The Department of Viticulture and Enology is collecting food and gifts for a family in the Davis community through the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC). Families served by the STEAC program are often on limited incomes and they may have family members who are handicapped or housebound. We are collecting non-perishable food items, money for purchase of perishable goods, and gifts for each family member.

Our family of five consists of: Javier, age 40 and wears an extra large; Ricardo, age 25 and wears a 2X Large in clothes; Ana, age 25 and wears a 2X Large in clothes. The children are Ana-Leticia age 3, who wears a size 6; and Estrella age 2, who wears a size 2. Items on their wish list include clothes for the children, clothes and a gift certificate for Javier, gift certificates for Ana, and a gift certificate or tools and a radio for Ricardo.

All items will be collected in a box in 1017 Wickson (The Winkler Library). You can give cash donations to Sue Ebeler or Kay Bogart. The deadline for donations will be the week of December 11, 2006. Additional food items, gifts, or donations are welcomed by STEAC and will be distributed to additional families who are in need but did not receive them.

Please see Sue Ebeler at 752-0696 or Kay Bogart at 754-9876 for further details regarding the STEAC Holiday Family.

The following is a list of needed food items:
- Apples/oranges (3-4 pounds)
- Pasta (2 boxes or bags)
- Bean entree (5 cans)
- Pasta Sauce (1 jar)
- Biscuit mix (1 large box)
- Potatoes (3 lbs fresh or 1 box instant)
- Cake mix/Frosting (1 box)
- Peanut butter (1 large jar)
- Cookie mix (1 box)
I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEWINE...

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Rice (1 pound)
Cereal (1 large box)
Soup (5 cans or pkgs)
Cranberries (1 can)
Sugar (2 pounds)
Fruit (5 cans)
Crackers (1 box)
Jam/jelly (1 large jar)
Tuna (3 cans)
Juice (1 large can or jar)
Vegetables (5 cans)
Milk (2 boxes, dried)
Pix Mix/Crust (1 box)
Mayonnaise (1 jar)
Tomato products (4 cans)
Oil (medium bottle)
Syrup (1 small bottle)
Stuffing (1 box)
Holiday Treats (candy, cookies, etc.)
Additional Items of your choice
Additional information about the STEAC program is available at http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/go/steac/

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

...Agnes M. Pharo

KURT KABICA HAS INSTALLED THIS STYLIZED PORTRAIT OF DR. HAROLD OLMO IN THE FIELD HOUSE ON THE HOPKINS TRACT PROPERTY

Kurt has also installed a giant cluster of Zinfandel grapes from an overhead beam in the field house. Take time to drop by the property on Hopkins Tract, at 3155 Stralock Road to view some unique art in a semi-public place.
Biological Use Authorization (BUA): If you use recombinant DNA in your research you must apply for a biological use authorization. This is true for all biosafety levels, even BSL 1. NIH is starting to investigate researchers who publish on the use of recombinants but are not registered with the NIH. Punishment is collective. Even if you do not receive NIH funding they may pull all funding from the institution where you work. If you use recombinant DNA in your research and do not have a BUA or have not been granted an exemption, please contact me.

Hazardous materials containers: The UCD policy has been that any empty hazardous chemical container should be rinsed 3 times, the label removed or obscured, and the top removed prior to disposal in the trash. Under a new directive we have been instructed not to rinse the containers. The containers should have as much material as possible removed and then they are to be disposed of in the trash without rinsing. The exception is containers that held acutely or extremely hazardous materials (see http://ehs.ucdavis.edu/hazwaste/ehwaste.cfm and http://ehs.ucdavis.edu/cis/cinvahm.cfm). These containers should be picked up by EH&S for proper disposal. If you use volumes of hazardous materials over 5 gallons (20 liters is over 5 gallons) the empty containers must be recycled or remanufactured and cannot be disposed of in the trash. See me for further details.

CIS/CUPA: Inventory and self inspection reports will be due on January 12th. Please try and complete them prior to the due date. Lucy Joseph will be checking to see who has completed them and sending periodic reminders if yours remain incomplete.

Pipet Tip Disposal: EH&S is coming out with a new set of guidelines for disposal of pipet tips. They have learned that 50% of universities classify their pipet tips as sharps. Some employees have received puncture wounds from handling bags with discarded tips. Some custodians have refused to pick up trash with tips in it. They are suggesting that all tips be disposed of in hard walled containers. This includes tips that are contaminated with hazardous materials as well as those that are not. I suggest that you use your glass disposal box for disposing of non-contaminated tips. At a minimum tips that have been used for hazardous materials should be double bagged for disposal.

The department has said farewell to our receptionist, Laura Kemp, who has moved to Electrical and Chemical Engineering. And Paula Goldston, another front office staff member, has accepted a position in the English department. We will miss them both and wish them success in their new positions. Traci Chriss is a new staff member in the front office, who is busy learning the ropes.

Qiang Sun, who has been a postdoc working for Mark Matthews, has taken a new postdoc position in Plant Sciences. In another change, Cecilia Peppi completed her doctorate and is now a postdoc working for Matthew Fidelibus, but is still with us in Davis.

CULTURE COLLECTION NOW ONLINE

Thanks to Jon Schadt, the database for the Culture Collection is back online with new options for searching. To reach the database from the department website go to the “Research” section and click on “Culture Collection”. Click on the link at the bottom to reach the search page. This database does not contain entries for the entire collection. The page containing the entire database can be reached from the internal website. Enter the internal website and click on “Culture Collection”. If you are interested in the strains available from the collection you can check here first. If you can’t find what you’re looking for contact Lucy at cmjo.