The Nutcracker Prince (Copper Hosley) and the Mouse King (James Hayakawa) engage in swordplay during rehearsal for the Davis High’s "Nutcracker," which opens Wednesday and continues through Sunday at the Veterans’ Memorial Theater. In the background, teenage leaders Hannah Jolkovsky, left, and Katy Christian fill in as mice and soldiers doing battle.

"It's a great creative outlet," Hunter said.

And because both Hunter and Christian have been taking dance lessons since they were little, they can actually put our knowledge of dance to use," Christian said.

"It's all about understanding the music and the movement of the piece. You have to know what's happening in the story and have that knowledge to translate into the dance," Hunter said.

So it was a natural for Black to participate in the anti-war movement while attending Syracuse University in New York and Indiana University in Bloomington. He was never arrested, but he did see firsthand how the police used tear gas.

"I was present at the protests, and I had to put my name on a list of professional and political experiences," he said.

He’s the preeminent figure in the field, and he’s been published in dozens of prestigious journals and has been an invited speaker at many conferences around the world.

"I think my parents wouldn’t let me do that," Block said in an interview. "I wanted to be there, but they said, ‘my leaders.’"
Briefly

2012 recycling calendars available

Free copies of the 2012 Yolo County recycling calendar are available for pickup at Doris City Hall, 23 Russell Blvd., the Davis Public Works Department, 1712 Fifth St., the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, 1272 Second St., and the Stephens Branch Library, 315 E. 14th St. For more information about recycling, holiday waste reduction and household hazardous waste, see www.davelrcyc.org. The Friends of Davis Recycling can be reached at (530) 757-5588 or by email at paddle@cityofdavis.org.

Ring in new year, help fairgrounds

A New Year’s Eve bash will benefit the Yolo County Heritage Foundation, a non-profit established two years ago to support the acquisition of facilities.

The casual party will beoker, bingo, dancing, a silent auction, food and beverage. It will run from 7 p.m. to “whenever” in the Fairgrounds parlors at the fairgrounds, which was created in October 2009 to support the fair’s agurators, which were established in 2005.

Attendees are asked to solicit donations, grants and donations of services to preserve and enrich the heritage of the Yolo County Fair Heritage Foundation. For more information, contact Joan Tuss at (530) 757-5588 or by email at pwweb@davisenterprise.net.

For more on the fair’s events or the New Year’s Eve party, call (530) 459-2222.

Workshop set on Alzheimer’s study

The Yolo County Alzheimer’s Frontiers, which was established in October 2009 to support the fair’s agurators, which were established in 2005.

A workshop is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the USDA Lyng Service Center in downtown Davis.

The workshop is intended to offer support to local residents and agencies working with everyone to enhance care and support for those affected. It will be open to anyone with an interest in Alzheimer’s disease.

To register for the workshop, call (530) 462-7627.

Families of participants have the opportunity to purchase six tickets in advance and many of them show up at the last minute and do buy tickets.

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USDA Santas share holiday joy with needy families

Employees from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are celebrating the holidays again this year by giving. Thirty-five needy Yolo County children and seven adults will find a few more resources under their Christmas trees this year thanks to these USDA “Secret Santas.”

Each year, employees from USDA in Davis volunteer to participate in the adopt-a-child holiday program sponsored by the Yolo County Social Services Department. The program benefits children from infancy through 18 years old who live in families of two or less and are eligible for assistance from the Department of Social Services.

The “Secret Santas” adopt needy foster and adoptive children for the holidays for the past several years. Families of participants have the opportunity to purchase six tickets in advance and many of them show up at the last minute and do buy tickets.

When the “Santas” jump into action.

“Playing Santa for a needy child and letting parents and foster parents know we care is the best present I can imagine,” said Virginia Cox, who has coordinated USDA’s participation in the program for many years.

“the holidays are such a joyous time. We just want to spread a little happiness and joy to our community,” she said.

Donated toys, clothing and other items were picked up by county social services staffers on Monday morning at the USDA Lyng Service Center downtown Davis.

USDA agency participating in the program are the National Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development, Farm Service Agency, Risk Management and the Office of Inspector General.

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From left are the Mouse King (James Hayakawa), the Forest Fairy (Abby Sutcliffe), Clara (Lilja Jelks), the Sugar Plum Fairy General.