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UPT STAGING 'THE WIZARD OF OZ'

Off to see the wizard...



By **KAREN RIFKIN**
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Author L. Frank Baum celebrated the spirit of teamwork as does director Jenny Peterman; how else do you lead a cast of 40 actors ranging in age from 8 to 64 and a production crew half that size again onto a successful, almost-sold-out production of an avant-garde adaptation of Baum's beloved, musical fantasy "The Wizard of Oz."

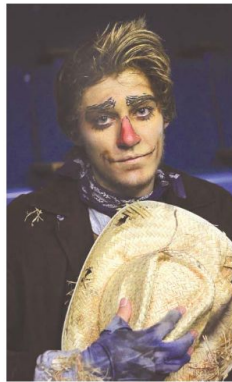
Oscar Montelongo, high school senior and choreographer, is getting his feet wet, very wet. "When Jenny asked me to do this project I was quick to say yes because it was "The Wizard of Oz." It turned out, however, to be much harder than I origi-

Nathan DeHart/Ukiah Daily Journal
Mike Gutierrez (Cowardly Lion), Brian Maneely (Tin Woodsman), Kaley Keiser (Dorothy Gale) and Casey Frey (Scarecrow) in L. Frank Baum's The Wizard of Oz, being performed by the Ukiah Players Theatre. (Right) Casey Frey's scarecrow costume and make-up design are by Kaitlyn Linney.

nally thought. Although I have acted previously in SPACE and with UPT, this role has given me the opportunity to engage in another side of the-ater production.

"I've done a lot of research, watched videos of Gene Kelly. For

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Longtime county CAO Al Beltrami dies at 79

By **TIFFANY REVELLE**
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Albert Beltrami, 79, passed away Saturday morning. He was Mendocino County's chief administrative officer for 25 years, and stayed active in his community long after that.

Beltrami was affectionately known as the "sixth supervisor" in his capacity as an adviser to the five-member Mendocino County Board of Supervisors during his time in the role of county CAO. He took the job when he and his wife, Patricia, moved to Mendocino County in 1965, and announced his retirement in 1990.

"There was no bigger servant to the people of Mendocino County, the state of California and the United States," said former county supervisor Jim Wattenburger, who was Beltrami's friend for 30 years.

Beltrami served on various state boards, including the North Coast Water Quality Control Board, and retired from the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant commander, according to Wattenburger. He also served as city manager in several California posts, rounding out his service on all four levels of government.

The county rehired him in 2006 as an inter-



Beltrami

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Storm cleanup continuing in Potter Valley Electricity still out at some residences

By **TIFFANY REVELLE**
Ukiah Daily Journal

Pacific Gas & Electric and Mendocino County road crews were on-hand in Potter Valley Saturday, continuing their work to clear roads and restore power to hundreds of customers who were still without electricity after Thursday night's windstorm.

The high winds -- estimated by valley residents at between 40 and 70 miles per hour -- blew large patches of shingles off of rooftops, carried away patches of roofing and siding from barns and outbuildings, stripped several large oak trees of their topmost branches and in some cases snapped tree trunks or simply uprooted them.

"For the last 48 hours I've worked for the (Potter Valley) Fire Department, and this is the first time I've gotten to look at the damage at my own house," said firefighter Frost Pauli, standing in his front yard at about 1 p.m. Saturday. He pointed to a tall oak that was leaning on another oak after the wind had knocked it over at its roots.

"I'm afraid if I don't get it down it's going to take the other one down, too," he said.

Math competition triples in size

Mendocino College event designed to foster love of math

By **JUSTINE FREDERIKSEN**
Ukiah Daily Journal

Three times as many students participated this year in a math competition hosted at Mendocino College, delighting organizer Leslie Banta.

"We had a lot more kids than we were expecting," said Banta, who teaches math at the college. "I am just so happy, I can't believe it."

Banta suggested hosting the competition last year, and

