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DISTRICTS 1 AND 2 BOS CHALLENGERS AND INCUMBENTS SPEAK

In April, Bass Lake Action Committee hosted Ron Mikulaco, who is challenging John Knight for the supervisorial seat in District 1, and George Turnboo, who is challenging Ray Nutting for the District 2 seat. Distillations of the challengers' presentations are followed by rebuttals from each incumbent.

George Turnboo, Challenger, Dist. 2

George believes there are businesses he can bring to the County, which is what the County is lacking. He would also like to see a hospital on the west end of the county, which would provide thousands of high paying jobs. George doesn't feel that his opponent has done anything in the past four years to bring businesses to El Dorado County. In his opinion, the Supervisors talk a lot but don't get anything done.

George thinks that a regional park on Bass Lake Road would be good for the community. He said he can understand our concerns about lights and how they will take away from privacy, but he thinks the park is a good thing.

Regarding the new animal shelter, he believes that we need a facility, but not a state of the art facility. We should start small and expand, he said.

Regarding the recent redistricting, he thinks the people should vote on it. In his opinion, the current redistricting was kingdom building and was done so the Supervisors could be maintained in their districts. He liked the "rainbow" map, in which every Supervisor had a part of the various areas in

El Dorado County--rural, suburban, business, and south of Highway 50.

Regarding cityhood for El Dorado Hills, George said that it would be up to the people and is not the Supervisors' decision. He warned that when El Dorado Hills does go for cityhood, residents must remember that a solid tax base is needed to support a city. El Dorado Hills does not have that industry or business base.

Regarding the controversy over the rail corridor in the county, George supports keeping the tracks. They are part of the history of El Dorado County. His opponent says he's pro-train, but he's not. Trails can coexist with the tracks, according to George.

On the Capital Southeast connector road project, George does not support it, especially where it goes by Four Seasons. That senior community was supposed to be quiet.

Ray Nutting, Incumbent, Dist. 2

Regarding new businesses in the county, since I have been on the Board of Supervisors many small and large businesses have come into our county. The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce and Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce have new members every month. In fact, El Dorado Hills Chamber is one of the fastest growing Chambers in the region. The most recent new business that moved in Cameron Park is Kniesels Collision Centers, for which I voted yes, and mine was the deciding vote. Bloo Solar is another new research and development company business that moved into El Dorado Hills. Their business plan calls for 100 employees and will grow to over 300. I met with the company executives and we permitted them within five days. The El Dorado Business Park is filled with companies that deliver products and services all over the world. Our county is working on many levels to streamline process and make our county more business friendly. Our county has no debt and we are among the top five counties in good economic shape in the state, due to our Board of Supervisors cutting cost and personnel early when we knew the economy was changing back in 2009.

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EDH CSD RECALL MOVE ADVANCES

According to El Dorado Hills resident John Everett, who is heading up the recall of the board members of the El Dorado Hills Community Services district (CSD), all five petitions to recall the entire CSD board have been approved by the appropriate government agencies. "We have begun the process of collecting 4,267 signatures from registered voters in the EDH Community Services District," Everett said recently.

"Besides signing the recall petitions the voters have vented their pent-up frustration by saying that they want a clean sweep of the entire CSD board," continued Everett. "They simply want better government, which compared to what they are getting, shouldn't be hard to obtain. The voters' basic desire has always been, but especially now, has been to have representatives, who are honest stewards of the taxpayers' money."

Everett is seeking volunteers to circulate petitions in their neighborhoods. John figures that he needs 5,000 signatures to end up with the 4267 qualified signatures he needs.

Everett, a longtime antagonist of the CSD board, has been unhappy about the arrangements the CSD has for the upkeep of Wild Oaks Park, with Everett claiming that the CSD has overcharged local residents for maintaining the park through the landscaping assessment district. He asks that anyone wishing to collect signatures contact him at silverstreak5934@sbcglobal.net for information. ~

MEMORIAL DAY



SUPERVISOR RACE *(continued)*

I support the building of a regional park in the Bass Lake area. However, it doesn't have to be at the current site. We can trade or sell the current property and build in a better location. However, the people of Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills have to be involved with whatever decision is made. Both Cameron Park CSD and El Dorado Hills CSD are now talking with El Dorado County about this issue.

I support the animal shelter and would prefer buying an existing commercial building and doing improvements to fit the needs of our county. The shelter should be located in the middle of the population base which is the Cameron Park area. We can save millions by not building a new building. Commercial building has come way down in value.

Under the law all voting jurisdictions have to be equal with representation. That means political lines are drawn with equal population. After many months of public meetings your Board of Supervisors voted for the best option available. Many unsuccessful votes were cast and the final vote created the current formation, with all districts having equal population.

I have in the past and still support El Dorado Hills becoming a city. When and if they decide to put it to a public vote, then I will support their effort.

In 1996 as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors I signed the resolution establishing the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint powers Authority. This Rails to Trail Congressional Act enabled us to save this rail corridor for future heavy rail FOREVER! Moreover, from Missouri Flat road to South Shingle Road, around 9 miles will be set for an excursion train. All uses will be allowed in that section of the corridor. Your Board of Supervisors supports rail use! Also, your Board of Supervisors understands the need for walking, hiking, biking and equestrian uses. We are currently looking at the Shingle Springs to Folsom segment of the rail corridor for future use. No decision has been made to pull any rails.

The Capitol Southeast Connector project from Elk Grove to the future Silva Valley interchange has been in the works for many years. Other cities and counties often make decisions in their general plans which require our county to protect our interest. The connector road if not well-planned will cause us problems. The traffic modeling tells us that a new interchange needs to be built on the Sacramento County side of our county line to take traffic off the connector road to El Dorado County. If planned right, then it

will work. The Four Season community is very involved and are holding all accountable for a good plan.

Ron Mikulaco, Challenger, Dist. 1

Ron says he's a forward thinker. He thinks we have sales tax leakage, and he wants to keep revenue here. Last November, the Board of Supervisors gave the County CAO a pay raise. Mikulaco would not have done so. He would not have voted to use taxpayer money to build high-density housing in Shingle Springs. He wants to see TIM fees used to improve the roads in the area for which the developers are paying the fees.

Regarding the Bass Lake park, Ron wasn't sure about field lights for every night of the week. His interest is in the people that moved here because of the environment, but he is also a big supporter of sports. He thinks that noise would also be an issue.

Regarding the animal shelter, Ron sees the issue as a symptom of a bigger problem. The new shelter should be centrally located. He doesn't know the exact solution, but it needs to get done. We have to look at all options.

Regarding the redistricting, Ron thinks that Cameron Park should not have been carved up like a turkey. El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park should both be given a district. The current division was made on a 3-2 vote, and his opponent was the deciding vote. It was supposed to be done on the basis of communities of interest. He said, "Placerville likes our money, but they do not want us to have a say. We're stuck with this redistricting plan for ten years no matter what Supervisor Sweeney says."

On cityhood for El Dorado Hills, he could make a great case for cityhood or against it. Ultimately, the decision is up to the people. He doesn't know where the money for cityhood would come from. He doesn't think even if we wanted to incorporate that it would be feasible. He's running so El Dorado Hills will be free of oppression. He doesn't want El Dorado Hills to be ruled by Placerville. He would not oppose cityhood or throw roadblocks in the way if that were the will of the residents.

Regarding the controversy over the rail corridor in the county, it's redundant to say we preserve history and then tear up the rails. Leave them alone. There is plenty of room for both rails and trails.

Regarding the Capital Southeast connector road project, Ron says it's just a benefit for Sacramento County. When you hit the county line, it's a question of how are we going to handle the traffic. This corridor will increase traffic and crime. He doesn't see it as a benefit to El Dorado County.

John Knight, Incumbent, Dist. 1

The county voted 3 to 2 to eliminate our economic development officer; I lost. The county needs to help business expand and bring in new companies, like the recent recruitment of Bloo Solar. I helped the owners and landlord bring this to the business park, which could add up to 500 jobs in the area. No other supervisor has brought more business to El Dorado Hills than I as a former commercial real estate broker.

I have been working with the stake holders on Bass Lake Regional Park. We now have Bass Lake Action Committee involved, Rescue School District, El Dorado Hills Community Services District as well as Cameron Park CSD. This effort will continue to move forward with everyone's involvement. I have only two concerns at this time, traffic on Bass Lake Road and how active the park will be.

I still believe that the map I proposed for the redistricting effort was the best for the county and represented everyone equally. However, I am satisfied with the current map.

If cityhood should reappear I would make sure that the process is as smooth as possible, and I would work to let the local voters again make their choice for cityhood or not.

Regarding the rails, the El Dorado Trail has been designated a multi-use trail. The Board of Supervisors has designated the trail east of Missouri Flat as a class one bike trail, and the portion of the trail between Missouri Flat and Shingle Spring for historical trains, trail horses, and an excursion train. The remaining section of the trail will open for horses, hiking and mountain bikes and on a permit bases some rail uses. The issue of rail removal is off the table as the Joint Powers Authority has said no to rail removal.

The portion of the Southeast Connector in El Dorado County should be referred to by El Dorado County residents as Silva Valley and Whiterock Road. Long before there ever was a connector project, El Dorado County has had White Rock Road and Silva Valley in its circulation documents, and has set aside over \$25 million to date to complete the Silva Valley Interchange. White Rock Road and Silva Valley are not being changed at all just because they are now a part of the Connector project. It is my opinion that if anyone is serious about good economic development and goods movement, the Connector will help El Dorado Hills, and more specifically the El Dorado Hills Business Park.

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ONE WAY PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS



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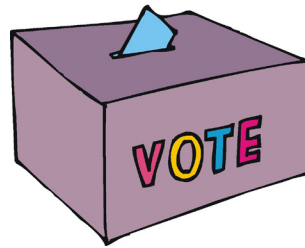
LOCAL THEATER COMPANY TO STAGE PLAY AT THREE STAGES

Local non-profit theater company One Way Productions is putting on a new musical, *Quest for Honor*, at Three Stages in Folsom. *Quest for Honor* is based on Howard Pyle's classic King Arthur Adventures. The well-loved tale has something for everyone: adventure, friendship, fighting, and betrayal. You won't want to miss this inspiring story that demonstrates how courage, duty, love and honor lead to fulfillment. It is sure to encourage and delight audiences of all ages.

Last year One Way Productions put on another musical play, *Esther*, based on the Bible Book of Esther, which completely sold out. Company Director-Playwright In-

grid Laurentis-Wilson has been a member of Screen Actor's Guild, Actor's Equity Association and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists for many years. She is a New York actress and choreographer with experience in television, radio, stage and industrial films. For her work last year on *Esther*, Ingrid has been awarded a playwright's scholarship to attend the International Writers Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, this coming summer.

Quest for Honor will run June 8 - 14. Tickets for are on sale now at the Three Stage Box Office on the Folsom Lake College campus, and tickets are available online at threestages.net. There is designated seating, so theatre-goers are urged to get their tickets early! ~



SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLETS AND VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS ON THE WAY TO VOTERS

El Dorado County registered voters who have opted to vote by mail should start checking their mailboxes for their June 5, 2012 Consolidated Presidential Primary Election Ballot. For voters choosing to vote at a polling place, information pamphlets were also mailed to those voters early in May.

The ballot pamphlet provides voters with important information about items to be voted on this election. In addition, the voter's polling place location is located on the back cover. Voters will receive a sample ballot pamphlet containing contests and information for the party they are registered with.

Permanent Vote by Mail voters or Mail Ballot Precinct voters (voters living in a precinct with fewer than 250 registered voters) will receive a Voter Information Pamphlet with their official ballot.

Voters assigned to polling places that would like to vote by mail may use the vote by mail ballot application form on the back of the sample ballot pamphlet to request a ballot be mailed to them. They may also opt to become a Permanent Vote by Mail voter by checking the appropriate box. For further information, you may contact the Registrar of Voters at 530-621-4780. ~

SUPERVISOR RACE *(continued)*

Regarding the animal shelter, the Board of Supervisors is currently looking at other options for the shelter, looking at both location and funds remaining. I feel that to complete the shelter within its budget is a must.

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The Bulletin would like to thank both the incumbents and the challengers for taking their valuable time to address these issues that are important to both the residents of the community of Bass Lake and those who live in supervisorial districts 1 and 2.

Disclaimer: The goals of Bass Lake Action Committee include voter education and encouraging people to vote; however, Bass Lake Action Committee does not support or oppose any candidate for elective office. ~



NEW COMMANDER TO HEAD PLACERVILLE CHP OFFICE

Placerville California Highway Patrol Commander Capt. Chuck King has received a promotion on May 1 from lieutenant to captain, and is transferring to the Sacramento Communications Center in Rancho Cordova, where he will take command of dispatch for seven areas spread over five counties.

In his 16 years of service, the 42-year-old King began his career as an officer in the Bay Area for about eight and a half years, then worked for two years doing undercover work with vehicle thefts. After doing undercover work, he was sent to West Sacramento and to CHP headquarters. In November 2009, he moved to head the Placerville office.

Bass Lake Road is the border between the Placerville and Rancho Cordova CHP offices, with Placerville responsible for the east side of the road, and Rancho responsible for the south side. However, in an emergency along the road, the closest available CHP officer will respond.

Bass Lake Action Committee has been honored to have Capt. King speak at several BLAC meetings in the past, and he will be missed.

Lt. Craig Root will replace Capt. King as commander of the Placerville office, and will start on the first of July. ~



TED GAINES, HOWARD JARVIS GROUP MOVE TO QUENCH "ILLEGAL FIRE TAX"

Assemblyman Ted Gaines is a co-author of Assembly Bill 1506 (R-Jeffries), a measure that would reverse the Governor's and legislative Democrats' decision to raise \$84 million in taxes by charging rural property owners a \$150 "fee" for fire services as part of the 2011-12 budget.

Most resident of El Dorado Hills are unaffected, as they have a dedicated fire department, not Cal Fire, for fire protection. However, many Rescue and Cameron Park residents are affected.

As most local residents know by now, Governor Brown signed a bill in July passed by legislative Democrats that imposes a tax of up to \$150 per structure in "State Responsibility Areas" located primarily in rural and unincorporated parts of the state. Democrats say the tax (which they call a fee) is needed to help fight wildfires in regions such as ours.

However, critics charge that their misleading argument has no basis in fact. They say that the fire tax is nothing more than double taxation for many communities because they already pay local taxes for fire protection that are on top of the services provided by Cal Fire. Rural legislators assert that the tax is unconstitutional because voters approved Proposition 26 last year. That measure required new fees that benefit the public broadly to pass by a two-thirds vote of the legislature or by local voters. Assembly Democrats instead passed the tax with a simple majority.

Assembly Bill 1506 recently passed out of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and has been placed on suspense in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. In addition to that effort, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association plans to move forward with a lawsuit challenging the fee's constitutionality this summer when the state attempts to collect the fire tax from rural homeowners. ~

CLARKSVILLE DAY 2012

Clarksville Day 2012, presented by the Clarksville Region Historical Society, was bigger than ever this year, with an estimated 4,000 visitors thronging the old ghost town of Clarksville on June 5th. Readers will recall that Clarksville was the original settlement along Carson Creek that served the wagons route going from Sacramento to

the gold diggings around Placerville.

In 1848 or 1849, the Mormon Tavern, offering rough hospitality for gold seekers, was built by a Mormon named Morgan in the area just south of the present community of El Dorado Hills. The tavern later acted as a remount station during the short life of the Pony Express, from April 1860 through October 1861. About the same time the Mormon Tavern was built, a man named Clarkson had a stopping place near Mormon Tavern known as Clarkson's Village. Clarkson's Village was near the junction of the stagecoach road from Sacramento and the freight road east to the Sierra mines which brought people, news, supplies, and mail to the gold fields. The town soon became the commercial and social center for the area, and boasted of four hotels in its heyday. By 1855 a post office was established there, and in the process the postal authorities renamed the town Clarksville.

By 1860 the Gold Rush boom was fading. In the process, the area around Clarksville moved to a more agricultural economy, and ranching become the major industry. The town's commerce suffered greatly when in 1864 the railroad coming east from Sacramento was routed to the south instead of passing through Clarksville. Though it continued to be a service center for the local ranchers, the town of Clarksville began a slow decline.

The goal of the Historical Society in celebrating Clarksville Day is to connect the people of El Dorado Hills with the rich history of the area. The pending construction of the Silva Valley interchange over several years may interfere with celebrating Clarksville day in Old Clarksville in the future.

See more about the Clarksville Region Historical Society by visiting their website at edhhistory.org. ~



Members of Boy Scout Troop 465 enjoy a wagon ride before taking up their duties as volunteers at Clarksville Day.



The Rescue Antique fire engine was a big attraction, especially for children, at Clarksville Day





PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Everyone,

This month's Bulletin is a big one – six pages in all. There was so much news that I needed the extra two pages. I hope you enjoy it.

As I have often said, we have only two seasons here in the foothills: winter and summer. It's just as if one flips a switch, and we go from one season to the next. Perhaps the only transition to today's summer weather was the two days of wind we had early this month. I was out at Clarksville Day on that Saturday, and though it was just breezy down in the old town, it was blowing a gale in the parking lot by White Rock Road.

Speaking of Clarksville Day, you may have noticed that the construction of the Silva Valley interchange will have the approach road going right over the parking lots we use for Clarksville Day. Without those parking lots, there is a good chance that we will not be able to have next year's celebration the old town. So if you missed this year, you may have missed out altogether.

On a more happy note, this weather has us out in the garden and the vineyard, as all of the plants love the sunshine after all the rain. The trees have shed their buds, and are leafing out to beat the band. This week's chores include putting away the patio heaters and putting up the lawn swing.

I hope you all are getting ready for summer. I guess Memorial Day is the traditional start of the summer season. However, as you partake of your Memorial Day picnics and barbecues, be sure to take a minute out to remember those who have given their lives to give us our beautiful country, and remember those to whom the day is dedicated.

Sincerely,

John Thomson

President



COUNTY ROADS LOCAL PROJECT UPDATE

Despite the lull in homebuilding, several road projects are proceeding. El Dorado County Department of Transportation (DOT) is seeking to use funds already in the pipeline to complete needed improvements to major projects in Western El Dorado County, especially near Bass Lake Road.

Highway 50 HOV Lanes

The contract for Phase II, the next phase of the High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes on Highway 50 has been awarded, and the contractor was recently given the green light to begin construction. Drivers along Highway 50 east of Bass Lake Road have seen the surveyors setting the construction stakes in the center median from Bass Lake Road to Cameron Park Boulevard, and the temporary concrete barriers have been moved onto the median in preparation for placement. Phase II is funded by the "Casino Settlement Agreement" between the County and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians. Construction of the Phase II project was scheduled to begin in 2014, but the county Department of transportation was able to accelerate the timetable to enable construction to start this year.

Silva Valley Interchange

The Silva Valley interchange project is planned just east of the current Silva Valley Parkway-White Rock Road thoroughway. The contract has been let for Phase I, which includes building a four-lane road and six-lane bridge that will go over Highway 50, as well as on-ramps and off-ramps, signalized intersections and a Class 2 bike lane. Tong Road will be shifted to the north and the current Silva Valley Parkway-White Rock Road will remain a two-lane road. Phase 2 will likely come in about a decade, and will include on-ramp and off-ramp reconfigurations. The contractor is expected to start the Phase I project this month (May). Click [here](#)

for an overview of the interchange.

One road project complementing the Silva Valley interchange has already been completed. Crews have widened approximately one mile of Silva Valley Parkway from Entrada Drive to a point 1,000 feet south of Oak Meadow Elementary School. The project included creating four lanes (up from two), a sidewalk, bike lanes and a long left turn lane for the school.

El Dorado Hills Boulevard - Highway 50 Interchange

This project is part of a larger project to reconstruct the interchange and widen Latrobe Road and El Dorado Hills Boulevard where they pass under Highway 50. The complete reconstruction is being phased in over time. The Department of Transportation is seeking to use nominally available funds to complete the realignment of the west-bound on- and off-ramps to eliminate the awkward two-signal arrangement on the north side of Highway 50. That realignment of the east-bound ramps contemplated by the next phase of the project can be seen [here](#).

The presence of pedestrians in an interchange necessarily slows traffic flow, since vehicles using the ramps must slow or stop for pedestrians crossing on- or off-ramps. The final phase of the project calls for a pedestrian bridge to connect Town Center on the south with Raley's Center on the north to eliminate the presence of pedestrians in the interchange, thereby eliminating any crosswalks on on- or off-ramps.

Silver Springs Parkway.

Of particular interest to folks living along Bass Lake Road is the proposed Silver Springs Parkway, which will connect Green Valley Road to Bass Lake Road near the infamous curve. DOT and the developer of Silver Springs are in negotiations as to when the construction of the northern portion of Silver Springs Parkway will commence. The southern section, for which funds must be found by the county, is in limbo. Click [here](#) to see the March 2011 issue of the Bass Lake Bulletin which discusses the Silver Springs project. ~





PET GROOMERS COULD BE COLLARED BY NEED FOR STATE LICENSE

California pet groomers may soon need a license to snip or bathe Fido's coat or trim his nails after a Coachella Valley man's dog was maimed at the salon.

Senate Bill 969, or "Lucy's Law," introduced by Sen. Juan Vargas, calls for all pet groomers to be licensed by the state of California, just as barbers and cosmetologists are.

If passed, groomers would have two years to comply. Violators would be charged with a misdemeanor, facing fines of \$500 to \$2,000, and/or possible county jail time of 30 days to a year.

Thousands of pets have been injured at the hands of negligent and under-trained groomers, according to Vargas, a San Diego Democrat who represents a sliver of the Coachella Valley. They've had severe cuts, injuries to toes and eyes, broken bones, and some have died, he says.

Among the requirements to be enforced by the state Veterinary Medical Board, groom-

ers would have to provide water and clean cages in which a pet can move around, and make sure pets have vaccinations for parvo, rabies and other contagious diseases. Drying cages, which can suffocate a pet, are banned.

Groomers agree that pet owners should be able to leave their dogs at the groomers and trust they will be lovingly cared for, but they don't all agree Lucy's Law is the best answer. One certified groomer with 25 years of experience said a state licensing mandate isn't necessary.

Currently no prior education requirements or examination processes exist to be a groomer. For the animals' sake, it is certainly vital that groomers be properly trained, not just to give haircuts, but also to be well-versed in health and skin issues, diseases and dangers, safety issues, etc.

Pet owners are advised to learn as much as possible about their pets' groomers and how they interact with animals before leaving pets with them. Many groomers allow owners to stand and watch their dog being groomed, according to one groomer. "Anyone can watch, anytime," she says.

Critics of the legislation say that one-size-fits-all regulations imposed by the state may be arbitrary (not necessarily an accurate measure of groomer competence) and give consumers a false sense of security about the competency of licensed groomers, causing them to be less cautious about whom they do business with than they otherwise might be. In addition, licensing fees and regulations restrict competition by making it more difficult for people – even those who would be skilled groomers – from entering the business. ~



BLAC SETS JUNE 2012 BOARD MEETING DATE

The June Board meeting will be held at the home of John and Fran Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court (Woodridge), El Dorado Hills, on June 4, 2012, at 7:00 PM. The invited speaker is Kirk Bone of Parker Development.

Bass Lake Action Committee members are reminded that there is no meeting scheduled in July, as July is always a 'dark' month for BLAC meetings.

The August 6 meeting will be held at the home of Hal and Barbara Erpenbeck, 9045 Orchid Shade Drive, El Dorado Hills.

All BLAC members are cordially invited to attend all meetings. For further information regarding our meetings, please contact Vice President Kathy Prevost, 530-672-6836. ~

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The Trees

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

— Philip Larkin



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