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By Jim Shields

Asphalt Plant Owner Should Be Fined For Stupidity

Before reading this, first read Jane Futcher's report (this page) regarding the alleged violations and resulting fines assessed on Longvale-based Grist Creek Aggregates.

If the charges are true, and at this point I have no reason to doubt they are not, the asphalt operation's owner should be fined additionally for stupidity.

What in the hell was he thinking?

He knew that the plant's neighbors and other interested parties — such as the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District — were monitoring and scrutinizing his operation. As a long-time businessman with years of experience in dealing with the county planning and permitting process, he knows and understands once a permit is issued, you must comply with all of its conditions. Which by the way, is a difficult enough process on its own. You want to make sure you are doing only those things "permitted" by the permit. The one thing you don't do is unilaterally expand the permit to do something not included in the permit.

For one thing, it's illegal. It's also a violation of public trust. And politically it's stupid. The Board of Supervisors, including 3rd District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse who represents the area where Hurt's plant is located, approved Grist Creek's original permit despite opposition from a neighborhood group and environmentalists.

I supported the Supes' decision to issue the permit because as the Laytonville Water District's manager, it's important for our capital improvement projects and infrastructure repairs to have a source of asphalt-based materials nearby because of cost and transportation considerations. That does not mean that the Water District favors siting asphalt operations in residential settings or allowing environmental harm to occur as a byproduct of the plant's operations — we don't.

Keep in mind, the entire county planning, permitting, and regulatory process and those responsible for that process, approved Grist Creek's permit. Now it appears the permit-holder violated the basic terms and conditions of that permit. Apparently, the only person or entity not operating in good faith throughout this process was Grist Creek Aggregates and its owner.

I agree with Woodhouse, the county should shut the plant down if the owners cannot "make their product and keep the environment clean."

It also appears that the Longvale neighbors of the asphalt plant were right in their judgment that the plant's operations were out of compliance. You might say permits don't lie.

(Jim Shields is the MCO's editor and publisher, and also manages the Laytonville Water District.)

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County Slaps Grist Creek Aggregates With \$21,953 Fine Made Rubberized Asphalt Without A Permit

By Jane Futcher
For the Observer

The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District has served Grist Creek Aggregates in Longvale with a Notice of Violation for: operating without a permit; fugitive emissions, and a diesel airborne toxic control measure violation. The county fined the company \$21,953.

The most serious violation, operating without a permit, refers to the fact that the Grist Creek/Mercer-Fraser was manufacturing rubberized asphalt with a Crumb Rubber Heating and Blending Unit that was not permitted.

Neighbors say the smell of burning rubber fills the Longvale Valley with noxious fumes every day the plant makes asphalt.

County Air Quality Management District Air Pollution Control Officer Bob Scaglione was out of the office this week and was not available for comment on the Grist Creek Aggregates violations.

Brian Hurt, owner of Grist Creek Aggregates, said he had no comment on the complaints against his company.

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, who in March urged the board to fast track the plant without requiring a full environmental review, said the county would shut the plant down if the owners cannot "make their product and keep the environment clean."

Woodhouse believes the system is working.

"I think our air quality and Bob in particular have done a very good job of being responsive to the community and their complaints. And that's what we had hoped," Woodhouse said. "When you approve any project like this, it is subject to people obeying all the county and state laws that are applicable."

One neighbor, Lyn Talkovsky, a member of Friends of Outlet Creek, a neighborhood group that opposed the asphalt plant from the start, said she isn't sure the system is working. She is skeptical about the county's commitment to residents, many of whose lives have been profoundly impacted by the plant's fumes since Grist Creek/Mercer-Fraser began making rubberized asphalt in September.

She thinks Caltrans should be held accountable for contracting with a company that is in violation of its permit.

"For six weeks Grist Creek has been producing rubberized asphalt, and now the project for Caltrans is done. Is it okay with Caltrans that the company that got the contract with them has been in violation the whole time? Is that the way Caltrans does business? I'm very, very skeptical."

Talkovsky said Friends of Outlet Creek will continue to fight the plant in court but that the pressure placed on residents near the plant is enormous.

"The system isn't working," Talkovsky said. "The level of pollution that people are experiencing is unbelievable. There still hasn't been a visit by the county air district or a supervisor to a neighbor's home. We have pictures and videos of dense clouds of emissions in the valley, and it's all been given to the county and the state and the supervisors. What does it take?"

Kirk Lumpkin is also active in the fight to stop the plant and questioned the value to the neighbors of the

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The Haunted Hustle

The Long Valley Health Center sponsored The Haunted Hustle, a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Halloween, Oct. 31st. This is the second 5K Fun/Run this year to support the LVHC Scholarship Program and encourage exercise to the residents in this area. The following participants were awarded prizes: Fastest female- Megan Arana; Fastest male- Garrett Campbell, time 23 min. 42 seconds; Best child costume- Leia Young; Best Adult Costume- Kathi Cloninger; Best Dog Costume- Missy, owner KayLynne VanSaun; and the Fastest Senior- Peter Steel. The LVHC thanks all the participants and their donations to our Scholarship Program and look forward to seeing more people out for the next Fun Run/Walk in the Spring.

Photo and caption: Elaine Carpenter

Susan Shields' High Crimes & Misdemeanors

By Jim Shields

Napa Man Arrested In Dos Rios Attempted Murder Of Woman

A 35-year-old Dos Rios woman is in critical condition following a brutal beating in the early morning hours on Halloween.

Around 12:34 a.m., on Oct. 31, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Dispatch received a medical aid call from the 46000 block of Highway 162 in Dos Rios. The caller reported a "fall victim" with head injuries. This call was transferred to Howard Forest (Cal Fire) Dispatch and an ambulance was dispatched to the location.

At 1:05 a.m., patrol deputies observed a vehicle traveling at an excessive rate of speed on Main Street in Willits. The deputies attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the vehicle refused to stop, ultimately leading the deputies to the former Howard Hospital Facility, before stopping. Deputies then discovered the driver was attempting to seek medical aid for the woman identified earlier in the 911 call as the "fall victim" in Dos Rios. Deputies escorted the driver and victim to the new Howard Memorial Hospital Facility after they noticed the seriousness of the woman's injuries. In the hospital's emergency room, deputies learned the victim had been assaulted at the residence on Highway 162 and had suffered life-threatening injuries. The woman was later flown to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital and then to Stanford University Medical Center for more advanced treatment.

Deputies went to the Dos Rios residence and secured it pending arrival of Sheriff's detectives. The initial investigation determined that Arlon Lee Strauss, 30, of Napa, had recently come to the property and had been staying there temporarily. Further investigation led to cops determining Strauss was the person responsible for committing the assault by striking the woman repeatedly with a blunt object. He was arrested and booked into County Jail on charges of at-

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Grief, History, and Healing Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Honors Fallen Mendocino County Servicemen

By Roberta Werdinger
For the Observer

The Mendocino County Museum will host the unveiling and dedication ceremony of the Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam War Veterans memorial at 2 p.m. on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11. The public is invited to attend and families of the veterans will be present. The Museum will be open free of charge during its regular hours of 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in honor of the occasion; visitors can view personal effects and photos of the servicemen who died. The schedule of activities includes the reading of names and hometowns of the 22 Mendocino County servicemen who lost their lives during that war and will be the first time these 22 residents have been honored as a group.

This memorial was initiated by Willits resident Dennis Miner, who served for 20 years in the military and retired as a Major. While he was not sent to Vietnam, he felt connected to and curious about the servicemen in this area who had fought there, many of whose families he knew. With the 50th anniversary of American involvement in the war approaching, Miner decided it was more than time to tell their stories. He collaborated with veterans' groups and the Mendocino County Museum to produce testimony and photos which he collected in a booklet that will be available at the memorial service; this research also extends the "Veterans History: Personal" exhibit that is on permanent display at the Museum. Miner spearheaded the project to create the Memorial, approving design plans, scouting locations and gaining endorsements from the Willits City Council and, with the support of Museum Director Alison Glassey, from the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

Miner states, "This event will not seek to make any statement about the correctness of the war. It will how-

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Laytonville High Culinary Arts Program

By Lindsay Hansen
For the Observer

After several years of sitting empty, the Laytonville High School Home Ec room now has classes in it again. I have the pleasure of being the new Culinary Arts teacher at the high school, so these days there are two classes of Beginning Culinary Arts students studying the basics of food safety, cooking and learning about food every day. This year is the first year of what we hope will develop into a lively Culinary Arts program with beginning and advanced classes.

So far this year, the twenty students and I have canned countless jars of tomato sauce, salsa, jam, roasted red peppers and more. We are able to do that because of the hard work of Mr. Potter's Agricultural Biology class, which has been growing beautiful tomatoes, peppers, carrots, lettuce, swiss chard, basil and much more in the school garden and greenhouse.

We've also been lucky enough to receive generous donations from the community. We have also made and consumed gallons of salsa, cooked enchiladas, pasta, homemade ranch dressing, lasagna, cookies, carrot salad, jicama and much more. We spent a whole month learning food safety by taking an online class through Mendocino Community College and working our way through the ServSafe Food Safety Managers coursebook. Many of our students were able to simultaneously earn high school and college credit for taking on that challenge, and all of the students learned more than they ever wanted to know about food safety.

Most recently, we had a spontaneous cook off and taste test that was prompted by a delivery of a mountain of Swiss chard from the school garden. The students paired off and looked up a recipe of their choice, with the requirement that it needed to use lots of Swiss chard. We learned about the vegetable, then the next day, we cooked it! I am happy to say that not only did they manage to use all of it, they also cooked 10 different dishes, all of which were delicious! You can find all of the recipes that they made that day, plus ongoing updates about the program at our new blog:

www.LaytonvilleCulinaryArts.blogspot.com

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North County Community News & Briefs

Mental Health Services Forum In Laytonville

By Observer Staff

The Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Forum will be held on Tuesday, November 10, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in Laytonville. This meeting will take place at the Laytonville Family Resource Center at Harwood Hall located at 44400 Willis Ave. in Laytonville.

This meeting is similar to a town meeting where MHSA Stakeholders, members of the public, consumers and family members and community agencies are encouraged to attend this meeting to provide suggestions, ideas and feedback on the Mental Health Services Act programs including Workforce Education and Training, and Suicide Prevention.

Meeting agendas are published at: <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mhsa.htm>

For further information, contact: Robin Meloche, MHSA Coordinator at 707-472-2332.

Hwy. 101 Construction Traffic Delays

By MCO Staff

Highway 101 (MMP 57.7) - Bridge rehabilitation at the Arnold Bridge Overcrossing will continue. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays. Motorists should anticipate minor traffic slowdowns.

Highway 101 (MMP 64.7 to 81.4) - Pavement repairs from Harwood Road to Rattlesnake Creek will continue. One-way

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Farmers' Market News!

By Gloria Harrison
For the Observer

This Monday we return to our normal winter home, inside Harwood Hall. Market will be from 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Marbry and John bring apples, juice, and wine, Casey and Amber are on hand with veggies galore. Last week's selections included tomatoes, carrots, squash, salad greens, chard and kale, eggplant and other yummy things. Beth brings fresh baked breads, pastries, cookies and more every week. Tim has balsamic vinegars and flavored oils as well as Caprice's spice blends to keep everything interesting, organic and delicious! Sean Marie brought tomatoes, figs, and avocados, along with rabbit, and honey. Meadow has beef from the School Beef Program again, along with poultry and lamb. Deb Knowles will return as soon as the car doctor is done mending her transportation. And, of course I have aprons, tutus, and kids clothing and such.

California Market Match continues, allowing us to match up to \$15.00 per week in matching funds for purchasing fruits, veggies and edible plants to those that receive SNAP (food stamps), SSI, SSDI, and foster care benefits.

For those interested in vending at the Farmers' Market, the process is pretty simple. Go to MCFARM.org, print out the application, and follow the instructions for the type of product you wish to sell. Then send it in. At this point you can call me, 707-984-7037, and we will work you into the market. If you have questions along the way, just call me, and we will figure it out.

I can't wait to see you, at the market!

Opinion/Public Forum Page

Letters

To the Editor:

Birthdays

I picked up my 22 year chip last night in Laytonville, we have been here 15 1/2 years now. I wrote a short story, "Samson and Delilah", it is posted on my timeline on Facebook, anyone can read it. Most of it was written about our time here and our dogs and cats and neighbors, it is a really good short story, people might read it after I die, but if you are curious, it is there. I doubt there are many other 71 year old people here that are taking prostrate medicine as their only prescription drug and we have insurance. I have been reading some amazing stories on McDougall Friends on Facebook recently, it is about people going to plant based diets and the health gains and the weight loss we experience, I highly encourage you to check that out. Joe the Roofer came and put our new metal roof on the cabin, he also did the main house and a friend of mine's house. He does a very professional job and he is easy to be around, highly recommend him. We are busy with everything and planning a trip to visit family next month, we are looking forward to that, the Carolina's in the winter time, been awhile. We are of course hoping to have some winter here, a snow pack would be nice, we think. I am still working several projects and I am glad I am able to. I hope you will vote for the democrats and keep social security alive, it really helps even though I do not get that much, it really helps. Ben Carson, Donald Trump and the others, what a sad statement on American Democracy and the idea that a black man is leading that party, this guy may have been a surgeon, he sure seems stupid to me but that seems to be part of his appeal. He will sell a lot of books that will not get read. If we go backwards, he or d t could not be any worse than the rest of the field, My job is to love everybody and I will include them but I hope we have Bernie, actually expect Hillary to carry the day. I am glad we get to live in Laytonville, it is our great little town that we love so dearly; as we love all of you. Love One Another. Be Kind.

James Taylor Jones
Laytonville

To the Editor:

Thank You From Deon's Family

I would like to thank Laytonville Chevron and Geigers Market for donating food to the family of Deon. At a time nobody was prepared for you came through to nourish people in their grief, and you did it quickly and without hesitation. We appreciated that kind gesture.

Michelle Bertnick
Laytonville

To the Editor:

Tribe: Caltrans No Agreement On Willits Bypass

By this letter, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo is reporting to the state, local governments, and our neighbors in surrounding communities that after 18 months of effort, Caltrans has indefinitely stalled, if not altogether abandoned, the finalization of a crucial agreement related to the Willits Bypass Project.

From January –December 2014, Sherwood Valley worked closely with Caltrans to create a Programmatic Agreement that would mitigate the adverse effects to historic properties occurring within the bypass project, as well as set forth protocols for how best to manage any new discoveries of cultural resources during project construction.

When new project staff took over in 2015, substantial internal agency edits to a nearly complete agreement began in earnest. Specifically, Caltrans District 3 staff has worked tirelessly to revise the agreement in ways that move the document further and further away from an agreement that responsibly manages the historic properties in Little Lake Valley.

What's more, each of the five draft versions of the agreement provided by Caltrans to Sherwood Valley in 2015 has been substantially worse than its predecessor,

ultimately leaving the Tribe without a document we can sign.

Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo's comments on the last version of a draft Programmatic Agreement, which were provided to Caltrans on September 2, 2015, highlight the reasons for the Tribe's lack of concurrence and concern:

"Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo's Tribal Council cannot agree to or accept Caltrans' July 2015 version of the [agreement] because the execution of Caltrans' proposals will:

(1) appreciably and inappropriately limit the number of archaeological deposits across the Willits Bypass Project that will constitute a site qualifying for in-field NRHP-eligibility assessment;

(2) significantly decrease the number of archaeological sites within the WBP that will meet the threshold for NRHP-eligible status;

(3) replace necessary (i.e., legally mandated, professionally- and ethically-best) NRHP assessments and data recovery with cursory construction-based monitoring; and

(4) drastically diminish (if not altogether divest Caltrans of) its legal obligation to consult with federally-recognized Indian Tribes that are culturally affiliated with the lands encompassed by the WBP regarding inadvertent discoveries of archaeological resources.

Furthermore, agreeing to Caltrans' proposed processes would create an exceedingly troublesome precedent for all California Indian Tribes with regard to (1) their legal rights to government-to-government consultation and (2) the legally compliant and culturally appropriate management of cultural resources on all current and forthcoming Caltrans-managed undertakings..."

This same communication concluded with a request for Caltrans to contact the Tribe to bring the agreement to finalization. A subsequent letter from the Tribe dated October 2, 2015 made a similar plea. Caltrans has not responded to or acted upon either request. Such reticence is deeply disturbing to Sherwood Valley. However, it has not altered the Tribe's resolve to continue its demands for the successful execution of a Project-based agreement, as evidenced by the following statement from Tribal Council:

"Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo's leadership has consulted in good faith with Caltrans regarding the Willits Bypass Project for over two years and acted in a trustworthy manner with unimpeachable integrity. We have tried to build consensus, attempting to understand Caltrans' limitations while championing our unwavering goal of being responsible stewards to our aboriginal lands—the Little Lake Valley—and the natural and cultural resources that this landscape contains.

Sherwood Valley has spent hundreds of hours and tens of thousands of dollars in an attempt to create an agreement that adequately manages resources of concern to our community and offers some restitution for the great harm inflicted upon Mitom Kai and its people, the Mitom Kai Poma and their descendants.

It has been a grief-filled process, punctuated by disrespectful, subversive, and cavalier attitudes and acts on the part of Caltrans. We find this behavior particularly egregious given the fact that the Tribe has not attempted to delay or stop construction of the bypass, despite it being a project that was never supported by Sherwood Valley.

Rather, the Tribe has only asked for the State and its agents to merely comply with the letter and spirit of existing statutes, regulations, and directives while undertaking the Project—most notably Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Presidential and Gubernatorial Executive Orders and Memoranda, as well as USDOT and CT policies, on the subject of Tribal consultation and environmental justice.

The Tribe finds Caltrans' refusal to continue conducting the consultation required to finalize a mitigation-based agreement for the Willits Bypass Project unjustifiable and unacceptable. Despite the agency's recalcitrance and lack of integrity on this matter; however, Sherwood Valley will remain steadfast in our efforts to exact satisfactory mitigation for the adverse impacts to our community's resources within the Little Lake Valley. Our Tribe will not quietly or idly stand by and permit a failed PA to be yet another tragic outcome of the Willits Bypass Project."

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Letters To The Editor Policy

- 1) "Never get into an argument with people who buy their ink by the barrel." —Mark Twain
 - 2) The First Amendment rules.
 - 3) No personal attacks — the guy you're calling names may be bigger than you are.
 - 4) Keep your language clean — your mother may be one of our readers.
 - 5) Prefer letters to be typed and double-spaced. If not, please print your letter. No long-hand, we're not handwriting experts.
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- Letters should be sent to: Letters Editor, *The Mendocino County Observer*, P.O. Box 490, Laytonville, CA 95454.

You Can't Make This Up

By Mr. K

The new acting Drug Enforcement Administration head, Chuck Rosenberg says he doesn't "frankly see a reason to remove" marijuana from Schedule I, the category that's supposed to be reserved for drugs that have a high potential for abuse and no legitimate medical value.

He says he supports research on medical marijuana, but adamantly opposes legalization. "I'm not willing to say that it's good for you, or that it ought to be legalized. I think it's bad for you and that it ought to remain illegal."

When asked about parallels with alcohol prohibition's failure he says, "We tangled with that as a society in the 1930s. And we know how that went."

Apparently the DEA chief did not notice the inconsistency (hypocrisy?) of his own views when he added, "I choose not to drink alcohol but I'm not going to impose that on anyone else."

So, here we have yet another example of the inertia of a federal bureaucracy that ignores families with seizure afflicted children, whose symptoms are alleviated with marijuana treatment. And those cancer patients, whose CBD cancer treatment and cancer recoveries are thwarted by government policy. Not to mention recreational users, who are still at risk for having their lives disrupted. (ruined?)

All this, under a democratic administration. How do you think federal marijuana policy reform would fare under a Marco Rubio administration?

Speaking of senator Rubio ("I was for immigration reform before I was against it"), it looks likely that he may be the last man standing, for establishment big money GOP power brokers to turn to. The Jeb Bush campaign is flailing, Chris Christy can't shake Bridgegate, and John Kasich clamors for attention posing as Cassandra warning against the perils of a Carson/ Trump/ Fiorina "outsider" GOP ticket.

Carson's low key seemingly reasonable demeanor masks his unsubstantiated assertions and magical tax math, Trump is a nativist carnival barker, and Fiorina seems to display the symptoms of a pathological liar. Meanwhile, snake oil salesman Ted Cruz waits to pick up disaffected GOP primary voters when the aforementioned "outsiders" implode, despite Cruz being despised by his senate colleagues and the GOP establishment.

Unencumbered by reality, Bobby Jindal refuses to quit, as does the rest of the single digit field, making the GOP debates more resemble a cattle call than an effective process for GOP primary voters to sort out their choice for a candidate, who can compete in a general election.

What clearly has not worked is letting corporate media arbitrarily decide who gets to be in the presidential debates and who gets relegated to the "kid's table" pre-debates. The candidates' revolt against the RNC, after the CNBC debate, highlights the rift between the Tea party/throw the "old guard" bums out faction, and the big money GOP establishment.

The GOP candidates would much prefer a two hour republican infomercial (debate), hosted by conservative interlocutors, who abandon all pretense of challenging the candidates' claims.

Benghazi 2.0? The latest Benghazi investigation (#8) has so emboldened the republicans, that they are launching another Planned Parenthood "investigation." That should go a long way to reaffirm GOP science denial, since facts will not have a significant bearing on their PP "investigation."

Let's review: In the sixties, the birth control pill allowed women to have sex without the fear of pregnancy. For the first time in history, women could engage in sex on an equal footing with men, thereby challenging control over women's bodies by male dominated institutions like the church, politics (the law), culture and tradition. This fundamental societal challenge was met with fierce opposition, like calling women's rights advocates "feminists," which was (and still is) about the most derisive thing you can label those who argue for gender equality. Unwilling to tolerate any challenge to its authority, the church still condemns recreational sex as a "sin," because sex is only supposed to be for procreation, within marriage.

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An Appeal To Reason

By Jon Spitz

Single-Payer Rises Again

I am sad to report that the first publicly administered, non-profit, single-payer health insurance system to be developed in the US called GreenMountainCare in the State of Vermont was shut down by Vermont's Governor, Pete Shumlin, who claimed that the cost was too expensive. This, despite detailed analysis by expert health insurance actuaries showing that GreenMountainCare would have cost Vermonters significantly less money than the privately administered, for-profit, multi-payer health insurance system they have now.

Fortunately, there is also some good news to report on the single-payer health insurance front: the State of Colorado has picked up the single-payer baton dropped by Vermont, and is now in the process of moving it forward with a statewide peoples' initiative that has the real potential to establish the first functional statewide publicly administered, non-profit, single-payer health insurance system in America.

A citizens activist group called ColoradoCareYES has collected and turned in more than 150,000 signatures to obtain the 99,000 required to put a single-payer health insurance initiative called ColoradoCare on the 2016 state ballot. If enough signatures are validated by the Colorado secretary of state's office (which could take several months), ColoradoCare will go before Colorado voters in the November 2016 election.

The strategy for achieving single-payer health insurance in Colorado is different than that used in Vermont; ColoradoCare hopes to succeed where GreenMountainCare failed by: 1) using the initiative process which limits the ability of politicians to intervene, 2) making ColoradoCare more compatible with the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) than was GreenMountainCare, and 3) being very specific about how the system will be funded.

The peoples' initiative process enabled the citizens of Colorado to write their initiative free of the corrupting influences of politicians and lobbyists which further enabled them to design a health insurance system that will also operate free of those same corrupting influences. If ColoradoCare passes, it will be administered by 21 trustees who are elected by residents from each of Colorado's 7 congressional districts. According to Lyn Gullette, ColoradoCareYES's campaign director, "*Colorado Care would be a cooperative type of business in which every adult resident is a voting member... it will not [be] run by the legislature.*"

A detailed analysis of ColoradoCare can be found online at coloradocareyes.co. This website includes information on how it will be funded, its impact on job turnover, its impact on seniors, and its projected cost savings for businesses, residents and the government of Colorado. The analysis shows a savings of \$6.2 billion in administrative costs, a \$4.5 billion reduction in expenses for residents and employers, and a population that is 100% covered. Under the current private for profit health insurance system, there are an estimated 603,000 uninsured Coloradans.

ColoradoCare will do away with ObamaCare's "private insurance exchanges" and it will eliminate private health insurance carriers. It will also replace the medical portion of Workers' Compensation. Private insurance premiums and Workers' Comp deductibles will be replaced by a 10% payroll tax of which employees will pay 3.33% and employers 6.67%. ColoradoCare will also still receive Federal funds for its Medicaid health insurance program for low income people, and Colorado's seniors 65 and older will still be covered by the Federally funded Medicare program. Everyone gets covered.

ColoradoCare benefits are comprehensive including primary and specialty care, hospitalization, prescription drugs and medical equipment, mental health and substance abuse services, behavioral health treatment, emergency and urgent care, preventive and wellness services, chronic disease management, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, pediatric care, laboratory services, maternity and newborn care, and palliative and end-of-life

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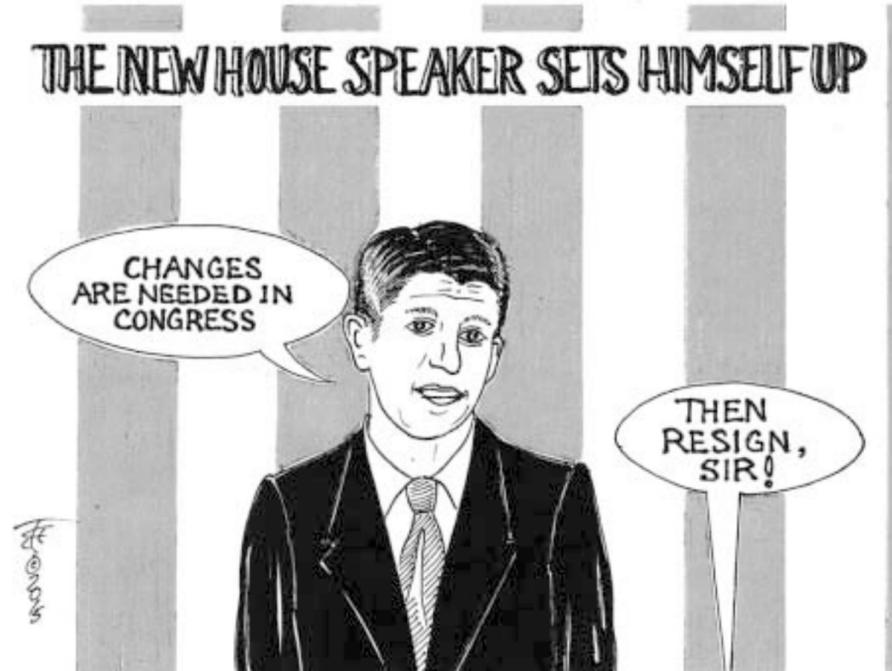
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Robin Thompson

Area Death



Harvest "Harv" Cassidy

Harvest Price Cassidy, born on December 5, 1973, was a loving husband, son, brother, friend, and lifetime member of the Laytonville community, passed away peacefully in his home Monday morning, November 2nd. Harvest was one who lived life to the absolute fullest and enjoyed every day. He was greatly loved by all who knew him. He was a leader, teacher, pioneer, innovator, problem-solver, and a heck of a lot of fun to just hang out with. Harvest possessed a level of character, work ethic, loyalty, generosity, and candor rarely found. Harvest's wisdom-in-simplicity approach didn't always mean his advice was going to be the advice you wanted to hear, but it usually meant it was probably the advice you needed to hear and would be wise to follow.

His life was cut far too short, but he was never cheated out of a single day that he lived. He will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he touched, and has left a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

He is survived by his wife Lurane Cassidy, his very large extended family and countless friends that will greatly miss him. May he fly high and shine down on all of us ...

Traffic Delays from front page

traffic control will be in effect from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Motorists should anticipate 15-minute delays.

Highway 101 (MMPs 93.0, 93.7, 97.5) - Bridge rehabilitation at the Jitney Gulch Bridge, Rock Creek Bridge, and the Bridges Creek Bridge will continue. One-way traffic control will be in effect from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Motorists should anticipate 5-minute delays.

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care. There are no deductibles, no copayments and no designated primary and preventive care providers, beneficiaries choose their own primary care providers. ColoradoCare assures statewide access to emergency and trauma services and beneficiaries temporarily living or traveling in another state are still covered.

ColoradoCareYES has a hard road ahead to win this election. Organizers estimate that the private health insurance industry will muster a war chest of at least \$20 million to try and defeat single-payer. They will mislead voters with a massive propaganda campaign of lies stoking fears of skyrocketing health insurance costs. ColoradoCareYES will have to counter these industry lies with an effective education campaign that gets out the truth. This is a daunting task, but not impossible. Colorado voters have blazed new paths before: in 2012 Colorado and Washington became the first states in the US to pass initiatives to legalize cannabis for recreational use. Let's hope Colorado can lead the way again on single-payer in 2016.

What happens in Colorado matters to the rest of us. If Colorado is successful at establishing a functional single-payer health insurance system that insures all of its residents for less money than the current private health insurance system under Obamacare, then other states will follow suit until eventually everyone is covered under a single-payer system. That is how real health insurance reform is going to come to America.

Jon Spitz is a Laytonville resident and long-time contributor to the Observer.

Highway 101 (MMP99.5 to 106.6) - Bridge rehabilitation at various South Fork Eel River Bridges from Piercy to the Humboldt/Mendocino County line will continue. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays. Motorists should anticipate minor traffic slowdowns.

Mr K from page 2

In the seventies, conservatives defeated ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment with a sexist double standard argument that still resonates today, which says that a woman who enjoys non-monogamous sex is a slut, but a man who has multiple partners is a stud. Today, the real life consequences of that argument are manifested by reduced access to womens' reproductive health services by defunding birth control providers like Planned Parenthood; bogus Congressional/ state legislation limiting womens' reproductive rights; the flawed Hobby Lobby Supreme Court decision; and patriarchal religious dogma compelling subservience of women (brutally enforced in some religious cultures by the burka, or by female genital mutilation), because sexual agency is for men only, god says so.

For millennia, gender inequality was enforced by bronze age religious/ social values that provided for the orderly transfer of property by means of the marriage contract, and surety of lineal descent by proscribing death for brides who weren't virgins on their wedding night. Brides still wear veils and white wedding dresses (symbols of purity), and vow to "obey" their husbands.

Given the exponential growth of the world's population and the existential threat which humans pose to the ecology of the planet, womens' control of their reproductive health is possibly the most important innovation in human history, since agriculture.

Today, the advancement of gender equality is causing a paradigm shift in human relations.

The history of mankind changed irrevocably with the invention of the pill, men just haven't figured that out yet.

Jeff Konicek (Mr. K) is a substitute teacher and Bonsai expert living in the Laytonville area.

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Moving forward, Sherwood Valley will continue to reach out to Caltrans, as well as other consulting parties on the Project—including the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Office of Historic Preservation, and the Federal Highways Administration—to finalize an agreement document that secures mitigation for those historic properties negatively impacted by the Bypass Project. Our community will also maintain its in-field monitoring presence and persist in advocating for more substantial and valuable archaeological investigations and more meaningful and transparent consultation.

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- Emily James, Council member
- Tribal Council of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo: Willits

To the Editor:

Caltrans Response To Tribe
Caltrans would like to take the opportunity to clarify some misconceptions and misinformation being circulated about the handling of cultural resources at the Willits Bypass project. This \$300 million dollar highway improvement project will relieve congestion, reduce delays, and improve safety for traffic currently passing through Willits.

- All State and Federal historical preservation laws are being followed.

Caltrans has worked closely with State and Federal historical preservation agencies, and will continue to do so.

- All cultural resources identified during project development were avoided.

Caltrans worked with the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo as well as State and local historical

societies to identify all known cultural resources within the bypass project area. The bypass project was designed to avoid impacting all these known resources.

- Potential cultural areas are being properly handled.

Potential cultural areas, discovered after construction began, are being handled following all laws. These resources are being avoided if possible, or further investigations are being performed to clear the areas for construction.

- Government-to-government meetings are being held every time a tribe asks.

District 1 has the highest concentration of federally recognized Native American tribes in California, and we always arrange government-to-government meetings with tribes and Federal Highway Administration whenever asked.

Phil Frisbie, Jr.
Public Information Officer
Caltrans District 1

To the Editor:

Legal Pot Monopoly?

The state of Ohio has just announced that it's on the path to legalize marijuana but with a twist. California, Washington, Oregon and Colorado have all legalized medical pot and then some have moved on to legalizing recreational pot, but Ohio is saying it's going to be the first state to legalize both at the same time. I'm not sure how much sense this makes. Doesn't recreational pot invalidate medical marijuana? Whichever is cheaper is going to end up covering both bases. We all know how easy it is to get a medical pot card. I recently read in an Associated Press article, "20150415 Colorado mulls mandatory lab testing for medical marijuana, AP," that in Colorado, party pot must be officially inspected for contaminants but not medical pot. It just follows suit. California just passed Assembly Bill No. 266 to help manage medical marijuana. This bill gave birth to the Bureau of Medical Marijuana

Regulation under the Department of Consumer Affairs. This bill also states that moneys collected as a result of fines and civil penalties are to be deposited into the "Medical Cannabis Fines and Penalties Account." I wonder who's going to be keeping those

books? It seems to me that when the state of California allowed the legalization of pot, in total breach of federal law, it is basically saying that the state can break federal law but woe to any body that breaks state law. This is

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Nipsey Massey leading the Homecoming Parade.

LHS Student of the Month

Senior Nipsey Massey is Laytonville High School's Student of the Month for September, 2015. Nipsey's teachers describe him as a kind and conscientious student who goes out of his way to be helpful. He has made incredible growth in developing his intellectual curiosity during the three years he has attended LHS. Nipsey is an exceptional person with a bright future in front of him. His favorite class this year is building trades with Noel Woodhouse. Nipsey has been involved in basketball, baseball, peer counseling, and the book club. Nipsey is an avid reader and recommends the *Rangers Apprentice* series. He credits his mom and himself for his "manning up" to school. Nipsey is planning on attending Mendocino JC, transferring to a four year college, and eventually becoming a psychologist. His advice to incoming high school students is to, "Do your homework."

The November 2015 Night Sky

By Barbara A. Wilson

I imagine most of us have seen the footage on major media of the meteor-like fireball filmed over Bangkok, Thailand. The newscasters pointed out that there is a meteor shower going on now. The Sky Calendar for November put out by Michigan State University's Abrams Planetarium lists two meteor showers this month: the major shower, the Leonids, which peaks the night of 11/17 - 18, and a minor shower, the Northern Taurids, which seems to have the constellation Taurus as its radiant point. It is a minor shower, usually with only a few meteors per hour, peaking November 4 (today) through the seventh. From the television footage I couldn't tell from which direction the fireball proceeded, but from its size and color, it looked to me just like fireballs I've observed at the beginning of the shower which proceeds from Leo. Earth may be starting to orbit through the dust trail of comet Tempel-Tuttle which produces the Leonids.

Speaking of comets, I have been wondering what's new with the European Space Agency's Rosetta satellite following comet 67P, the Rubber Duck. According to the 10/31/15 issue of Science News, images analyzed so far show the alternating dust and ice layers that make up this comet lie at a different angle on the 'head of the duck' from those of the body. The preliminary conclusion from these analyses is that the comet is a result of two smaller comets impacting and fusing at sometime in this comet's history, a theorized event in cometary formation now possibly demonstrated.

The same issue of Science News had a good photograph of the seasonal streaks at the bases of mountains on Mars. During the Martian summer, photos show the dark streaks gradually lengthening, then disappearing in winter. The summer there is not warm enough to liquefy pure water, but if salts have been leached from rocks during perhaps warmer periods in the past, its freezing point could have been lowered enough so that it can flow near the surface.

From Earth's viewpoint, Mars passed to the left of Venus yesterday, so, the array of early morning planets, in order from highest to lowest, is now Jupiter, which seemed to pass Venus last month, Mars, Venus, and Mercury, which is so low on the eastern horizon that I have not been able to see it in the soon-to-rise Sun's light, but it is below the star Spica in Virgo. By month's end, the morning planets will have moved so that Venus is 4.5 degrees to the upper right of Spica, Mars is 13 degrees above Venus, and Jupiter is 19 degrees to the upper right of Mars.

Early Friday morning, a waning crescent Moon appears to the lower right of Jupiter; Saturday morning the Moon will be rising later, so it will be grouped with Mars and Venus, ten degrees below Jupiter.

I saw the Last Quarter Moon rise at midnight on 11/3; other Moon phases for November are: An Old Moon appears as a crescent 'on its back' the morning of 11/10 to the lower left of Spica in the East southeast; Mercury is fading at this time; New Moon is 11/11; the Young Moon on 11/12 sets in the West southwest thirty minutes after sunset to the upper right of Antares, the alpha star in Scorpius; it is to the right of Saturn. The ringed planet is approaching solar conjunction, and will re-emerge as a morning planet in late December. The First Quarter Moon on 11/18 will set before the peak of the Leonid meteor shower. Full Moon takes place during the day on 11/25. Early the next day, the Moon occults the star Aldebaran, an-



Mahaila Reighter, Cheyenne Jepson, Kadee Golightly-Ohl, and Ivy Gamble, part of the cast in *Blackbeard the Pirate*. Photo: Joan Kelly Seybold

Blackbeard The Pirate

By Joan Seybold
Director Long Valley Dance

October 24 marked the successful completion of Laytonville's third annual visit from Missoula Children's Theater (MCT). This year's production was *Blackbeard the Pirate*. It featured forty kids from kindergarten through eighth grade at Laytonville and Spyrock School.

The MCT experience started on Monday morning when the team of two Tour Actor-Directors show up at the school and present a school-wide assembly. This year's assembly focused on the art of storytelling and involved at least twenty kids in impromptu demonstrations or storytelling from around the world.

On Monday afternoon the MCT team conducted auditions. The three main things that the team look at in the kids auditions are; loud, clear voices, big, expressive movements and listening and paying attention. Each student who showed up for the auditions was cast in the show. There were perky parrots, spooky seaweed creatures, cranky crabs, crabby crocodiles, magical mermaids, lazy beach bums and proud pirates. The students rehearsed each day after school, some up to four hours each day, and by Friday they had an awesome show. Missoula Childrens Theater touring productions are complete with cos-

tumes, scenery, props and makeup, making for a pretty spectacular theatrical experience.

Performances took place on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon at the Tin Gym. We estimate that over 300 people got to see the performance. The performances by the kids were impressive. It is always so much fun to see what can be accomplished in just a few days.

Missoula Childrens Theater is brought to Laytonville by Long Valley Dance, with collaboration with the Laytonville unified School District and Laytonville Healthy Start. The production is also made possible by generous contributions from members of our business community as well as from private donors. We would like to thank Park-n-Takit, Geiger's Long Valley Market, Laytonville Napa Auto Parts, Weathertop Nursery, Long Valley Auto Parts, Kent Westwood, Michael Marsh, Shelagh Deveney and Ryan Howard

We would also like to thank all of the parents and other family members who helped out in making this special event possible. And mostly we would like to thank and congratulate the entire cast of *Blackbeard the Pirate* for showing up, and doing your best and making our musical theater project an awesome experience.

High Crimes from front page

tempted murder and committing a felony that resulted in great bodily injury to the victim. His bail was set at \$400,000. The victim is listed in critical condition at this time.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Tip Line at 707-234-2100.

SoCal Man Arrested In Point Arena On Sex Charges With Minor

A Southern California man was arrested Thursday, Oct. 29, on multiple sex charges involving a 15 year-old Point Arena girl.

The sordid incident came to light when a parent of the teen victim reported "a suspicious situation" to a Sheriff's deputy Thursday night. During his investigation, the deputy learned the female juvenile had established contact with Thessalonian Catrell Love, 25 years-old, of Apple Valley, CA, by means of a social networking internet website. During this time, Love obtained nude photographs of the girl and sent her sexually related messages while reportedly being aware of her age.

The deputy discovered Love had traveled to Point Arena and made overt attempts to meet with the teen with the intention of the pair leaving the area together. At 1:14 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, deputies located Love walking on Port Road in Point Arena. While questioning the perv, they discovered Love was in possession of

other red star like Antares, it is the alpha star in Taurus. This occultation is visible from the California-Oregon border to the border between North and South Carolina. From down here, we'll just see the star and Moon very close to each other. However, on December 7, we may be able to observe the planet Venus occulted by the light side of a waning crescent Moon; this will take place after sunrise but should be visible in telescopes and binoculars. Stay tuned.

bus tickets to Southern California supporting the parent's belief that he was attempting to persuade the young girl to leave the area with him. Love was then arrested for distribution of lewd material, intent to commit lewd act with minor, contact with minor for sexual offense, child pornography, and annoying or molesting a minor. At the time of Love's arrest he was found to be on active formal probation in San Bernardino County for an arson-related offense. Love was booked into Mendocino County Jail and held in lieu of \$200,000 bail. Investigations into this incident are ongoing at this time.

No Treats For Reno Man In Covelo Halloween Strong Arm Robbery

On Halloween, Oct. 31, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a report of a man, later identified as Charlie Crawford, age 28, of Reno, NV, acting strangely in the downtown area of Covelo. Crawford was described by witnesses as possibly being under the influence of some type of drug. The Reno man was reported to have entered Keith's Market speaking to employees and customers in a confused and rambling manner. He was also described as being aggressive and confrontational.

A 60-year-old store employee talked to Crawford about the disturbance he was causing, but he responded by threatening to harm the employee. As Crawford made the threat, he brandished a broken wooden mop handle with a sharp end, motioning toward the employee with a stabbing movement. Crawford then climbed onto the roof of Keith's Market, only to soon climb down off the roof and go across the street to the Redwood Market, where he attempted to walk away with an item from the store. When a store clerk attempted to keep Crawford from walking away with the item, he punched the 56-year-old employee once in the face. The clerk called out for help and at least two customers came to his aid. The customers restrained Crawford

for several minutes as another employee called 911. When Crawford appeared to relax, the customers relinquished their hold on him and Crawford fled on foot. The clerk suffered only minor injuries that did not require medical attention. Deputies searched for Crawford that evening but were unable to find him. The next day, Nov. 1, the search for Crawford resumed and he was found at approximately 1 p.m. walking on Barnes Lane in Covelo. Crawford was arrested for robbery, criminal threats and brandishing a weapon. He was booked into County Jail where he was held in lieu of \$75,000 bail. In addition, Crawford was wanted on three out-of-county warrants with a combined \$21,000 bail.

Meetings & Events

Cultivating Compassion and Loving-Kindness—Rangjung Yeshe Gomde, Tibetan Buddhist retreat center in South Leggett, invites all community members to a meditation weekend from November 20-22nd. During this retreat we will develop our own innate capacity for loving-kindness and compassion. Lama Kunzang will offer teachings inspired by the deity Avalokiteshvara and guided by the words of Tulku Thondrup. Please join us for this heartfelt seminar. For registration and information visit our website (www.gomdeusa.org), send us an email (registrar@gomdeusa.org), or call 707-925-0201.

Harwood Memorial Park is currently accepting vendor requests for the Laytonville Christmas Bazaar Craft Fair scheduled for Sunday, December 6th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harwood Hall in Laytonville. Applications must be turned in by October 23rd. The Laytonville Christmas Bazaar is not a juried show, but Harwood Park would like to remind all that there is a focus on variety of arts and crafts and that previous participation or early submission of application does not guarantee acceptance as there are a limited number of indoor spaces

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Mendocino County Sheriff's Activity League Laytonville Raider's Youth Football Vintage Empire Junior Football League 2015 Game Schedule

Date	Day	JV and Varsity Game Times	Opponent	Location
November 7, 2015	Saturday	5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Calistoga	Calistoga Fairgrounds



Photo: Rod Coots

ACS Pet of the Week
By Amy Campbell

Lisa is a 1-year-old female mixed breed dog who currently weighs 12 pounds. Lisa came to us a little on the shy side which is understandable, especially for such a small dog. The shelter is a loud, overwhelming place! But in the two weeks she has been here, including a weekend visit with a family, she has made great improvements. Her spunky, silly, sweet self is coming out and it is an absolute joy to see! She obviously wants love and attention from shelter staff and volunteers and has also made some doggie friends. We would love for her to go to a calm home where she will get oodles of love, attention and patience. Once she knows she is safe and loved, this little beauty is going to fully blossom and it's going to be a beautiful thing!

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 4:00 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:00 pm. We have many wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during shelter hours. For more information about adoptions please call 467-6453.

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kind of like saying, "do as I say, not as I do" with a big cash reward for a hand full of people and the ever mounting list of problems to be paid for by everyone else. Many of the laws against marijuana that are being broken weren't in existence just to inhibit the pot industry; they were there to protect our kids, the safety of our streets and the environment. High potency marijuana is now available in almost every school in the nation and not by accident. Some politicians and law enforcement are learning what illegal drug dealers have known for decades, "money from children's pockets spends as good as any". The laws to protect our kids from illegal drugs aren't being strongly enforced because the people who are financially benefiting i.e., the illegal drug dealers, and now some politicians, regulatory agencies and law enforcement, don't want to cause a 50 percent cut their profits. Our children and the environment have two things in common, they don't vote or make campaign contributions. These were two recent news articles from the land of legal pot. 20150208 Colorado considering lowering the bar for high school graduation, Denver Post 20150417 Soaring gang violence in Denver on track to surpass five-year

high, Denver Post

In Ohio, two-term former governor Bob Taft is one of the amendment's strongest opponents. He states, "I don't think that the tax benefits outweigh the hazards, the risks of going full for recreational-medical all the way, flooding our state with edible products that are attractive to our kids." Woody Taft, Bob's distant cousin, finds himself on the "pro legalization" side of the issue. The pro side says that the state is trying to turn a black market into the newest big business. This sounds to me like campaign spin that's trying to put lipstick on a pig. So far Woody and 23 other investors have funded \$20 million of the \$24 million pro legalization campaign. 23 people financing 83.3 percent of a campaign that will affect millions of people. Monopoly?

Marc Parsley
Willits

To the Editor:

Home Rule

The Charter Project of Mendocino County is a coalition of people striving to increase local sovereignty with a home rule charter. We want Mendocino to join the 14 other California counties that have established home rule charters



Humane Society Pet of the Week
By Noelani Borecky

Natasha is loyal and very friendly and is a black and white beauty! She would make a wonderful companion and loves to show affection. She is full of love! Can you see the big imprint of a heart on her side? Natasha would make a great companion to make lots of loving memories. The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, where you can come visit play with and/or adopt dogs and cats, is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley (right down the street from the broiler).

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under Article XI of the California Constitution.

The greatest advantage to a home rule charter is that provisions of the charter have the same force and effect as state law [Art XI, §3(a)]. That means that whatever we write into the charter, once approved by the voters, will be like state law, but applicable only to our county.

We are all quite proud of Measure H, the 2004 measure, which banned GMO agriculture in Mendocino County. Mendocino was the first county in the Western Hemisphere to ban GMO crops. Measure H had a domino effect in which many other counties in the USA, and provinces and states around the world all followed suit and banned GMO agriculture. In response, ALEC (the American Legislative Exchange Council) pressured states to prohibit counties from banning GMO agriculture.

"ALEC's response to cities and counties acting as laboratories of democracy has traditionally been to crush it through 'state preemption laws' that prohibit local governments from raising the minimum wage, regulating GMO's or building municipal broadband."

<http://www.prwatch.org/news/2015/07/12876/alecs-2015-agenda>

Considering that Measure H is but a measure from a general law county, it could be overturned if the State of California followed ALEC's lead and prohibited counties from prohibiting GMO crops. If the new charter stated that Mendocino agriculture must be GMO free, it would have the same force and effect as state law and could not be overturned by the State.

Becoming a charter county is a three-step process. After the correct number of signatures has been collected and validated, there will be two charter measures on the June 2016 ballot for the electorate to vote on. The first is: "Shall a charter commission be elected to propose a Mendocino County charter?" The second will be a list of (at least) 15 people who are running for charter commissioner. If a majority vote "yes" on the first question, then the 15 people with the most votes will be elected to the charter commission. They will draft a charter for the county. Once completed, the charter will then go on the ballot for the people to approve the proposed charter. Once approved by the voters and adopted by the California legislature, it then becomes equivalent to state law.

Other provisions that could be included in a home rule charter include protections for the water, air, soil and scenic beauty within the county. Instant Runoff Voting (aka Ranked Choice Voting) in

which we could vote for our favorite candidate instead of the lesser of 2 evils. If your #1 choice doesn't win, then your vote would go to your #2 choice. San Francisco uses IRV, which saves money on runoff elections. We could include anti-corruption laws that prohibit donors outside the County from contributing to local candidates. Also, several of our local measures can be reiterated in the charter, strengthening their impact.

A county charter will also strengthen the case to establish a county public bank and remove our public funds from Bank of America, a felon that is too big to fail, and has derivatives exposures on the world market 28X their total assets. Another worldwide economic downturn is inevitable, and the casino derivatives market is unregulated and has super-priority status over every other debt. Therefore, when the derivatives bubble bursts, our public funds will not be safe in BoA. The sooner we find another safe location for our county's public funds, the better. The Democratic Central Committee of Mendocino County and the CADems have both endorsed a Mendocino County public bank. Hopefully, when established, it will be a democratically operated benefit corporation called the Public Bank of Mendocino County.

Sign a petition now to get the charter question on the ballot and vote YES on the charter question in June 2016!

Robin Sunbeam
Co-Founder & Treasurer of the
Charter Project of
Mendocino County

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 3, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, located at 100 N. State Street, City of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California, PRIME PACIFIC, a corporation, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, all payable at the time of sale, real property situated in the County of Mendocino, State of California, and the purported address is 1050 North Road, Laytonville, CA 95454 (APN: 014-200-73), and is more particularly described in the Deed of Trust referenced below.

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If a street address or common designation of property is shown in this notice, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.

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and recorded April 26, 2012, in Document No. 2012-06415. Official Records of Mendocino County, and said property will be sold "as is" and no warranty or representation is made concerning its present condition.

Notice of Default and election to sell the described real property under the mentioned deed of trust was recorded on June 19, 2015, Document No. 2015-08289, Official Records of Mendocino County.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call PRIME PACIFIC at (707) 468-5300. You may also visit our website - primepacificforeclosures.com. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the website. **THE BEST WAY TO VERIFY POSTPONEMENT INFORMATION IS TO ATTEND THE SCHEDULED SALE.**

The mortgagee or beneficiary is not required to give notice under CA Civil Code Section 2923.5. A declaration from the mortgagee or beneficiary or authorized agent is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Dated: October 30, 2015
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Thu. 29	70	44		cloudy
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Sat. 31	75	45		cloudy
November				
Sun. 1	64	56	0.52	rain 3 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Mon. 2	61	50	trace	cloudy
Tue. 3	61	41		cloudy
Wed. 4	62	37		cloudy

rainfall for week: 0.52 in.
rainfall for season: 2.52 in.

—Weather data recorded by Mendocino County Observer

Meetings & Events

available. Application forms are available at Harwood Park's head quarters located inside the Laytonville Healthy Start office at 44400 Willis Avenue in Laytonville. For more information, or if you would like an application mailed to you, please call 707-984-8089.

The Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County will hold its regular monthly Public Meeting on Friday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Community Foundation, 204 S. Oak St., Ukiah. There will be a special presentation about the Internet Essentials program by Comcast, which provides low cost internet access and computers to students and their families in the Ukiah, Willits and Fort Bragg school districts. A call-in option is available by dialing 641-715-3341; access code: 108 1131#

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THURSDAYS - 7 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

FRIDAYS - 7 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAYS - 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

LOCATION: Laytonville Fellowship (AA) meets at the Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Rd. Laytonville. NA meets at Long Valley Lumber, Hwy 101. For info call 984-8339. Freethinkers Group - AA without religion. THURSDAYS - 4 p.m. Meets at the Grange, 1620 Branscomb Road. Info: 984-8339.

Laytonville Al-Anon Family Group

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You must contact the Mendocino County Clerk's office, in Ukiah, for information regarding filing or registering fictitious business names.

The statement must be filed within 40 days of the commencement of business or before the statement on file expires. Along with the original, the county may require several copies of the statement for filing. The county clerk will certify and return all copies to the registrant, keeping the original. Within 30 days after filing a fictitious business name statement, the registrant must publish the statement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of its principal place of business. The notice must appear once a week for four successive weeks. Within 30 days of the last publishing date, the newspaper will file an affidavit of publication with the county clerk's office.

Note: A Fictitious Business Name statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name statement must be filed before the expiration.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SEIZURE
PURSUANT TO HEALTH &
SAFETY CODE SECTIONS
11471/11488 AND NOTICE OF
INTENDED FORFEITURE
PURSUANT TO HEALTH &
SAFETY CODE
SECTION 11488.4

On 09/23/15 at northbound U.S. Highway 101 north of Scandia over-crossing, Leggett, California, the property described as \$188,750.00 U.S. Currency was seized pursuant to Health & Safety Code section[s] 11370.6(a). The currency has an apparent value of \$188,750.00. (15-SF-065)

On 09/30/2015 at 56501 North Highway 101, Laytonville, California, the property described as \$13,786.00 U.S. Currency was seized pursuant to Health & Safety Code section[s] 11379.6. The currency has an apparent value of \$13,786.00. (15-SF-069)

On 10/22/2015 at 1520 North Road, Laytonville, California, the property described as \$4,600.00 U.S. Currency was seized pursuant to Health & Safety Code section[s] 11379.6. The currency has an apparent value of \$4,600.00. (15-SF-075)

The property was seized with respect to one or more alleged violations of Sections 11351, 11351.5, 11352, 11355, 11359, 11360, 11366.8, 11378, 11378.5, 11379, 11379.5, 11379.6, 11380, 11382, 11383 of the Health and Safety Code, or 182 of the Calif. Penal Code.

You are hereby notified that the District Attorney of Mendocino County has initiated proceedings to forfeit the property described above pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11488.4(j).

You are instructed that if you desire to contest the forfeiture of this property, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11488.5, you must file a verified typed claim stating your interest in the property. You must file this claim in the Ukiah Branch of the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture. Unless you received actual notice, then you have only thirty (30) days from that date within which to file the above described claim. Claim forms are available from the Clerk of the Superior Court, Room 107, Courthouse, State and Perkins Streets, Ukiah, CA, and most Superior Court Clerk's offices throughout the state. The dates of publication of this notice are printed at the bottom of this notice.

You must serve an endorsed copy of your claim on the District Attorney of Mendocino County Attn: Asset Forfeiture Unit, Room G10, Courthouse, Ukiah, Ca. 95482, within thirty (30) days of the filing of the claim in the Superior Court. When communicating with the District Attorney on this matter always use the Control No. 15-SF-065, 15-SF-069, or 15-SF-075.

The failure to timely file and serve a typed verified claim stating an interest in this property in the Superior Court will result in the property being declared or ordered forfeit to the State of California. The property will then be distributed pursuant to the provisions of Health and Safety Code section 11489 without further notice or hearing.

October 30, 2015

/s/KATHERINE J. HOUSTON
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
Pub.: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 2015FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2015-F0794The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Mendocino Wildlife Advocates, 463 Redwood Ave., Willits, CA 95490; P.O. Box 430, Laytonville, CA 95454.

This business is registered by a California corporation, Mendocino Wildlife Association, 463 Redwood Ave., Willits, CA 95490, and Mendocino Wildlife Advocates, 463 Redwood Ave., Willits, CA 95490.

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2015.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mendocino on October 27, 2015.

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/Monica Balwinski, Secretary
Pub: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 25, 2015Observer
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By Pastor Jim. Community Christian Church

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I have good news for you. Truth is not dead death is certain for all. God does live that's what bothers you as

you fear judgment. Life has pain but the pain changes with time. Death is the end of this physical body only there is something more.

Jesus said I am the way, the truth, the life. There is hope. God is alive. There is hope there are things that are true. There is hope pain can be overcome. There is hope death is not the end. Jesus is the way to a living God. Jesus is truth about that living God. Jesus is the life past the pain and death, he is the eternal life. You will never know the truth about the hope Jesus gives until you turn to Him and allow Him to personally give you hope. Hope is not just in the knowledge of these things it's in the experience of these things. Come to Jesus as your deliver and follow Him and hope will be yours.

Grist Creek from front page

\$21,953 fine.

"Where does the money go?" Lumpkin said. "It is not going to compensate the neighbors or test the water in the creek or further enhance the environment. It will go to the county which allowed this in the first place."

Friends of Outlet Creek member and neighboring property owner to the asphalt plant, Glen Colwell, who recently retired from the Bay Area Air Quality District in San Francisco, noted that it is sometimes possible for industry attorneys to negotiate with regulators and request that penalties such as this one be decreased.

"In my opinion, if the county attorneys allow any negotiations to lower penalty costs for Grist Creek Aggregates, which may have willfully violated their permit conditions, it would be inexcusable and add additional insult to the injury already perpetrated on the asphalt plant's neighbors." Colwell said.

Another neighbor, Douglas Kerseg, said an attorney advised him that using equipment that is not permitted is fraud.

"We were disturbed that when they were given a notice of violation that they continued to operate," Kerseg said, referring to the fact that the violation was issued Oct. 21 and the plant continued making rubberized asphalt until Oct. 31. "I tried to get Mr. Scaglione to say why, and he told me they were powerless to stop him. It's amazing to me that they can have a process that uses equipment that's not on their permit and they can continue to do so."

Kerseg said neighbors will continue to fight on despite the high legal fees Friends of Outlet Creek is paying.

"One of our very significant problems is that we have raised and spent huge amounts of money which has gone to legal work, and we have significant liabilities to continue that effort. The toughest part of the equation is not just to spread the word but to be able to continue our legal battle to stop these people from operation."

Friends of Outlet Creek will hold a community meeting on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m., to get to know neighbors and discuss what can be done to stop the negative impacts of the asphalt plant. Location is the large pullout off Highway 162 just east of Highway 101.

(Jane Fitcher lives in Longvale and is a member of Friends of Outlet Creek.)

LHS from front page

One of the student and staff favorites was this salad of Brussels sprouts and Swiss chard:

Autumn Greens Salad with Sunflower Seeds

- 1/3 cup raw sunflower seeds
- 1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (1 large lemon)
- 3/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons sunflower oil, preferably cold-pressed, or olive oil
- 1/2 pound brussels sprouts, very thinly sliced (3 cups) (we

used a food processor with a slicing blade) 6 to 8 leaves of leafy greens such as Swiss chard and kale (preferably lacinato), stemmed and thinly sliced (3 cups)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Toast sunflower seeds on a rimmed baking sheet in a single layer until golden, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, stir mustard, lemon juice, salt, and maple syrup together in a small bowl; whisk in oil until emulsified.

Toss brussels sprouts, chard, and kale together. Stir in sunflower seeds and pour in dressing; toss to coat. Taste and adjust seasoning, if necessary. Serve immediately.

Adapted from: <http://www.marthastewart.com/1050316/autumn-greens-salad-sunflower-seeds>

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Memorial from front page

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