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'POETRY TO GO': Local writers' work
featured on MTA buses



Among the winners in the Mendocino LitFest poetry contest are, clockwise from front left: Michael Riedell, Ginger O'Shea, Valerie Warda, Nick Arendt, Viviana Carlton, Madison Rockowitz, Jesus Macias and Erica Gonzalez. Their poems will appear in and on MTA buses through the festival in June.

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Poetry contest is part of LitFest

The Daily Journal

Fifteen poets from throughout Mendocino County have been selected as winners of the first "Poetry to Go" competition, part of the Mendocino LitFest program presented by Mendocino College. The winning poems will be presented in several venues over the next month - in MTA buses, in a new book and in a reading at Mendocino LitFest.

A bilingual contest, "Poetry to Go/Poesía para Llevar" includes Spanish and English language winners in both youth and adult divisions.

In a special arrangement with Mendocino Transit Authority, the winning poems are now on display in MTA's fleet of nine coaches.

Poet Jesus Macias, who won for his poem, "Noche Aliada del Amor," a poem he says, of love and romance, is delighted that his poem will appear in such a public forum as a bus.

"It's good," he said Wednesday at a ceremony at the MTA depot on Plant Road. "It makes people get into it. They

The youngest winning poet, Madison Rockowitz, 9, of Fort Bragg, said this poem came to her as she was studying her spelling words.

Invisible

By Madison Rockowitz

I feel like a tiny invisible spider that is crammed in a tiger's body
I froze when I saw salmon swimming in a stream; I was going to eat one
But wondered why they were swimming in that season

I asked one, why they were going that way?
But then I fell in...

I turned into a fish then froze like an igloo
Then suddenly I awoke, you were by my side

I felt not like a tiny spider in a tiger's body or a fish swimming in the wrong season

But a happy spider in a tiger's body that turned into a fish
But that's not who I am ...
I am a girl who is loved by many people.

may think, if this person can do this, maybe I can too."

The adult winners of Best in Show are Erica Gonzalez of Redwood Valley for her poem, "Pintame Pintor," and Michael France of Ukiah for "As the Lotus Blossoms Fall." The youth Best in Show winners are Jesus Emmanuel Macias, 16, of Ukiah, for "Noche Aliada de Amor" and Theresa Ladao, 17, of Redwood Valley for

"I Remember Mommy." In the adult division, Awards of Merit were issued for J.M. Smith of Round Valley Reservation, Valerie Holm Warda and Theresa Whitehill of Ukiah, and Virginia Jones and Michael Riedell, both of Willits. Two poets earned honorable mentions: Ginger O'Shea of Ukiah and Erica Gonzalez.

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Hospice:

Terminally ill have two hospices locally to choose from for care at end-of-life

By KATIE MINTZ
The Daily Journal

Two hospices in Mendocino County serve the Ukiah area, and as the number of people choosing hospice care is on the rise, both are finding a different role to fill.

According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, 1.2 million people received hospice services in 2005 at more than 4,100 programs across the nation, marking an increase of more than 150,000 people from the previous year.

Hospice care, the support given to a person at the end of their life so that they can spend their last days as comfortably as possible, began in London in the 1960s and later migrated to the United States, introducing a new concept to health care professionals.

"In medical school, they really don't teach us the transition period. We're trained on how to cure diseases," Dr. Guy Teran, a local internist and Hospice of Ukiah board member, said, comparing death to the diagnosis of pregnancy.

"You don't tell somebody 'Hey, you're pregnant. Come back in nine months.' We don't do that. Now, with hospice, at the end of life, we're there to help them make the transition," Teran said.

"Hospice really looks at the whole person, in terms of health care," Phoenix Hospice Program Director Susan Plummer said. "So, we're interested not only in the physical pain and symptom management, but spiritual, psychosocial and emotional. I think that's true for all hospices."

But services to aid a patient in dying peacefully at home, such as skilled nursing, social work, physical therapy and chaplaincy, however, are provided in different manners and to different people, depending upon a hospice's certification.

According to the NHPCO, 93.6 percent of agencies report that they are certified by Medicare, greatly outweighing the number of volunteer hospices.

Serving Ukiah are both Phoenix Certified Hospice of Mendocino County, a Medicare program, and Hospice of Ukiah, Inc., a volunteer program.

Phoenix Certified Hospice of Mendocino County

"To have a choice, you really have to know what's available," Plummer said, beginning to describe the services Phoenix Certified Hospice of Mendocino County offers.

With offices located in Willits at the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital and in Ukiah at 401 W. Mill St., Phoenix serves the areas of Covelo, Laytonville, Willits, Redwood Valley, Calpella, Potter Valley, Ukiah, Talmage, Anderson Valley and Hopland, according to Phoenix social worker Lynn Wood.

After starting as a volunteer hospice in 1990, it became Medicare certified in 1995.

Because of its certification -- its patients qualify to have their treatment related to

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Parole to be considered for man who set girlfriend on fire in 2002

DA's Office will argue against release; seeks letters from community members who want to have comments heard

The Daily Journal

The District Attorney's Office is encouraging community members to express their opinion on the possible release on parole on June 11 of Gregory Patrick Beck, who was convicted in 2002, of multiple charges, including torture.

Beck was convicted by a jury of torture, assault with caustic chemicals and corporal injury to a

cohabitant in 2002, for dousing his ex-girlfriend, Sherry Carlton, with lighter fluid and setting her on fire.

Carlton suffered severe and permanent damage and remains under care in a convalescent hospital.

Those who wish their comments to be heard by the California Board of Prison Terms can send letters to Mendocino County District Attorney Meredith Lintott, P.O. Box 1000, Ukiah, CA, 95482, or fax them to 463-4687. All letters must be received by May 24.

Lintott will attend the parole hearing to argue against Beck's release.

FIRST COMMET RAID OF SEASON

23,147 pot plants seized

The Daily Journal

In the first raid of the year, the County of Mendocino Marijuana Eradication Team seized more than 20,000 small marijuana plants in the Cloverdale area last week.

On May 7, officers from COMMET received information about an illegal marijuana garden in the Cloverdale area. Officers searched the area and found five gardens near Cloverdale Peak Road and Geysers Road.

Officers seized 23,147 small plants from the garden but found no suspects.

The suspects appeared to have been trespassing onto the property to illegally grow marijuana on someone else's property.

Last year, COMMET raided 189 illegal marijuana gardens and destroyed 190,541 plants, as well as seizing 36 weapons and making 14 arrests.

According to the California Attorney General's Office, 1,675,681 marijuana plants were seized in the state of California in 2006.

FUNERAL NOTICES

CLEO LEONA CLARK

Long time Boonville resident, passed away May 13, 2007 at Sutter Hospital in Santa Rosa, CA. Cleo was born in Rabbit Trap, Oklahoma in 1916, raised in Stillwell. She came to Madera, CA. in 1942, by way of hitchhiking with her daughter Wanda & sister Coweta. She then found her way to Anderson Valley in 1943. Cleo spent time picking apples for the Gowan's family then worked at Denver's Cafe where she met Buck Clark, her husband of 40 years. They were married in Merced, CA. 1953. Living the next 40

years together in Boonville, with Buck working in the woods and Cleo enjoying being a house wife & mother. She is preceded in death by husband Buck Clark. Survived by: Daughter Wanda Gentry of Fort Bragg, CA. Son Sean Clark of Cloverdale, CA. Sisters Vera Mae Cook & Louise Phillips both of Fresno, CA & Ruby Lee Pence of Madera, CA. Brothers Bill Owens of Boonville, CA & Jack Owens of Fortuna, CA & Gary Mayfield of Tulsa, OK. Granddaughters Cleo Anna Bennett and Mitzi Livingston both of Fort Bragg, CA and numer-

ous great-grandchildren nieces and nephews. A viewing will be held Thursday May 17, 2007 at Eversole Mortuary in Ukiah from 3:00-5:00PM. Graveside services will be held Friday May 18, 2007 at Evergreen Cemetery in Boonville, CA at 2:00PM. A celebration of life to follow at the Anderson Valley Veteran's Building.

RUSSEL JAMES CHASE

Russel Chase was born on December 8, 1927, and passed away on May 13, 2007 in Willits, CA. Russel was a native to California, and a former resident of Rio Dell. Russel's

occupation was a owner/printer of Willits, for a total of 30 years. Russel was also a member of the American Legion.

Russel is survived by Nadine Chase, wife of 48 years, Sharon Robinson, daughter of Ukiah, granddaughters Tammy Foster of Ukiah, and Michele Eichner of Ohio, Donna Olsen of Fortuna, sister-in-law, and 6 great-grandchildren. At his request, no services will be held. Interment will be held at Masonic Cemetery, Chase Family Plot, Hydsville, CA. Arrangements by Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICE

• Joseph Stombaugh, 89, of Ukiah, died Friday, May 11, 2007. Arrangements are under the direction of Eversole Mortuary.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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

BOOKED -- Trinidad Navarro Sanchez, 56, of Philo, was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence at 12:42 a.m. Monday.

BOOKED -- Arturo Lopez Garcia, 26, of Redwood Valley, was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence and driving without a valid license at 7:54 a.m. Monday.

BOOKED -- Thomas Edward Soeby, 54, of Fort Bragg, was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence at 9:09 a.m. Monday.

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.

CORRECTIONS

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

LOTTERY NUMBERS

DAILY 3: night: 5, 0, 0. afternoon: 1, 1, 3. FANTASY 5: 03, 12, 17, 30, 32. DAILY DERBY: 1st Place: 09, Winning Spirit. 2nd Place: 08, Gorgeous George. 3rd Place: 03, Hot Shot. Race time: 1.43.29. LOTTO: 5-8-24-33-44. Meganumber: 5. Jackpot: \$13 million.

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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

Senate Democrats fail in bid to cut off funding for war but gain supporters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anti-war Democrats in the Senate failed in an attempt to cut off funds for the Iraq war on Wednesday, a lopsided bipartisan vote that masked growing impatience within both political parties over President Bush's handling of the four-year conflict.

The 67-29 vote against the Democrats' measure left it far short of the number needed to advance. But more than half the Senate's Democrats supported the move, a marked change from last summer when only a dozen members of the rank and file backed a troop withdrawal deadline.

"It was considered absolute heresy four months ago" to stop the war, said Sen. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, author of the measure to cut off funds for most military operations after March 31, 2008. Nowhere was the shift more evident than among the Senate's Democratic presidential contenders.

For the first time, Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, Barack Obama of Illinois and Joe Biden of Delaware joined Sen. Chris Dodd in lending support to the notion of setting a date to end U.S. participation in the war.

Among them, only Clinton stressed the procedural nature of her vote, declining to say she would ultimately vote to cut off funding if given a chance. "I'm not going to speculate on what I'll be voting on in the future," she told reporters, although her spokesman, Philippe Reines, said flatly that the New York lawmaker supports the legislation.

Israeli aircraft fires missiles on Hamas targets; Hamas kills Fatah bodyguards

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli aircraft launched missiles at Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, killing at least five people, after Hamas fired rocket barrages into Israel in an apparent attempt to draw Israel into increasingly violent Palestinian infighting.

Hamas gunmen fatally shot six guards from the rival Fatah movement and mistakenly ambushed a jeep carrying their own fighters, killing five. In all, 16 Palestinians were killed in Palestinian infighting Wednesday — the bloodiest day since violence broke out in the Gaza Strip four days ago.

The streets of central Gaza City echoed with gunfire and were empty except for gunmen in black ski masks. Terrified residents stayed home from school and work, huddling in dark homes after electricity to some neighborhoods was cut off by a downed power line.

At nightfall, Hamas announced its intention to begin observing a unilateral cease-fire, and President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah also called on the warring parties to hold their fire. However, similar truces the two previous evenings did not hold.

In four days of fighting, 41 people have been killed and dozens more have been injured — not including the dead from the Israeli airstrikes. Most of the dead have been from Fatah. The violence threatened to bring down the Palestinians' 2-month-old unity government — and brought the Palestinians dangerously close to all-out civil war.

Mortar barrage hammers Green Zone again in Baghdad; new fears about safety

BAGHDAD (AP) — Mortar rounds hammered the U.S.-controlled Green Zone for a second day Wednesday, killing at least two people, wounding about 10 more and raising new fears for the safety of workers at the nerve center of the American mis-

sion in Iraq.

About a dozen shells crashed into the 3.5-square-mile area of central Baghdad about 4 p.m., sending terrified pedestrians racing for the safety of concrete bunkers.

Motorists abandoned their cars and sprinted for cover. Sirens wailed and loudspeakers warned people to seek safety.

No American casualties were reported, and the two dead as well as most of the wounded were Iraqis, U.S. Embassy spokesman Lou Fintor said.

An Iraqi security officer said one of the dead was a driver for the staff of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, whose office is in the Green Zone. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not supposed to release the information.

Wolfowitz, World Bank working on agreement for him to resign, official says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embattled World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz is negotiating an agreement to resign, according to an official familiar with the talks.

His departure would include an acknowledgment from the bank that he doesn't bear sole responsibility for the controversy surrounding a generous pay package for his girlfriend, the official said.

The negotiations took place as the bank's board deliberated Wolfowitz's fate Wednesday afternoon.

The official said Wolfowitz wanted the bank to accept some responsibility for conflicts of interest cited against him by a special bank panel. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the delicate state of negotiations at the bank, which uses loans and grants to fight poverty around the world.

It was not clear whether the bank's 24-member board would accept Wolfowitz's terms. It is up to the board to decide what action should be taken in the matter.

Britain's Prince Harry will not serve in Iraq; army cites specific threats

LONDON (AP) — Britain's army reversed course Wednesday and announced that Prince Harry will not be sent to Iraq with his regiment due to "specific threats" from insurgents that expose the third in line to the throne to an unacceptable degree of risk.

Harry had been expected to deploy to southern Iraq in the next few weeks but Army Chief of Staff Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt, who recently traveled to Iraq, said the situation there had become too dangerous and media scrutiny of the plans had exacerbated the situation.

The 22-year-old prince, who had long dreamed of leading his tank unit in Iraq, said he is disappointed but respected the decision.

Dannatt said the move was due to specific threats to the prince and risks to the safety of his fellow soldiers.

"There have been a number of specific threats, some reported and some not reported, that relate directly to Prince Harry as an individual," Dannatt said. "These threats exposed him and those around him to a degree of risk I considered unacceptable."

Yolanda King, actress, speaker, daughter of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., dies

ATLANTA (AP) — Yolanda King, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s eldest child who pursued her father's dream of racial harmony through drama and motivational speaking, collapsed and died Tuesday. She was 51.

King died late Tuesday in Santa Monica, said Steve Klein, a spokesman for the King Center. The family did not know the

cause of death, but relatives think it might have been a heart problem, he said.

"She was an actress, author, producer, advocate for peace and nonviolence, who was known and loved for her motivational and inspirational contributions to society," the King family said in a statement.

Former Mayor Andrew Young, a lieutenant of her father's who has remained close to the family, said King was going to her brother Dexter's home when she collapsed in the doorway.

Her death came less than a year and a half after her mother, Coretta Scott King, died in January 2006 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke. Her struggle prompted her daughter to work with the American Heart Association to raise awareness about strokes, especially among blacks.

Two humpback whales elude marine biologists, law enforcement

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A pair of wayward humpback whales continued their improbable odyssey Tuesday, swimming to the outskirts of the state capital.

The whales eluded marine biologists and law enforcement patrols who had searched for them throughout the day but were spotted Tuesday evening by a helicopter pilot for KCRA-TV in the deep water shipping channel south of Sacramento.

Footage showed the whales — believed to be a mother and her calf — plying the canal about two miles south of the Port of Sacramento. They were headed upriver toward the turning basin used for deep-water ships, a journey of more than 50 miles from the point where the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers merge at Suisun Bay.

"We have seen the whales; they're back," said Jim Milbury, a spokesman with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

He said a team of experts was planning to arrive in Sacramento on Wednesday to assess the health of the whales and how they can be lured back toward the ocean.

Poetry

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Youth Merit Award winners are Ukiahans Jaime Nava Franco, 16, David Tafel, 17, Nick Arendt, 17, and Viviana Charlene Carlón Ornelas, 13, and 9-year-old Fort Bragg resident Madison Rockowitz.

The chosen poets will be recognized and have a chance to read their poems during a 10 a.m. awards ceremony at Mendocino LitFest on June 2 at Mendocino College's Little Theater.

The judges for "Poetry to Go" this year were Carlos Jacinto, Karen K. Lewis, Vivian Power and David Smith-Ferri. Ukiah poet and teacher Bill Churchill coordinated this year's contest.

Artist Ann Kelly donated

her time to create a unique presentation for each poem. Ken McCormick of Visual Identity and Ken Coburn of Global Interprint published the winning poems in a special LitFest commemorative book titled "Small Mirrors." Jay Young of J Design, artist Paula Gray and photographer Tom Liden contributed to the book, along with a number of poets and writers who are part of LitFest 2007.

Mendocino LitFest is made possible through an Arts for our Future grant from the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, with additional support from the Friends of the Mendocino College Library. Other major sponsors are the Ukiah Daily Journal, Visual Identity, J Design, and Nine Trees Design.

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What's Playing

THURSDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dancing; \$2 Tequila shots; no cover; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
DRAGONFLY SLIDESHOW AND LECTURE -- Slideshow, lecture and potluck; Grace Hudson Museum; 431 S. Main St., Ukiah; potluck starts at 6 p.m., lecture at 7 p.m.; please bring potluck item and utensils; 463-0839.
WINSTRONG AND 7TH STREET SOUND -- Reggae; Ukiah Brewing Co.; 102 S. State Street; 9:45 p.m.; \$8; 468-5898.
KITTY ROSE -- Country and Americana music; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main St., Willits; 8 p.m.; no cover; 459-9194.
OVER THE TAVERN -- Live performance; Ukiah Playhouse; 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah; 7 p.m.; 462-9226.

FRIDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music; with Smokin' Joe; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
OVER THE TAVERN -- Live performance; Ukiah Playhouse; 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; 462-9226.
KRISTINE ROBIN -- Celtic, contemporary and original songs; Ukiah Brewing Co.; 102 S. State Street; 6 p.m.; 468-5898.
ANDY AND GABRIELA KONG -- Unique sound; Himalayan Café; 1639 S. State St.; 467-9900.

SATURDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music; with Smokin' Joe; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
PASTELS ON THE PLAZA -- A variety of local entertainers will be featured at this annual artistic event; Alex Thomas Plaza in Ukiah, starting at 12:30 p.m.
LAURA SMITH -- Old Time Fiddle music; Ukiah Farmers Market; School and Clay St., Ukiah; 9 a.m. to noon; 463-7765.
NATURE WALKS -- On Riggedwood Ranch; 16200 N. Highway 101, Willits; 10 a.m.; 459-5992.
OVER THE TAVERN -- Live performance; Ukiah Playhouse; 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; 462-9226.
TOP SHELF -- Reggae and rock music live performance; Dig! Music; 362 N. State St., Ukiah; 10:30 a.m. to noon; no cover; 463-8444.
KARAOKE NIGHT -- Karaoke at Yokayo Bowl; Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; no cover; 462-8686.
BELLYDANCING BY PAPILLON -- Live bellydancing; Himalayan Café; 1639 S. State St.; 467-9900.
ORGANIC FLOOD -- Rock, funk, roots and soul; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main St., Willits; \$4; 459-9194.
COUNTRY BOYS BAND -- Country dance music; Ukiah Senior Center; 499 Leslie St., Bartlett Hall; 7 to 10 p.m.; \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members; adults 18 and over welcome.
RICHARD JESKE -- Acoustic folk and rock; Potter Valley Cafe; 10761 Main St., Potter Valley; 743-2848.

SUNDAY

ADAM'S CENTER STAGE KARAOKE -- Karaoke night at Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 6 to 10 p.m.; family hours 6 to 8 p.m.; no cover; sponsored by Dunlap Roofing.
DANCE WAVE -- Weekly Freestyle community dance for fitness and release; Mendocino Ballet Studio; 205 S. State St., Ukiah; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; sliding scale donation; 489-3345.
UKIAH MOOSE LODGE DANCE -- Dancing, food and live music by The Blue Sky Band; Ukiah Moose Lodge; members and guest welcome; 462-2027.
OVER THE TAVERN -- Live performance; Ukiah Playhouse; 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah; 2 p.m.; 462-9226.
FREE POOL -- Free pool all day; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah.

MONDAY

FREE POOL -- Free pool all day; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah.
ANDY AND GABRIELA KONG -- Live music; The Hopland Inn; 13401 S. Highway 101; Hopland; no cover.
MICROPHONE NITE -- Sing or play an instrument; Club 711; 711 S. State St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; 462-7111.

TUESDAY

KARAOKE -- Every Tuesday; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; no fee.
TAHITIAN DANCE -- Every Tuesday night; Mendocino Ballet Studio; 205 S. State St., Ukiah; ages 11 to 99; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; \$8 to \$11.

WEDNESDAY

ADAM'S CENTER STAGE KARAOKE -- Karaoke night at Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 6 to 10 p.m.; family hours 6 to 8 p.m.; no cover; sponsored by Dunlap Roofing.
OPEN MIC -- Open mic night; Ukiah Brewing Co.; 102 S. State St., Ukiah; 8:30 p.m.; 468-5898.

Photo addition and subtraction

Let's say, hypothetically of course, that now that Prom is almost three weeks behind us, many of you attendees are in a situation where the date you partnered up with for this traditional get together is no longer in the picture.



Frame by Frame
By Suzette Cook-Mankins

On Monday, you picked up your Prom photo package at school. That's when you started to wish that your prom date was... well... no longer in the picture, literally.
 It's okay. There is hope. With a little addition and subtraction you can extract or add information to any photo and design it around your needs.
 And if you spent hours shopping, tanning, manicuring and hair styling, you might as well have it your way and break your fabulous self out of that posed photo

and be all the supermodel you can be.
 Here's how it works. Find someone who has access to Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Elements or any photo editing program and break out the

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Experience the art of Anderson Valley

The Daily Journal
 Those looking for an enjoyable activity for Memorial Day weekend can save gas and explore a Mendocino County happening by taking a free tour of Anderson Valley artists, studios on May 26, 27 and 28.
 Twenty of the Valley's most talented artists will open their studios to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with free maps to guide visitors to each location. The Valley is at its most beautiful this time of year, and many of the wineries have their new Pinot Noirs freshly released, for those who'd like to combine wine-tasting with viewing art.



The garden of Antoinette von Grone is a rondelle garden of intertwined herbs, outside her studio door. Her artwork features modern animal and people themes.

For those starting at the east end of Hwy 128, a good stop would be the Maple Creek Winery in Yorkville. Tom Rodrigues, owner, wine-maker, and baseball aficionado, is also a fine artist in oils and acrylics. Visitors can view his colorful paintings, inspired by the beauty of Mendocino County, while sampling Maple Creek's fine wines. Tom will have art tour maps available. Maple Creek Winery is located at 20799 Highway 128 in Yorkville.
 Also in Yorkville, at Big Oaks Drive, is the studio of Terry Ryder, an acclaimed stained glass artist, who creates traditional stained glass and glass collages. At 18501 Highway 128, traveling west, are the studios of Ferd and Tracy Thieriot, where visitors can see glass blowing and sculpting demonstrations. Ferdinand Thieriot's work was recently featured in Mendocino College's Art Gallery's show entitled: "A Working Living -- The Business of Art."
 In Boonville, a group that includes landscape photographer, Charlie Hochberg, and Rainbow Hill, maker of finely beaded jewelry, will be showing at Denver Tuttle's studio, located at 14111 Highway 128. Denver will be showing his three-dimensional work entitled, "Optical Block Series."
 Stop at the Mosswood Café for an espresso or lunch, and view David Beglinger's

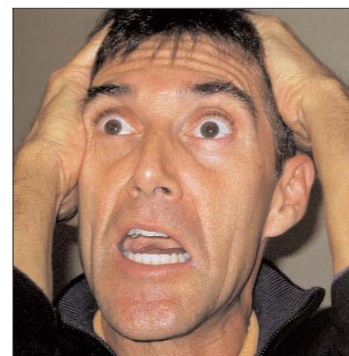
abstract wood sculptures displayed on the café walls. The Mosswood Café is located at 14111 Highway 128.
 Also in Boonville, on Ornbaum Road, visit MacLeod and Allen, folkart furniture makers, who make fanciful yet practical solutions to storage needs, like participants growing CD collection.
 Just off Highway 128 turn onto Anderson Valley Way, which is fast becoming an arts nexus. Antoinette von Grone, at 12370 AV Way, paints in a classic Old World European style, and includes modern themes in her animal and people-centered work, and her lovely rondelle garden of intertwined herbs, outside her studio door, is also worth the trip.
 A few doors from Antoinette, at 12451 Anderson Valley Way, is Susan Gross, with her vibrant watercolors, paper collages, and monotypes. Showing with Susan is Finnish artist Maire Palme, whose stunning oil paintings and ink drawings include historical and social commentary. Also in

the Anderson Valley Way neighborhood is Michael Addison and his Rough Magic Press. Michael, former artistic director of the California Shakespeare Festival, now uses hand-set lead type for letterpress printing on three vintage presses, and is currently printing broadsides, including Shakespearean sonnets.
 Further west on Hwy. 128, Ismael Sanchez's unique wire animal sculptures, some life-sized, are not to be missed. They can be seen at Wellspring, located at 18450 Ray's Road, Philo, just a mile or two off 128. There will be signs for visitors to follow.
 Another group of Philo artists are clustered about five miles out of downtown Philo. Turning off 128 at Clark Road is the studio of Marvin Schenck, curator of the Grace Hudson Museum, where he creates Post Impressionist paintings of Anderson Valley and the Mendocino County area.
 Directly across from Clark Road is Holmes Ranch Road, and if participants stop at

3001, participants will find participants self at the pottery studio of Jan Wax and Chris Bing, award-winning creators of nature-inspired porcelain ware.
 Sculptor Gary Church, maker of unique industrial-inspired assemblages, will be greeting visitors to his studio at 2350 Holmes Ranch Road. At the western end of the tour is Malcolm West, a painter of landscapes and realistic still lifes, who works in a barn studio at 19101 Greenwood Road, Philo.
 Rebecca Johnson invites participants to view her paintings and sculptures, also in a big redwood barn at 1200 Highway 128, mile marker 15.08.
 The artists of Anderson Valley warmly welcome participants to their 2007 Memorial Day Open Studio Tour, May 26 27 and 28 from 10 to 5.
 Maps are available at the Grace Hudson Museum, Ukiah, and Rookie-To Gallery in Boonville, The Boonville Hotel, and other venues throughout Anderson Valley.

Ukiah brings home 4 prodigal sons to Comedy Alley

The Daily Journal
 This Saturday, Comedy Alley's season finale will feature comedy veterans and hometown heroes Mark Yaffe and Albert Valejo, who will be joined by Santa Rosa' Peter Bartlett and opened for by Grant Lyon.
 Marc is a gifted writer and performer, delivering original comedy, inspired by his multicultural upbringing and Native roots. Marc careens across the comedy landscape leaving a trail of laughs that has made him a hit with club, casino and corporate audiences alike. Marc combines hip, edgy observations with a rapid, one-liner delivery style.
 Since his first time on stage in 1998, Marc has performed time in 25 states, the Middle East, the Pacific and Asia. Marc's credits include clubs such as Catch A Rising Star, The Ice House, The Laugh Factory and The Improv. Marc



Albert Valejo



Mark Yaffe



Peter Bartlett

has performed at the Boston and Las Vegas Comedy Festivals. He has also written for George Carlin's Laugh.com and appeared on the TV shows "Loco Comedy Jam, Latino Laugh Festival and Que Locos. Catch Marc, while you can, his comedy star is on the rise.
 Albert Vallejo regularly performs at the Punch Line, The Comedy Store, and Catch a Rising Star, as well as at vari-

ous benefits and charity fundraisers. He has appeared in concert with Fog Hat, Tower of Power, Rick Springfield, Russ Freeman and the Rippingtons, Richard Lewis, and many more. "Boy, things have sure changed," he said. "At home when I told sarcastic jokes, I'd get a smack; now I get a check."
 Peter Bartlett is a San Francisco-based comedian and

writer raised in Santa Rosa area.
 Peter brings to comedy his keen powers of observation, a healthy regard for the absurd, and an extremely dry sense of humor. His style is reminiscent of a young Bob Newhart. (That is, if Bob Newhart lived in a tiny studio in the Tenderloin that he furnished by shopping

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BILLBOARD

Auditions for 'Urinetown, the Musical' set for this Saturday

Auditions will be held for "Urinetown, the Musical" this Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m., in Room 5310 (Voice Room) in the Mendocino College Center for Visual & Performing Arts.
 "Urinetown" is a co-production of Mendocino College and Ukiah Players Theatre.
 One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, this 2002 Tony Award winner is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. Urinetown is universally praised for its outrageous perspective, wickedly modern wit, and sustained ability to produce gales of unbridled laughter. Song and dance with thought-provoking humor.
 "Urinetown, the Musical!" was written by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann. This production will be directed by David Hance. The musical director is Les Pflutzenreuter, and the choreographer is Trudy McCreanor. Roles are available for 6 to 10 men and 6 to 10 women of various ages. There is no traditional chorus ... all members of the

ensemble get to act, dance and sing (to one degree or another). Rehearsals will be held May 22 through July 18, (at Mendocino College and UPT locations). "Urinetown" will be performed July 19 from August 11, (at the Ukiah Playhouse)
 For more information, contact the Ukiah Players Theatre business office at 462-1210.

Musicians, artists and volunteers needed for Taste of Downtown

The Ukiah Main Street program is seeking acoustic musicians and local artists for this year's Taste of Downtown.
 The Ukiah Main Street Program will be accepting applicants until May 31, from anyone, interested in performing or showcasing their art downtown.
 Applications can be picked up at the Main Street Office, 200 S. School Street Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
 Additionally, the Ukiah Main Street Program is looking for volunteers to help with set up and take down of this year's Taste of Downtown, June 8. Participants would be setting up designated booths, selling passport tickets, and pouring beer and wine for local wineries and breweries. The fun all takes place downtown from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday June 8.
 For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, artist or musician, call the Main Street office at 463-6729 or email mainst@pacific.net.

Letters from our readers

Can you find the artistry?

To the Editor:

I have not yet found the artistry the Garden Club addresses in Sunday's photo of the figure head skewing forth. Anyone?

Dolores Shannon
Ukiah

Complete UVAP first

To the Editor:

An Open Letter to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

The Ukiah Valley Area Plan is still being reviewed by the public and I understand from the April 24, 2007 meeting that the final document will not be completed until this Fall. Until the Plan is adopted I urge each of you to advise the acting planning director to take no action on pending developments in the Lover's Lane Area (currently zoned for agricultural) and the Masonite Area (zoned industrial) until the Plan is adopted.

It would also be premature for the County to issue a demolition permit to the developer of the Masonite site. DDR plans to level the Masonite physical plant as soon as possible thereby strengthening their position for pressuring this County to change how that area will function in the future. There are other investors that are positioned to put the plant back in operation. The "Masonite Mega Mall" will not create well paying jobs rather it will cannibalize Ukiah's vibrant downtown, substantially increase traffic congestion, encourage sprawl and dehumanization. I hope that each of you will continue to encourage the public process.

Linda Sanders
Ukiah

Thank you

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came out and supported the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for GI Mom's that took place on April 28. When we first started working on the event we had hoped to raise a couple thousand dollars to be able to buy items for care packages to send to our troops overseas. Due to the community response and the many local business that donated we were able to raise over \$13,000 for GI Moms. Seeing the community come together to support the troops in such a big way made me proud once again to say I live in Ukiah. I would like to give special thanks to Zack and Georgia Levatis from Zack's Restaurant and Catering that came in and donated all the food for the event and worked the event with us. Without Zack's hard work and dedication to the event I know it would not have been as successful as it was. Once again to all the wonderful people and business that donated their time and money. Thank you! "Til They All Come Home"

Derek Shawk
Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club
VFW Post 1900 Member

THANK YOU LETTER POLICY

Editor's note: The Daily Journal welcomes letters of thanks from organizations and individuals. We are glad that so many successful events are held here. However, thank you letters must be kept short. For that reason we have a 20-business name limit per letter. If your letter lists more than 20 businesses it will not be printed. Shorter thank you letters which do not contain lists of participants or donors will be printed more quickly. Those wishing to thank long lists of people and businesses are welcome to contact our advertising department for help with a thank you ad.

LETTER POLICY

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ON EDITORIALS

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

In our opinion
Ever hopeful

We are holding our applause for a new era for the Palace Hotel until we see something a little more concrete than a developer showing interest and the property owners looking alert.

We would love to get the press release that a deal has been struck, that a mixed use retail, office and housing development is about to begin and the shovel will go in the ground on a specified date.

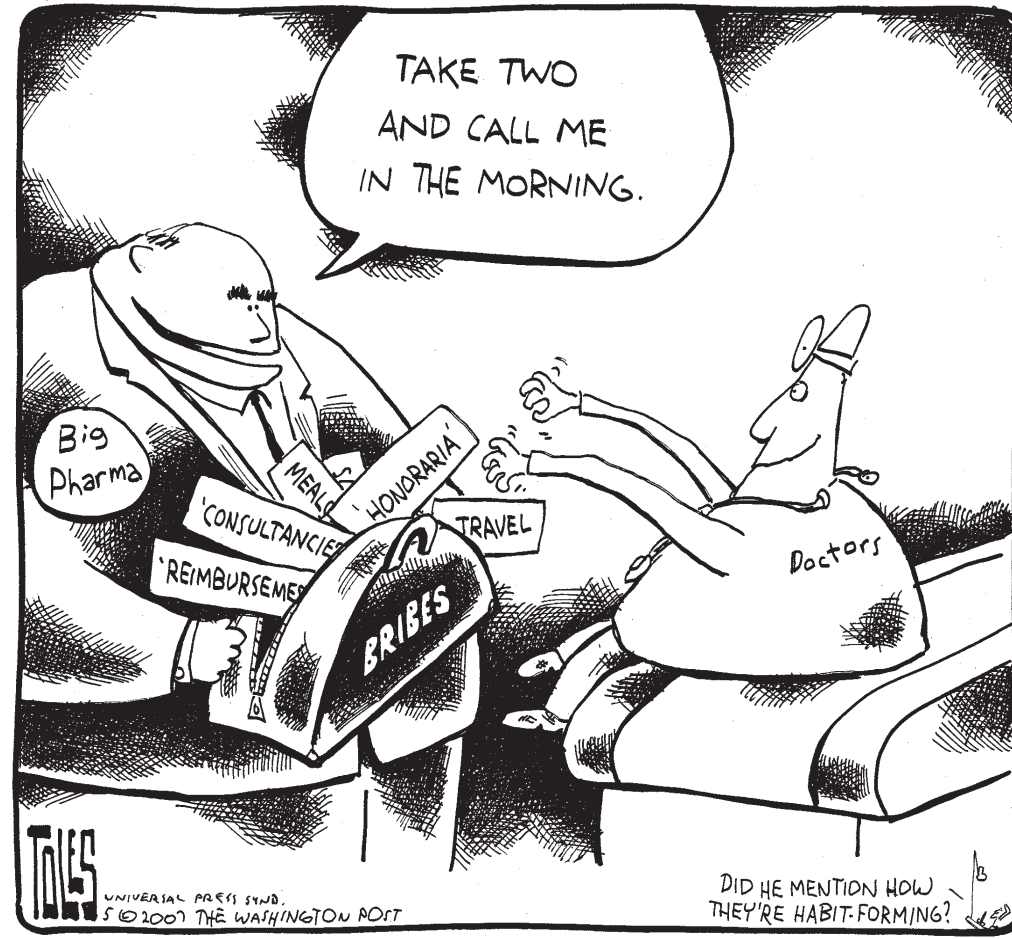
This community has heard too many times that something is about to happen to the Palace so we're hesitant to get our hopes

up again.

Having said that we want to be assured that the city is keeping the owners' feet to the fire so that another decade does not pass while we talk about doing things we don't do.

The owners of the Palace have held this community hostage to that eyesore long enough.

Hopeful has long since turned into disgusted for many local residents and we can't blame them.



Other opinions

From around the nation

San Francisco Chronicle
A smog board that likes smog

Some people don't get it. While California works to clean both factory and vehicle emissions, the local smog board overseeing the state's dirtiest air has bailed in the fight.

The stakes couldn't be clearer. The vast San Joaquin Valley may be famous for lush crops and verdant fields, but it's also notorious for polluted air and the go-easy controls that permit such conditions. Bakersfield and Visalia are, once again, on the top-10 roster of dirty-air cities in a Lung Association study released this week.

The causes are many: the bathtub geography that cups in pollution between mountain ranges, car-centric development and industries that include oil, trucking, farm equipment long exempt

from tailpipe controls, and even dairies with thousands of methane-producing cows.

For years, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District dodged stricter emission rules, nodding along with industry arguments that tougher rules were costly and impractical. In 2003, Sacramento reined in the problem partly by taking away agriculture's exemption from smog rules.

But after a lengthy meeting, the valley smog board, dominated by business-oriented country supervisors, showed it still isn't listening. It voted to postpone a federal clean-air deadline.

Even by its own lowly standards, the board's action is a stunner. It wants to stall lower pollution limits from 2013 to 2024, a full 17 years

from now.

Record asthma rates? Eye-burning smog? A job-killing reputation for dirty air, grit-covered car hoses and stay-in-doors school days? The board ignores these dismal distinctions — and its public duty.

The smog board is ducking its job because it isn't likely to be penalized. The statewide air board generally defers to regional panels. Federal regulators, who can withhold highway funds, aren't likely to bring down the hammer. The valley panel is betting it can get away with doing nothing. ...

For too long, the valley has allowed big interests and tame politicians to set the pollution rules. It's time for a change in leadership and direction.

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From the desk of...



PAUL KRUGMAN

Divided
over trade

Nothing divides Democrats like international trade policy. That became clear last week, when the announcement of a deal on trade between Democratic leaders and the Bush administration caused many party activists to accuse the leadership of selling out.

The furor subsided a bit as details about the deal emerged: the Democrats got significant concessions from the Bushies, while effectively giving a go-ahead to only two minor free trade agreements (Peru and Panama.) But the Democrats remain sharply divided between those who believe that globalization is driving down the wages of many U.S. workers, and those who believe that making and honoring international trade agreements is an essential part of governing responsibly.

What makes this divide so agonizing is that both sides are right.

Fears that low-wage competition is driving down U.S. wages have a real basis in both theory and fact. When we import labor-intensive manufactured goods from the Third World instead of making them here, the result is reduced demand for less-educated American workers, which leads in turn to lower wages for these workers. And no, cheap consumer goods at Wal-Mart aren't adequate compensation.

So imports from the Third World, although they make the United States as a whole richer, make tens of millions of Americans poorer. How much poorer? In the mid-1990s, a number of economists, myself included, crunched the numbers and concluded that the depressing effects of imports on the wages of less-educated Americans were modest, not more than a few percent.

But that may have changed. We're buying a lot more from Third World countries today than we did a dozen years ago, and the largest increases have come in imports from Mexico, where wages are only about 11 percent of the U.S. level, and China, where wages are only 3 percent of the U.S. level. Trade still isn't the main source of rising economic inequality, but it's a bigger factor than it was.

So there is a dark side to globalization. The question, however, is what to do about it.

Should we go back to old-fashioned protectionism? That would have ugly consequences: if America started restricting imports from the Third World, other wealthy countries would follow suit, closing off poor nations' access to world markets.

Where would that leave Bangladesh, which is able to survive despite its desperate lack of resources only because it can export clothing and other labor-intensive products? Where would it leave India, where there is, at last, hope of an economic takeoff thanks to surging exports — exports that would be crippled if barriers to trade that have been dismantled over the past half century went back up?

And where would it leave Mexico? Whatever you think of NAFTA, undoing the agreement could all too easily have disastrous economic and political consequences south of the border.

Because of these concerns, even trade skeptics tend to shy away from a return to outright protectionism, and to look for softer measures, which mainly come down to trying to push up foreign wages. The key element of the new trade deal is its inclusion of "labor standards": countries that sign free trade agreements with the United States will have to allow union organizing, while abolishing child and slave labor.

The Bush administration, by the way, opposed labor standards, not because it wanted to keep imports cheap, but because it was afraid that America would end up being forced to improve its own labor policies. So the inclusion of these standards in the deal represents a real victory for workers.

Realistically, however, labor standards won't do all that much for American workers. No matter how free Third World workers are to organize, they're still going to be paid very little, and trade will continue to place pressure on U.S. wages.

So what's the answer? I don't think there is one, as long as the discussion is restricted to trade policy: all-out protectionism isn't acceptable, and labor standards in trade agreements will help only a little.

By all means, let's have strong labor standards in our pending trade agreements, and let's approach proposals for new agreements with an appropriate degree of skepticism. But if Democrats really want to help American workers, they'll have to do it with a pro-labor policy that relies on better tools than trade policy. Universal health care, paid for by taxing the economy's winners, would be a good place to start.

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THE THEATRE IN REVIEW

'Over the Tavern' a gritty family comedy

By NEILL BELL

Special for the Journal

By some wonderful coincidence, the Ukiah Players' production of Tom Dudzick's "Over the Tavern" began its run on Mother's Day weekend. I'd call that good timing. This gritty play -- set in Buffalo, New York in 1959 is all about family. Mother Ellen Pazinski is at the heart of the story, which like many a family drama, it is part tragedy and part comedy.

The set is an inspired version of a late-1950s kitchen/living room, complete with vintage stove, sink, dining table, radio and TV. In addition, there is a bunk-bed room shared by Georgie and Rudy, and an elevated area that serves as school room, chapel and hospital room. UPT director Kate Magruder and her crew have assembled relics from the middle of the last century -- including some great costumes -- that bring the era to life on stage.

Magruder has produced a small masterpiece. Part of the credit for the remarkable ensemble acting may be genetic. Veteran actor Karen Adair plays the role of Ellen Pazinski and her three real-life sons Tyler, Blake and Luke Soberanis are right on target as stage counterparts Eddie, Georgie and Rudy Pazinski. Each of these fine young actors plays their characters as the individual and unique family members that they are. This applies likewise to the sister in the family (Annie Pazinski) played by talented, energetic Mollie Murphy.

The other two players are dad Chet Pazinski and Rudy's teacher at St. Casimir's school, Sister Clarissa. These two characters (Tommy McFadden and Louise Phillips) are the "heavies" in the story, which is built upon their stern adherence to their Catholic faith. Playwright Dudzick makes Catholic beliefs and practices central to the story, and a source of this play's pathos and humor.

The author focuses on Rudy's questioning of church doctrine and the behavioral expectations based on them. He is in trouble with rigid Sister Clarissa, who relies on corporal punishment -- as well as fear of eternal damnation -- to ensure strict fidelity to the



Daughter (Molly Murphy) and Mother (Karen Adair) commiserate in "Over The Tavern," playing at the Ukiah Playhouse through May 26.

Catholic faith. Rudy is wrestling with the catechism he must know in order to be confirmed as a member of the church, largely because he has taken the trouble to attempt to understand its meaning.

Sister Clarissa is upset by Rudy's -- in her eyes -- blasphemous questioning of both doctrine and practice. He is an independent thinker who expresses a desire to "shop around" among other faiths. His most fundamental disagreement with what he sees in Catholicism is his belief that life should be fun. Rudy is practically alone in this. Certainly, the good Sister disagrees with such a concept, as do his dad and more orthodox older siblings Annie and Eddie. They may not understand much of the doctrine, but they are deathly afraid of violating it. Rudy's other sibling, Georgie, is a sweet developmentally-challenged teen who sucks his thumb and possesses a limited if sometimes colorful vocabulary.

Actors McFadden and Adair are marvelous in their role as parents and partners. They strike the right notes of caring and anxiety for their brood and for each other. We see them not as caricatures of second generation Polish-Americans, but as flesh and blood people. Likewise, Phillips gives us a severe but not unsympathetic nun who might seem all too real to some members of the audience. The playwright has created a drama that may be more familiar to those with Catholic backgrounds, but completely comprehensible to those with no direct connections with Catholicism.

The second major plot element centers on the dad, Chet Pazinski. He is a hard-bitten tavern owner who expects little enjoyment in life, and gives little in return. His disappointment with his lot is palpable, and infects his relations with his family. Chet's tyranny over his family is softened by the nurturing patience and sometimes biting wit of his wife, Ellen. As is the case in many working-class families of the post-WWII period, his emotional and physical damage is worn like a badge of honor.

Every member of this cast is outstanding in her/his role. Each shows us the inner turmoil of their respective characters as they grow and increase their understanding of life and relationships. All of them take chances with their roles. They do this in such an entertaining way that older members of the audience can honestly say it is even better than a Sunday evening watching the Ed Sullivan Show. Don't miss Over the Tavern.

"Over the Tavern" (two hours 15 minutes, with one intermission) will be playing each Thursday at 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., through May 26. There will be a Sunday matinee May 20 at 2 p.m. All performances are at the Ukiah Playhouse on Low Gap Road, across from Ukiah High School. Friday and Saturday tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 seniors and students. Thursday and Sunday tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students. Tickets are available from the UPT box office (462-9226) or at the Mendocino Book Company on School Street, Ukiah.

'Social Security' at the WCT Love for the ages, all of them

By JAY GORDON

Special for the Journal

To make you laugh, comedy can't just be about the right words; it's even more about saying the words right. Then, to be truly entertaining, it also needs to address universal themes in unusual ways.

Fortunately, in "Social Security," the current production at the Willits Community Theatre, it all begins with a riotously funny script by Andrew Bergman. (He also wrote "Blazing Saddles," so that's a clue.) The opening night audience could barely stop laughing before the next giggle or guffaw began. Add to that six articulate characters intertwined in amusing combinations, and you can settle in for an evening of laughter and entertainment. Especially if you're interested in new perspectives of in-law relations.

You first see art dealers Barbara and David Kahn in their East Side Manhattan apartment. (Played by Christine Alfano and Ian Stigliani.) Barbara's sister and her husband are arriving shortly to "discuss a problem." Trudy and Martin Heyman are played by Kathleen de Bane and Tim Cooper. Amusing contrasts are quickly apparent. Barbara is practical and concerned; David operates in high gear. Christine is lovely and endearing as the wife. If Ian were a musician his body would be his instrument. He is an amazingly physical comic actor.

Next you meet Trudy and Martin. (Played by Kathleen de Bane and Tim Cooper.) She is a petite beauty; he is a towering, handsome, guy whose long-suffering manly demeanor is steadily funny, especially because of its contrast with his animated wife. Kathleen plays her part with



Charlie Lacey and Marilyn McNair, Ian Stigliani and Christine Alfano, Tim Cooper and Kathy de Bane star in "Social Security" at WCT through May 26.

delicious indignation, and Tim has a gift for timing that makes you laugh longer and harder.

Veteran comic actress Marilyn McNair plays Sophie Greengrass, mother of the two ladies, and "the problem." Marilyn has steadily proven she can rivet the attention of an audience by simply walking onstage. This production, however, is the best proof so far. She also provides an interesting (and very entertaining) transformation in full view of the audience.

Charlie Lacey rounds out this superb ensemble cast as an elderly famous artist, Maurice Koenig. Now, in real life Charlie is famously rambunctious and ageless. Here he is a suave gentleman, whose mind moves more quickly than his creaking body. It's a charming performance, but especially so for those who know the "real" character. That must be why it's called acting.

Ian Stigliani also directs the production, and his team delivers a collective perfor-

mance that provides distinctive characters speaking with different, but harmonious, voices. The plays changes moods without losing rhythm, which holds the interest of the audience. The humor lies in the unusual, but recognizable, situations. There is feisty interplay between the spouses, the siblings, the in-laws, and the different generations. It will keep you laughing.

There are lots of reasons to see the play more than once, but one is that Christopher Martin, who never fails to amuse, will play Martin on May 25. The show runs weekends through May 26 at the WCT playhouse at 37 W. Van Lane.

Call Leaves of Grass Books for tickets: 459-3744. Or visit them at 15 S. Main St. in downtown Willits. Seats may be reserved with credit card payment and picked up at the door.

Tickets are \$8 or \$12, depending on the time and date of performance. More information is available at: www.AllAboutWCT.org.

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On Tuesday, June 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the Career Center, located in Building A, there will be a booster meeting. All incoming Freshmen parents of athletes as well as current parents of athletes are welcome and encouraged to attend. Election of officers will be on the agenda.

Ukiah Youth Football & Cheerleading Signups

Sign-ups, as well as an awards ceremony will be part of the events during the Ukiah Youth Lions Football and Cheerleading awards. Signups will begin at 1 p.m. The awards ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. on May 20 at the Ukiah High School Cafeteria. All sign-ups must be received before the awards ceremony begins. For more information call Chuck Thonhill at 485-7600.

Ukiah Dolphins Water Polo Practice

The Ukiah Dolphin Water Polo team will begin practice Tuesday May 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ukiah School Pool. Boy and girl swimmers from ages 10-18 are invited to join. Practices are three times each week throughout the summer. Practices are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Monthly dues are \$35 and registration for USA Water Polo is \$50. Questions? Call Rick Cleland at 463-1551.

Slow-pitch softball tournament

The Samoa Athletic Club will be hosting a men's slow pitch softball tournament May 26th and 27th at Lowden Park in Weaverville. All teams are guaranteed 3 games. There will also be a Gem show at the park. Contact Richard Marks at (707) 445-3432 or by e-mail at Samoatog@aol.com.

Ukiah Valley Youth Soccer

Ukiah Valley Youth Soccer is accepting applications for children ages 4-15 before August 1st. Children of Coaches/Asst. Coaches/Sponsors/Team Manager will try out May 11th, 6-8:30pm Registration for returning Players: May 12th, 9am-2pm New Players: May 18th, 6-8:30pm and Make-up: May 19th, 9am-2pm Registration at Oak Manor Elementary School Cafeteria The cost is \$35 1st child, \$30 2nd and \$25 3rd. Questions? Call 467-9797 or visit www.uvysl.org

Shane Huff's Norcal Soccer Academy

A soccer camp for youth from ages 5 to 18 at Pomolita Middle School Track from July 30 to August 3. A full day session is offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 10 and up for \$135 (includes ball and T-Shirt); Half Day session for 7 to 9-year-olds from 9 a.m. to noon for \$80 (includes ball) and Half Day session for 5 and 6-year-olds from 9:30 a.m. to noon for \$70 (includes ball). Registration is under way. Register early (by July 6th) and pay only \$120 for the all day session. Call Pam at 468-5088 to register or email for an application at pronescpa@pacific.net. Team discounts are available.

Mendocino Coast Basketball Tournament

A double-elimination tournament will be taking place at Mendocino Middle School Outdoor Courts Sunday, June 3rd, 2007. Check in at 8:30-games start at 9am. 8 divisions-Middle School-J Varsity-Open male and female. \$60 per team in school \$75 per team open division. For registration and information call Jim at 895-2006. The deadline is June 1. All Proceeds benefit Mendocino Club Cardinals and the Mendocino Rec. Center.

Jones Hoop Camps

The Jones Hoop Camps has announced their Ukiah camp will be August 6-10. The camp is for boys and girls ages 7-15. Each day, the camp is from 8a-4p at Eagle Peak Middle School. Included in the camp: t-shirt, water bottle and workout DVD. You can register online at www.basketballjonescamps.com or call for a color brochure at 1-800-348-3803.

POTTER VALLEY 7 | LINCOLN VALLEY CHRISTIAN 6



Thirdbaseman Jesse Williams slides home as his teammates cheer him on. Williams inside-the-ark homerun helped even the score for the Bearcats in the bottom of the seventh inning Wednesday night.

Zack Sampsel/The Daily Journal

Down to the wire

Potter Valley defeats Lincoln Valley Christian on two-out walkoff single

By ZACK SAMPSEL
The Daily Journal

The Potter Valley Bearcats' baseball team won its final home game in dramatic fashion Wednesday 7-6. The Bearcats broke out to an early lead 2-1 lead after the first inning. But Lincoln Valley kept on creeping back into the game after a one-run third inning which tied the score.

But Potter Valley wouldn't let Lincoln Valley stay close for long, after an incredible triple by the starting catcher and some crafty base running from the rest of the team, the Bearcats scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning to lead 4-2.

Good defense and strong pitching from York highlighted the fourth inning as he had one of his two strikeouts in that inning.

After four solid innings it appeared York's arm began to tire as he lost some momentum and accuracy, and the Lincoln Valley batters picked up on that fact as they scored two unanswered runs in the fifth inning to tie the game.

In a game that featured more than three players hit by pitches, more than 10 walks and at least 10 stolen bases, Potter Valley had good momentum in the fifth inning, but squandered opportunities which left runners on base.

York's relief came in at the top of the sixth inning and threw an amazing six strikeouts in his two innings of work.

But the Bearcats were saving the best for last.

At the top of the seventh inning it seemed the



Eagles had put away the game after a lead off single lead to two runs. But the Potter Valley pitching and coaching staff didn't loose composure as they struck out the side and put the Bearcats back at the plate with some of the day's hottest hitters coming up.

York got things going for Potter Valley with a single which he stretched all the way to second base with some clever base running. With York on second, the hard-hitting Jesse Williams came up to bat looking to build off of his two previous walks.

Seeing the right pitch coming down the plate, Williams launched a comet into left field pushing the outfielders to their limits. After a dropped ball in the outfield, Williams proceeded

to run around the base paths with a determination rarely seen in high school athletics. As Williams rounded third base, the crowd came to its feet with excitement as his inside-the-park homerun had tied up the game with only one out.

After the crowd calmed down the chance to win the game came to the plate after Cody's single and two stolen bases. CJ's walkoff single between the third baseman and the shortstop brought Cody home and with a head-first slide, the Bearcats had won their final home game, which had gone right down to the wire.

As the umpire called Cody safe, fans from the crowd turned to one another and almost instinctively said, "That was how you play baseball."

ASTROS 2 | GIANTS 1

Streaking Astros silence slumping Giants

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie Hunter Pence homered for the second straight game and the Houston Astros beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 Wednesday night for their fourth straight win.

The win gives Houston its first home series win over the Giants since 1999 and breaks a streak of five consecutive series losses to San Francisco.

Pence put Houston up 2-1 with a solo homer that bounced off the train tracks above the left-field wall in the fourth inning. He hit a tying two-run drive in the eighth inning of Tuesday's 6-5, 10-inning win.

Pence, who was called up on April 27 to boost the offense, is 7-for-7 in this series. He had singles in the second, sixth and eighth innings Wednesday and has

four home runs and 15 RBIs this season.

Giants slugger Barry Bonds was 1-for-3 with a single and a walk. He hasn't hit a homer since May 8 and remains 10 away from tying Hank Aaron's career record of 755. His drought at Minute Maid Park stretches to opening day of 2004.

Fellow rookie Chris Sampson (4-3), who was back with Houston after missing Tuesday's game for the birth of his first child, allowed one run and seven hits in six innings. He walked one and struck out three.

Dan Wheeler pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save in 10 tries.

Rookie Fred Lewis tripled and scored on Ryan Klesko's double to give the Giants a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Sampson then walked Bonds before getting Ray Durham to ground into an inning-ending double play.

Sampson retired 11 of the next 12 batters. He was helped by some nifty fielding during that stretch that included a leaping catch by third baseman Mark Loretta and Lance Berkman's sliding grab of a hard-hit grounder to first.

Loretta singled in a run in the third to tie it at 1.

Giants starter Noah Lowry (4-4) pitched his first complete game of the season and first since Aug. 21. He allowed eight hits and two runs, struck out three and walked four. It was the seventh time in his first eight starts that he worked into at least the seventh inning.

Former closer Brad Lidge pitched a perfect seventh for



Photo By Jeff Tronette

Giants outfielders get caught up with one another this season.

Houston and lefty Trevor Miller retired the Giants in order in the eighth.

Notes: Randy Winn had two hits for the Giants to extend his hitting streak to a

career-high 15 games. ... Lowry has a 3-1 career mark against the Astros. ...

Houston's Carlos Lee was 0-for-4, a day after hitting two home runs.

COMMUNITY DIGEST

Women's Soccer Signups

If you are interested in competing in inter-collegiate women's soccer, please contact Head Coach Duncan McMartin at 707-468-3006 or dmcmartin@mendocino.edu...

Anton Stadium Volunteer Day

The Anton Stadium Restoration Committee would like to encourage all community groups, families and individuals to help out this Sunday at the volunteer day at Anton Stadium.

The goals are to remove recyclable materials from grandstands, build a temporary backstop and renovate the dugouts. The event will take place Sunday May 20 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

HEY LOCAL COACHES!

Please report your game results! Phone (707) 468-3518 or make submissions to: The Ukiah Daily Journal Sports Department, 590 S. School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

A's UPDATE | MORE INJURIES
A's: yet another outfielder on 15-day disabled list

By JANIE McCAULEY AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND — The Oakland Athletics' injury-depleted outfield lost another player Wednesday when the club placed Chris Snelling on the 15-day disabled list with a deep bone bruise in his left knee.

The move is retroactive to May 11, and the A's called up outfielder Hiram Bocachica from Triple-A Sacramento to fill Snelling's roster spot and put him in the starting lineup in center field against the Kansas City Royals.

Oakland traded for Snelling on May 2 in a swap with the Washington Nationals. He batted .350 in six games for the A's before the latest of his bad luck with injuries.

"That's been the story of my career," said Snelling, whose DL stint is the 10th needed by the defending AL West champions already in 2007.

Bocachica returned to

Sacramento with the River Cats from Iowa earlier Wednesday, then made the nearly two-hour drive to the Bay Area. The A's like his power, arm strength and speed — despite his up-and-down history with the organization.

Bocachica was on the 40-man roster before spring training, designated for assignment Feb. 14 before starting camp and released Feb. 22. He signed a minor league deal Feb. 28, then batted .111 with one RBI in 20 exhibition games.

"He's had some bad luck," manager Bob Geren said. "He was hit by a pitch one year, roster situations. He's here now and will get a chance to show what he can do. I look forward to watching him. He's showed some flashes of all the skills, really."

Bocachica hit .313 with nine home runs and 32 RBIs in 35 games for Sacramento and was tied for the Pacific Coast League lead in extra-base hits with 21.

Oakland has dealt with injuries to every one of its projected opening-day outfielders except for Shannon Stewart, who has been a steady influence in left field and the leadoff spot.

"Hopefully it's a good thing," Bocachica said of joining the A's again. "I know all the guys are pretty banged up. Hopefully they'll get healthy. I will be here and do whatever I can to help the team."

Injured center fielder Mark Kotsay, recovering from lower back surgery in early March, played four innings in the field and went 2-for-4 in an extended spring training game Wednesday in Phoenix.

Kotsay's replacement in center, Milton Bradley, missed his second straight game with a tender left hamstring that landed him on the DL from April 23 to May 11. Also, outfielder Travis Buck was scheduled to have his sore wrist examined.

Injured closer Huston Street was seen by Angels orthopedist Dr. Lewis Yocum on Wednesday in Los Angeles and he determined the pitcher had no structural damage in his right elbow.

Right-handed starter Esteban Loaiza, recovering from a bulging disk in his neck, was set to have an MRI exam Thursday, and righty reliever Justin Duchscherec was to have his sore right hip checked by Dr. John Frazier.

LOCAL RACING | STANDINGS

Speedway releases latest standings

Table with columns for King of the Hill points series standings, Bombers, Rank, Car #, Driver Name, Points, and various race results.

SCOREBOARD

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press All Times EDT QUARTERFINALS (Best of 7) EASTERN CONFERENCE Detroit vs. Chicago...

Saturday, May 19: Ottawa at Buffalo, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21: Buffalo at Ottawa, 7 p.m., if necessary...

Kansas City at Colorado, 9:05 p.m. San Diego at Seattle, 10:05 p.m. San Francisco at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

on the 15-day DL. Called up RHP Julio DePaula from Rochester (IL).

WESTERN CONFERENCE Detroit vs. Anaheim

Friday, May 11: Detroit 2, Anaheim 1 Sunday, May 13: Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, OT Tuesday, May 15: Detroit 5, Anaheim 0, Detroit leads series 2-1...

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By The Associated Press All Times EDT NATIONAL LEAGUE

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By The Associated Press All Times EDT CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best of 7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE Buffalo 4, New York Rangers 2 Buffalo 5, N.Y. Rangers 2 N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1, 2OT N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1, OT Buffalo 5, N.Y. Rangers 4

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Florida 9, Pittsburgh 3 Atlanta 2, Washington 2 Philadelphia 4, Milwaukee 3 Chicago Cubs 10, N.Y. Mets 1 Houston 6, San Francisco 5, 10 innings Arizona 3, Colorado 0 Cincinnati 2, San Diego 1, 12 innings L.A. Dodgers 9, St. Louis 7

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta (James 4-3) at Washington (Chico 2-4), 1:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Guzman 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 0-0 or Park 0-1), 1:10 p.m. Arizona (L.Hernandez 3-2) at Colorado (Fogg 1-4), 3:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Sheets 3-2) at Philadelphia (Garcia 1-2), 3:05 p.m. Florida (Notasco 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Armas 0-3), 7:05 p.m. San Francisco (Lincoff 1-0) at Houston (Oswalt 6-2), 8:05 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m. Florida at Tampa Bay, 6:40 p.m. Atlanta at Boston, 7:05 p.m. St. Louis at Detroit, 7:05 p.m. Cincinnati at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m. Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m. Baltimore at Washington, 7:05 p.m. Detroit (Durbin 3-1) at Boston (Schilling 4-1), 7:05 p.m., 1st game

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Buffalo vs. Ottawa Thursday, May 10: Ottawa 5, Buffalo 2 Saturday, May 12: Ottawa 4, Buffalo 3, 2OT Monday, May 14: Ottawa 1, Buffalo 0 Tuesday, May 15: Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2, Ottawa leads series 3-1

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WESTERN CONFERENCE Detroit 4, San Jose 2 San Jose 2, Detroit 0 Detroit 3, San Jose 2 San Jose 2, Detroit 1 Detroit 3, San Jose 2, OT Detroit 4, San Jose 1 Detroit 2, San Jose 0

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press BASEBALL Major League Baseball MLB—Suspended RHP Lino Urdaneta of the New York Mets organization (New Orleans-PCL) 50 games for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

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Mendocino LitFest coming up in June

The Daily Journal

Mendocino College presents an array of authors at its Ukiah campus as part of Mendocino LitFest on June 1 and 2. Mystery writers, poets, memoirists, literary fiction writers, and those who specialize in children and young adult literature, will share their latest work. The event opens Friday at 7:30 p.m. with "Local News: The Poetry and Prose of Gary Soto." Soto, a Berkeley resident is well known for his poetry, essays, and young adult and children's books.



Gary Soto

On Saturday, two dozen authors from five Northern California counties will read from their work, discuss ideas with audience members, offer workshops and, of course, sign books. Among the Bay Area writers joining Soto are Mark Bittner, whose record of his experiences with a flock of wild parrots in San Francisco became a successful book and film, and award-winning author and Stanford professor Valerie Miner, who will present "After Eden," a new novel set in Mendocino County. A contingent of authors from Sonoma County will be on hand, including mystery writer Sarah Andrews. Humboldt garden writer Amy Stewart will discuss "Flower Confidential," a revealing study of the global flower industry.

Poetry will be well represented at LitFest, highlighted by the presence of Soto and Mary Norbert Korte, who traces her poetic roots to the Beat generation. Soto and Korte will open Saturday's festival activities at 10 a.m., presenting the "Poetry to Go" contest awards. More poetry follows with readings, digital poetry productions, and a Flash Poetry Booth where poets, using manual

typewriters, will compose personal poems for patrons.

Special sessions will explore the cutting edge of publishing, including book trailers created for Internet marketing. "Hot Shorts," a selection of ten-minute plays, will be presented. The LitFest children's area will feature storytelling and the work of children's authors.

Mendocino County's independent booksellers, regional publishers, and self-published authors will sell books on the campus quad. A variety of food will be for sale.

Admission to LitFest is free. Saturday workshops will be offered for a modest fee. For LitFest information or to register for workshops, call 707 468-3051 or 707 272-8305 or see: www.mendolifest.org.

Mendocino LitFest is made possible through an Arts for our Future grant from the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, with additional support from the Friends of the Mendocino College Library. Other major sponsors are the Ukiah Daily Journal, Visual Identity, J Design, and Nine Trees Design.

The entire event will take place at Mendocino College, 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah. For more information, call 468-3051 or <http://www.mendolifest.org>.



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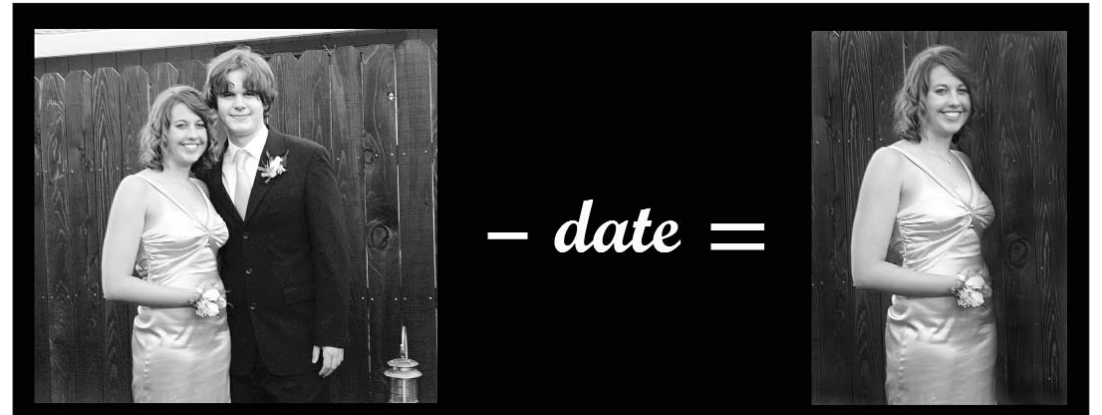
one doctor returns the other takes off right away. How do you solve this equation?

First you photograph the existing staff together and leave a space for the missing doctor in the back row. Then you photograph that returning doctor in the same setting standing approximately where

he would have stood if he had been in the original group shoot. You may want to print out the first image and hold up at the scene of the second shoot to increase your odds of precision. Then you cut a path around the full staff photo and you move them into the image in front of the solo doctor. And

voila! A full staff portrait for your office wall or Christmas cards.

Suzette Cook-Mankins is the ROP photo teacher at Ukiah High School and a 20-year veteran of photojournalism. Send comments, questions, requests to suzette-cook.com.



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BILLBOARD

Rubber Ducky Derby this Saturday

The Rotary Clubs of Ukiah are holding their Rubber Ducky Derby set for this Saturday, at Low Gap Park in Ukiah.

The event is set to run from noon to 3 p.m. Ducks will be \$10 or lunch and a duck for \$20, or kids lunch and a duck for \$15. Tickets are available at Realty World Selzer Realty, 350 E. Gobbi St., in Ukiah.

For more information, call John at 467-3620 or Ted at 468-8646.

Ukiah High School's Spring Choral Concert set for May 24

Come and listen to the lush vocal sounds at Ukiah High School's Spring Choral Concert set for Thursday, May 24, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the New Life Community Church located on 750 Yosemite Drive in Ukiah. Admission is free.

This final concert of the year will feature Ukiah High Schools three choirs: Beginning Women's Ensemble, Advanced Women's Ensemble, and the Performing Arts Ensemble. Each

choir will perform a wide variety of musical genres including African, jazz, musical theater, folk songs and classical. Some musical theater numbers featured will be from Wicked and Phantom of the Opera. Several soloists and duets will also be featured.

For more information, call the director, Denise Doering at 463-5253 x1040.

Art show set for this Tuesday

Art show and sale this Tuesday, from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Ukiah Methodist Church, 270 Pine St., in Ukiah. Show features work by participants and friends of A Healing Cooperative and is one of the activities happening this month as part of a series of events funded by the Mental Health Services Act.

For more information, call 467-9798.

Sculptor and painter Rebecca Johnson open studio set to open this weekend

Open Studio, set for this Saturday and Sunday, and the following Memorial Day weekend Sat., Sun., and Mon. open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more info call 895-9205 or visit rebecca@rebeccajohnsonart.com

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on Craig's List.) Keeping with the spirit of the event the show will be opened up and coming young talent Grant Lyon.

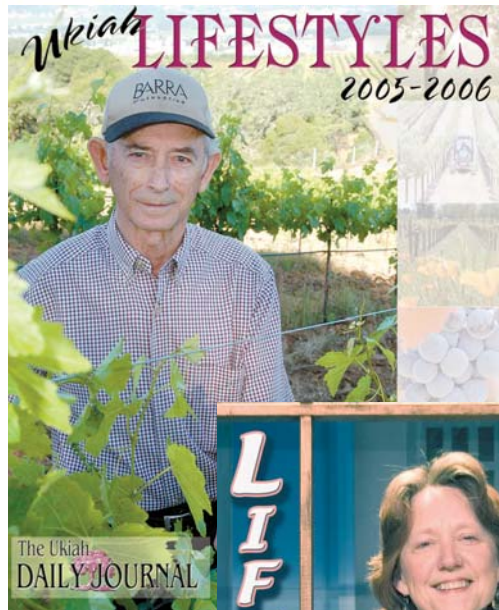
Tickets are available at Mendocino Bounty, 200 South School Street, \$15 in advance, or \$17 the day of the show. Purchase pizza from our no-host bar sponsored by Wright Stuff Pizza, and beverages, sponsored by Parducci Wine Cellars, Mendocino Brewing Company, Anderson Valley Brewing, and Eagle Distributing. Enter our magnificent raffle, to win excellent prizes, and also try your luck at our grand prize raffle for your chance to win a dream cruise, provided by Village Travel Service and Carnival Cruise

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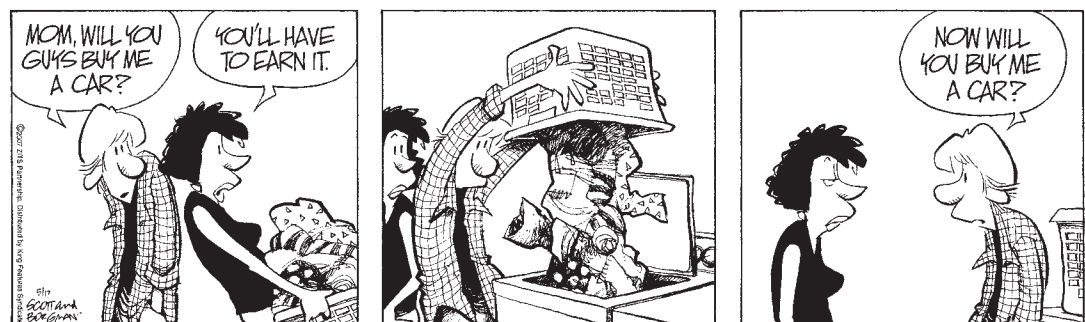
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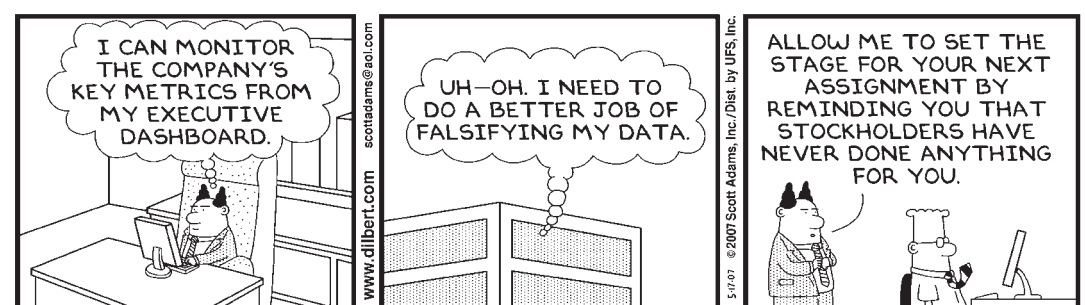
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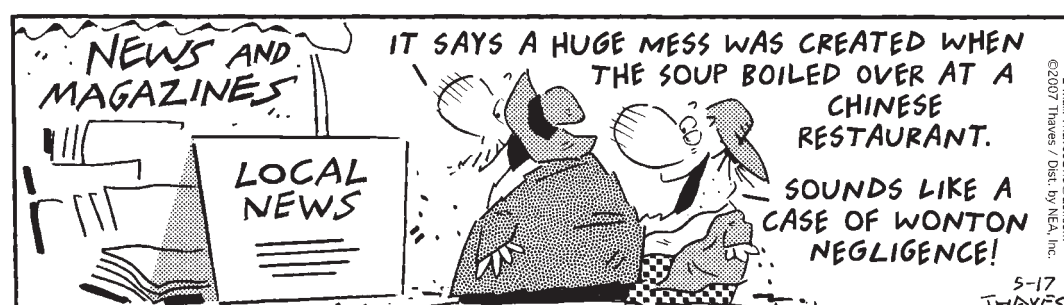
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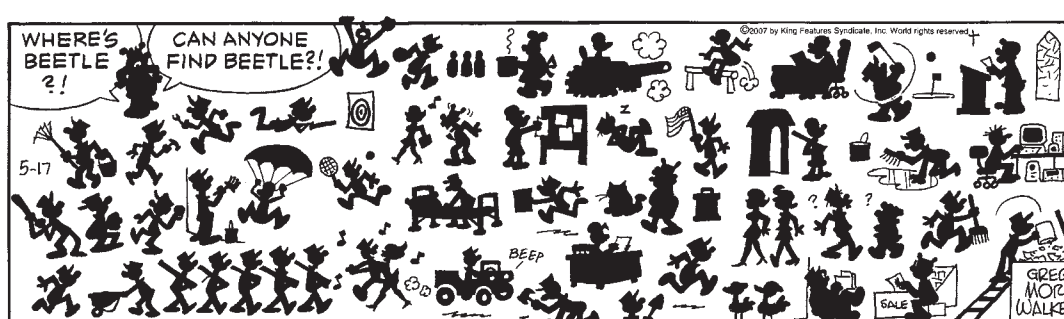
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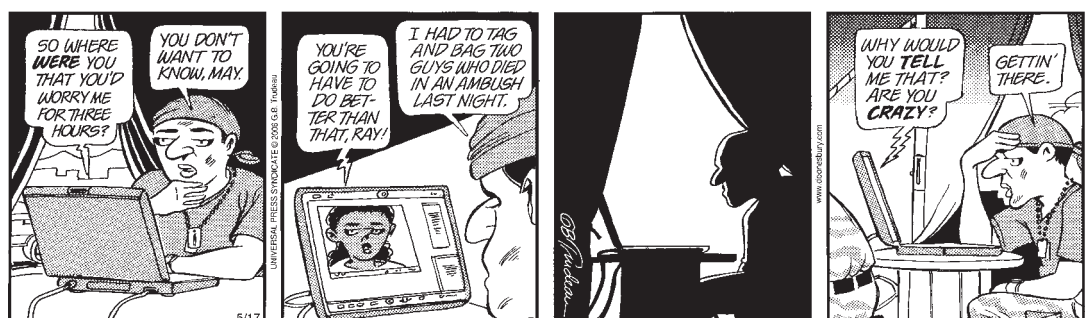
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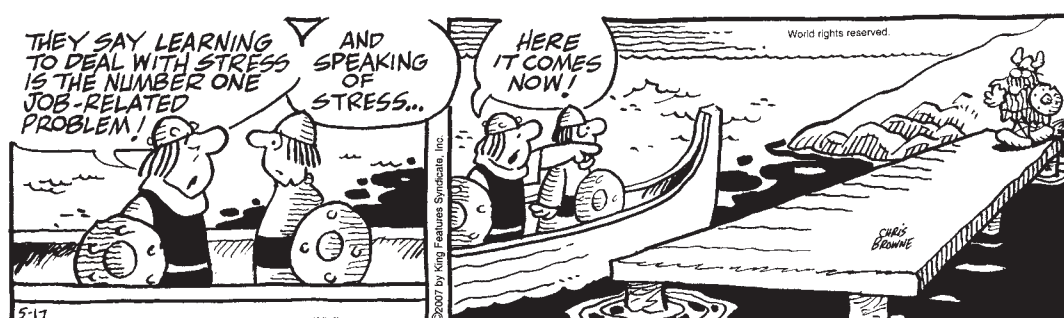
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Datebook: Thursday, May 17, 2007

Today is the 137th day of 2007 and the 59th day of spring.
TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange was formed.
 In 1954, the Supreme Court, in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* ruled that segregation in schools is unconstitutional.
 In 2004, Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to legalize same-sex marriages.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (1900-1989), Iranian religious and political leader; Dennis Hopper (1936-), actor, is 71; Bill Paxton (1955-), actor, is 52; Sugar Ray Leonard (1956-), boxer, is 51; Bob Saget (1956-), TV personality, is 51; Craig Ferguson (1962-), comedian/TV personality, is 45.
TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1970, Hank Aaron collected his 3,000th hit and 500th home run.
TODAY'S QUOTE: "We conclude that in the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." -- Chief Justice Earl Warren
TODAY'S FACT: Hank Aaron was the last Negro League baseball player to also play in the major leagues.
TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 16) and first quarter (May 23).



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Friday, May 18, 2007

It behooves you to stay on the best of terms with friends who have a lot of connections in the business world. Someone could supply you with some valuable information that will prove to be quite profitable.
TAURUS (April 20-May

20) -- It is not enough to be merely price conscious when shopping; it is imperative you are quality conscious as well. You won't be content with the merchandise if either is missing.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Although it might prove to be far harder than it should be to please someone with whom you will have to deal, give it everything you've got anyway. If you succeed, it'll pay off in spades.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Unless you have a clear-cut understanding with co-workers as to who does what, there is a good chance it will be you who ends up doing all of the unpleasant tasks they don't want to handle.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Circumstances beyond your control could force you to socialize with someone you've gone out of your way to ignore. In order to keep the peace, make the most of it anyway.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- There is a good chance a goal you are trying to achieve, in reality, is not as difficult to reach as you've lead yourself to believe. Don't allow nega-

tive thoughts to hamper your abilities.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- If you have any hope at all of promoting a personal interest, you will have to use the soft sell. Others will resent any type of intimidation or coercing to get them to consent.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Tone down and modify your material desires. Don't just look for what's in it for you or how much you can gain; make it a point to give the other guy a fair shake as well.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Try not to dramatize or overreact to a close companion's actions that might displease you. If you display outrage or anger

of any kind, chances are it will only make matters worse.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Your workload could end up being a bit heavier than usual, but it behooves you not to make a scene if most of the things with which you're saddled are what others failed to do.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- An associate who is constantly in conflict with others isn't apt to be converted, no matter how hard you try to teach him or her better ways to handle life. This person will only turn on you.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A competitive career situation could be even more combative than usual, but

don't react in kind. You can keep a cool head if you stay out of the kitchen where all the heat is.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Should you have a disagreement with someone who is important to you, be smart and let this person believe his or her points are well-taken. Winning an argument could lose you a friend.
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THE LEARNING CHALLENGER puzzle by Robert Barnett, including a CHAOS GRID and an ORDER GRID.

CELEBRITY CIPHER puzzle by Luis Campos, featuring a cryptogram and a clue: 'Today's clue: N equals P'.

JUMBLE puzzle featuring a cartoon illustration and a word search grid.

Mother-in-law's selfish behavior alienates her family

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for almost 20 years. Two years ago, we found out that my husband's stepfather (I will call him "Don") sexually abused my daughter when she was 7 years old. (She is 17 now.)

ANNIE'S MAILBOX

By Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar

Dear East Coast: Is your mother-in-law still living with Don? If so, she should not be allowed to have any contact with your daughter, no matter what age the girl is now.

years ago and had a lovely wedding at my parents' house with lots of family there. I was recently approached by my cousin, "Beth," who is getting married soon.

offering to help her shop at places that specialize in lower-priced, used or rented wedding gowns. Dear Annie: This is in response to "Confused," whose co-workers ignored her.

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 49°
 Breezy with low clouds followed by sunshine

SATURDAY
 80°
 48°
 Areas of low clouds and fog giving way to sun

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:58 a.m.
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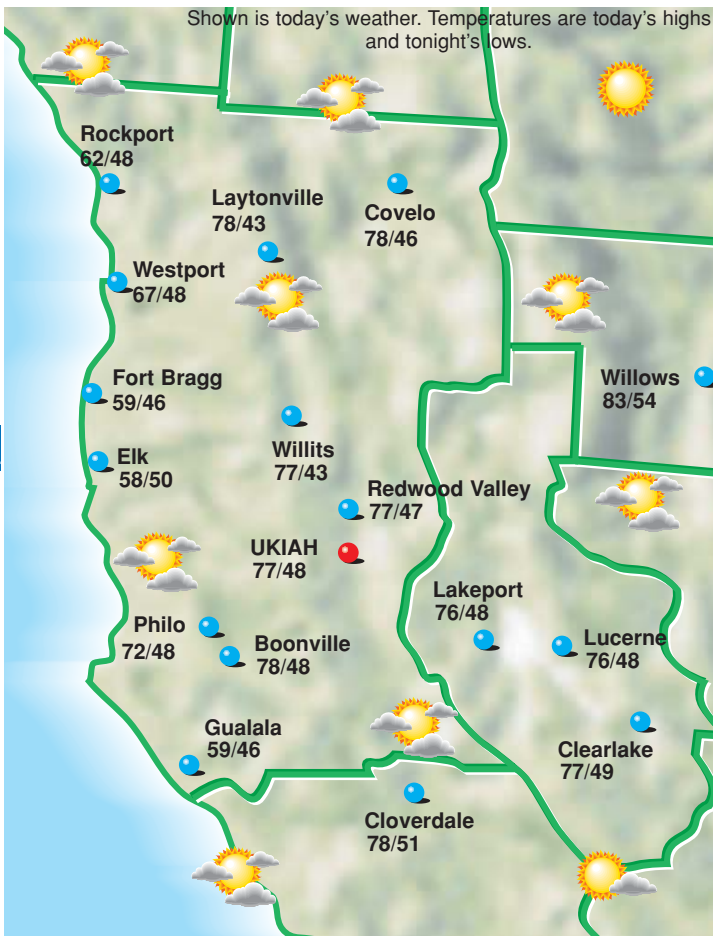
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Ukiah through 2 p.m. Wednesday
Temperature
 High 77°
 Low 45°
 Normal high 76°
 Normal low 47°
 Record high 99° in 1970
 Record low 32° in 1917
Precipitation
 24 hrs to 2 p.m. Wed. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.60"
 Normal month to date 0.70"
 Season to date 22.64"
 Last season to date 55.42"
 Normal season to date 38.12"

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CALIFORNIA CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Anaheim	74/58/pc	74/60/pc	Napa	75/46/pc	75/47/pc
Antioch	75/51/s	76/52/s	Needles	103/72/s	103/72/s
Arroyo Grande	72/44/pc	72/45/pc	Oakland	65/51/pc	68/53/pc
Atascadero	81/46/pc	83/48/pc	Ontario	80/58/pc	80/58/pc
Auburn	81/52/s	81/54/s	Orange	78/55/pc	78/56/pc
Barstow	98/64/s	97/65/s	Oxnard	69/53/pc	70/54/pc
Big Sur	65/47/pc	66/51/pc	Palm Springs	100/69/s	100/69/s
Bishop	89/48/s	89/50/s	Pasadena	73/57/pc	75/61/pc
Blythe	101/70/s	102/69/s	Pomona	79/54/pc	79/53/pc
Burbank	76/57/pc	76/59/pc	Potter Valley	77/46/pc	78/49/pc
California City	89/58/s	88/57/s	Redding	84/53/s	83/56/s
Carpinteria	69/51/pc	70/52/pc	Riverside	81/56/pc	83/56/pc
Catalina	66/55/pc	72/53/pc	Sacramento	78/52/s	79/52/s
Chico	83/55/s	83/56/s	Salinas	64/52/pc	66/50/pc
Crescent City	56/48/pc	58/48/pc	San Bernardino	80/56/pc	81/57/s
Death Valley	109/72/s	108/71/s	San Diego	66/60/pc	66/60/pc
Downey	73/59/pc	73/59/pc	San Fernando	80/56/pc	81/58/pc
Encinitas	66/57/pc	68/58/pc	San Francisco	64/51/pc	65/54/pc
Esccondido	75/55/pc	77/57/pc	San Jose	72/53/pc	73/54/pc
Eureka	57/45/pc	56/48/pc	San Luis Obispo	73/47/pc	74/49/pc
Fort Bragg	59/46/pc	59/49/pc	San Rafael	76/50/pc	76/50/pc
Fresno	86/58/s	86/58/s	Santa Ana	70/60/pc	69/59/pc
Gilroy	79/49/pc	81/49/pc	Santa Barbara	68/50/pc	70/51/pc
Indio	100/66/s	100/68/s	Santa Cruz	68/50/pc	69/51/pc
Irvine	70/60/pc	69/59/pc	Santa Monica	70/58/pc	71/58/pc
Hollywood	75/57/pc	76/59/pc	Santa Rosa	74/48/pc	76/48/pc
Lake Arrowhead	78/44/s	80/42/s	S. Lake Tahoe	70/34/s	67/36/s
Lodi	80/51/s	82/52/s	Stockton	81/53/s	81/52/s
Lompoc	68/55/pc	71/56/pc	Tahoe Valley	70/34/s	67/36/s
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Los Angeles	73/56/pc	73/58/pc	Vacaville	81/50/s	82/53/s
Mammoth	72/36/s	71/36/s	Vallejo	77/49/pc	76/48/pc
Marysville	83/51/s	84/52/s	Van Nuys	81/58/pc	82/58/pc
Modesto	82/54/s	83/55/s	Visalia	87/54/s	85/55/s
Monrovia	77/57/pc	78/59/pc	Willits	77/43/pc	77/46/pc
Monterey	62/50/pc	62/50/pc	Yosemite Valley	84/42/s	83/48/s
Morro Bay	74/48/pc	77/52/pc	Yreka	79/43/s	78/43/pc

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

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Hospice

Continued from Page 1

their terminal illness covered by the Medicare hospice benefit -- it is mandated to serve only people whose doctors believe have only six months to live and who have decided to give up acute care (the attempt to cure their illness) for comfort care.

According to Plummer, Phoenix Hospice is reimbursed for its patients enrolled in Medicare on a per diem rate for their care related to the terminal illness. Even though the reimbursement may not fully cover the care of the patient, the patient and his or her family have no out-of-pocket costs.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful benefit, at a time in people's life when they're just so challenged and often in crisis, to not have to worry about their finances and to have this real comprehensive team come in that are all trained in palliative health care," she said, noting that it's not unusual for hospice patients to have medication costs of more than \$3,000 a month.

Phoenix covers all services for the patient and the family, like medications related to their terminal illness and medical equipment, such as beds and commodes. Its comprehensive team of social workers, skilled nurses, 24-hour on-call nurses, in-home aides,

chaplains, physical therapists and volunteer respite workers also provide services free of charge.

The team meets weekly with the patients' regular doctors to discuss care strategies, and Plummer said most patients are visited twice a week by nurses and once a week by a social worker.

According to Plummer, patients are also still allowed to keep their regular Medicare or other health care benefits for treatments not related to the terminal illness. For example, she said, Phoenix once had a client who had glaucoma, which affected his quality of life because it meant he could no longer watch baseball games. His regular benefits covered the surgery necessary to enjoy the rest of his life watching baseball.

In addition, Phoenix will serve people with private insurance, Medi-Cal and even people without any insurance and cover their costs 100 percent.

For this reason fund-raising and donations are important to make up the difference, Plummer said. Volunteers are essential to the program as well.

Hospice of Ukiah, Inc.

When the Medicare benefit became available for hospice care in 1982, Hospice of Ukiah, Inc., which had been in operation as a volunteer hospice for a couple of years,

decided to buck the trend of seeking Medicare certification.

"Many hospices joined Medicare because they thought if we can do this for nothing, just think how much more we can do if we're funded generously from the Medicare," Dr. Robert Werra, volunteer medical adviser for Hospice of Ukiah, said. "But some hospices decided, and ours was one of them, that the rules didn't seem appropriate for the hospice patients we cared for."

While the Medicare package provides good coverage, Werra said its restrictions, such as that the patient must be within six months of death and receive no acute care, would leave out some who could use hospice.

For instance, he said, Hospice of Ukiah has had patients who wanted to continue to receive treatments like dialysis or chemotherapy for their illness.

"Their families knew (they would die), but they were going to fight," Werra said. "We felt we had to continue taking care of those and not exclude them from hospice care."

Also, some patients had

psychosocial needs that needed tending beyond six months, and for others, a six-month diagnosis wasn't clear.

As a volunteer hospice, Hospice of Ukiah is not allowed to provide skilled nursing services, but its clients do not have to give up their regular Medicare benefits (or other benefits), which Werra said entitles them to seek skilled nursing services, hospitalization and treatment for other medical needs.

Leah Middleton, patient services coordinator for Hospice of Ukiah and its only full-time employee, said what the organization can do is help on co-payments for pain medications, provide equipment and also food supplements, as well as chaplain, in-home aides and social work service provided by volunteers.

"People are not short-changed by coming to a volunteer hospice," Middleton said.

Middleton noted that because a volunteer hospice does not have as many mandates to follow, it is able to suit its services to match each individual client's needs. For instance, she said, if one patient prefers to not always have people around, Hospice volunteers will visit less frequently.

Werra, however, said that Hospice of Ukiah won't work for everyone. If medication costs go beyond Hospice of Ukiah's ability to help and place a burden on the family, the patient will be referred to Phoenix Hospice, he said.

According to Werra, approximately 5 percent of Hospice of Ukiah's patients

have switched to a Medicare certified hospice due to costs.

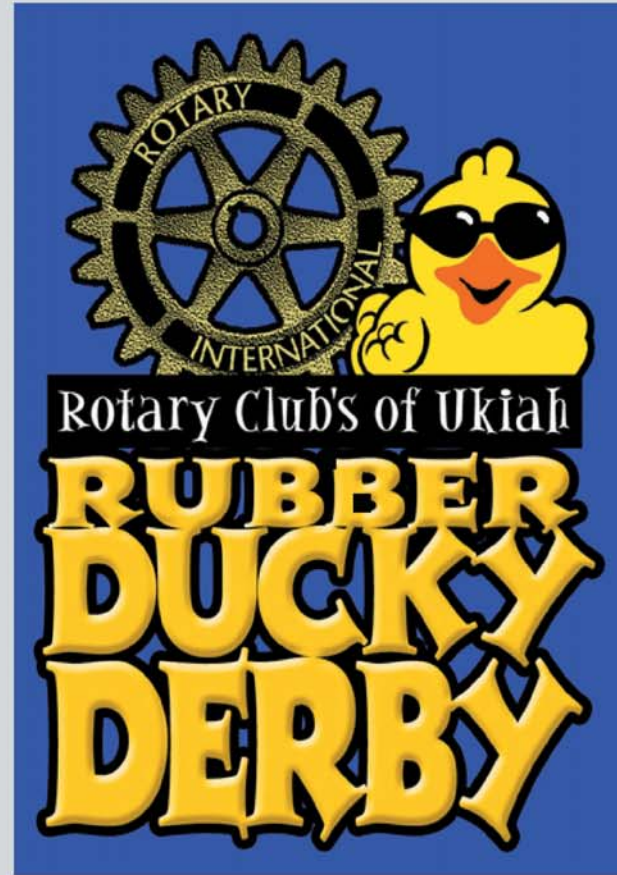
With the recent receipt of a large donation, and also the arrival of Medicare Part D, which provides help for medications though, Hospice of Ukiah is able to fund the needs of most of its patients, Werra said.

"Our main challenge is how to improve our hospice care and reach out to more people who need it and are unaware of the value of it," Werra said. "This is the challenge of all hospices."

The Hospice of Ukiah office is located at 620 S. Dora St., Suite 101, Ukiah, and serves Ukiah, Calpella, Redwood Valley, Potter Valley, Hopland, Talmage and Anderson Valley.

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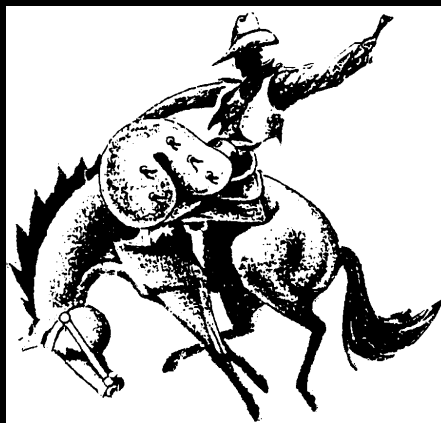
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