.

Allen made no secret of his preference for Republicans and pro-development Democrats. He routinely urged employees to vote for candidates who would push for oil and gas

exploration.

In a company newsletter before the 2004 presidential election, Allen wrote that Democrats were tied to "extreme environmental groups" that wanted to "shut down Alaska and preserve it as a national park."

More than 70 percent of VECO's business worldwide comes from fossil fuel production and the company has logged more than \$1 billion in sales. Its assets on the North Slope total more than \$200 million and include an equipment fleet, maintenance facilities, a hotel, warehouses, fabrication facilities and a concrete plant.

"Needless to say," Allen wrote in the newsletter, "the best outcome for VECO and our employees would be for Republicans to control the White House, the U.S. Capitol and the Alaska State Legislature."

He and other VECO officials were known for their campaign fundraisers at the swank Petroleum Club in Anchorage. And they have given hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign donations to Stevens, Young and a host of state lawmakers.

"They were a very important source of money to some of the more pro-oil company candidates," said Rep. Les Gara, D-Anchorage. "Without VECO's involvement in state politics, we'll have a much more level playing field."

Rick Smith, former company vice president, has also pleaded guilty to bribery charges. Court documents say Smith and Allen would meet politicians in Juneau's Baranof Hotel to discuss the exchange of bribes for votes on key oil and gas legislation.

Vic Kohring, Bruce Weyhrauch and Pete Kott are charged with taking bribes or extorting favors in exchange for votes on the state's oil tax last year. All have pleaded not

guilty and are awaiting trial this fall. VECO executives, led by Allen, lobbied on behalf of oil producers on the North Slope, the largest of which are BP PLC, Exxon Mobil Corp. and ConocoPhillips. Oil is the cornerstone of Alaska's economy. It funds about 80 percent of the state's annual budget.

"We discovered that there really wasn't anybody -- not even the oil companies -- defending themselves on the political front," VECO President Pete Leathard told the Anchorage Daily News in 2005. "So we took on the task."

Allen chafed at limits on his political sway and had two high-profile run-ins with the Alaska Public Offices Commission, which oversees the finances of state lawmakers.

In 1983, VECO began deducting money from the paychecks of participating employees and funneling it to candidates chosen by management.

The commission fined VECO \$28,000 for failing to file campaign disclosure reports about its activities, according to court documents.

In 2003 Allen tried unsuccessfully to have his name removed from the commission's lobbyist list and argued that he should be exempt from caps on political fundraising and campaign giving.

"You have this very disturbing process where the biggest donors in Alaska politics had a financial interest in the biggest issue in Alaska politics and used their influence to damage the state incredibly," Gara said. "Their tentacles ran deep."

The value of VECO's federal contracts jumped after the elder Stevens, the longest-serving Republican in Senate history, became chairman of the Appropriations Committee in 1997.

Allen and Stevens are long-time friends and share owner-

ship in a racehorse. Allen oversaw the renovation of Stevens' home in Girdwood in 2000. Federal investigators are looking into the extent of Allen's involvement.

At times, VECO's campaign contributions have crossed state and party lines, but still appeared to benefit the 83-year-old senator.

The company donated to the campaigns of Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, who is a

close friend and ally of Stevens, and Washington's Republican Senate hopeful Mike McGavick, who ran against Stevens' Democratic nemesis, Maria Cantwell.

Allen expounded on his political views as publisher of Voice of the Times, a conservative editorial column embedded in the editorial page of the Anchorage Daily News. The unusual deal was intended to maintain diverse viewpoints

after Allen's rival paper, The Anchorage Times, folded in 1992. The Daily News did not renew the Times' contract after it expired in May.

Allen stepped down after his guilty plea in May and was replaced by interim chief executive Dan Armel. Allen has kept a low profile since then and is cooperating with the investigation. Calls to Allen's home and to his lawyer, Robert Bundy, were not returned.

Conservation group sues to get better protection for jaguars

By MOISES D. MENDOZA
The Associated Press

PHOENIX -- A conservation group filed suit Thursday in federal court demanding that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designate critical habitat and create a recovery plan for endangered American jaguars.

Although the government listed the jaguar as an endangered species in 1997, it did not initiate recovery planning or designate critical habitat, according to the Center for Biological Diversity, which filed the suit in Tucson.

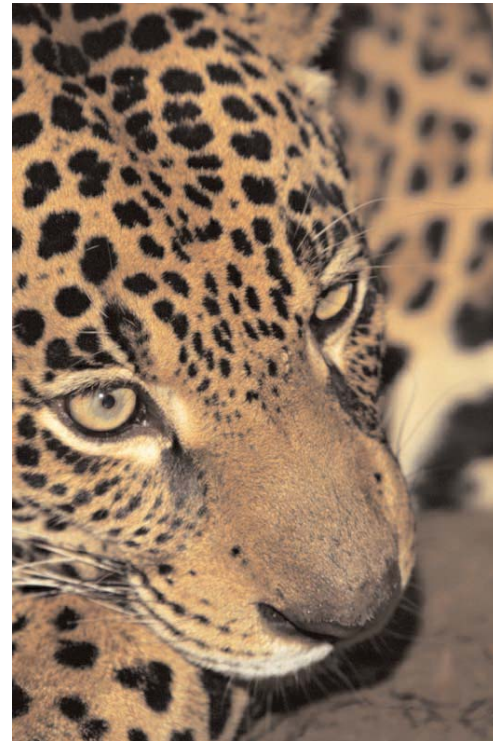
Critical habitat designation means naming geographical areas that may require special management to help endangered or threatened species. That and a recovery plan are required under the Endangered Species Act, the conservation group claims.

"The jaguar is way past endangered and it's way past time for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to start the process of recovery," said group spokesman Michael Robinson.

Fish and Wildlife spokesman Chris Tollefson declined comment. He said officials haven't seen the lawsuit and "we generally don't comment on pending litigation anyway."

The jaguar is the largest feline in the Americas and is generally considered the third largest cat in the world, behind the tiger and lion.

The furry cats once stretched across the country but populations declined due to agricultural expansion and poaching beginning in the 1800s.



Their numbers are currently unknown, according to Defenders of Wildlife, a national wildlife conservation group.

Nationally, their habitat is limited to the extreme Southwest United States although more exist in Central and South America. Only a handful of jaguars have been spotted in southern Arizona and New Mexico since the 1990s.

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By Robert Zimmerman

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 - 5. Turn a corner, in a way; 2 wds.
 - 11. List heading; hyph.
 - 15. Speed designation
 - 19. Mimics
 - 20. God of music and poetry
 - 21. Inter —
 - 22. Jar
 - 23. He starred in "Moonlighting"; 2 wds.
 - 25. This group visited "the dark side of the moon"; 2 wds.
 - 27. ABC sitcom, 1988-97
 - 28. Kingston singers
 - 30. Escape
 - 31. Concerning
 - 32. O'Neill's "The — Jones"
 - 35. Takes long steps
 - 37. Clock adjustment
 - 39. Reunion attendee, for short
 - 40. Dishonor
 - 41. Nemesis
 - 44. "Moon River" composer; 2 wds.
 - 48. Gas fixture
 - 51. Over the hill
 - 52. Reed instrument
 - 53. Sty remark
 - 54. Prefix with legal
 - 55. Cycle lead-in
 - 56. Changes
 - 58. Surfeits
 - 59. Surrounded by
 - 60. Kid's ticket, perhaps
 - 62. George M.
 - 64. It laughs, supposedly
 - 65. Leavening
 - 66. Bacon who went to the moon in "Apollo 13"
 - 67. 19th U.S. president
 - 69. Clean vigorously
 - 71. Hackneyed
 - 72. Banker's problem
 - 75. Extol
 - 76. Outstanding example
 - 78. Wagnerian role
 - 80. Unconscious
 - 81. Beards of grass
 - 82. Lamb nom-de-plume
 - 83. Former Christiania
 - 84. Actress Moffo
 - 85. Flavor enhancer, for short
 - 86. He recorded "Moonlight Becomes You" in 1994; 2 wds.
 - 90. June 6, 1944; hyph.
 - 91. Kelly's partner
 - 92. Heart of the matter
 - 93. Sedan alternative
 - 95. Puts new life in shoes
 - 98. Ottawa chief
 - 101. "Da Vinci Code" character
 - 105. Skips over
 - 106. Clamp
 - 107. Horse show criterion
 - 109. Ludwig of the "Moonlight Sonata"
 - 112. Guitarist of "Moondance"; 2 wds.
 - 115. River into Donegal Bay
 - 116. Breathe rapidly
 - 117. Gradual decline
 - 118. Wonk
 - 119. Miss Cannon
 - 120. Stop in Sonora
 - 121. Put-ons
 - 122. Mardi —
- DOWN**
- 1. Native-born Israeli
 - 2. Stage area
 - 3. Utilize again
 - 4. Arose
 - 5. It cracks, or so they say
 - 6. Venture a view
 - 7. Manmade monster
 - 8. Builder's wing
 - 9. 2001 Will Smith role
 - 10. Platform
 - 11. Long-snouted mammal
 - 12. Stew
 - 13. Cacophony
 - 14. Acorn's promise
 - 15. Aquarium dweller
 - 16. With full voice
 - 17. River in Scotland
 - 18. Underworld
 - 24. Etches, in a way
 - 26. Physicist Enrico
 - 29. Between Firenze and Napoli
 - 33. Skinned
 - 34. English cathedral city
 - 35. Highly polished
 - 36. Fuel holders
 - 38. Biblical skeptic
 - 40. Heir
 - 41. Chaucer's Wife of —
 - 42. Taj Mahal site
 - 43. He made a comeback with "Harvest Moon"; 2 wds.
 - 45. Film critic Roger
 - 46. Zlich
 - 47. The Man Without a Country
 - 48. He thwarted the Moonraker; 2 wds.
 - 49. Auld sod
 - 50. Invitation to applause; 2 wds.
 - 54. Check recipient
 - 56. Not very close
 - 57. Bloodhound's guide
 - 58. Tex-Mex dish
 - 61. Long-standing quarrels
 - 63. Eggs
 - 64. Jekyll's problem
 - 66. Lihue's island
 - 67. Greeting
 - 68. Extras; hyph.
 - 69. Shut noisily
 - 70. Crow's cries
 - 71. Bugs out
 - 72. The man
 - 73. — melt
 - 74. Sojourn
 - 76. Light brown
 - 77. Island in NYC Bay
 - 79. Longtime Chicago conductor
 - 84. Coaching, in a way
 - 86. — corgi
 - 87. They can be bruised
 - 88. Assyrian capital
 - 89. Superlative conclusion
 - 91. More than ripe
 - 94. Lenin creation
 - 95. Attired for a ceremony
 - 96. Corundum
 - 97. St. Catherine's town
 - 98. Ford of the '70s
 - 99. Blend
 - 100. Witch
 - 102. Printer type
 - 103. Ancient mall
 - 104. Dispatches
 - 106. Let off steam
 - 108. Energy units
 - 110. — Locka, Fla.
 - 111. Actor Kilmer
 - 113. Three blood types
 - 114. Knicks' org.



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Monday, Aug. 6, 2007

The more optimistic you are about your affairs, the more you'll be able to do for yourself -- regardless of the circumstances involved. Apply this forward-looking attitude to everything that is important to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- What "ain't" broke shouldn't be fixed, so take extra care not to initiate changes that don't need changing merely because you want to make yourself look good. It'll end up doing the opposite.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- If you could understand that having a headstrong or meddlesome attitude will produce a negative effect on your reputation, you'd be more careful about your ways. Be aware.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- If you had volunteered to do something important for another, don't let this person down. There are few excuses that would be acceptable and wouldn't ruin your reputation as a result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Take care not to get your dander up by trying to throw your weight around. This will only bring a hostile response from those whose support you need. Use your intensity judiciously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- It could be one of those days where your enthusiasm gets you to start a great many things without accomplishing one. Your attention span may be far too scattered to get anything done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- If you lay down too many rules that you insist others should follow, chances are every-

one will simply walk away and leave you to dwell on your own dictums. Be sensible and prudent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Give without putting any strings on your generosity, but don't go overboard with your giving, either. Both cases could cause complications for you and/or the receiver.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You're not apt to miss much, but sadly you could interpret all that you observe in a negative light, putting yourself in a sad state of mind. Reverse your thinking in positive ways.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you need some help, go to someone you have assisted in the past and don't be shy about asking for what you need. This person isn't apt to offer help, unless you spell it out for him or her.

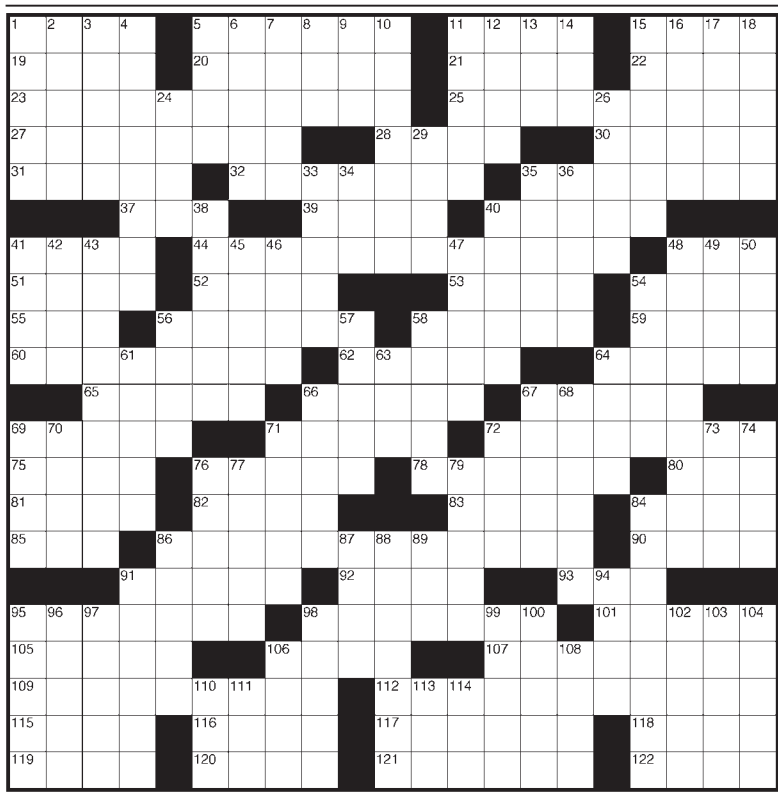
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Sometimes you can be so intent upon furthering your interests that you absentmindedly ignore those you step over. This could be the case, so be considerate of your colleagues.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Should you accept getting involved in something you truly don't want to do, don't perform a halfhearted job. What little you contribute might only mess things up further, adding to the work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- For good reason, you might feel you have to accommodate someone you're working or socializing with. If you can't do so graciously, wait until another time to fulfill your debt.

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

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Today is the 217th day of 2007 and the 46th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was installed in New York Harbor.

In 1962, Marilyn Monroe was found

dead in her Los Angeles, Calif., home.

In 2003, the U.S. Episcopal Church confirmed the Rev. Gene Robinson as the first openly gay bishop.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Guy de Maupassant (1850-1893), writer; John

Huston (1906-1987), director; Neil Armstrong (1930-), astronaut, is 76; Loni Anderson (1946-), actress, is 61; Patrick Ewing (1962-), basketball player, is 45; Mark Mulder (1977-), baseball player, is 30; Carl Crawford (1981-), baseball player, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1985, Chicago White Sox pitcher Tom Seaver got his 300th win, against the New York Yankees.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every government has as much of a duty to avoid war as a ship's captain does to avoid shipwreck." -- Guy de Maupassant

TODAY'S FACT: Norma Jean Baker began using the name Marilyn Monroe in 1946, but did not legally change it until 1956.

TODAY'S MOON: Last-quarter (Aug. 5) moon.

All the news that's fit for an Idiot

I called my friend Tammy in Texas to tell her the exciting news -- that Lindsay Lohan had been arrested in Santa Monica, Calif., on a DUI charge.

"Are you out of your mind?" she asked. "My entire county's under 10 feet of water, I haven't had power for three weeks, everything is a total loss, the house smells like Tony Soprano's car trunk, and you think I care about some minor-league movie actress? Who is Linseed Lowhand?"

"A flood," I said. "That's horrible. When did that happen? Is Lindsay Lohan's house OK? She doesn't have a second or third home down there, does she?"

"Don't ever call me again," Tammy said, and her line went dead. Water damage is a terrible thing, but I'm pretty sure if Lohan's house were damaged in a flood, we'd have heard about it. Still, I worry about her. I don't know why Tammy thinks she's



Village Idiot By Jim Mullen

in the same league with Lohan. A little conceited if you ask me. I called my old buddy Charlie in California.

"Pretty shocking, isn't it," I said. "You're not kidding. I've never seen fires like this. They've closed roads from the smoke, and there are emergency vehicles everywhere. Two hundred houses have been destroyed already, and they think it may get worse."

"I don't know what fires you're talking about. I meant the news about that Beckham guy and his wife."

"What are you talking about?"

"The soccer player. David Beckham. Or is it Beecham? Or Breckman? Or is it Peter Breakstone? Something like that. Anyway, he's married to one of the Space Girls or the Spice Cadets or someone. Trust me, even though they've been saying every year for 30 years that soccer's gonna be huge, this time you can bet the farm on it. It's all over the news. Don't you watch the news?"

"I must have missed it. Probably out hosing down my roof or something. Or maybe planning my evacuation route. Gee, really good talking to you. Please lose my number." The line went dead. Maybe fire burned his telephone pole. I sure hope David Beckworth and Space Woman's home is all right, or I'd have seen it on the news. I wouldn't want them to move back to Europe, or whatever country they're from, and disappoint the hundreds of American soccer fans.

I called Al in Atlanta to chat about

Britney Spears' meltdown at a photography session for some magazine. He hadn't even heard about it. Am I the only one left who watches the nightly news? What is wrong with people? Should people even be allowed to vote if they don't keep up with current events? I mean, it's not like Al's stupid or anything, but how could he not have heard about this?

"To tell you the truth, I've been worried about the drought and trying to obey all the water-restriction ordinances. It's tough trying to take a shower in 1 gallon of water."

"What drought? That's the first I've heard about it. Do you think it's lack of water that's making Britney act so strange? Maybe the government can get some water to her. Wouldn't that be the right thing to do, Al? Al? Al, are you there?"

The phones are really acting funny today. I called Bob in Boston.

"Wasn't that the most moving thing

you ever saw, Eva Longoria's wedding"

"To tell you the truth, I've never heard of her. I'm following the stories on Colony Collapse Disorder. Seems half the honeybees in the whole country have disappeared almost over night. We need the bees to grow a lot of the crops we need to stay alive."

"Sure, but she married some guy in Paris. Paris! If that's not news, I don't know what is."

"I really couldn't care less who is getting married to whom. Especially people I've never met. Please, turn off the TV and get some help." He hung up.

Turn it off? I think I'm not watching enough television. Because I must have missed all the stories about the effect floods, fires, droughts and the lack of bees will have on Britney, Lindsay, the Blockmans and Eva. When are they going to start reporting on that?

The outlook? Saturn's on the rise

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

Big, roomy and refined, the Saturn Outlook is the best American SUV that Consumer Reports has tested, and ranks among the top vehicles in both CR's midsized and large SUV ratings.

CR tested the 2007 Outlook alongside three other new midsized SUVs -- the Hyundai Veracruz, the Mazda CX-9 and the Ford Edge -- and the freshened Chrysler Pacifica. Despite this lineup's overall solid performance in test measures including acceleration, braking and handling, CR doesn't recommend any of the vehicles. That's because the new models lack reliability data and the Pacifica's predicted reliability is below average. (In order to receive CR's recommendation, a new vehicle must do well in CR's own tests, perform at least adequately if subjected to government and/or industry crash tests, and show average or better reliability, as determined by reader responses to the magazine's annual questionnaire.)

Saturn Outlook: The Outlook's 275-hp, 3.6-liter V6 propels the vehicle nicely in normal conditions, and sounds smooth and refined. The XR version CR tested with a second-row bench seat and third-row seating that's hospitable

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for three adults, provides comfortable seating for eight. With options including a powered rear liftgate, the tested version cost \$36,799 -- some \$10,000 less than luxury SUVs, but with much of the comfort and utility.

Almost a foot and a half longer than midsized SUVs such as the Toyota Highlander, the Outlook is the first car-based SUV that is spacious enough inside to be a viable alternative to large truck-based models. That's good news because car-based models tend to provide better handling, a more comfortable ride and better fuel economy. The Outlook delivered 16 mpg in Consumer Reports' tests, which is better than that of all the large SUV models that have been recently tested. Its gas mileage is about mid-pack when compared with midsized SUVs tested by CR.

Hyundai Veracruz: The Veracruz's quiet, well-finished interior, refined 260-hp, 3.8-liter V6 engine and isolated driving experience are reminiscent of competitive SUVs from Toyota and Lexus. The car's routine handling is sound but not agile; CR testers reported the Veracruz felt lumbering and reluctant on

Consumer Reports' curvy test course. Inside, drivers sit high with ample head room. The rear seat easily accommodates three and can slide forward and back to make more space for second- or third-row passengers. The SE version tested cost \$33,870.

Chrysler Pacifica: Updated for 2007, the Pacifica gets a more powerful engine -- a 253-hp, 4.0-liter V6 -- and a new six-speed automatic transmission. With those updates, CR found the Pacifica to be a pleasant, comfortable and relatively responsive cruiser. The Pacifica is a true crossover vehicle, making it feel more wagon-like than other SUVs. Its second- and third-row seats, however, can only accommodate two people each, unless you get the base five-passenger model. As tested, the Touring (4.0) version cost \$33,515.

Mazda CX-9: The CX-9's nimble handling gives it a relatively sporty, fun-to-drive demeanor. The 263-hp, 3.5-liter V6 delivers good performance and sounds polished. Inside, a single lever slides the second-row seats forward to create a wide, easy access path to the third row, which adults may find cramped. On

the downside, braking distances for the CX-9 were among the longest in this group. With options including a trailer-towing package, the Touring version CR tested cost \$35,372.

Ford Edge: A new design based on the same platform as the Mazda CX-9 and the Lincoln MKX, the Edge is nonetheless a disappointment. The 265-hp, 3.5-liter V6 provides quick acceleration, but it lacks refinement. Handling is lackluster, fit and finish is subpar and the six-speed automatic transmission is not as smooth or responsive as it should be. The Edge also lacks a third-row seat. On the plus side, the Edge's turning circle is tighter than the three-row SUVs in this group. As tested, the SEL version cost \$33,590.

In CR's ratings of midsized SUVs, the Saturn Outlook trails only previously tested versions of the Toyota Highlander (the tested Hybrid Limited cost \$39,885) and the Honda Pilot (the EX-L was \$34,835), both of which are due to be replaced soon. Among large SUVs CR rated, the Outlook ranks second to the Mercedes-Benz GL450, a luxury model that, as tested, cost some \$31,000 more.

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Everyday Cheapskate
By Mary Hunt

How to beef up your backyard burgers

Summertime just screams outdoor grilling. Today it's time to say goodbye to plain, boring burgers and hello to recipes you're going to flip over. Hang onto your spatulas -- easy, homemade, out-of-this-world hamburger buns go with them.

Ranch burgers: 2 pounds ground beef, 1 egg slightly beaten, 3/4 cup crushed saltine crackers, 1 onion chopped fine, 1 package dry ranch-dressing mix. Preheat the grill on high. Place all ingredients into a bowl, mix well and form into 8 hamburger patties. Place patties on the grill and cook for about 5 minutes per side or until desired doneness.

Italian burgers: 1 pound ground beef, 1/4 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs, 1 egg, 1/4 cup steak sauce, 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese. Preheat grill on high. In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients. Form 4 patties and grill about 5 minutes each side or until cooked as desired. Baste with additional steak sauce, if desired.

Blue-cheese burgers: 3 pounds ground beef, 4 ounces blue cheese (crumbled), 1/2 cup minced fresh chives, 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper, 1-1/2 teaspoons salt, 1 teaspoon dry mustard. In a large bowl, mix together all of the ingredients. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Preheat grill on high. Form mixture into 12 patties. Grill for about 5 minutes on each side or until desired doneness.

Hamburger buns: 1 cup milk, 1 cup water, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon white sugar, 1-1/2 teaspoons salt, 5-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 (1/4 ounce) packet rapid-rise active dry yeast, 1 egg yolk, 1 tablespoon water. Combine the milk, water, butter, sugar and salt in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, then remove from the heat and let stand until lukewarm, about 110 F. If the mixture is too hot, it will kill the yeast.

In a large bowl, stir together the flour and yeast. Pour in wet ingredients, and stir until the dough starts to pull together. If you have a stand mixer, use the dough hook to mix for about 8 minutes. If not, knead the dough on a floured surface for about 10 minutes. Place the dough in a greased bowl, turning to coat. Cover and let stand until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Punch down the dough and divide into 12 portions. Each should be a little larger than a golf ball. Make tight balls and place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Allow to sit for 5 minutes. Oil your hand, then flatten each ball with the palm of your hand until it is 3 to 4 inches wide. Set rolls aside until they double in size, about 20 minutes. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Mix together the egg yolk and 1 tablespoon of water in a cup or small bowl. Brush onto the tops of the rolls. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes or until nicely browned.

Yield: 12 buns.
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Call lender when you're having trouble paying

When Freddie Mac surveyed 2,000 homeowners whose mortgages were delinquent, 11 percent denied being in arrears. You can't help people who refuse to admit they have a problem.

Of the remaining 89 percent, one-third said they had never contacted their mortgage lender for help. The most common reason offered was, "I don't need help." You can't help people who refuse to accept help.

The second-most-common reason cited for not calling the lender was, "I can take care of this without involving them." You can't help people whose pride or arrogance prevents you from helping.

The third-most-common excuse for not making the call: "There is nothing the lender can do about it." You can't help people who don't tell you they have a problem.

The fourth-most-common reason: "There is no reason for me to call them because I don't have the money to pay." Ironically, that's exactly why you need to call. It's the people who do have the money who don't need to call for help.

Reason No. 5: "I've never had trouble paying in the past, so why should I call them now?" You didn't need to call in the past because you didn't need help in the past. But you need help now, so you need to ask for it.

Coming in sixth place: embarrassment. If you're embarrassed at having missed a couple of payments, imagine how you'll feel when the neighbors watch you move out due to foreclosure?

Finally, some people say they haven't called for help because they didn't know who to call. Well, let that be your first question when you call your lender.

If you are unable to make your mortgage payment on time, take action before the payment is late. If you



Truth about money
By Ric Edelman

don't, you'll hurt your credit record, and you might even lose your home.

So contact your lender. You'll be amazed at the many ways a lender can help you. Remember: Your lender is your partner, not your enemy. Lenders make money when borrowers pay the interest they owe; lenders lose money when borrowers fail to pay.

Therefore, the last thing your lender wants is for you to default on your loan. Instead, it wants to help you so that you can resume making payments. The lender is losing money every time you don't make a payment, and it loses lots of money if you default. Oh, sure, it gets your house, but only after a long and expensive foreclosure process, which forces the lender to sell your house. Lenders are not in the real estate business, and selling your house is the last thing they want to do.

So, if you are an honest person who simply has run into difficult times, if you truly want to make your mortgage payment but simply are unable to do so at the present time, here's what to do: Contact the lender. Do it now, before you get behind in your payments. If the payment is due next week and you know you can't pay, contact the lender now. Don't wait. Being mature and honest and upfront goes a long way to gaining the lender's cooperation -- because deadbeats don't contact lenders quickly, if at all.

Here's how lenders can help you:

- Lenders can put you in touch with a housing counseling agency, which

might be able to help you resolve your financial problem, enabling you to resume your payments.

- Lenders can strike a forbearance agreement with you, which lets you make only half payments, or skip payments altogether, for two or three months. In both cases, the unpaid amounts are added to your loan balance.

- Lenders can offer you a reinstatement program, which enables you to skip payments now, to be repaid at some future date (rather than adding the amounts to the loan balance as above).

- Lenders can make your payments more affordable by lowering your interest rate, extending the term of the mortgage or converting your loan from an adjustable rate loan to a fixed-rate loan, or vice versa.

- If you're willing to get out of the house to ease some of your other financial burdens (after all, the lender can't cut your property taxes, insurance, or heating/cooling and maintenance costs) the lender can help you get rid of your loan by finding a buyer who's willing to assume it; the buyer picks up where you've left off.

- Finally, the lender might be willing to take the house in exchange for absolving you of current and past amounts due. Called a "deed in lieu of foreclosure," this is particularly beneficial if you cannot pay but owe more than the house is worth.

Clearly, there are many ways mortgage lenders can help you. You simply need to be willing to ask them for help.

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Insurance is borrower's responsibility

DEAR BRUCE: Could you please enlighten me on PMI? I heard that a lot of homeowners are paying for this even though it may have been paid in full years ago. I also heard that lenders do not tell the borrower when this is paid in full and don't reimburse you if you have overpaid. Does one pay a PMI fee throughout the duration of a mortgage loan until it's paid in full? Please explain how a borrower can make this determination and the approach to use when confronting a lender in this matter. -- B.A., via e-mail

DEAR B.A.: I don't know that you completely understand what PMI is. It's private mortgage insurance. Simply put, private mortgage insurance is required when you put very little money down. They are in fact a hired co-signer on your mortgage. The payments go to the private



SMART MONEY
By BRUCE WILLIAMS

mortgage company. If you default on your mortgage, the PMI company reimburses the lender for up to the first 20 percent of the mortgage that is lost.

After you have achieved at least 20 percent equity in your home through appreciation, repayment, etc., you may apply to the lender to have the PMI dropped. The lender, at your expense, will want an appraisal, credit report regarding income and a look at your past payment record, etc. If everything looks

good, they can determine that PMI is no longer required and will have it dropped. The lender is seldom going to dig into your file and say, "Oh, this person may qualify to have the PMI dropped." There's extra profit for them not to do this, so it is the borrower's responsibility to stay on top of it.

There is so much bad information floating around about PMI. Generally, people who use it are not well financed and as a consequence are not as well-informed.

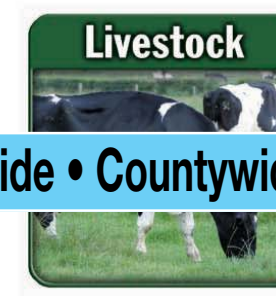
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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget for the County of Mendocino (including all funds and Special Districts governed by the Board of Supervisors) for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is prepared and is available for distribution to members of the general public by application to the Mendocino County Auditor, or by viewing the County's website at: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/auditor/budget/07-08. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that prior to making a final determination thereon, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will conduct Public Hearings on the Proposed Budget for Mendocino County for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Said Public Hearing will commence on Friday, August 24, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1070, Ukiah, CA. The hearing may be continued from day to day, commencing at 9:00 a.m., until concluded but not to exceed a total of ten calendar days. Any member of the general public may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding any item in the budget or for the inclusion of additional items. To the extent possible, it is recommended that all proposals for the increase or the inclusion of additional items be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Board no later than Friday, August 17, 2007, to allow ample time for Board of Supervisors review prior to the beginning of the Public Hearing. Questions regarding the Public Hearing and process may be directed to the Clerk of the Board at 463-4221. KRISTI FURMAN, Clerk of the Board

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The Covelo Community Services District (CSD) is inviting separate sealed bids (base bids and an alternative bid) for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements; including construction of approximately 650± linear feet of 12-inch sewer main, replace 2,060± linear feet of 10-inch sewer main, replace 2,660± linear feet of 8-inch sewer main, 125 linear feet of 6-inch sewer main, 18 sewer manholes, 40 sewer service laterals, temporary bypass pumping, abandonment of existing sewer facilities, connections to existing sewer facilities to remain operating in place, restoration of surface features, and other associated items necessary for a complete and functioning sanitary sewer collection system. Bids will be received by SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc., a designated representative, at 493 South Main Street, Willits CA 95490 until 2:00 p.m. (PDT) local time on Thursday, September 6, 2007, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc. office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. (closed for lunch from Noon to 1:00 p.m.). Sealed bids sent through the U.S. Postal Service should be directed to: SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc., 493 South Main Street, Willits CA 95490. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days following the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner. Bidders are encouraged to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid conference scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (PDT) local time on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at the Covelo Community Services District, 76301 Main Street, Covelo CA 95428. Bidders are required to inspect the site where services are to be performed and to satisfy themselves as to all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of performance of the contract to the extent such information is reasonably obtainable. In no event will a failure to inspect the site constitute ground for withdrawal of a bid after opening or constitute for a claim after contract award. A bid guarantee in the form of a certified check or bank draft payable to the Owner, irrevocable letter of credit, U. S. Government bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid, is required to be submitted with each bid. An itemized cost breakdown is required with each bid. The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and performance bond prior to the start of any work. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid does not exceed the amount of funds estimated by the Owner to be available for construction of the project. Only bids meeting all of the bid requirements included herein shall be considered for award. The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:
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Builders' Exchange Offices located in Santa Rosa and Eureka, CA
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Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of: SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists offices, 493 South Main Street, Willits CA 95490 upon the payment of \$65.00 for each set. Questions concerning these documents should be directed to: SHN Consulting Engi-

neers & Geologists, Inc., Attn: Diana Steele, P.E., Project Manager, 493 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490; Telephone: (707) 459-4518; FAX: (707) 459-1884.

Bidders are notified that financing for this project is provided pursuant to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. Section 1921 et seq.) and that as allowed in Public Contract Code Section 22300, this contract does not provide for substitution of securities for any monies withheld by the Owner to ensure performance under this contract. Bidders are further notified that this contract does not permit retainage to be placed in escrow nor to be invested for the benefit of the contractor. This project is being partially funded with federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), administered through the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development. Therefore, the contractor is subject to the provisions of the Federal Labor Standards (Davis Bacon), and State of California Prevailing Wages, which are conditions of the contract. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Federal Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Contractors must comply with CDBG regulations (as contained in the bid document), and with Federal EO/AA requirements. The contractor will pass all of these conditions to the subcontractors. The prime contractor is required to afford MBE/WBE subcontractors full opportunity to submit proposals. Prospective Bidders shall be licensed Contractors in the State of California and shall be skilled and regularly engaged in the general class or type of work called for under the Contract. Each Bidder shall have a Class "A" - General Engineering, California Contractor's license. Dated: August 3, 2007
COVELO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Dane Downing, Chairman
DANE DOWNING

602-07 8-5,8,12,16,21,24/07

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING A MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY

The Mendocino County Office of Education and the Mendocino County Board of Education are seeking applications to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Madelin Holtkamp. Madelin Holtkamp was the representative to the County Board from Trustee Area #2. This area is comprised of the territory with boundaries of the City of Ukiah. Applications for appointment will be accepted through August 27, 2007 and a recommendation is expected to be made at the September 10, 2007 meeting. The appointment is to a term which will expire December 4, 2009. Eligible candidates are those who are all of the following:
(1) at least 18 years of age
(2) a registered voter in said territory
(3) not an employee of the Mendocino County Office of Education, or a school district within the jurisdiction of the Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools. Interested parties should contact Katie Pearson (707) 467-5033, 2240 Old River Road, Ukiah, Ca 95482.

575-07 7-27,8-5/07

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CONTRACT NO. 070063

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M. on 16 August 2007, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the office of the Purchasing Agent of the General Services Department of the County of Mendocino, 841 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California 95482 (telephone 707-463-4291) for construction in accordance with the Plans and Specifications to which special reference is made as follows:
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2006 STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS ON EAST ROAD, CR 230, AT M.P. 0.24
DOT CONTRACT NO. 070063
DOT PROJECT NO. F-0606.111
Plans, forms of proposal, contract and contract documents may be seen at the office of the Purchasing Agent (Telephone number 707-463-4291). They may also be seen at the County of Mendocino Department of Transportation, 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California (Telephone 707-463-4363).
PLANS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT, 841 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California 95482, upon payment of \$40.00 in company check, money order or the exact amount in cash. Please make a check or money order payable to COUNTY OF MENDOCINO. This payment is not refundable.
This project has an Annual Anticipated DBE Participation Level (AADPL) of 2.6 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation.
THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO THE "BUY AMERICA" PROVISIONS OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1982 AS AMENDED BY THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991.
No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.
Bids are required for the entire work described herein.
The prime Contractor for the work herein shall possess the following valid State of California license:
"A" - General Engineering or "C-12" - Earthwork and Paving, at the time the Contract is awarded.

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES FOR EAST ROAD, M.P. 0.24

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	MEASURE	UNIT OF QUANTITY	ESTIMATED QUANTITY
1	CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS	LS		1
2	TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM	LS		1
3	DEVELOP WATER SUPPLY	LS		1
4	ASPHALT CONCRETE (TYPE B)		TON	3
5	71" x 47" Arch Pipe		LF	66
6	71" x 47" Arch Pipe FES		EA	1
7	ROCK SLOPE PROTECTION (1/4 TON)		TON	25
8	MOBILIZATION		LS	1

The County of Mendocino hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration of the award. Pursuant to the provisions in Section 1773 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino has obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of wages and the schedule of employer payments for health and welfare, vacation, pension and similar purposes in the County. Interested parties may review these wage rates and schedules at the Department of Transportation, 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California. The successful Contractor shall obtain a copy of prevailing wage rates from the Engineer and shall post same at a prominent place at the job site. For this contract the general prevailing rate of wages as ascertained by County shall be those in effect on the bid date. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations, are referenced in the published wage rates of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. The County of Mendocino reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any defects or irregularity in bidding. By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino. Dated: 17 July 2007
Kristi Furman
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, State of California
BY: Kristi Furman
Clerk


PUBLIC NOTICE
001-07
8-5/07
PUBLIC NOTICE
The Ukiah Police Department receives numerous items of found property on a continual basis. If you have lost items within the Ukiah city limits within the past 90 days, you may check to determine if it has been turned in as found property by calling 463-6259.

30 LOST & FOUND
Found blue prescription sunglasses on W. Standley St. Call to describe or pick up. 485-8902.


I am one of two male rabbits who became homeless do to a divorce. Can you help us find a home? We are at the Ukiah shelter, 298 Plant Rd. Call 467-6453

LOST about 6 wks
ago triangle shaped necklace with clear stone, sentimental Lg. reward 354-1137 or 925-6145

My grandchildren Kyle & Kasey found a bike in the ditch on S. Orchard across from the park. Its a SHIMANO 10spd, like new. 463-7867, 467-1881.


Terrier on the loose! At just 6 months I did not know that staying home was really the best idea, so I took off down East Side Rd. in RV on Mon. 7/30 and now I am at the Ukiah shelter. Please come and get me or call Sage at 467-6453 if not found, I can be adopted on Sat 8/4.

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ACCOUNTANT
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Solid Wastes of Willits, 350 Franklin Ave. EOE

Admin Support PROGRAM SUPPORT MANAGER,
NCO Head Start Child Dev Program, Ukiah. Manage admin support systems & staff for Head Start prog, incl recordkpg, data entry & custom reptg, communications; manage specialized data tracking system. Strong analytical ability & supv exp req. FT. Starts at \$16.97-\$20.29 DOQ + ben. NCO app required. For job desc/app: jmichele@noinc.org; 800-606-5550x302. Closes: 8-7-07. Postmarks not accepted. EOE

Admin. Assistant
Local non-profit org. seeks exp. indiv to provide advanced clerical, organizational admin. support to exec. director & staff. 32-40hrs/wk. Req's HS diploma plus at least 3 yrs exp. in an advanced administrative capacity. Cover letter & resume to: cnut@ruralcommunity-health.org or by fax to (707) 462-1503. www.ruralcommunity-health.org

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
Total annual compensation package up to \$124,089.54 (\$6,865.27, \$8,344.78/mo.) Complete job description/application available at City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Ave. Ukiah, CA 95482 or www.cityofukiah.com Deadline Extended: 5 pm, 8/14/07. EOE.


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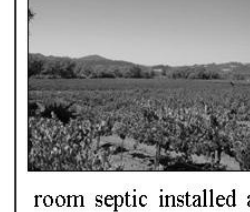




Italian Villa style home with breathtaking views of Lake Mendocino is situated on approx. 5 acres. The 3000 +/- sq.ft. 3 bed, 3 bath home comes with 2 kitchens, dramatic foyer, tiled floors, detached 2 car garage, bocce court, wine cellar, covered patio and the best views in the county. If you want to live a life of luxury, don't pass up this beauty.
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FEATURED LISTINGS



3 bed/2.5 bath, remodeled and upgraded home. Dual paned vinyl picture windows, bonus room used as a climate controlled wine room, custom tile in kitchen, 2 dining areas, master bath w/ his and her sinks, Jacuzzi tub, double sized shower, landscaping, a patio bordered by a Japanese Maple, redwoods, lawns, and a custom redwood fence. On over a quarter of an acre including a two car garage. **\$549,950**



The expansive open floor plan of this 2,500 +/- sq. ft. 3BR, 2 1/2 -bath Contemporary home in Deerwood Estates is suited for small intimate gatherings as well as entertaining on a grand scale. There's a great room with an array of built in bookcases, an entertainment center, and wet bar, office, indoor laundry room, central heating & air, a beautiful solarium with skylights, patio for entertaining under the stars, two car garage and all of it offered for only...**\$519,000**


Exquisite Vineyard Estate location. 27.55 Acres in Alexander Valley Appellation with 19 planted to Chardonnay in 1990, drip irrigation, 2 wells, 7 X 11 row spacing, wind powered frost protection 3 bedroom septic installed and ready for your dream vineyard residence, river frontage, Williamson Act, fabulous mountain views, all this just 5 minutes to HWY 101. Grapes being sold at approx \$1650/ton 2006. Annual yield averages 80-100 tons per owner. **\$1,695,000**



3 bed / 2 bath residence offering a distinctive charm that completes its surroundings. The dramatic interiors express themselves impressively with vaulted open beam ceilings, skylights, a massive brick fireplace and an office/den. Just under an acre, this wonderful family property has enough room for pets and horses. The expansive decking, 1400 sq.ft. shop, rose bushes and fruit trees all add to the great country setting. **\$599,000**

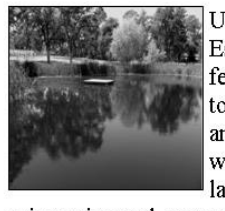

Tuscan style three bedroom, two and a half bath home offers comfort, style and luxury with a country feel. Featuring 2,981 sq. ft. of brilliantly designed architecture, a dramatic foyer, sleek tile throughout, gorgeous granite counter tops, modern stainless steel appliances, a lavish master suite, Brazilian redwood decking, and views of the beautiful Ukiah Municipal Golf Course. **\$775,000**



Wonderful 129 acre estate 5 minutes from Hwy 101 on paved road. Property may be splittable, it's zoned UR 40. Elegant ranch style home with covered porch and over-sized garage in a park like setting with its own security gate. There is a barn and a pole barn for equipment. There are approx. 10 acres flat plantable ground, the rest is wooded hillsides with a Redwood Grove. There is a road to explore the property. **\$1,350,000**



Charming 3/2 home featuring many wonderful amenities such as; an open floor plan, central heat and air, a bright and open kitchen, custom tile countertops and new interior paint. Property also includes a large back yard, built in barbeque, hot tub and incredible views. **\$499,000**


Lavish wine country residence embraces soaring ceilings, spectacular views, wrap around decks, gated entry with courtyard all landscaped to perfection. This 41 acre estate also features a custom pool, guest cottage, oversized detached garage, an eight stall horse barn and endless amazement. This is what success is all about. **\$1,975,000**


Elite 150 +/- acre wine country estate/winery site located in the premier Anderson Vly Appellation .70 acres planted to ultra premium Pinot Noir and Chard., all under contract. Architectural masterpiece with hand selected cobble stone is surrounded by luxuriously designed landscaping and magical pond. Plus one mile of river frontage w/ water right. **\$12,900,000**


Ultimate Wine Country Secluded Estate situated on 20 gated and fenced useable acres. Quality custom home with two master suites and four total bedrooms, hardwood floors, wet bar and wine cellar. 7 acres of modern ultra premium vineyard, gorgeous pond, large shop, beautifully designed, mature landscaping and a brand new custom in ground pool. **\$1,200,000**


4,800 sq ft home, 36 acres of prem. grapes w/contract, 15-20 addnl plantable acres, ag. well, domestic well, spring-fed pond, pool, shop & views galore. 5 bed, 5 bath home features modern kitchen w/ granite countertops, hardwood floors, crown molding, formal dining room, large living area w/ game room & bar, surround sound, wine cellar, office, deck & so much more! **\$3,250,000**


Prime vineyard land in Redwood Valley Appellation. 37 acres planted to multiple varietals. Vineyard features drip irrigation and level topo. Zoned for 2 primary residences and includes multiple building sites with vineyard and valley views. RV Ag water in addition to 3 wells. Property is in AG preserve for low property taxes. Vineyard may need to be replanted. Priced at \$21,000 per planted acre! **\$1,050,000**

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Administration NORTH COAST OPPORTUNITIES Chief Financial Officer
 Oversee all fiscal activities of \$20M/yr Community Action Agency. BA in Acctg or Finance + 5 yrs incr. resp mgmt exp, pref in public or gov't-funded non-profit human serv org. Min 2 yrs supv exp. FT. Starts at \$5083-\$5337/mo. DOQ + ben. NCO appl required. (800)606-5550 ext 302 or jmichele@ncoinc.org for app & job desc. Open Until Filled. First rev. of apps: 8/01/07. EOE

Administration NORTH COAST OPPORTUNITIES Human Resources Officer
 Administers all HR functions for non-profit, human serv org. 250 emp. multiple locations, partially unionized. Req. BA + 5 yrs prog resp exp in managing HR Dept, pref in non-profit. Prof HR cert. Min 2 yrs supv exp. Knowledge of labor law, collective barg environ, safety, best HR practices. Starts at \$3,885-\$4,079 mo DOQ + ben. NCO appl required. (800)606-5550 Ext 302 or jmichele@ncoinc.org for app/job desc. Open Until Filled. First rev of applications: 8/01/07 EOE

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 Currently recruiting for:
 • Office Assistant II Ukiah and Willits Only
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 For further info go to: www.mss.ca.gov to "Career Opportunities" Or call the jobline: (707)467-5866. All close 8/10/07

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 • Social Worker IV, Ukiah & Willits Only
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Executive Director
 Admin, fund development, facilities, fiscal management. Req: BA/Mgmt, Social Services. Ukiah Senior Center 497 Leslie-462-4343 Closes 9/1

120 HELP WANTED
BUS DRIVER
 Do something good for yourself & your community. Join the professional team at Mendocino Transit Authority as a F/T driver. You must have a valid driver's license, a clean driving record, possess excellent customer service skills & a solid work ethic. Must be able to communicate effectively both orally & in writing in English. Work will be in Ukiah/Willits/Laytonville/RdwdVly driving buss & cab. This position is guaranteed 32 hours per week. Pay range - \$11.48 to \$15.64/hr. Paid training program & excellent benefits. Apply at MTA, 241 Plant Road, Ukiah. This position will remain open until filled. EOE

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Come Work With Our Team with developmentally disabled adults. F/T, P/T in home setting. Pick up application 1000 Sanford Ranch Rd. Ukiah or call 468-9331

Companion/Driver for 26 y/o male. Head injury. Varied hrs. Reliable car. 477-3108

Coordinator, Community Integration Program, for sm. groups of 18-22 yr. old students with developmental disabilities, for school year starting 8/07. Supervising exp. req'd. 4 days/wk. 2:00-8:00 p.m. Starts \$14.07/hr. Open till filled.
Aide, for after-school program for young adults with disabilities, 3-4 days/wk, 2:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner included. \$9.00/hr. Resume and cover letter to Independence Plus, 301 S. State St., Ukiah 463-8725 EOE.

Counselor Tapestry Family Services
 Support Counselor to work with children in innovative activity-based after-school program in Ukiah. Great team, excellent benefits. Min AA degree & experience w/ children in mental health or rehab setting. \$18 to \$21/hr dep on ed and exp. 463-3300 for app packet. Apps accepted immediately; deadline 8/8/2007

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Education Director-Central Office, Nice, CA. Native American Cash Assistance Program F/T w/Benefits, Salary Negotiable. Closing 8/12. Application at www.ctcp.net or Contact Colleen Pete at 707-262-4404. Fax to 707-274-4233. Resume & Application. Indian Hiring Preference Applies.

Ellie's Mutt-Hutt is hiring front counter help. Day/Evening shifts avail. P/T or F/T. Must be dependable.

Environmental Sect.
 Cahto Tribe EPA Dept. (F/T) \$10/hr w/benef. Deadline 7/31/07. 984-6197

120 HELP WANTED
Exp. Medical Billing Clerk. Please send resume to box 03091, c/o Ukiah Daily Journal, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482-0749.

Fabricator Welder Mechanic
 Ukiah. Full time. Benefits. \$25/hr. Must be qualified. Fax resume to 462-5258

MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATE
 Established property management firm is seeking motivated, dependable individuals to join our maintenance team. Basic maintenance and/or landscaping skills, tools, & transportation are required (mileage paid). Benefit pkg. avail. Applications available at Realty World Selzer Realty, Prop. Mgmt. 300 E. Gobbi St., Ukiah

120 HELP WANTED
FINANCE FISCAL OFFICER
 Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority seeks accounting professional to direct financial operations. Prepares extensive financial/budgetary/statistical reports, maintains GL and all subsidiary ledgers, manages payroll, maintains insurance policies, investment accounts & HR files, supervises support staff. Exp. with Quickbooks Pro desired. Resume receipt deadline 5pm Aug. 6, 2007. Job description available @ 694 Pinoleville Drive, Ukiah. Mail resumes to NCIHA or submit via Email: ncihatr@pacific.net or Fax: 707-468-5615. Indian preference applies.

120 HELP WANTED
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
 Bilingual/Office Exp. req'd. full Time/Benefits. Word/Excel/phone skills req'd. Salary DOE. Email: alcoone@aol.com Fax 707-562-2531

FIRE CAPTAIN:
 \$4,507 - \$5,478 per month, plus benefits. Application & complete job description w/education, experience & necessary requirements available at City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah, CA 95482 or www.cityofukiah.com
Deadline: 5 pm, 8/10/07. EOE

Front Desk/Night Auditor. Apply in person Holiday Inn Express, 1720 N. State St. Ukiah

120 HELP WANTED
FIREFIGHTER/EMT Entry Level or Lateral:
 \$3,712 - \$4,512 per month, plus benefits. Application & complete job description w/education, experience & necessary requirements available at City of Ukiah, 300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah, CA 95482 to www.cityofukiah.com
Deadline: 5pm, 8/10/07. EOE

Inst. Asst. for severely disabled student. F/T, w/ benefits. \$11/hr. start at 8/20. Sandra 468-8658

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120 HELP WANTED
Intervention Specialist
 Willits and Potter Valley School Districts. Middle schools: deliver curriculum, school based and after school activities. high schools: co-facilitate groups, other duties as assigned. 25 HR Per wk. (possibility of expansion), outstanding benefits. Job description, application packet at Mendocino County Youth Project 463-4915, 776 S. State Street #107, Ukiah, CA. Application deadline: 8/10/07

120 HELP WANTED
KZYX&Z Public Radio seeks 2 community minded people to join our team. Membership & Events Coordinator: responsible for membership strategy, events, & tracking monies. Creativity & comfort w/ databases req. Operations Director: oversees facilities & operations incl equip, network, & emergency systems. Strong communication & tech skills req. Job descriptions online at kzyx.org. FT, salary DOE, benefits. Cover letter, resume, and refs to: Box 1, Philo, 95466 or gm@kzyx.org.

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1675 Elm Street
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1000 Lovers Lane, Ukiah
 24.95 acres in Ukiah, 12 acres in vineyard - Zinfandel, Merlot, Malvasia-drip irrigated, 1 1/2 acre-foot pond, No Frost. Secluded 2bed/2bath home with partial basement/wine cellar, attached 1-car garage plus detached 3 car garage, outbuildings. Property has panoramic views of the valley, vineyards and hillside. Asking \$1,850,000.

5917 Grove Street Lucerne
 3 bed, 2 bath steps away from the lake. \$220,000

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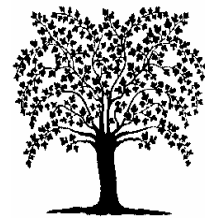
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- The Garage and Driveway... can look unsightly with grease spots and clutter. After tidying up where needed, see that garage doors open easily.
- Patios and Pools... increase the value of your home...but can detract from the beauty if not maintained well. Repair outdoor furniture if needed. Hose and clean pool. Store chemicals out of sight.
- The Lawn and Landscape... should be well groomed and healthy looking. Hire landscapers or spend time grooming the lawn, shrubbery, garden areas. Also inspect trees and remove any dead branches. Fencing should be in good shape. Replace missing slats and repaint if necessary.
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Inside Your Home

Check the following for wear and tear; replace, repair or repaint to restore:

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

Clutter alert - Give your home a more spacious look by cleaning out cluttered areas:

- Closets
- Kitchen Cabinets
- Bookcases and Shelves (built-in)
- Attic
- Basement
- Garage
- All areas of your home should have a 'just cleaned' look:
- Kitchen
- Bathrooms
- Bedrooms
- Den or Rec Room

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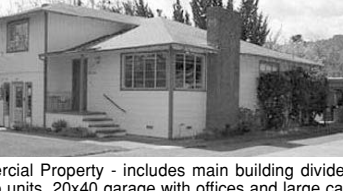
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