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1 Coyote Valley defendant pleads not guilty

Other 6 still need lawyers

By **BEN BROWN**
The Daily Journal

Michelle Campbell, one of the seven defendants in a federal fraud case against former members of the tribal government of the

Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, on Wednesday entered a plea of not guilty in San Francisco Federal Court to charges that include misuse of tribal casino funds, conspiracy and obstruction of justice.

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Tribal members rarely indicted by Feds

By **K.C. MEADOWS**
The Daily Journal

Federal indictments handed down against former tribal

council members of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomos are unusual and may reflect only poor decision making at

one tribe. That's the conclusion of

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Pot raid results in 2 arrests

The Daily Journal

Two men were arrested and 1,979 marijuana plants seized in a raid on an illegal marijuana garden near State Route 20.

The garden was found by a citizen who was hunting on his family ranch east of Potter Valley. It consisted of eight different garden plots concealed beneath brush and trees.

Members of the County of Mendocino Marijuana Eradication Team raided the garden with the help of officers from the Bureau of Land Management.

While raiding the garden, COMMET members arrested Manuel Chavez, 34, and Miguel Lua, 24, both of Mexico. They were arrested on suspicion of possession of marijuana for sale, planting and cultivating marijuana for sale and illegal entry.

Both men are being held without bail because they are illegal immigrants.

Officers from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office are continuing to investigate this incident.

UKIAH CITY COUNCIL

Monthly pay hike approved

By **KATIE MINTZ**
The Daily Journal

How does a 4 percent raise sound? Or what about \$19 extra per month?

While the latter doesn't sound like much, for Ukiah City Council members, it's a 4 percent raise, and the amount they decided to increase their salaries by on Monday evening.

With a 3-2 vote, Mayor Mark Ashiku and Councilman Douglas Crane dissenting, the City Council chose to increase its own monthly salary by 1 percent for every year since the current salary, \$471 per month, became effective in November 2002.

Following the November 2007 election, each councilmember will receive \$490 a month for offering his or her service to the city, pending approval of an ordinance reflecting these desires at the next council meeting.

City Manager Candace

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Grateful Gleaners

Volunteers salvage food that would otherwise be wasted



Isaac Eckel/The Daily Journal

Bill Boosinger, a new member of the Grateful Gleaners, picks pears during a harvest session on Wednesday in Willits. The Grateful Gleaners harvests crops that would otherwise go to waste, most of which is donated to various organizations throughout the community.

Group feeds community with harvest of produce

By **JAMES ARENS**
The Daily Journal

It is better to give than to receive. The Grateful Gleaners of Willits is not the author of this saying, but its members believe in the motto.

"We like to glean with a teamwork approach," said Karen Gridley, one of the organizers and team leaders affiliated with the Grateful Gleaners. "Last year, we harvested over 1,000 pounds of produce out of a garden to give to various needy organizations."

The Willits Grateful Gleaners was begun about a year-and-a-half ago and is dedicated to promoting the growing, preserving and sharing of local, seasonal, organic food by harvesting fruits and nuts from a variety of growers.

"We have about 40 people altogether that help glean," Gridley said. "Most of our produce goes to a soup kitchen at St. Anthony's Church called Our Daily Bread."

'Gleaning connects people and land owners to their local communities.'

JASON BRADFORD
team member

It donates a portion of the produce harvested to those in need within the community, and the rest is enjoyed by growers, gleaners and the community at large through donations to local events and gatherings. It shares the abundance and resources to strengthen community ties, to create a more sustainable, cooperative future. It also donates produce and food to the food bank and the Boys and Girls Club's After School Program.

On Wednesday, the Grateful Gleaners spent a portion of the

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Karen Gridley places picked pears into a bin. By harvesting local fruit that would be wasted, the gleaners do a service for the land owners as well as themselves and the organizations that receive the fruit.

Bed tax increase gets chamber support after change

By **KATIE MINTZ**
The Daily Journal

On Monday, the Ukiah City Council unanimously approved the amendment of a resolution, winning support from the Greater Ukiah Chamber of Commerce for its hotel and motel room occupancy tax measure sched-

uled for the November ballot.

Known now as Measure X, if passed by a simple majority of voters, it will increase the tax from 8 percent to 10 percent, matching the rate Mendocino County and many other cities statewide charge tourists for overnight accommodations in hotels,

motels and bed and breakfasts.

When the council approved the measure for the ballot in July, and a resolution stipulating how revenue from the increase should be spent in early August, some in the tourism and hotel industry expressed concerns.

The resolution stated that at least

half of the increased revenues to result from the 2 percent tax increase would go toward "promotion of the City of Ukiah and its tourist industry." The remainder of the increased revenue would be used for beautification of

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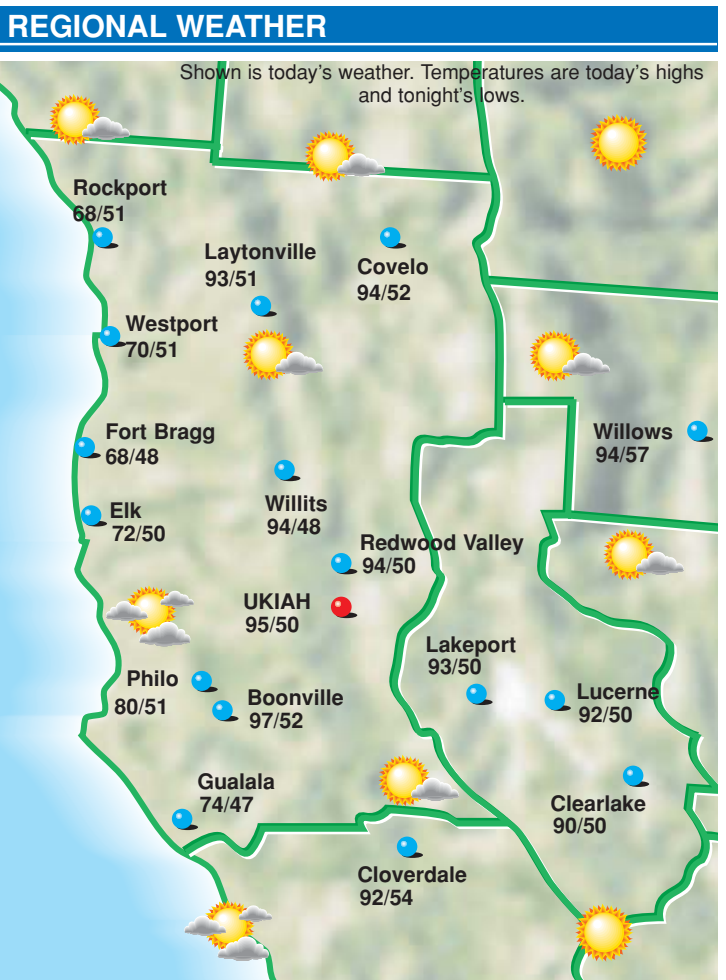
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City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Anaheim	91/67/pc	93/66/pc	Napa	88/49/s	85/49/s
Antioch	92/55/s	92/56/s	Needles	108/81/s	107/81/s
Arroyo Grande	77/51/pc	77/49/pc	Oakland	80/53/s	77/53/s
Atascadero	92/53/pc	95/53/s	Ontario	97/63/s	97/65/s
Auburn	96/65/s	96/64/s	Orange	97/61/pc	93/62/pc
Barstow	106/71/s	103/74/s	Oxnard	74/61/pc	73/60/pc
Big Sur	72/55/pc	66/54/s	Palm Springs	108/80/s	108/80/s
Bishop	94/49/s	94/52/s	Pasadena	92/67/s	93/67/s
Blythe	107/82/t	106/83/t	Pomona	96/63/s	96/60/s
Burbank	92/65/s	92/65/pc	Potter Valley	95/50/s	95/51/s
California City	98/68/s	99/66/s	Redding	98/55/s	100/53/s
Carpinteria	74/58/pc	73/58/pc	Riverside	97/63/s	97/64/s
Catalina	82/64/pc	80/64/pc	Sacramento	93/56/s	94/58/s
Chico	94/58/s	95/60/s	Salinas	74/54/s	74/54/s
Crescent City	61/45/s	59/48/s	San Bernardino	97/64/s	96/64/s
Death Valley	115/84/s	115/83/s	San Diego	78/69/pc	78/67/pc
Downey	88/66/pc	89/64/pc	San Fernando	92/64/s	95/65/s
Encinitas	78/65/pc	79/64/pc	San Francisco	80/56/pc	80/56/s
Escondido	92/63/pc	94/63/pc	San Jose	85/59/s	85/59/s
Eureka	63/45/pc	61/46/s	San Luis Obispo	81/54/pc	80/54/pc
Fort Bragg	68/48/pc	63/49/s	San Rafael	85/52/pc	84/53/s
Fresno	98/64/s	98/66/s	Santa Ana	83/66/pc	83/66/pc
Gilroy	94/55/s	94/54/s	Santa Barbara	75/56/pc	75/56/pc
Indio	107/75/s	108/77/s	Santa Cruz	75/55/pc	77/56/s
Irvine	81/66/pc	82/66/pc	Santa Monica	76/64/pc	76/63/pc
Hollywood	90/65/pc	93/65/s	Santa Rosa	88/50/s	86/50/s
Lake Arrowhead	84/51/s	85/53/s	S. Lake Tahoe	76/34/s	80/38/s
Lodi	97/55/s	96/57/s	Stockton	97/54/s	98/57/s
Lompoc	79/63/pc	80/63/pc	Tahoe Valley	79/38/s	82/38/s
Long Beach	88/66/pc	85/65/pc	Torrance	82/65/pc	79/66/pc
Los Angeles	88/66/pc	88/66/pc	Vacaville	94/56/s	98/57/s
Mammoth	78/39/s	79/40/s	Vallejo	89/51/s	86/51/s
Marysville	94/53/s	98/55/s	Van Nuys	92/64/s	94/64/s
Modesto	95/60/s	96/60/s	Visalia	95/60/s	98/61/s
Monrovia	90/67/s	93/65/s	Willits	94/48/s	95/49/s
Monterey	72/54/pc	70/53/s	Yosemite Valley	88/48/s	89/51/s
Morro Bay	70/56/pc	71/55/pc	Yreka	85/41/s	90/42/s

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

Lake Mendocino – Lake level: 736.63 feet; Storage: 66,964 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 116 cfs Outflow: 226 cfs
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Gleaners

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midday hours gleaning pears and apples on The Flower Farm in Willits owned by Laurel Morris and Marilyn Manning. This 40-acre orchard was planted many, many years ago and is now intermingled within a forest and has not been harvested regularly for quite sometime. It has not been sprayed with pesticides or pruned and has been allowed to grow naturally for more than 40 years and this is the type of fruit Grateful Gleaners is looking for.

"We harvest really all types of fruit," said Marilyn Boosinger, a Gleaner team leader. "We take advantage of everything that is being offered to us, and hopefully the stuff is not sprayed and most of it is organic."

"Most of it is only touched by bears," said Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, one of the Gleaner team members.

"Today actually we should pick about 600 pounds of produce," Gridley said. "We are actually looking for more gleaners to help be team leaders in Ukiah. We already have quite a few here in Willits."

There are many reasons why people glean produce and other types of food, and many of the Grateful Gleaners do so because they want to help needy people in



Karen Gridley tallies the amount of pears and apples acquired on Wednesday.
 Isaac Eckel/The Daily Journal

their local community. "It's in my genes," Ronnefeldt said while pulling on his jeans. "I was born in WWII in Germany, and there was nothing to eat man. My family lived in refugee camps, and things were rough."

"There was nothing, so we went gleaning and went to farmers and to potato fields and even picked berries off bushes. And as a kid it was fun."

"But now I do it because there is still part of me that is

alive when I do this," Ronnefeldt said. "You cannot waste food."

"If we didn't harvest this produce, this food would otherwise go to waste, and now it is going to good use," Boosinger said. "I also just like being outdoors."

"In so many ways gleaning connects people and land owners to their local communities," said Jason Bradford, a research scientist, community activist and Gleaner team member. "It helps to form cooperative

relationships and promotes people interaction. I really think that this is a brilliant concept."

"While right now gleaning here is not commercially viable, there are many future possibilities if communities can come together," he said.

For more information about the Willits Grateful Gleaners, visit www.willitseconomiclocalization.org and click on the WELL Events link.

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Trial

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Officer Mark McNelley, McNelley testified that he was westbound in a CHP patrol car on Branscomb Road when he saw a white Mazda Miata which had sustained damage to its right-front fender east-bound.

McNelley had been involved in the search for a vehicle of that description the previous night in connection with the attack on Simon.

McNelley testified that he made a U-turn and activated his lights and sirens in an attempt to stop the vehicle and notified the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office that he was in pursuit. The Miata, which was later found to be driven by Peacock, accelerated to 60 mph and McNelley gave chase.

As the Miata neared the Laytonville school, McNelley testified he saw Peacock swerve toward the right shoulder of the road and throw an object out the passenger side window.

After this the Miata slowed and came to a stop in the parking lot of Foster's Market, and Peacock followed police and sheriff's orders to get out of the car and surrender.

Once Peacock was under

arrest, McNelley said he returned to where he saw the object thrown from the car fall. He testified that he found what appeared to be a handgun wrapped in a plastic grocery bag.

Sheriff's Sgt. Matt Kendall testified that he identified the weapon as a .22 caliber Ruger semi-automatic handgun, the same caliber of weapon used in the attack on Simon.

During cross-examination, McNelley testified he did not write a police report about the incident because it was a Sheriff's Office case. He testified Wednesday from his own recollection.

McNelley also said he did not radio anyone to tell them that he had seen the driver of the Miata throw anything out of the car.

McNelley said he didn't know why he didn't use the radio but upon reflection said he may have been worried that someone listening in on a police scanner might drive by and pick up the item while officers were involved in the pursuit of Peacock.

McNelley is the only witness who saw anything thrown out of the car.

Further testimony in this case will be heard today.

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Indict

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Ralph Simon, executive director of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association, which promotes Indian gaming among California tribes.

Simon did not discuss the Coyote Valley case specifically, but said in general that tribes have had long experience handling money in the form of federal tribal funding for housing, education and other reservation activities over the years. Those funds always came with strict standards and guidelines on the spending and accounting of them, Simon said.

Casino funding is in concept no different, he said.

"It's a matter of the magnitude, of having more money," he suggested, noting that with millions in casino profits also comes more personnel and more activity. "This is mainly an issue of what happens to casino money after it goes to the tribe."

According to Simon, there are only five things a tribe can spend casino profits on: tribal government services and programs; tribal welfare programs; economic development, donations to charitable causes and local government agency operations (say, helping fund the services of the local sheriff's department because of activity at the casino).

The tribe and its council, however, have some discretion in how they define those

activities.

In the indictments handed down in this case, political donations were among the unauthorized expenditures. Simon said a tribe might try to interpret such spending as part of its definition of general tribal welfare, for instance, but such interpretations would be limited and would in any case need to be made as a whole tribe.

He added however, that it has been critical for tribes to engage in politics at the state and federal level. Until gaming funds became available, Simon said, tribes have had little ability to send people to Washington or Sacramento to lobby in their own interests.

"The tribes need to participate in the federal and state arena. Historically the tribes

have been subjected to policies by other governments," he said.

Simon said most tribes in California have not had the kind of experience following the initiation of casino gambling on their reservations that Coyote Valley has. He said too that there are lots of programs, workshops and courses which tribal members use and share in accounting practices and other related activities to try to keep the influx of casino cash on the up and up.

The Shodakai Casino itself was not part of the investigation at Coyote Valley, and indictments only concerned funds that flowed to the tribal council from the casino, not within the casino itself.

Pay

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Horsley said in addition to attending semimonthly council meetings, councilmembers serve on various boards and committees, and prepare for meetings by reading often-lengthy agenda packets. She noted that one self-admittedly slow-reading councilmember told her he spent between 20 and 30 hours a week doing the job.

According to agenda materials, the pay raise is essentially a cost-of-living increase, which by law, cannot exceed 5 percent per year since the last such adjustment.

While the agenda summary report prepared for the council meeting showed figures reaching up to a 5 percent raise per year since the last rate change -- approximately \$573 a month for councilmembers -- the largest rate hike the council considered was a 2 percent raise for each year, or a total raise of 8 percent.

The suggestion came from Councilwoman Mari Rodin, who also offered that any councilmember, if he or she so desired, could opt to forgo any payment, an idea strongly supported by Ashiku.

Ashiku said he felt respect on the City Council should be strictly voluntary. Following the meeting, he explained that

Boy Scout and Cub Scout troop leaders probably put in more hours than councilmembers and yet do it for free because "it's the honorable thing to do."

While the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget, approved in late July, only took into account the current \$471 per month per councilmember, Horsley said the increase is so minimal that the budget will hardly be impacted, and may not even need to be amended to reflect the change.

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Coyote

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The other six defendants -- former Tribal Chairwoman Priscilla Hunter, former Tribal Historian Michael Hunter, former Tribal Vice-Chairwoman Iris Martinez, former Tribal Secretary Darlene Crabtree and former Tribal Council Members-at-Large Allan

Crabtree and Fred Naredo -- were reportedly unable to retain attorneys and have not entered pleas.

Those six will appear in court Sept. 6 for an identification of counsel hearing.

All defendants will appear before Federal Court Judge Susan Illiston on Sept. 8 for a status conference and possible setting of trial.

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Briefly

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James' 87-year-old mother discovered his body. When officers went to Edgington's home, they found him standing by his kitchen sink with what appeared to be blood on him, and a large kitchen knife next to him.

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