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Mother's Vigil for Kidnapped Baby

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This is the day after Olga was pronounced the mother of the baby. The nurses and doctors have been trying to save the baby for two days. They have not succeeded.

Olga is a young woman who was married at the age of 16. She has two children, a boy and a girl. The baby was born last month. Olga was taken to the hospital with the baby.

College's Plan for Inter-Campus Degrees Gains

Students Would Be Able to Earn BA or MA From School Without Attending

By STEVE RUBIN

The Board of Trustees of the University of California voted yesterday to establish a new degree program that would allow students to earn a bachelor's or master's degree without attending the university in person.

The new program, called the “Online Degree Program,” will allow students to earn a degree completely online, without the need for on-campus attendance.

The program will be offered in partnership with the University of California Extension, which already offers online courses.

The new degree program will begin in the fall of 2023.

County Endorses Break for Veterans in Testing for Jobs

Farewell at Pico House

By JOHN WRIGHT

The County Board of Supervisors has endorsed a break for veterans in testing for jobs. The vote was 3-2, with Districts 1, 2, and 3 in favor and Districts 4 and 5 opposed.

The proposal would offer veterans a one-time, limited exemption from the county’s test requirements for some job openings. The program would be limited to veterans who have served at least 20 years in the military.

Flood Insurance: Red Flag for Loan Industry?

By ROBERT WILSON

The flood of loan applications has raised concerns about the loan industry. Banks and mortgage companies are concerned about the increased risk of defaults.

Flood insurance is a type of insurance that protects against damage from flooding. The federal government provides flood insurance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Funds Impound Endangers UCI Program for Stroke Victims

By ARTHUR GITT

A program at the University of California, Irvine, which provides stroke victims with a medication to reduce the risk of death, has been stopped due to funding issues.

The program, which is part of a larger study, was designed to test the efficacy of a drug that reduces blood pressure and lowers the risk of stroke.

Inquiry Ordered into $10 Million Records System

By CHARLES DOWLING

The state auditor has ordered an inquiry into the $10 million records system for the state’s Department of Motor Vehicles. The auditor has raised concerns about the system’s effectiveness and its cost to taxpayers.

The system was designed to modernize the process of issuing driver’s licenses and vehicle registrations. It was developed after a series of scandals involving the department.

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U.S. Commission OKs Electrical Utility Pact

Anheuser-Busch, Incorporated, parent company of the brewery, power and light division, has signed an agreement with the Department of Energy to receive more than $2.1 million from Edison Co., Council Told

NOISE CONTROL

An engineer told the council recently that it would be impossible to hold the outdoor noise level below the 65 decibels through design and layout. The project for which he was responsible was selected as the best of 10 projects submitted.

PERMIT APPROVED FOR TRAVEL TRAILER PARK

The council has approved the issuance of a permit for the construction of a travel trailer park. The park will be located on the property of J. M. W. Real Estate, on the west side of the property.

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