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Budget balancing easier

School expenses error discovered

The estimated \$1.3 million Berkeley school's budget deficit should be significantly reduced by the discovery of a \$470,000 to \$700,000 error in the school district's preliminary figures.

The error over-estimates future expenses. It was uncovered by Robert Whyte, a Berkeley High teacher.

It would appear that the district is richer than expected, although the actual figure could be lower than early estimates.

Impact is being studied by the district business office and Whyte's group, the budget committee of the Berkeley Federation of Teachers.

Effect will make it easier for the district to balance its budget for 1976-77.

However, it is probably something less than the "pot of gold" which teachers are often accused of seeking under the floorboards of school district offices.

Whyte and his BFT committee indicate the error is \$700,000.

The BFT believes this eliminates the need for any staff layoffs, while admitting that other "alternative" economy measures are still necessary.

The district recently sent out notices of possible layoff to 192 teachers and a large number of classified workers as part of the effort to eliminate the projected \$1.3 million deficit.

However, the district business office analysis places the error at about \$470,000. There is no announcement that staff layoffs have been dropped as a possible means of balancing the budget.

Whyte, in examining the business office figures, apparently noted that the utilities expenditure budget contained the \$700,000 total twice — once in a larger overall expense figure and again in an entry pertaining to an inflation factor.

The larger figure and the inflation factor entry were added together, both containing the \$700,000 which should have been entered only once, he said.

The district business office admits

an error, but places it at \$470,000.

The problem, according to district officials, came after the business office properly eliminated income which would be cut off by the phasing out of certain projects.

There was a failure to eliminate several corresponding expense items which relate the contracts and services needed for the same projects, they said.

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Memorial services for Frank E. Wylde

Memorial services for Frank Everett Wylde, 62, an administrator in the Berkeley Unified School District for many years, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday in McNary & Morgan Chapel, 3030 Telegraph Ave.

A native of Chico, Mr. Wylde, who resided in Berkeley for 14 years, died Wednesday here.

During his 23 year career with the Berkeley School District, he served as principal of three elementary schools and as administrative consultant to the district on attendance in the Experimental School Program.

He began working for the school district in 1941 as a teacher at Cragmont Elementary School and in 1942 he went to Willard Junior High School, where he was a social studies teacher and a counselor.

Mr. Wylde was in the Army from 1943 to 1946, returning to Willard in 1946 to serve as a counselor and a math teacher. He remained at Willard until 1956 when he became principal at Longfellow Elementary



Berkeley kidnap victim is freed

BERKELEY — A 17-year-old kidnaping victim has been returned and

conversion could be useful in developing countries. International development said any developing countries were to take the technology and apply it to their own needs. They don't want to take the way they were introduced with Korea and committed to an power and control. Despite the risks, BFT may be a viable alternative. A national level committee is to be formed to study the or to the head of the BFT Research and Development

Alvin Miller and Port... Environmental... Berkeley Mayor... Todd Rouse... Berkeley City... William Rumford, Jr. Berkeley city councilman has taken out...

The victims were identified as John... Margaret... Margaret... John... William... Berkeley Township Police Chief Lawrence H. Michaels said the Apt... entered the house... Police... discovered the bodies in the basement... A spokeswoman at Lower Bucks Hospital said all the bodies were brought to the hospital at 1 a.m. Police Lt. Theodore Zojak said the bodies were left at the scene for a few hours while police conducted a thorough examination of the immediate area. Investigators said there were no signs of forced entry into the home.

One of the jobs of the Marine Research Center laboratory is to become an effective adversary to *Sphaeroma*. The problem is either to destroy the bugs or figure out how to nullify their destructive efforts. The first alternative is considered to be impracticable if not impossible, so the approach of the researchers is to eliminate the perpendicular banks that entice the bugs, slope the soil and stabilize it by the use of plants. Salt tolerant species are being installed that are so tough they can resist tides, waves, the battering of driftwood, and tie the soil down with a tight web of roots.

Literature written about the San Francisco Bay a century ago indicates that the shore was then protected by vast growths of tules, which are tall, strong, heavily rooted plants that spread rapidly. These are no longer found around the bay, but there are massive stands of them along the lower Sacramento River which is continuously washed by salt water tides. If the literature can be believed, Dr. Floyd is hopeful that suitable tule strains can become one of the first lines of defense along the valuable flood control canals and wherever land areas are eroding and falling into the bay.

The laboratory crew is digging tules from the river and sinking them in muddy test plots along the canal that carries Alameda Creek into the bay from the east. Behind, or on the shore side of the tules, wide bands of salt grass and cordgrass are being planted, both of which are perennials, spread rapidly through rhizomes, are salt tolerant, and develop amazing root structures.

If the plan works, *Sphaeroma pentodon* will have met its match. The soft mud banks that provide it such a delightful home will be locked up tight with such an interlacing of roots that a good

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BUDGET

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remained in the budget projections, and correction of this would make the district about \$470,000 to the good.

The impact is diminished, according to the district, by the fact that other expenditure figures are increasing and there are reductions in estimates of future income in other areas of the budget.

Judy Bodenhausen, BFT president, said the fact that the school district is \$700,000 better off should enable the district to cancel all plans for laying off staff.

She said, "A careful monitoring of this year's expenditures to make sure that budgets are not overspent, coupled with normal attrition and the elimination of ratio pay, should create a budget surplus of over \$500,000."

The \$500,000 surplus assumes that the district can save more than \$1 million in economies omitting staff layoffs, after taking into account the budgeting error.

BROWN

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husbanding of our limited resources."

That was a reference to the unorthodox political message of "lower expectations" that has won popular acceptance for Brown in his 14 month administration.

Because the world's resources are limited, Brown says, Americans face an "era of limits" in which they ultimately face the prospect of working harder for fewer material benefits.

Brown said that is a message which he wants "to elevate" to national attention by becoming a candidate.

He was asked if he would try only to unify California's 280-member delegation in the traditional favorite son role, whether he is seeking a platform for his views, or if he really wants to be President.

After a pause, Brown replied, "The answer is yes, I want (to be President)."

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