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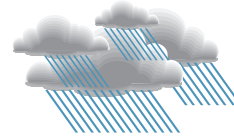
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NORTH CAL WOOD PRODUCTS, INC.

New life for recycled wood



Ukiah provider building a niche market with companies like Whole Foods, Google

By JUSTINE FREDRIKSEN
The Daily Journal

Bored while waiting for his wife to finish shopping in Santa Rosa one day, Tony Fernandez stumbled upon a great opportunity for the recycled wood business he works for in Ukiah.

"I saw they were building a new Whole Foods store, and asked my wife what that was. She said, 'It's an organic food store, you should try and sell them some wood.' So I did," Fernandez recalled with a laugh, explaining that the people building the store were indeed interested in recycled wood and were suddenly in need of a supplier. "Turned out to be a lucky day for both of us!"

Since then, Fernandez, a sales specialist for North Cal Wood Products, Inc., said his company has supplied recycled wood for several Whole Foods locations across the country, including ones in San Francisco, Oregon, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and most recently New York.

Fernandez said the store in New York is interested in recycled maple, an uncommon request in the land of redwood and Douglas fir trees. Luckily, he has plenty on-hand that used to be the bleachers and floor of a school gymnasium.

"People like that there are lines on the wood still from the basketball court - there's no mistaking that it's being re-used," Fernandez said, holding up pieces of wood with green lines and the familiar thick floor coating.



Sarah Baldik/The Daily Journal

Tony Fernandez of North Cal Wood Products shows off a large piece of recycled Douglas Fir that will be used for a countertop at a Whole Foods market. The mix of pine, redwood and western red cedar recycled woods in the top photo is being used for a new Facebook building in the Bay Area, provided by North Cal Wood Products in Ukiah.

Fernandez said it is very trendy to have obviously recycled wood in visible spots such as countertops, walls and ceilings. And while he can usually find something to match a

customer's request, sometimes there just isn't a piece of wood whose history created the exact combination of color-fading, nail holes and other features to satisfy every-

one. "The best thing to do is come here and walk around," he said, explaining that while the lumber-

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Walmart bleaching suspect arrested

The Daily Journal

A Willits man was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of destroying more than \$11,000 worth of clothing at the Ukiah Walmart with bleach, the Ukiah Police Department reported.

According to the UPD, a man came into the store on Sept. 23 carrying a bottle of bleach and began to walk through the clothing sections, spraying the bleach on more than 700 items of clothing. The value of the damaged merchandise totaled nearly \$12,000.

The damage was reported by Walmart at 4:38 p.m., and the suspect had been recorded on the store's surveillance cameras. He was also recorded by a camera at the nearby Quik Stop gas station and convenience store on Airport Park Boulevard buying the container of bleach shortly before he entered Walmart.

A photo of the suspect's face was taken from the surveillance camera at the Quik Stop and was released the first week of October by the UPD in an effort to identify him.

Soon after the photo was published, a citizen reported seeing the suspect and provided the UPD with a description of the car he was driving and a license plate number. The suspect was then identified as Joshua Henry, 30, of Willits.

Officers attempted to locate Henry in Willits on Oct. 26 without success, but the suspect came into the UPD Tuesday to ask why officers were looking for him. After interviewing and collecting evidence from Henry, officers arrested him.

UPD Capt. Justin Wyatt said Henry refused to talk about the incident and revealed no insight into why he may have bleached the clothing. He was booked into Mendocino County Jail under \$15,000 bail.

Daylight-saving time ends Sunday

Residents reminded to also check smoke alarms

The Daily Journal

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, with clocks "falling back" one hour, and state emergency services providers remind all California residents to also change their smoke alarm batteries when resetting their clocks.

Every year, lives are lost due to inoperative smoke alarms. More than 66 percent of home fire deaths that occurred between 2003 and 2006 were in homes without a working smoke alarm, according to the National Fire Protection Association. The changing of the clocks provides an ideal reminder to change your smoke alarm batteries at least twice a year.

Cal Fire offers some smoke alarm tips for people to follow: Test smoke alarms once a month. Replace batteries in all smoke alarms twice a year.

Don't "borrow" or remove batteries from smoke alarms even temporarily. Regularly vacuum or dust smoke alarms to keep them working properly.

Replace smoke alarms every 10 years. Don't paint over smoke alarms. Practice family fire drills so everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm goes off.

SEIU petition to stop pay cut denied

By TIFFANY REVELLE
The Daily Journal

The Public Employee Relations Board on Thursday denied a petition to stop the county from imposing a 12.5-percent pay cut on the 750 of its employees who are represented by Service Employees International Union, Local 1021.

The ruling means the pay cut will go into effect, as planned, in the pay period beginning Nov. 13, according to Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo. The affected employees will take home the first pay check to reflect the cut at the end of the month.

FOLLOW-UP

SEIU, Local 1021 filed for injunctive relief with the PERB to stop the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors from imposing the cut, which county legislators approved unanimously Tuesday.

"By direction of the board," the notification signed by PERB attorney M. Suzanne Murphy reads, "the request for injunctive relief ... is denied without prejudice, sufficient grounds therefore not having been demonstrat-

ed." Angelo called the decision "critical" to the county's financial solvency. The pay cut is expected to save the county \$1.2 million through the end of the fiscal year in June.

The Board of Supervisors imposed the cut after 15 months of fruitless labor talks with SEIU, Local 1021. Angelo said PERB's ruling means the county and the union will be required to reopen negotiations a year from now, but the cut stays in effect until the county and the union strike a new labor

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