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Stronger public voice debated at arts meeting

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CHICO — Providing a stronger voice for the public and the Chico Arts Commission was a common goal reiterated throughout Wednesday night's commission meeting, though the manner in which to achieve that when it comes to capital improvement projects was heavily debated by the panel, city staff and members of the

public.

As part of the commission's review of its draft Public Art Policy Manual — which was revised earlier this year by a subcommittee of the commission — the panel focused attention Wednesday night on the section of the manual pertaining to aesthetic treatments on capital improvement projects.

The original policy manual, approved in 1996, states that when it comes to capital

improvement projects like the Manzanita Corridor project or upcoming First and Second Street Couplet project the "Arts Commission recommends proposed art treatment and implementation to the City Council for approval."

The revised policy shifts the commission's role to one that offers and provides "suggestions and public comment" on aesthetic treatments after a design concept has been generated.

There is no language in the revised document that specifies a need for council approval on aesthetic treatments.

Commenting on the proposed revisions, city staff forwarded the commission other suggestions for the capital improvement section of the policy manual, with the intention of those comments being discussed by the commission Wednesday

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Rice stumping

Boxer makes farm country stop in Senate campaign

By **HEATHER HACKING**
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LIVE OAK — With the backdrop of the Sutter Buttes and a field of rice waiting to be harvested, U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer made a campaign stop with Sacramento Valley rice farmers who praised work she has done for the industry.

Boxer scored points with industry leaders for her work on Taiwan rice trade issues.

Taiwan had suspended a purchase of 65,000 metric tons of rice previously agreed through the World Trade Organization, said Frank Rehmann, chairman of the California Rice Industry Association.

Boxer intervened and "kicked up some dust," he said.

Rehmann also credited Boxer for her work with the working lands conservation programs, which allow farmers incentives for protecting the environment.

"There are many species of birds that also appreciate" the efforts, Rehmann said.

Michael Sandrock, of Farmers' Rice Cooperative, said Boxer was "actively involved" in funding of a new "marine highway concept" that allows barges from Stockton to Oakland, which lessens truck travel for commodities, including rice.

Longtime rice leader Bill Huffman also thanked Boxer for her work to secure funding for fish screens.

Another Boxer effort, for which the California Rice Commission is a sponsor, is the preservation of the former Wakamatsu

Bill Husa/Staff Photo
Fred Kochi, president of the board of directors of Gold Hill Wakamatsu Colony, strays from talks about rice to add a comment, "For the last five days, as a fan of the San Francisco Giants, I say 'Go Giants.' But today I say, 'Go Boxer,'" referring to U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer's campaign visit Wednesday to Frank Rehmann's rice fields in Live Oak.

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Ex-aide waives prelim in sex case

By **GREG WELTER**
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ORLAND — A Redding woman accused of having sexual relations with an Orland High School student, and sending lewd material to another, waived her right to a preliminary hearing in Glenn County Superior Court Wednesday.



Gallegos

Laura M. Gallegos, 38, told Judge Peter B. Twede she understood the waiver meant the Glenn County District Attorney's Office would not have to convince the court that a crime was committed in the county, and she is most likely the person who committed it.

Gallegos turned herself in at the Glenn County Jail in Willows in mid-August when she learned an arrest warrant had been issued alleging 10 felony counts of lewd acts, including

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Chico City Council candidate profiles begin today

Staff Reports

CHICO — The Enterprise-Record starts a series of profiles today on the eight campaigning candidates for Chico City Council.

The eight are vying for the three seats up for grabs in the Nov. 2 election.

The profiles will run alphabetically, two a day, today through Sunday. Today's profiles are on page 2A.

Today, Quentin Colgan and Bob Evans will be featured. Friday, profiles for incumbents Mary Flynn and Scott Gruendl will appear. Mark Herrera and Bob Kromer will be showcased on Saturday.

Brahama D. Sharma and Mark Sorensen will wrap up the series on Monday.

Although Dave Donnan will appear on the November ballot, he withdrew from the race in August.

Herger and Reed share a room, take their shots



Herger

By **TANG LOR**
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RED BLUFF — While Rep. Wally Herger canceled a live television debate against opponent Jim Reed later this month, the two did share their views Wednesday before a smaller audience.

The candidates avoided a real debate, but their views were as different as the distance between them, as they sat on opposite sides of the Palomino Room during the Red Bluff

Kiwanis weekly meeting.

Reed immediately acknowledged the debate controversy and spent a good deal of his time addressing the issue.

Herger pulled out of the Oct. 25 KIXE debate after Reed said Herger was suffering from the early stages of a mental condition. He made the statements during a Oct. 6 forum in Chico Herger hadn't committed to and didn't attend.



Reed

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