

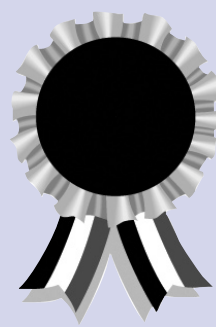
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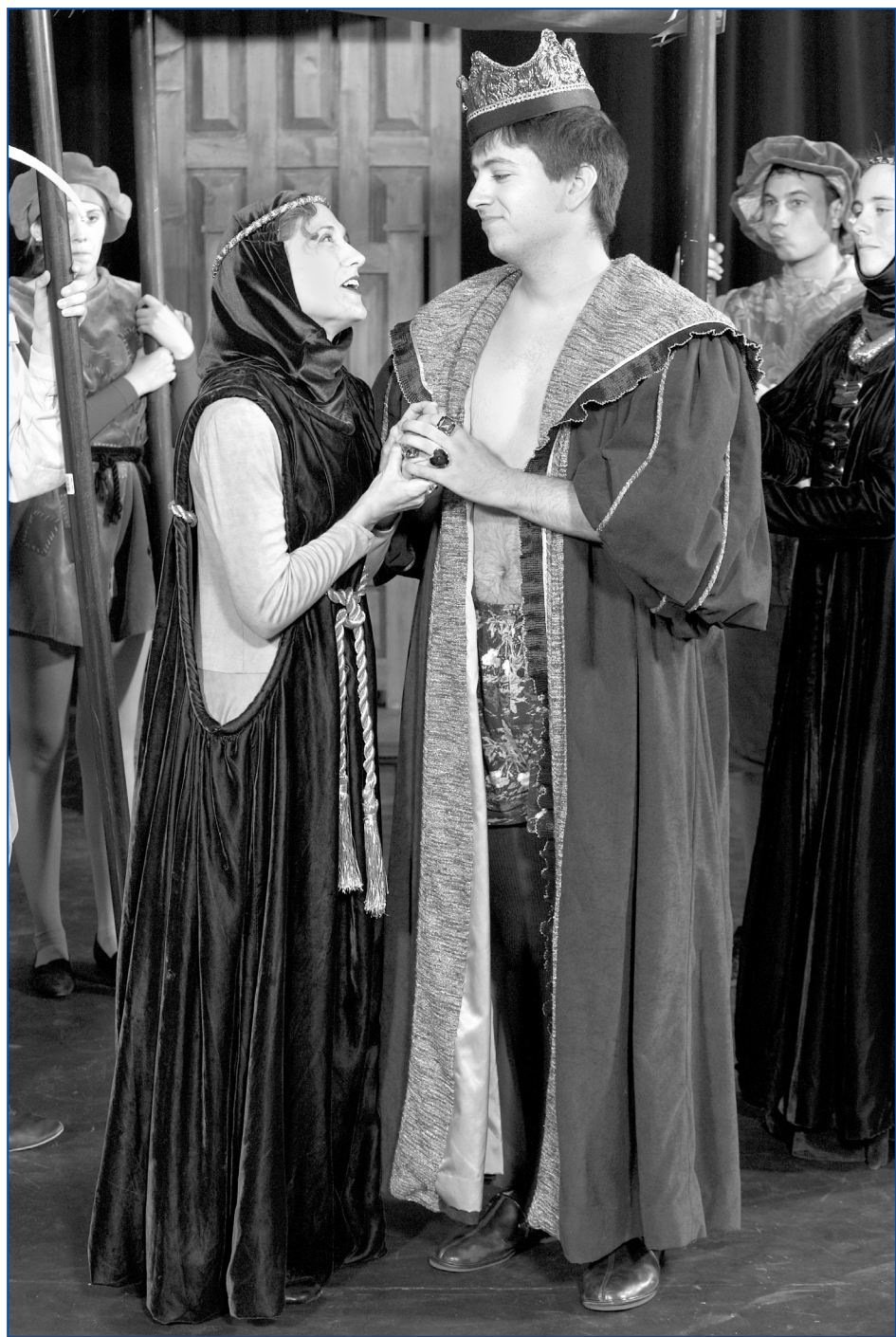
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## Emperor Exposed



**Royal Court:** Sean Roberts and Leigh Navarra star in *The Emperor's New Clothes* at Cal State Hayward's summer theater. See page 3 for story. **Photo/** Howard Gerstein

## Tempers Flare at Hayward City Hall Over Proposed Recall of Mayor

By Edwin Okong'o  
Staff Writer

**E**mbattled Hayward Mayor Roberta Cooper confronted recall organizer Harry Bruno at a heated city council meeting Tuesday, labeling him a misogynist as her detractors sought to get her removed from office.

Cooper, who did not respond to two prior supporters of the recall petition, was forced to respond to Bruno when he accused city clerk Angelina Reyes of being biased during the process of verifying signatures.

Despite Reyes' approval of the recall petition last week, Bruno claimed that the city clerk was nitpicking through signatures with intent to find fault and defeat the recall attempt on her boss.

"I have learned that you do not like women," said Cooper.

The mayor came to that conclusion after reading a letter Bruno had sent to Alameda County Registrar of Voters, Bradley J. Clark. In the letter—later obtained by the Pioneer—Bruno requested that the recall petition examination process be moved from the city clerk's office, citing conflict of interest. He asked Clark to allow independent election officials not residing in Hayward to take over the process.

At the city council meeting, Bruno denied Cooper's allegations, saying that he had known Reyes for 20 years and had nothing personal against her. Bruno feared that since Reyes was an appointed employee, she could easily be swayed to the mayor's side.

"She is hard working and dedicated to serving citizens, but the recall puts her between a rock and a hard place," said Bruno.

"Then stop backstabbing her," Cooper said.

Bruno told the mayor to stop blaming him for her troubles because Cooper was solely responsible for ignoring the concerns of Hayward citizens.

He said that rather than listen to her constituents, Cooper had chosen to follow "the dictates of an appointed city manager and other special interests." The mayor's "actions and inactions" had forced voters to exercise their right to recall her, Bruno said.

"Please be assured that voters will speak with their signatures," he added.

Bruno congratulated the mayor on her upcoming "six-week paid vacation" but urged her to remember that the recall effort "will not be taking a vacation."

"If I was a man, you would not dare insult me like that," said Cooper, "because I would challenge you to go outside with me and settle it out."

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## Cal State Hayward Custodians Assigned Overnight Hours

Erin Vinson  
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**C**al State Hayward custodians, who work during the day cleaning up everything from overflowing toilets to broken glass, are being reassigned to a graveyard shift, a move the administration says is due to staff reductions from the current budget crisis.

Effective Aug. 1, the custodial services department will be working from 10:30 p.m. through 7 a.m., officials said.

Custodial services, which comes under the facilities management department, handles the cleaning for the "education" portion of the campus, including classrooms, department offices,

common areas and restrooms.

Custodians in the University Union and bookstore are hired through the bookstore's foundation office and will not be affected by the change in hours.

According to Don Bennet, custodial manager, the move was a group decision made by him, as well as others, including Randy Gale, director of facilities management, and Richard Metz, vice president of CSUH administration and business affairs.

"This change will allow the department to continue to provide general maintenance custodial services at the current cleaning level and frequency."

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**Faithful CSUH Employees:** With a combined total of 69 years of service, Ernesto, Gene and Roy (left to right) are CSUH groundskeepers who also have been affected by budget cuts and shift changes. **Photo/** Marie Reyes

## Crime a Frequent Visitor at Wimbledon Woods

By Edwin Okong'o  
Staff Writer

**N**o one knows the hardship crime can cause better than Cal State Hayward student and Wimbledon Woods resident Sarah Magazzi.

In the past year alone, the business department junior said, her car was vandalized -- twice. One of the times someone slashed the canvas roof of her convertible Volkswagen. Magazzi also said her roommate's boyfriend's car and the car of one of her friend's were also broken into in the past six months.

"This place is conveniently located for CSUH students," said Magazzi. "I hope

the security situation improves."

Next Tuesday, citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from thousands of communities in the United States, its territories and military bases will come together to stop crime -- and residents of Wimbledon Woods across from Cal State Hayward plan to be among them.

"We (are fighting) to get crime out of our neighborhood," said Cora Johnson, one of the block captains of the apartment complex's neighborhood watch group. The neighborhood has been troubled by everything from thefts to drugs.

To participate in National Night Out, Wimbledon Woods residents plan to gather at the commons area near the leasing office for a potluck block party. Officers from the Hayward police department will attend and answer questions residents might have, according to co-block captain Rosalyn Ramos, an art major at CSUH.

Residents will have the opportunity to meet or get better acquainted with their neighbors, she said.

"CSUH students residing at Wimbledon Woods should mark this important day on their calendars," said Ramos.

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## Panel Discusses Future of Afghanistan

By Melanie Commins  
Staff Writer

**A**fghanistan, the war-torn nation that gave rise to the Taliban and provided a safe haven for terrorist Osama bin Laden, has for centuries been caught in the middle of a power struggle between the east and the west, costing the tiny nation its freedom and its faith, an expert said during a panel discussion on campus last week.

Three panelists reflected upon relevance of Afghanistan in the global context during a discussion titled "Afghanistan: Past, Present, and Future" at Cal State Hayward last Saturday.

The panelists included David Yaar, a professor in economics at CSUH, Farid Younos, director of the Afghan Coalition, a non-profit organization, and Mizgon Zahir, editor of the Afghan Journal and an English literature major at CSUH.

Yaar and Younos both delineated the history of Afghanistan, tracing events from the 18th century onward that yielded the dissolution of the Afghan state and allowed for the rise of the Taliban, the Sept. 11 attack and the subsequent invasion by the United States in October of 2001.

"When you're talking about past,



**Afghanistan Past, Present and Future:** Political science lecturer Connie Ahmed (left) and Economics Professor David Yaar address issues facing the Middle-east. **Photo/** Marie Reyes

present, and future, you have to understand they are linked together," said Younos, a social scientist, author, lecturer and the director of the Afghan Coalition.

"You can't understand Afghanistan's present without understanding its

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By Michelle Morales  
Staff Writer

**I**n yet another effort to keep alcohol out of the hands of youth, the Hayward Police Department will use a \$75,000 grant to use decoys, including minors, for an undercover sting operation.

The Alcohol Beverage Control grant, which was approved by the Hayward City Council earlier this month, will fund the sting operations that began last week. The decoys will be sent into establishments and attempt to purchase alcohol. Minors used as decoys will ask adults to purchase liquor.

According to Hayward Lt. Larry Bird, the locations of the undercover operations will be random, unless complaints have been filed about a particular establishment. There are approximately 270 establishments with licenses to sell alcohol.

"We look at informing the community," said Bird. "We feel it's very important for the community to know that we won't tolerate adults selling alcohol to minors."

The grant funds one ABC officer who will work closely with the Hayward Police Department, Cal State, Hayward, the Hayward Alcohol Policy Coalition and members of the community. All will target junior high, high school and college students with alcohol education.

Last year, the Hayward Police Department and the ABC sent minor decoys to 159 premises in an attempt to purchase

alcohol, which resulted in 30 arrests for the sale of alcohol to minors. In addition to having minor decoys attempt to purchase alcohol, the decoys will stand in front of stores and solicit adults to purchase alcohol, a program known as the Shoulder-Tap Operation. After going to 362 premises last year, a total of 82 arrests were made, Bird said.

Besides having the funds to do undercover operations, the grant will also fund educational classes about alcohol, he said. Some classes will target business owners and their workers while others will target youths.

In association with the campus student life programs, the police department and other agencies are implementing programs for peer education, the serving of responsible beverages and a Social Norms Campaign, according to Maggie Gaddis of CSUH's student life office. The Social Norms Campaign educates youths about the actual number of people who are experimenting with alcohol, since young people often overestimate the number of underage students who drink.

Last year, the Hayward Police Department worked with 19 agencies and 113 officers to visit 36 premises. It resulted in 33 arrests.

"Our goal is not to have any liquor violations," said Bird. "If everyone didn't give minors alcohol, that would be great. Unfortunately, it doesn't always happen."