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Planners require EIRs for developments

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Numerous, impassioned pleas made over the past several months for full Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) on both Callahan Estates and the Winters Highlands housing projects apparently did not fall on deaf ears as the Winters Planning Commission narrowly approved motions to require them.

Since early in the year, community members have attended the planning commission meetings to voice their opposition to the proposed mitigated negative declarations prepared by city staff for both projects. Concerns about environmental, traffic, school, and air quality impacts, as well as those related to parks and growth rates were aired repeatedly, as meetings were continued and the planners awaited studies. Those concerns and a desire to know the full extent of the impacts of the projects prompted commissioners Joe McCabe, Al Vallecillo and Jack Graf to vote yes on the two separate motions to require EIRs, made at the Tuesday, June 22 meeting. Commission co-chair Don Jordan and commissioner Joe Tramontana voted no on both motions. Commission chairman Ed Champoux was not present at the meeting.

Callahan Estates is a 119-unit subdivision on 26.4 acres, located east of Silver Ridge Estates and north to Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. Winters Highlands is a 378 unit project on 88.5 acres that also includes a 64-unit apartment complex on 4.1 acres and a 9.7 acre park site. That project is located northwest along Moody Slough Road, north of Valley Oak Drive and west to Shirley Rominger Intermediate School.

At the May planning commission meeting, public hearings on both projects were continued pending completion of water and traffic studies. On June 22, City Engineer Nick Ponticello gave an overview of the water and traffic studies.

Discussing traffic, Ponticello told the commissioners the traffic study was not final, but in draft form. He said the report looked at scenarios relating to public safety and traffic congestion and included data from four proposed projects: Winters Highlands, Callahan Estates, Ogando-Hudson and Creekside. The report included existing traffic impacts, impacts with the proposed projects and the cumulative effects of the projects.

The Grant and Railroad Avenue intersection was originally included as being impacted, but Ponticello noted that a signal project is already underway. Other intersections that would be impacted included West Main at Grant Avenue, where a signal would be required, the south and northbound offramps at Interstate 505 and Highway 128 (Grant Avenue), Walnut and Grant, Valley Oak and Grant, Niemann at Railroad and Railroad Avenue at Main Street. In addition, roadway segments were evaluated.

In addition to traffic impacts, pedestrian counts and accident history were included in the report.

Mitigation measures that would be required in the "near term" according to Ponticello, would be at the Walnut Lane and Grant Avenue intersection, especially where drivers head southbound on Walnut Lane to turn left onto Grant Avenue. The second near term mitigation would be at the northbound offramp at Interstate 505 onto State Highway 128 (Grant Avenue) into Winters.

Ponticello said the Walnut Lane mitigation could include installation of a signal.

"That's not as simple as just putting up a signal," cautioned Ponticello, who said the intersection does not meet the Caltrans warrants for signalization.

The other option would include only allowing a right-hand turn onto Grant Avenue from Walnut Lane. That option, also, would be problematic, said Ponticello, due to the convergence of Dutton and East Street onto Grant Avenue.

He discussed the circulation element, which calls for Walnut Lane to become a cul de sac, with Railroad Avenue and Dutton Streets as the exits.

With regard to signalization at the Interstate 505 exit, near the overpass, McCabe said it sounded like the intersection near Genentech, which has several skid marks.

"It's dangerous to have a stoplight at the bottom of an overpass," he said.

Vallecillo asked how cooperative Caltrans is with the city. Ponticello said he has had some success, but

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Callahan appeals planners' decision

The preliminary agenda for the Tuesday, July 6, city council meeting includes an appeal by the developer of the Callahan Estates housing project. The developer, Hofmann Land Development Company, LLC, has appealed the planning commission decision, made on Tuesday, June 22, to require a complete EIR for development of the housing project. The project includes 119 single-family homes on a 26.4-acre site east of the Silver Ridge Estates subdivision.

Other agenda items include minutes from the June 15 city council meeting, and warrants ending July 6.

The city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

All community members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Fireworks planned for Fourth

The annual city of Winters fireworks display is once again planned for Sunday, July 4. There will be booths at Dr. Sellers field at the Winters High School on Grant Avenue. No coolers, glass, alcohol, animals, or fireworks of any kind will be allowed. Gates open at 6 p.m., with the fireworks to begin at dusk. Shade structures are welcomed until dusk. A donation of $1 will be requested for each person over the age of 12 ($5 for a family of 5 or more) entering the field.

In addition, the Winters Fire Department will host its annual pancake breakfast that morning from 7-10 a.m. at the Fire House, 10 Abbey Street. Tickets are $8 for adults, $4 for children. Donations may be made to the City of Winters Fireworks Fund at either First Northern Bank or City Hall.

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WEATHER

Weather readings are taken at 9 a.m. each day, covering the previous 24 hour period.

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
June 23		90	57
June 24		93	57
June 25		92	56
June 26		96	68
June 27		93	61
June 28		95	61
June 29		95	61

Rain for week: 0
Season's total: 22.07
Last year to date: 27.88
Normal season: 21.43

Gallery doors open for Artwalk

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

If you want to spend an afternoon strolling around looking at original artwork, better head to the Bay Area, right? Wrong. There's plenty right here in town.

Winters is now home to five art galleries, as well as art on display at Winters Antiques and Ethnographica. The artists have joined together to show their works as well as offer them for sale on the first Saturday of each month. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Known as "Artwalk," the monthly event is coordinated jointly by all the participating artists, explains Diana Childress, who runs Blue Hills Gallery with her husband, Jeff, at 9 East Main Street. Both are artists themselves, but in addition to featuring their own artwork, they display other artists' work at their gallery. The galleries of artists Karen Schmitendorf and Thelma Weatherford, owner of the Main Street Gallery, also located in the studios at 9 East Main Street, are also regular Artwalk attractions.

The Winters Participation Gallery (located at

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Diana Childress, who co-owns Blue Hills Gallery with her husband Jeff at 9 East Main Street, is one of the driving forces behind the Winters Art Walks.

Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Davis artist Karen Schmitendorf has her own art studio at 9 East Main Street, and is a participant in the local Art Walks.

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OBITUARIES

Marion Dolores Baker

Mrs. Marion Dolores Baker passed away at Sutter Davis Hospital on June 21, 2004. She was 82 years old.

Marion had resided in Winters for the last 32 years in the home her father had built. She was born in Palo Alto and resided in California her entire life. She was a graduate of Winters High School in 1940 and went on to receive degrees from U. C. Davis and U. C. Berkeley. She was a lifetime member of the Esparto branch of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was the loving wife of the late Alvin J. Baker and beloved daughter of the late Judge Rod and Adele Degener and is survived by her son Rod and his wife, Connie, of Winters and cousins Jo and Lyle Heyford, of Capitola, and their families.

Marion was laid to rest on June 25, 2004 next to her loving husband of 55 years at the Winters Cemetery.

Grace E. Bigelow Haas Rentfrow

Grace E. Bigelow Hass Rentfrow passed away on June 25, 2004. Born in Alameda, California, on June 1, 1928, she was a great granddaughter of pioneer lineage from the Gosling family in Napa County and the Graham family from Winters. Grace was born to Lawrence D. and Mary Elizabeth (Graham) Bigelow.

Grace was married to Dwain F. Haas, who was in the Navy Submarine service. Grace and Dwain bought a home in Vallejo in 1956 and have lived in Vallejo since.

Their family lineage is continued through their four children. Lawrence and Jennifer and a daughter, Amber, through a previous marriage; Donald; Patricia and Larry with children Benjamin, Denise, Nathan and Amy; and John and Cathy with children John and Stacy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwain, in 1979.

Grace was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was deeply involved in doing her own genealogy along with helping others with theirs.

She was a 50-plus year member of the Eastern Star, Past Matron of the Vallejo Chapter; Past President of the Emblem Club, a member of DAR and a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Grace's children, grandchildren and friends were very important to her and showed her dedication through the many things she did in her community from the blood bank to serving in the PTA's of her children's schools..

Services were be held Wednesday June 30, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Vallejo with graveside service to be held at the Winters Cemetery afterwards.

Winters police reports

6/12-13/04

On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, a BB or pellet was shot at a construction vehicle causing the windows to break.

6/15/04

On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, a rock was thrown at a vehicle windshield causing it to break.

6/21-22/04

On the 400 block of Railroad Avenue, a vehicle was taken without the owner's consent. The vehicle was located on the 100 block of East Baker Street.

6/23/04

A 16-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for curfew violation. Juvenile was booked at Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

6/24/04

A found bicycle was turned over to Police.

6/25/04

On the 600 block of Railroad Avenue, a steel ball was thrown or shot at a window causing it to break. Damage - $500.

6/26/04

Kenneth Charles Gregory, 41, of Napa was arrested for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent and driving on a suspended driver's license. Gregory was booked at Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Joseph Duane Murray, 34, of Napa was arrested for possessing a controlled substance and transporting a controlled substance. Murray was booked at Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Berryessa down .64 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .64 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 12,020 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 434.48 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,497,257 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 640 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 43 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 331 acre feet of water per day during the week.

YESTERYEAR

—File photo

On January 27, 1982, Mike Delbar, was awarded $50 by members of the Winters Soroptimist Club as the local finalist in the Youth Citizenship Awards' program sponsored by Soroptimist International. President Madeline Jimenez made the presentation when the club met for lunch at the Community Center.

"The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any."
— Fred Astaire.

35 YEARS AGO

July 10, 1969

Sebastian Lopez was elected president of the Winters School Board Monday night, succeeding Marc Faye, who declined to seek reelection to the board. Mrs. Don Rominger was re-elected clerk of the board.

Richard Dozier and John H. Griffin will, on Tuesday, July 15, start their 11th year as instructors of a hunter safety class in Winters.

Signups for advanced beginners and intermediate swimming classes will be held Monday morning at 11, according to Dorothy Becker, with the classes opening Tuesday morning at 11.

Donna Christine Gertz, 19, of Winters, has entered the annual Yolo County Sugar Queen contest, sponsored by the Winters District Chamber of Commerce.

T/Sgt. C. C. Welch and Mrs. Welch (Virginia Bishop) and girls, Lee Ann and Joan, are visiting with relatives in Winters. Sgt. Welch has been stationed in Florida for the past two years and his new assignment is at Amsterdam, Holland.

Larry Fafek, operations officer for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation's Solano Project, has been awarded a 30-year pin by the Bureau.

Fireworks valued at $55 were stolen from the 4-H fireworks storage building last week by someone who gained access by breaking the padlock, according to a report filed with the Winters Police Department.

Della Gonzales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gonzales, celebrated her eighth Monday evening with a number of relatives and friends enjoying ice cream and cake in the Gonzales home.

50 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1954

Natural gas was discovered on the Earl Wallace ranch five miles east of Winters early Monday morning by the Brown Drilling Company.

The joint venture firm of Stolte Inc., Gallagher and Burk and Lee Stephens was the low bidder on the 10 miles of highway west of the Monticello dam, with a bid of $1,663,806.25 when bids were opened yesterday.

Corporal Stewart Potter of the Santa Ana Marine helicopter base, spend th e holiday weekend with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott visited here on Saturday, her mother, Mrs. J. R. Johnston, returning with them to their San Anselmo home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berry enjoyed a weekend fishing trip at Stoneyford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Murray, Patty Murray, Misses Lillian Duncan and Rose Marie McKenzie returned Monday evening from a five-day stay at Bass Lake, near Fresno.

Making their home here are Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Collado, whose marriage took place on Saturday, July 3, in Reno, Nevada.

Miss Carol Warren, who has selected Sunday, August 1, as the date for her marriage to Mr. Kenneth Williams, of Merced, was honored Wednesday evening with a linen shower, given at the home of Mrs. L. F. Dozier.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

65 YEARS AGO

July 7, 1939

The rural fire department was called Monday to extinguish a blaze of the roof of the Lucey home in Wolfskill.

Manager Harry Sattazahn has scheduled two Sacramento softball teams for next week. Tuesday the Made-Rite Sausage team will play here, and Thursday, the local All-Stars willplay Fries Auto Painters' team.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil A. Sager and daughter Miss Patricia of Oakland were holiday visitors at the Edwin F. Udell ranch Tuesday afternoon.

Work is proceeding smoothly on remodeling and finishing the new California Market, grocery and meat market.

Miss Martha Pezzatti returned home Tuesday following a 10-day vacation in bay cities.

Boy Scouts had a pleasant party and weiner roast Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Laycock. Supervising the group were hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Laycock, Bob Crum, and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crum.

On Friday, July 14, there will be a display of new and used instruments, for prospective band and orchestra members, at the residence of W. Loyd Adams.

100 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1904

The Earl Fruit Company sold in Montreal on June 27 CFX car No. 10911, shipped from Winters June 14, containing 1045 packages apricots which sold for $1758.90, the highest price realized from a single car of fruit this season.

Winters had the most enthusiastic celebration Monday that has been held here for years.

The library reports 90 readers and 107 books loaned during the month of June.

R. S. Demaree of Oregon is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. G. W. Thissell.

Miss Bernice McNeal left Monday on a vacation trip to Portland, Puget Sound and British Columbia. She will be gone two weeks.

Mrs. R. Lee Briggs returned to Berkeley Wednesday. Leroy Fenley went with her, and will visit relatives in Berkeley.

Frank L. Demaree and Mrs. Louise Ewing were married at the home of Geo. W. Thissell Jr., last Sunday. Both are deaf mutes and were formerly students at the deaf mute school in Berkeley.

Arthur Rhodes, accompanied by his nieces, the Misses Huckins, made an automobile trip to Sonoma County last week.

Rev. A. O. Hushaw tendered his resignation to the trustees of the Christian Church at the board meeting held Wednesday evening.

Weekly fire reports

June 14

~ 3:37 p.m., investigation in the area of Valley Oak Drive and Dorset Court for a vegetation fire in the creek.

June 15

~ 9:13 p.m., mutual Aid to Solano County for a medical aid, for a possible broken ankle.

June 16

~ 10:17 a.m., vegetation fire at Interstate 505 and County Road 31, for a fire in the median.

~ 4:52 p.m., medical aid in the 1000 block of Adams Lane for difficulty breathing.

June 17

~ 11:17a.m., vegetation fire in the area of East Street and East Baker Street for a small fire.

~ 11:41 a.m., medical aid in the 300 block of Peach Place for a possible stroke.

~ 3:21 p.m., medical aid in the 500 block of West Grant Avenue for seizures.

~ 3:42 p.m., public assistance in the 300 block of Railroad Avenue for a child locked in a vehicle.

~ 4:42 p.m, mutual aid to Solano County at Putah Creek Road and Old Winters Road for a vehicle fire.

~ 2:54 p.m., medical aid in the 100 block of Quail Court for an unresponsive person.

~ 8:39 p.m., medical aid in the 100 block of First Street for difficulty breathing.

June 19

~9:26 a.m., public assist in the First Block of Abbey Street for a lift assist.

~ 10:25 a.m., mutual aid to Napa County in the 7000 block of State Highway 128 for a leg injury.

~ 12:34 p.m., medical aid in the 400 block of Dry Creek Lane for a fall injury.

June 20

~ 10:47 a.m., vehicle accident on State Highway 128 at Monticello Dam for a motorcyclist down at this location.

~ 2:07 p.m., medical aid in the 200 block of Anderson Avenue for difficulty breathing.

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EIR

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that he knew they would object to the "signalization of unwarranted areas of the state highway."

Vallecillo noted that mitigation for build-out of all the projects included six or seven signals. Ponticello said yes, but only two would be required in the near term with the two proposed projects.

In discussion of the cumulative impact of the General Plan build-out, Ponticello said the traffic study identified impact at the Railroad Avenue and Main Street intersection, since the General Plan called for the intersection to operate at a level of service "B." In order to achieve that level of service, the intersection would require a signal.

Asked by Tramontana about the impact of cars turning in and out of Town & Country Market, Ponticello said the traffic study could not analyze a private enterprise.

In addition to traffic mitigations, Ponticello suggested several ideas including "pork chop islands" and a lighted crosswalk, to alleviate the danger to pedestrians who cross Grant Avenue at Morgan Street to get to the market. Caltrans opposed a signal at that intersection as well, he said.

He said although the pedestrian impacts are not identified under CEQA, negotiations are underway to ask the developers of the proposed projects to fund the final project.

With regard to the water study, Ponticello said it also addressed the supply and demand conditions for Callahan, Winters Highlands, Ogando-Hudson and the Creekide Estates projects.

Ponticello said the study's "basic conclusion is that there's plenty of water out there to serve these projects."

He said the pumping requirements for the projects would only be about 80 percent of the 1990 pumping rates "using the best available data."

In order to address concern about water in the future, he said the city would ask the developers of both projects to advance funds in order to begin an Urban Water Management Plan, which is required by the state when water usage reaches 3,000 acre feet in the city. With the two proposed developments, the city will have reached approximately 2,600 acre feet.

When the public hearing was opened, Jordan asked for comment only on the Development Agreement, water or traffic issues.

Pierre Neu spoke first. He asked the commissioners to follow the General Plan and supported a recent suggestion by Graf that the city should hire someone to follow up and ensure that the developers are living up to all the agreements made with the city.

Noting that the city staff is currently over taxed and that the developers probably have a staff larger than the city, he suggested that funding for the position be paid directly into the General Fund and not tied to the position.

"The character of Winters is at stake."

David Cliche spoke in favor of the Callahan project. He said he works for the city of Vacaville in the planning department, and said Hofmann is one of the few developers that will enter into agreements with the city and fulfill them as a member of the community.

He said Hofmann is based in Fairfield and Concord and "they are here to stay."

"They are trying to enter into agreements with the city for the betterment of the community."

He noted that the mitigation measures include phasing in the construction and agreed with that.

"We don't want to see it grow out of control."

Cynthia Cummings spoke out of concern for the children that will be enrolled in Winters schools. She said when she moved to Winters recently, there was concern that there was no room for her son at the high school. She asked the commissioners to consider the needs of the children and the schools.

Leslie Cliche spoke in support of the Callahan project, noting that she had read through the proposal and what the city was asking from the developer was very fair.

She spoke of the need for more move-up housing in Winters for people already in the community.

"We have friends looking for a larger home that have been here for many, many years."

Tim Caro questioned the Foothill Associates biological study, noting that the researchers did not spend a long enough time in the field.

"if they only come one time then they will miss a lot of species that aren't present," he said.

He was concerned about the existence of special status species on the site and listed raptors, Burrowing owls, vernal pools and other biota as those who could have habitat there. He said an EIR would solve the problem.

Tom Moore, a biologist who lived near the Callahan project said he frequently sees listed species in the area. He agreed that an EIR should be conducted so the commission could make a more informed decision.

"I have seen young Burrowing owls out there," he said.

Marcia Gibbs was concerned that the traffic study was a "less than comprehensive report" and wanted to see the final draft. She asked what the project would do to existing traffic patterns and noted that the report did not list the total number of trips that would be added. By her calculations, 6,396 would be added, over what currently exists.

She also questioned the number of intersections that will have a level of service "D," the lack of pedestrian impacts listed, and lack of a list of bikeable and walkable streets.

Jeff Hesemeyer questioned the findings of the negative declaration versus a letter from biologist Shawn Smallwood. He agreed that there was an inadequate investigation of the environmental impact.

"A negative declaration is not the same as an EIR," said Hesemeyer, who noted that the city should not give up habitat.

"The richness of our community has to do with its environment," he said.

He asked why the Callahan property was recently disked and drainage ditches bulldozed and covered over.

"Was this a preemptive strike at destroying habitat?" he asked.

Hesemeyer proposed placement of an undeveloped zone, with only native species, to run through any developed area.

Dianne Beaton addressed the jobs/housing ratio, saying it was very important to those who created the General Plan that Winters not become a community of commuters. She said the issue of what kind of jobs and the number of jobs would be brought to Winters was not addressed.

She also pointed out that traffic on Anderson Avenue is now second only to Hemenway Street in the number of daily trips. She said Anderson Avenue is a neighborhood of small families who are already impacted.

Beaton went on to tell the commissioners the consequences of new development, which went unspoken in the water study, was water meters.

"Can you say 'water meters?'" she asked, encouraging the Express to get the words down. "The mitigating factor for those who live here will be water meters."

She asked Cliche if he had moved here from Vacaville because living there had become unbearable.

"Fairfield and Concord are not local. Hofmann will not make our community better."

Kevin Jackson told the commissioners that the text and diagrams in the General Plan are not consistent. He questioned the lack of parks in the city and the fact that Callhan is not going to build any parks. On the same note, he asked who would widen Grant Avenue and the Interstate 505 overpass, saying the city is "putting all transportation infrastructure on the backs of future development."

Ralph Hensley spoke in favor of the Callahan project, saying no local person was able to do the kind of development that needs to be done.

"He stands behind his work," said Hensley of the Callahan builder.

He said Hofmann is a good employer and has a good training program for young workers.

"Not all kids can work on computers. Somebody has to pick up a hammer and nail."

Two representatives from the carpenter's union spoke on behalf of the Hofmann company, citing its carpenter apprentice programs. One noted that when he was asked to come and speak on behalf of the Callahan

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Opinion

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BECAUSE I SAY SO

AH, THE MEMORIES. All these fireworks stands popping up in parking lots remind me of when my kids were little and I did my time in the fireworks booths, helping to raise funds for Little League and the summer swim team.

I use the word "helping" loosely. Truth be told, I might have been more helpful if I'd stayed home. I wasn't the world's best fireworks saleswoman.

It's not as if I hadn't spent a small fortune on fireworks over the years myself for my own kids. But when I was on the other side of the fireworks stand counter, something snapped.

I was handing one of those big shower fountains to a customer, and the price of the item sunk in. $14.95. About an hour's worth of wages, up in smoke in thirty seconds. Appalling.

"Look," I told the other volunteers, "This one firework is $15! Two would be $30! And three would be $45!"

They gave me a round of applause for my math skills and continued selling bagfuls of Piccolo Petes to eager customers.

"Don't you see," I persisted, "For what this one firework costs, you could take your kids to the movies. Or buy a pizza. Or a new CD."

"Oh come on," they responded, "It's the Fourth of July. Get into the spirit."

Somehow, I just can't get into the spirit of throwing money away. I pointed out a few other items: The Raging Ghoul, a real steal at only $12.95, offering a "dazzling cascade of glittering red, green and silver crackling bursts with sonic screamers." Sonic screamers? We got those for free from the back seat of the car every time we took a family vacation. No thanks.

Or the Rainbow Warrior, promising a "truly insane multi-colored extravaganza, a chaotic, loud, bursting high-shootin' show." Insanity, chaos, ear-splitting noise. Sounds like an average morning of getting the kids ready for school.

Each fountain promised some combination of glittering sparks and crackling bursts, but the fine print always said the same thing: "Emits shower of sparks." It didn't matter if it cost 75 cents or $13.95. And calling it a "shower of sparks" was a stretch. That sounds a lot more magical than the reality: a 15-second burst of sparks followed by two minutes of leftover paper cone burning up in the street.

If there was any truth in marketing, they'd name at least one of these overpriced sparklers the Flaming Idiot, after all those melonheads who throw their money away on them. Like the guy who walked up to the stand and asked what was the best deal for $20. I told him the best deal was to put his $20 back in his pocket and drive home. But no, he was intent on spending his hard-earned cash.

Okay, how about this one: It's called Blowing Bucks. You light a little wallet on fire and flaming dollar bills shoot into the air, burning up and disappearing into the night.

"Cool," he enthused, "I'll take one."

Some people really aren't smart enough to be playing with fireworks.

One big spender walked up and asked for a mammoth-sized box of fireworks called "The Big One." $200 worth of snapping, crackling, fiery fun. (Translation: Emits showers of sparks. Many times over.) I took his check, but I couldn't keep my mouth shut.

"Do you realize that you just spent $200 on nothing?" I asked him. "You might as well open up your wallet, take out dollar bills, light them on fire and throw them into the air! My God, that's $200! A month's worth of groceries! Half a car payment! School clothes for your children! Don't do it, I tell you, don't do it!"

The man's only response was a dirty look when he snatched the box from my hands.

I spent the remainder of the afternoon griping about the lunacy of spending all this money on little tubes of colored gun powder. Think of all the children we could feed with all this money. The blankets we could buy for the homeless. The trees and whales and baby fur seals we could save.

Thankfully for all concerned, my shift came to an end. For everyone's sanity, as well as my own, that was the last time I "helped" sell fireworks. You know what they say: If you can't take the heat, get out of the fireworks stand.

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The Winters Express encourages readers to submit letters of general interest to the Winters community. We will accept letters of thanks naming individuals and local Winters businesses.

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon. on Mondays for publication that week.

Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694.

We will also accept letters by e-mail. Our e-mail address is news@wintersexpresscom

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LETTERS

It was a good decision

Dear Editor,

Winters Planning Commission must be commended for their thoughtful and measured decision to vote last week for an Environmental Impact Report on the Callaghan and an EIR on the Winters Highland development projects. There are so many issues that need more thorough and careful investigation including traffic congestion, open space, schooling, water, sewage, noise, and natural resources. With queries, questions, complaints having been voiced by the Winters Community on every single one of these issues, it was absolutely correct to slow the pace. In essence this summarizes what Jack Graf put so succinctly before he cast his vote.

Take, for example, just one issue, the effects of proposed development on the biology of this grassland habitat. One party says that there are grounds for a negative declaration, another says that there are many species of concern that will be adversely affected by hundreds of houses being built on that land. How do we discover which is correct? Obviously we need a third, independent biological inventory carried out by a new qualified team of biologists.

Why is it important to know what is there? Society in which we live values threatened and endangered species and the law demands that mitigation measures are taken to protect these species. But until we know what species are there, correct mitigation procedures cannot be implemented. Do the developers need to create wetlands, and on what soil? We won't know that until we know which amphibian and invertebrate species of special concern currently occupy the vernal pools that will be eradicated by this development. The same applies to birds and so on. Remember burrrowing owls don't just fly away when the dozers move in, they fail to reproduce and die. They have nowhere to go because what remains of their preferred habitat is very limited and filled by other (territorial) owls.

The need for a proper biological inventory is instructive because on the only two issues where pairs of studies have been conducted, natural resources and traffic, the reports reached radically different conclusions. And this is exactly what EIR's step in. They were set up to determine exactly what the nature of the consequences of development projects will be through thoughtful and careful investigation. Well done Planning Commission!

TIM CARO

Appreciates police department

Dear Editor,

It's hard to criticize Debra LoGuercio's comments, especially after her wonderful column on June 24, about the effects of housing growth on our delicate environment. She was certainly "right on" on that one. But that is another issue.

Since no one responded to her June 17, column belittling our police department for pursuing petty offenses, I feel the need to say something, even in spite of the fact that I've been hogging up the letters-to-editor section recently. It is well known by criminologists that people who commit what appear to be very minor offenses are more likely to be involved in more serious crimes sooner or later. When the New York City Police Department turned its attention to smaller crimes it had the unforeseen effect of lowering overall crime in general. So if someone is called on the carpet for stealing an ice cream cone or a six-pack of beer it is not a laughing matter.

Long ago, I had a son (name withheld) who was arrested and fingerprinted by Winters police for taking sodas from the Winters Laundromat. The amount of the "take" was only a few dollars, but I still feel gratitude for the Winters police officer who acted in the performance of his often thankless job. I do not know or remember who he was but I'd still like to offer him my appreciation.

ROBERT FISCHER

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

THE DEVELOLPER MIGHT BE RIGHT. It's not often that I agree with a developer, but requiring the Callahan development to do a full blown Environmental Impact Report (EIR) doesn't seem fair. This development of 119 homes is an in-fill project and fits into our General Plan without amendments. Their only sin was trying to get their site map approved at the same time Winters Highlands was trying to get their large housing project approved.

The Callahan Estates appeal hearing, before the city council, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, at 7:30. This project is more in line with the kind of housing projects we have had in the past. In-fill housing on a small scale. I'm not sure what our annual growth rate should be, somewhere around three percent should be about right, but projects around a hundred homes makes it easy to control our growth. We have around 2,200 homes right now and if it takes a couple of years to build a hundred homes, that seems like a good pace to me..

Winters Highlands is another matter. It is the largest subdivision to come through the doors of City Hall that has a chance of being built. Highlands is proposing 378 homes and 64 apartment units. They have proposed paying their fair share to the schools, offered to build a new police/fire station along with other perks for the city. The project also encompasses wetlands, uncultivated habitat, and will impact traffic and our water system.

The Highlands project should be built, but requiring an EIR was the right thing to do. Hopefully the EIR will tell us what needs to be mitigated and how. We've required other projects to do EIRs and the data has helped us understand the consequences growth has on our community.

I was hoping our city council would amend the General Plan's housing element and add an annual percentage cap before some super development showed up at our door, lawyers in hand, telling us we have to let them build. The added advantage to having Winters Highlands do an EIR is that it gives us time to decide how fast we want to grow, in writing. The real question about Winters Highlands is how many years will it take to build out the project. The developers would like to build as fast as possible, maybe finishing the project in six years. If they build after Callahan and take 10 years to build out, I don't think they would be getting the flack they are getting now, but I may be wrong. Some people just don't want another home built in Winters.

There are huge developments banging on City Hall's door as you read this, rumored at over 2,000 homes. I usually laugh at people who say we are going to double our population by 2010, because I don't think we could grow that fast if we wanted too. I don't think it's unreasonable to plan to double in size every 30 years or so, with a consistent growth pattern. It's the years when we don't grow at all that affects our business district and our sense of community, not the spikes in our population.

For some perspective, we've tripled in size over the last 35 years and I think Winters is a healthy community because of the new people and business that have moved to Winters. A town is like a business, if you're not growing you're shrinking. Our infrastructure continues to need repairs, our employees salaries need to keep up with inflation and we should be taking at least our share of the area's growth, which is just under two percent per year.

While the cities around us have experienced explosive growth over the last 35 years, we've done a pretty good job of maintaining the small town feel we've always enjoyed. As Davis, Woodland and Vacaville continue to add thousands of people, we can add a few hundred at a time and still be the smallest, and best city to live in, around.

Growth is an important issue for all of us and I hope we can continue the discussion and debate. If you want to know what a great community we live in, just talk to a city councilman. And that's my point. There aren't that many cities where you can talk to a city councilman and actually have them listen to you.

Whether you're following the growth issue in the Express, on cable TV or in person, keep up the good work.

POWER OF THE PEN. It's not just anyone who can rename a school with a few strikes on their keyboard. My apologies to the Rominger family for incorrectly identifying the Shirley Rominger School in last week's column. No excuses.

Have a good week.

THANKS . . .

Rod and Connie Baker wish to extend a special thanks to Mrs. Charlotte Martinez, the Lorenzo families, Howard and Delores, the Winters Community Center Senior Citizens, Mr. Jeff Zagray and Mr. Cameron Koepsell, for all the kindness and support given the past week.

You all made it a little easier for us during this most difficult time.

EIR

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project, he was happy to do so.

Charlie Rominger said he still disagreed with the 1990 assumptions in the water study. He said in order to feel confident that there was enough water available, test holes should be drilled on the development property to see if there is water in the underground strata.

He also suggested that the developers be required to acquire the land for the future Wastewater Treatment Facility expansion, not just put up the money.

"Four-point-four percent is an incredible growth rate for the city of Winters," Rominger said, asking that the commissioners consider a more reasonable rate such as the national average of 1.2 percent.

"Whether or not Hofmann is a nice guy is immaterial to the whole development," said Michael Savona. "The debate is what the impact of these projects will be on the city of Winters."

After stating that the projects without a doubt needed to have an EIR, he objected to the three-minute time limit for speakers, calling it "insulting" to those who put in time and effort to prepare information, such as Jackson.

Ann Melly said Winters is at a crossroads, and can choose to keep a small town lifestyle or choose to go in a different direction.

"There's no going back once growth happens," she said.

Although she could relate to the idea of grown children wanting to move back to Winters, she said the current Winters residents could end up becoming the "disenfranchised population."

"I don't want to be bludgeoned into a new way of life."

David Springer asked why the West Central Master Plan, which included the Winters Highlands and Callahan projects, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints site and Carter ranch, was being rescinded.

He also questioned the impacts to the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Callahan representative Jim Hildenbrandt said his project conforms to the General Plan and the project includes sewer alternatives and traffic mitigation.

"We have addressed parks," he said, noting that the city was more interested in trying to develop sports parks.

He noted that the development agreement was being negotiated and included payment of Level Three fees ($6.20 per square foot) to the school district. He asked the staff to prepare the resolution and the commissioners to move forward.

McCabe appreciated the work that was done, but said he believed if an EIR was not done, the project would go to the courts. He moved to continue the project and require an EIR. Vallecillo seconded.

Tramontana asked why an EIR is necessary and asked what would be the difference between an EIR and a negative declaration.

McCabe said a negative declaration is not an environmental document.

Tramontana asked if the Development Agreement would address the issues McCabe and Vallecillo were concerned about.

He was told that the Development Agreement would stay in place, but the developers may not choose to agree with it.

Jordan asked if the reports would be revised for an EIR or would they go to a different organization to get information.

Contract planner Heidi Tschudin said if the commissioners asked for an EIR, they needed to address which studies they found inadequate.

"Which reports need to be addressed, and how?" she asked.

"What will change?" Jordan asked.

McCabe noted that an air quality report would be included. Vallecillo said an EIR is a comprehensive study.

"It's designed from the top to the bottom, not like what's going on now," he said, calling the current studies "patchwork."

He said he would rather err on the side of an EIR.

"I want to know what I'm trading for," he said. "There are too many unknowns."

Tramontana asked why the others wanted to wait and see if "some little thing turns up."

"We could vote right now. If we don't like it, we just vote on it."

Again, Jordan asked what the difference in the studies would be.

McCabe said an EIR is the way to find out about all the impacts.

"In my opinion, this project is going to happen. But I want to see the mitigation done correctly," he said.

"Isn't that already being done?" asked Jordan.

"The reports differ," said McCabe.

At that point, the attorney for the Callahan project asked for a point of order. He asked that a distinction be made between the Callahan Estate project and the Winters Highlands project.

He said there were "no comments made by Smallwood with regard to Callahan."

Graf said the parties should all work together to "do what's best for Winters, long and short term."

He said he had a personal bias toward affordable housing, and that the only way the city will get it is through development. He also wanted to see traffic issues addressed. He encouraged everyone to sit down and make compromises.

The commissioners agreed to hold some sort of a scoping meeting to decide what to include in the EIR.

Winters Highlands

Winters Highlands representative Dennis Wilson said he was willing to forego the public comment period and assume that the commissioners would ask for an EIR on that project as well.

"We reserve the right to respectfully disagree with the decision," he said, noting that they stood behind the negative declaration prepared for the project.

Audience members still asked for a chance to speak.

Catherine Portman spoke on behalf of the Burrowing Owl Preservation Society. She asked for a full EIR and said the study done by Foothill Associates was not as thorough and comprehensive as other studies.

She said she has heard reports of as many as six to eight Burrowing Owls being seen on the site. According to Portman, the season during which a study is done is very important.

"Now would be the height of the season," she said, noting that there is a six and one-half acre minimum habitat requirement per bird or pair.

She noted that the property has already been disked and burned and that the Department of Fish and Game has been to the site.

Gary Douglas said he seriously doubted that funding offered would be sufficient to mitigate for schools. Due to his concern about school impacts he asked the commisioners to "complete a more detailed study with regard to schools."

Amy Roberts said she wanted to see more study on schools and parks.

"Not that I'm against growth because growth is what brought me here," she said.

She asked that the city stick to its General Plan and said the park on the Winters Highlands project should be a community park, not an apartment park.

William Spalding said he was concerned that the negative declaration did not include data on police and fire service "specifically response times."

He asked for comparisons of levels of service, response times, incidents, crime rate and other data between what currently exists and what would happen after the development.

Spalding noted that the fire department is primarily made up of volunteers and is short staffed.

Tim Caro renewed his request for a third, independent biological study.

Lisa Rocca questioned the impact of the development on a Wastewater Treatment Facility that is already almost at capacity. She noted there is room for another 100 houses before expansion is necessary. She also asked that the apartments be moved back to the other side of the development where they were originally supposed to go. She noted that the plan originally called for three acres of open space and 17.5 acres of park space.

Lonnie Vigil said community parks are necessary in addition to a regional sports park, because young children would not be able to get to a regional sports park that is located on the outskirts of town. He said according to the General Plan, the city should have 45 acres of parks right now, but it only has eight.

He was concerned that having the park adjacent to an apartment complex would create "a sense of turf and be more difficult to monitor."

Tom Moore spoke in favor of an EIR for the project.

Vallecillo moved to continue the project and ask for an EIR, McCabe seconded the motion.

During further discussion the commssioners agreed to ask for separate EIRs for each project, but to ask for a report of the cumulative impacts of all pending developments.

During the meeting Bob Thompson also addressed the planning commission regarding conversion of the Winters Townhomes project from apartments to condominiums.

Ag history center celebrates Fourth with reduced admission

The Heidrick Ag History Center will reduce all admissions to $3 for the day on July 4..

Special hours will also be in force for Sunday, July 4. The Center will close an hour early at 3 p.m. to allow staff to celebrate, as well.

The Heidrick Ag History Center houses the Fred C. Heidrick, Sr. Antique Ag collection and the Hays Antique Truck Museum, the largest exhibit of its kind in the world.

Regular hours are M-F 10-5, Saturday 10-6, and Sunday 10-4. Admission is $6 for adults, $5 for seniors (62+) and $4 for children 6-14 years. Children 5 and under are always admitted free.

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Chamber honored for educational programs

At an awards luncheon sponsored by Linking Education and Economic Development (LEED) and the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, the Winters Chamber of Commerce was awarded the 2004 Honor Roll Award in the Best Small Business category.

This award recognized the Winters Chamber's sponsorship of programs to assist high school students in the transition from school to career. These programs include the initiation of a Job Club at Winters High School, coordination of career fairs, job shadowing, and implementation of the Work Ready Certificate Program.

The Winters Chamber of Commerce was selected to receive this prestigious award from among other Chambers of Commerce and businesses in seven surrounding counties.

Courtesy photo

Shown receiving the 2004 Honor Roll Award are Dan Maguire, Chamber Executive Director, Howard Hupe, Chamber President and Education Committee Chair, Dianne Grimard, Chamber Education Committee member, and Karen Benson-Neil, Job Club Coordinator.

House party planned to support Kerry

Popular Bay Area jazz pianist Bob Adams, who is also a Yolo County Farmer, will play at the July 10, Kerry for President house party fund-raiser to be held north of Winters.

Rich and Evelyne Rominger will host the event at their home on County Road 29, west of County Road 89, from 7-9 p.m. Also hosting the event will be Congressman Mike Thompson, State Senator Mike Machado, Assemblywoman Lois Wolk, Yolo County supervisors Mike McGowan, Frank Sieferman and Helen Thompson, Tony and Jacqueline Avellar, Roy Bellhorn and Maggie Burns, Lewis and Sheana Butler, Bob Chapman, Jeff and Diana Childress, Jack and Marge Graf, John and Bobbie Greenwood, Bill and Marion Hamilton, Pete and Helen McCloskey, Craig and Julie McNamara, Cynthia Rodriguez and Roy Marubayashi, Tom and Carol Stone and Newt and Ida Wallace.

A minimum contribution of $25 is suggested.

For more information, call Jack and Marge Graf, 795-2813 or Rich and Evelyne Rominger, 795-2171.

Pretty patriotic

Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Help raise funds for the Winters Fourth of July fireworks display and get a chance to win this handmade wall hanging. City of Winters Director of Finance, Shelly Gunby donated the quilt, which took her about 120 hours to complete. This is the second quilt she has donated for the cause. It will be raffled off at the fireworks display on July 4, at 8:30 p.m. at Dr. Sellers Field. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. For more information, call 795-4910.

Monthly Chamber meetings open to public

The Winters Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Friday of each month at 7 a.m. in the Chamber office, located inside the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue.

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings.

The Chamber is involved in promoting local business, as well as coordinating community functions such as the Earthquake Street Festival and the Citizen of the Year celebration.

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ART

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31 Main Street), featuring a variety of artists, and Los Pintores gallery (311 First Street) also participate. Los Pintores features three artists, Dave Arguello, Jack Wills and more of Weatherford's work.

Artwalk maps are available at any of the galleries and Putah Creek Café, and the route includes Main Street, Railroad Avenue and First Street. The tours are self-guided, and visitors can take their time at each gallery before moving on.

Childress says the Artwalk got started in October of last year and beginning in January of this year, have become a regularly scheduled event. Word of the local attraction is catching on. She says attendance is steady, and the number of people visiting seems to increase a little each month.

"It's been a great community effort. It takes the whole community to make that happen."

While she is happy to see people getting out to see art, Childress credits the efforts of the local artists in making it happen at all.

"All these new artists created it," says Childress. "By all of us putting our energy together, we make a bigger noise."

All of the artwork on display at the Artwalk is also available for purchase, says Childress. So, in addition to getting out and just enjoying art, if there's a piece that someone really falls in love with, no problem. He or she can buy it and take it home. There is a variety of work on display — everything from traditional watercolor landscapes to modern mixed media — so there's something for everyone.

Above all, Childress points out that the galleries and the Artwalk enrich the entertainment options for both residents and visitors to Winters. The galleries are all only steps away from restaurants, pubs and The Palms. She encourages the community to come down to the galleries and see what's there.

"You'll have a good time, and get out and enjoy your own community."

Rebecca Ryland, whose work is featured at both the Blue Hills Gallery and the Main Street Gallery, says she loves coming to the Winters Artwalk as a participant.

"It's a blast. You meet all these different people," says Ryland, who enjoys making an afternoon of the Artwalk by going out to lunch too. "Artwalks are great. You get to see new things each month."

Childress says the galleries that have opened in Winters so far are just a beginning, and hopes to see more spring up. The community can help that happen by supporting the artists who are here now — word travels fast.

"More participation encourages more artists to come here and show their work. It cycles back on itself." That, in turn, "offers art customers more choices about what kind of art to buy."

Any artists who'd like to get involved with the Artwalk but who aren't featured in any of the galleries can still get their work out where the public can see it. Childress says the city is allowing Rotary Park to be used for art displays on Artwalk days if it hasn't been reserved for any other activity.

Anyone who wants to see what the artists have to offer can attend this month's Artwalk, planned for Saturday, July 3.

"It's a nice way to experience a community," says Childress.

For more information about the Artwalk, call Childress, 795-9535. To reserve a spot in Rotary Park, call Childress or Gloria Marion at City Hall, 795-4910.

Food, clothing closet hours

St. Anthony Catholic Church operates a food and clothing closet behind the parish hall at 511 Main Street. The hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about the St. Anthony's food and clothing closet, or to make a monetary or other donation, call Dawn at the St. Anthony office, 795-2230. The closet does not accept large furniture or appliances.

The First Baptist Church also operates a food closet, which is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The church is located at First and Baker streets.

For more information, call Juanita Tilden, 795-2395.

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Hart accepts Arizona position

John Ross Hart, the oldest son of the late John R. and Frances Hart, of Winters, and a graduate of Winters High School, has accepted a position as ESL Teacher and department head at J. O. Combs Middle School in Queen Creek, Arizona. A bay area resident since 1977, John is a graduate of Chico State University and St. Mary's College. He is continuing pursuit of his doctorate at Arizona State University.

John spent 20 years in the hospitality industry before returning to college for his teaching credential in Social Studies and English-as-a-Second Language. John has worked in the West Contra Costa, Mt. Diablo, and Liberty School Districts and did some of his early training in the Winters Joint Union School District.

Accompanying John in his move to the Grand Canyon State are his wife Laury, and their 8-year-old son Liam.

John assumes his new position effective Aug. 1, with the new school year beginning Aug. 11.

'Winters Tales' on file at library

Did you know that the Winters town Christmas tree used to be set up in the middle of the intersection of First and Main Streets? That Winters farm women worked during World War II as plane spotters? That the Buckhorn bar used to be called the Bucket of Blood? That a famous town personality once ran out in her birthday suit to chase a cow out of her vegetable garden, to the amusement of passers-by?

For the past several years, volunteers from the Winters Friends of the Library have interviewed long-time residents about life in Winters. The interviews have been transcribed and the transcripts are now on file at the Winters Library, 201 First Street.

For more information about Winters Tales, call Diane Cary, 795-3173.

Entertainment

Coming to the Palms

Courtesy photo

Dynamic singer Shana Morrison returns to The Palms with her band Caledonia for an evening of rock, r & b, and maybe even a song from dad, Van Morrison. Showtime is 8:30pm and tickets are $15. Advance tickets available at Kimes.

Gazebo concerts starting soon

One of the real pleasures of the season is to listen to live music outdoors on a balmy summer evening. Winters Friends of the Library invite the community to enjoy a series of free outdoor concerts on Thursday evenings, July 8-29, at 7 p.m. at the Rotary Park Gazebo, on Main Street just east of Railroad Avenue, next to the Community Center.

All the groups featured in this year's series include Winters residents or have a Winters connection. The series will open on July 8 with Lambazz, presenting an evening of jazz classics. The four-piece band is well known in the Sacramento region for their cool groove and their musical skill. The group's leader, saxophonist Clif Lamb, is chief psychiatrist at California State Prison Solano by day, but his nights belong to music. Lamb and bassist Dacey Havens are Winters residents.

On July 15, Alkali Flats will perform their unique brand of harmony-driven country classics, drawing on everything from the Louvin Brothers to Graham Parsons. The band got together because of the members' shared passion for exploring old ghost towns, and their play list includes a good sprinkling of "campfire songs gone awry." Winters' own Keith Cary plays mandolin for the group.

On July 22, enjoy the soulful bolero-style music of Rondalla Sentimiento Romantico. Rondalla is an ancient tradition, brought to Mexico from Spain, in which groups of young men serenade the public (and especially young women) at fiestas. The seven members of this group come from various parts of Mexico but share a love of this romantic musical style. The group's leader, Antonio Silva, has family in Winters.

The series will conclude on July 29 with the El Rado Scufflers. Named for a Jimmie Noone tune about a fight in a 1920s dance club in Chicago, the group plays vintage jazz, dance music, and popular tunes. The group includes Winters residents E. George on clarinet and Bob Armstrong on guitar, banjo, and musical saw.

Invite your friends and neighbors, bring a blanket or lawn chairs or sit on the grass, sip a cool drink, and enjoy some fine live music on a summer evening. The concerts are free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. The Friends of the Library will have ice cream and cold drinks for sale, and all proceeds benefit the Winters Library.

For more information, call Keith or Diane Cary at (530) 795-3173.

Volunteers needed

The Winters Participation Gallery, located at 31 Main Street, is seeking volunteers to keep the gallery open on Thursday and Friday evenings, as well as from 3-9 p.m. on Saturday and hours to be announced on Sunday.

No experience is necessary. The main qualifications are reliability and interest.

For more information, call 795-2009.

Auditions planned for 'Beauty and the Beast'

Auditions for "Beauty and the Beast" will be held on Monday and Tuesday, July 26-27 at 7 p.m. at Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Boulevard (Highway 50 at Hazel in the Nimbus Winery Complex, in Rancho Cordova). This is a non-musical. Auditions are open to all ages from older children through adults. Actors will be paid minimum wage for rehearsal and performance time. Bring a headshot and resume to the audition if you have them.

The characters are:

~ Prince Fredrick / Beast - teen to young adult

~ Old woman - teen to adult

~ Voice of the sea - female, this may be prerecorded

~ Beauty - teen to young adult

~ Father - adult of appropriate age to be the father of Beauty

~ Captain - older teen to adult

~ Attendants - children to teen

The show opens on Saturday, Sept. 18 and runs through Saturday, Nov. 6. Performances are at 2 p.m. on Saturdays plus Wednesday performances at 9:30 a.m. and noon for school groups. The show will not be double cast, so there can be no conflicts with performance dates. Rehearsals will start about three to four weeks before opening and will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings plus a weekend rehearsal. Conflicts during rehearsals can usually be worked out; however, there can be no conflicts during tech week the week before opening.

For more information call Allen Schmeltz at 985-6361 ext. 16 or email kids@garbeaus.com.

Things to do around the Winters area

June 27: See psychics and vendors from all over the world at the Psychic and Healing Arts Fair in Sacramento. The fair will be held from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Avenue. Admission is $5, two for $8, seniors and teens $3. Children under 12 are admitted free. For information, call 800-722-7330.

June 27: Join U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson for all you can eat barbecue, wine tasting, a silent auction and baseball game at Raley Field. The River Cats will play the Tacoma Rainiers at 6:05 p.m. Raley Field is located at 400 Ballpark Drive, in West Sacramento. Advance tickets are $35 per person. For ticket information, contact Mary Jane Bowker, 707-226-8989.

July 6-27: Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. enjoy Music in the Zoo for some terrific music at the Sacramento Zoo. Enjoy blues, cajun, country and rock 'n roll. The zoo is located at the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park. For more information, call 916-264-5888.

July 10: Second Saturday for Kids debuts at the Crocker Art Museum. Coolsville! A Fifties Bash celebrates a culture gone-by with activities and art. Second Saturdays will feature a variety of family-friendly activities. Events begin at noon. For more information, call 916-264-5423.

July 25-Sept. 17: The Design Museum in 145 Walker Hall at U.C. Davis presents "Fili Italiani: A Thousand Years of Needlework. Displayed items will include embroidery and lacework. For more information, visis http://design.ucdavis.edu/museum.

July 24: Join the Ice Cream Safari will all you can eat ice cream and beverages at the Sacramento Zoo. It's a brainfreezing good time featuring Chocolate Chimp Sundaes or Flamingo Floats. Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for children 12 and under. The Sacramento Zoo is located at the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park. For more information, call 916-264-5888.

Safety featured at Sacramento Zoo

Did you know that just one bad blistering sunburn as a child can double your chance of developing skin cancer later in life? Summertime activities are a lot of fun, yet while outdoors we often forget how important it is to practice good safety techniques.

As part of Summer Safety Awareness Day at the Sacramento Zoo, pharmacy students from the International Professional Pharmacy Fraternity, Rho Pi Phi, from the University of the Pacific, will offer free information, crafts, and activities about summer topics such as allergies, dehydration and sun protection Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sacramento Zoo. These activities are free with paid admission to the zoo.

The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

General admission for ages 13 and over is $7.25. Admission for ages 3-12 is $5.00.

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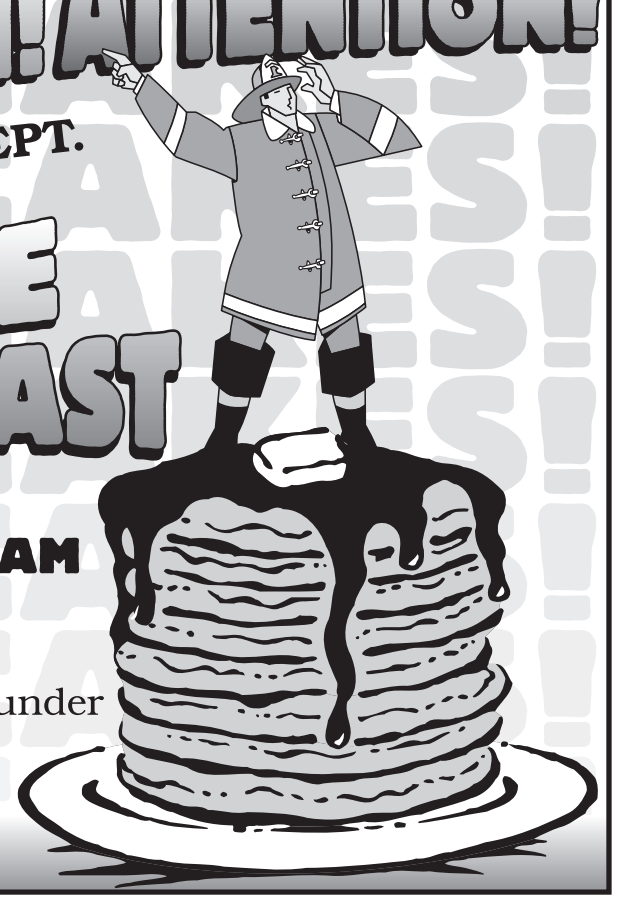

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Sports

Winters families play host for Thunderbirds

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO Express sports correspondents

John and Debbie Carbahal and their daughters, of Winters are one of three families in Winters who are doing their part for the Solano Thunderbirds baseball program in Vacaville. The Thunderbirds are a baseball team made up of college baseball players that are taking the opportunity to push their skills to another level after their regular college season is over. Players come from all over the nation to play with the Thunderbirds and that's where the host families come into the picture.

The Host Family program helps the Thunderbirds attract the very best players by giving the players and their families the comfort in knowing that each one is taken care of by people who care. The Carbahals enjoy everything about the program.

"It's been a great experience for us," said Debbie. "We first went to a few games because our daughter was working at the ball park and then we heard about the program. Now we go to almost every game. This season we've only missed one game," she added.

Eric Van Slyke of Chandler Arizona is staying with the Carbahals this season. "Eric is very busy," Debbie said. "He doesn't spend a lot of time with us at home because the team is always doing something. They are very busy. They do a lot for the community as well."

The Carbahals are enjoying their first year as hosts and would recommend it to others. "We think it's great," Debbie said. "Our whole family enjoys everything about it."

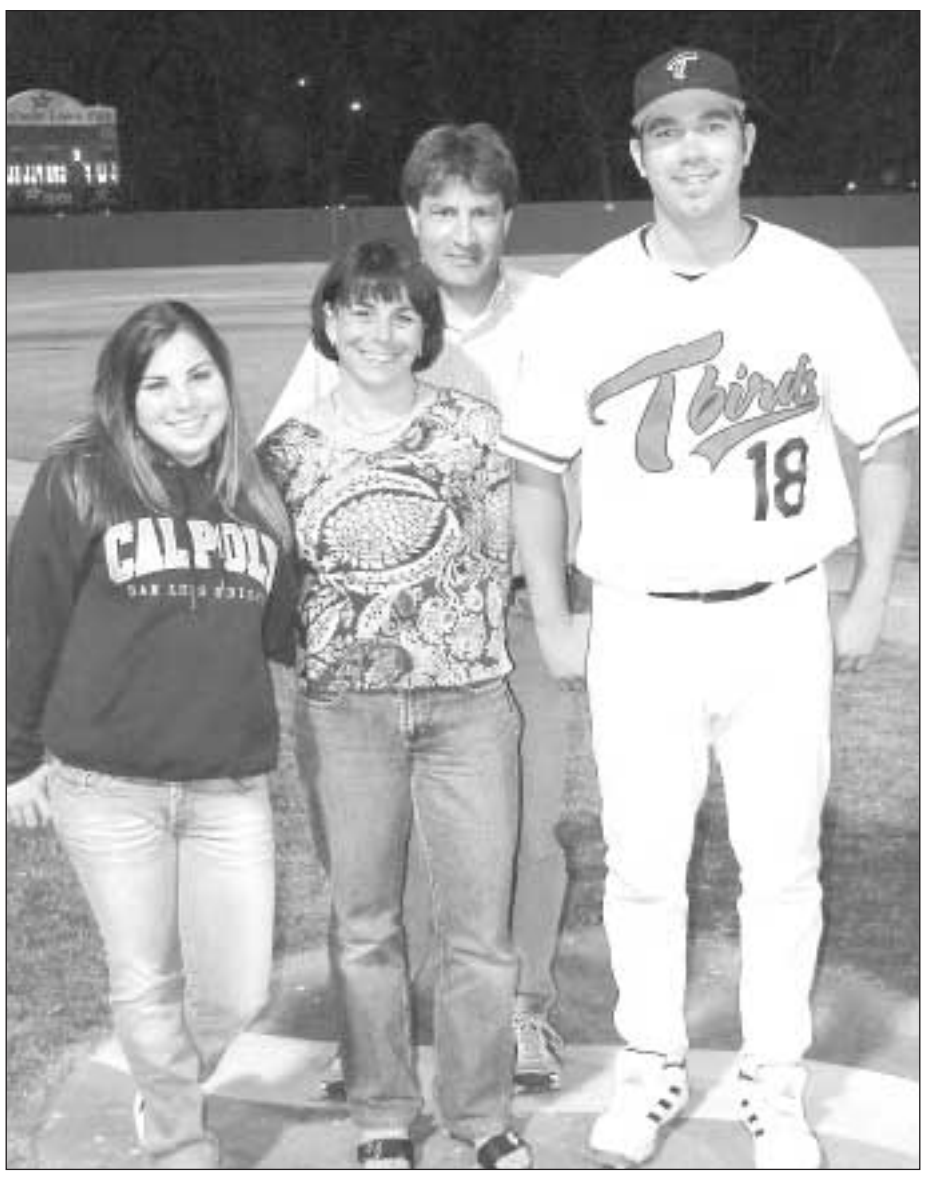

Photo by Laura Lucero

Winters families are showing their support for the Solano Thunderbirds baseball team by inviting team members to live with them during the season.

The Carbahals are one of three families sharing their hospitality this year. Pictured with Solano Thunderbirds player Eric Van Slyke (far right) are Stephanie, Debbie and John Carbahal.

The Solano Thunderbirds play at Travis Federal Credit Union Park in Vacaville.

Winters High School Football Kicks Off Summer Session

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO Express sports correspondents

Weight lifting and conditioning for the Winters High School football players is now available Monday-Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the Winters High School gym. Both returning players and incoming freshmen are encouraged to participate. Please note: access to the gym is through the back entrance.

The Warriors are still competing in the summer passing league at Solano College and will take on Armijo on July 6, at 7:30p.m.

Hedrick hits in winning run for Aces

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO Express sports correspondents

The Aces played a double header on Sunday, June 20, in Willows against MSI of Napa and picked up two close wins. In game one the aces threw Thomas Whitsett for all seven innings and picked up a 5-4 victory. Down 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh, Nathanael Lucero led off the inning with a triple, then was driven in by Karl Olsen's single to tie the game at four apiece. Jose Sandoval then hit a single of his own to move Olsen to third. As the Napa defense closed in tight to get the out at home Nick Hedrick stepped up to the plate and made them pay. Hedrick bounced the ball off the 360-foot sign in right center field to bring home the winning run.

Hedrick batted 3 for 4 with two doubles and a game winning RBI. Lucero Batted 1 for 1 with a triple. Olsen scored two runs, while Whitsett and Ian Mistrot each had one hit apiece.

In game two of the double header, the Aces picked up a 12-9 victory over MSI. Lucero threw the first two innings before being relieved by Hunter Stillwell. The Aces once again relied on their hitting to keep them in the game as they collected 13 hits. Joe and Thomas Fleming each batted 3 for 4 and had two runs scored. John Avellar batted 2 for 3 with a double, a run scored and an RBI. Olsen hit 1 for 1 with a run scored and a RBI. Lucero batted 1 for 3 with a double, a run scored and a RBI. Jorge Huizar batted 1 for 3 with 2 RBI, while Stillwell, and Kevin Lohse each had a hit for the Aces.

The Aces met the Gamblers in Winters on Tuesday, June 22, and suffered a 10-2 loss. The Aces played tough, keeping it a close game at 2-4 until the sixth inning when the Gamblers scored six more runs.

Alex Jurado led the Aces at the plate batting 2 for 3 with 2 RBI, while Hedrick, Whitsett, Mistrot, and Thomas Fleming each had a hit for the Aces.

On Wednesday, June 23, the Aces played host to Middletown in Willows. Suffering a 6-1 loss, the Aces only collected two hits. Huziar batted 1 for 1, while Lucero went 1 for 3.

Halley leads Gamblers with bat

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO Express sports correspondents

The Tri-County Gamblers continued their winning ways last weekend as they first swept the MSI Napa team on Saturday, June 19, in Napa. The Gamblers connected with 15 hits and scored 17 times, while picking up an easy 17-3 victory over the Napa team. Brenden Benson threw a complete game, picking up the win for the Gamblers while allowing just four hits.

Brent Etchepare had a perfect day at the plate, batting 4 for 4 with two RBI. Jacob Ramano went 3 for 5, Norm Halley picked up two hits with a double, and three RBI. Chris Cooper had two doubles, while James Barbosa, Darrin Brown, Scott Thur, and Alex Thomson each had one hit.

In game two the Gamblers were forced to play 10 innings before they could pick up their second win of the game over MSI. The Gamblers scored three runs in the seventh to force the extra innings, then scored the winning run in the tenth for a 5-4 victory.

Halley started the tenth inning with a double, before being hit in by Jared Enos for the game-winning run. Halley was also the one who tied the game in the seventh with a two-out double off the outfield fence.

Halley, Cooper, Romano, and Enos each had two hits, while Etchepare had one.

The Gamblers were back on the field on Sunday, June 20, against the Fairfield Yankees— a game the Yankees would like to forget and the Gamblers would love to have again. The Gamblers had 18 hits in the first inning alone. Tri-County totaled 25 hits while blowing out the Yankees 25-3.

"It was unbelievable," said coach Jerry Smith. "I was making substitutions in the first inning because we had batters already hitting 3 for 3.

Etchepare was one of them, going 3 for 3 in the first before being replaced by Benson who also ended up batting 3 for 3. Halley batted 4 for 4 with two doubles, a triple, and two RBI. Thomson, Jacob Thorne, Cooper, Barbosa, and Sebastien Salas each had two hits. Kannon Smith, Ramano, and Joe Armstrong each had one hit. Enos picked up the win on the mound for the Gamblers.

The Gamblers won convincingly in game two with a 12-7 victory over the Yankees. Thur got the win on the mound. Etchepare, had three hits. Ramano, Cooper, Barbosa, and Halley each had two, while Matt Miller, Enos, and Brown each had a hit apiece.

On Tuesday, June 22, the Gamblers picked up another win as they beat the Aces 10-2 and improved their record to 12-3 in the NBL. Etchepare had another big day batting 4 for 5 with a home run, a double and 5 RBI. Cooper batted 2 for 4 with a double. Barbosa hit 2 for 4, and Halley had another hit.

The Gamblers will travel to the Napa Valley this weekend to compete in the Keith Connelly Fourth of July Invitational. The Gamblers first game will be on Thursday, July 1, at 1 p.m against South City at Justin Siena High School. Their second game will be on Friday, July 2, at 2:15p.m. at the Vets home in Yountville, and game three will be on Saturday, July 3, at 2:15p.m at the Vets home in Yountville.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Nick Hedrick of the Tri-County Aces is this week's athlete of the week. Hedrick played a huge part in the Aces' come-from-behind win over MSI of Napa last Sunday, June 20. With the game tied in the bottom of the seventh inning and runners on second and third Hedrick hit a 360-foot shot over the center fielder's head to score the winning run. Hedrick finished the game batting 3 for 4 with a single two doubles and a game winning RBI.

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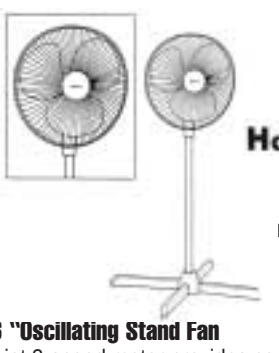

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July 4th Holiday Weekend Boating Safety Tips

Nearly 20 percent of all boating accidents in California occur during the three Summer holiday weekends of Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. As Independence day approaches, the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is issuing a reminder to boaters to stay safe in the water.

Most boating accidents are caused by operator inattention, inexperience, and speeding. Collisions are the most common type of boating accident and operator inexperience and inattention are the leading causes. Remembering a few simple boating rules of the road, such as keeping a sharp lookout for other boat traffic, can help prevent collisions on congested waterways.

"Many of these rules are similar to those of cars," said DBW Director Raynor Tsuneyoshi. "Stay to the right side of channels. In a crossing situation, the person on the right has the right of way. When you meet another boat head-on, each boater should alter course to the right."

In congested areas, intoxicated operators and passengers can increase the already high risk of accident. Alcohol and boating can be a deadly mix, especially when combined with stressors in the marine environment, such as sun, glare, wind, heat, and boat and engine noise. Last year, 21% of boating fatalities were alcohol related, and half of those who died were passengers whose intoxication contributed to their deaths.

River recreationists should be aware that in some areas the water is still cold from late snowmelt. The current may be swift, strong and not always visible. River conditions can change quickly due to weather and water releases, resulting in increased danger. California's rivers and lakes have rocky bottoms and sudden drop-offs, a combination that has led to children drowning in as little as four feet of water.

The dangers of exposure to carbon monoxide (CO) from boat engine exhaust have been the subject of recent safety campaigns by the Department and by the U. S. Coast Guard, following the emergence of a popular and dangerous fad, known as "teak" or "drag" surfing: holding onto the swim platform (where CO can accumulate) of an underway vessel and letting go to bodysurf the wake. Doing so over even a short period of time has led to fainting resulting in drownings in the boating environment.

Parents shold keep a watchful eye on children playing in or around the water, and are advised to put life jackets on little ones when they're wading as an added safety measure. When boating, children under the age of 12 must wear their life jackets when aboard a boat 26 feet long or smaller, while the vessel is under way.

Adults should also take precautions for their own safety in a commonly seen accident scenario, parents insure the children are wearing life jackets, but neglect to wear life jackets themselves, instead relying on their swimming ability to keep them safe.

Swimming out too far, or attempting to retrieve gear in the water, and being swept away by currents, are all scenarios when the persons would have survived if they had been wearing their life jackets.

The July 4th weekend could be safer this year if boaters remember to maintain a proper lookout, wear their life jackets, and watch the alcohol.

For additional information on any of the above topics and more, visit the Department of Boating and Waterways' Website at www.dbw.ca.gov.

Golden Bears win in Reno

Mallory Creamer's soccer team, the Solano Golden Bears, won the Washoe Zephyr Invitational Class 1 soccer tournament, over the weekend of June 19. They began the tournament with a tie against the Carson City Freedom, but then came back strong against the El Dorado United Titans with a 4-0 win.

On Sunday, June 20, they began the day with semi-finals against Manteca United. Creamer scored the first goal, and the Bears never looked back with a 4-0 win that earned them a spot in the championship game.

The Bears faced a Sacramento team, the San Juan Spirits '92, and won with a score of 5-1. Creamer, who will be a seventh grader at Winters Middle School, scored 2 goals in this game. The Bears went 3-0-1 and allowed only 2 goals in this tournament.

The Solano Golden Bears has players from Fairfield, Vacaville, Vallejo, American Canyon, and Winters.

Winters youth chosen for Olympic Development Team

Mallory Creamer, who will be a seventh grader at Winters Middle School, has made the District 6 Olympic Development Team for soccer. Creamer was chosen from 50 players who were born in 1992 to begin training for the Northern California Olympic Development team, which she will try out for next year. Creamer has been playing soccer since she was 4 years old, and has been playing competitively since she was 9 years old.

She plays for her club team, The Solano Golden Bears, out of Fairfield, where she is a starting forward. Creamer also enjoys playing softball, volleyball and swimming

Deadlines for Winters Express submissions

The deadline for turning in press releases, news items, Letters to the Editor and photos for publication in the Express is Mondays at noon for publication that week. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be held for publication the following week.

Press releases, news items, letters and photos may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Winters Express office, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694. Photos may be black and white or color. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter, press release or news item, and to crop or reject any photo.

Press releases, news items, photos and Letters to the Editor may also be emailed to news@wintersexpress.com

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"Puck" (as shown above) was one of the many magical and mischievous characters in last year's Shakespeare in the Park production, "A Midsummer's Nights Dream".

'As You Like It' comes to City Park

Winters Shakespeare Workshop (WSW) is entering an amazing seventh summer season. WSW is a summer youth program of Winters Friends of the Library. With the encouragement and support of the Library Friends, Winters Shakespeare Workshop organizes local teen actors to put on a play written by William Shakespeare. Five evenings a week, for five weeks, for the past six summers, the Winters park playground stage comes to life. For three hours every evening, actors work with theatre professionals. They play theatre games; they learn to speak from the stage; they practice stage combat and pratfalls; they learn their lines and finally, they put on a play.

Each production includes from 15-26 actors/workshop participants depending on the play. Teen and parent volunteers run tech, music and park watch.

"We think that WSW is a great gift to the community. People come by every evening to watch the play take shape. Kids playing in the park stop and enjoy the process." says Mary Lou Linvill, co-producer.

Denise Cottrell and Linvill are co-producers of Winters Shakespeare Workshop. This year they have put together a great production team. The WSW '04 director this summer is Russell St. Clair, a professional director and teacher of theatre arts. Russell has directed WSW productions for the past three summers. Laura Sandage is workshop vocal, music and theatre games person. Laura has a degree in voice and participates in camp Winnarainbow (run by Wavy Gravy) every summer. This year Jamie Sherman, a UC Davis drama major, is production manager for the workshop elements, leading movement and speech exercises.

Wyatt Hesemeyer and Nick Antipa are the instrumental music directors—their third year participating. "As You Like It" is one of Shakespeare's most musical shows, according to director, St. Clair, full of songs and incidental music. Local artist, Jeff Hesemeyer has made some amazing set pieces/props. Everyone is working hard and having a great time-

This year's presentation will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17.

Teacher workshops feature flyway

The Yolo Basin Foundation is offering three one-day teacher workshops for the "Discover the Flyway" school program. Teachers and educators can choose from three convenient dates:

~ Tuesday, Aug. 3.
~ Wednesday, Sept. 1.
~ Saturday, Sept. 18.

Each workshop is a full day from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is an exciting program for teachers to become self sufficient in leading a field trip to a local wetland area. This hands-on, interactive workshop will be held at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters Office adjacent to Interstate 80 in Davis. The workshop features in-class and field activities, and familiarizes teachers with wetland habitats in the context of the Yolo Wildlife Area. Teachers who have completed the one-day workshop receive a binder with complete information about our science curriculum and hands on learning activities for use in-class and outdoors. All activities are correlated to the state teaching standards for Science. After attending the one-day workshop, teachers can schedule a fully staffed field trip in the Yolo Wildlife Area. Every step is guided by experienced teaching staff and highly trained docents. It is an excellent opportunity for science to come alive for students in the 16,000-acre wetlands.

Workshop capacity is limited; therefore, preregistration is required. The cost is $25 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, materials and transportation to the Wildlife Area.

For a registration form or additional information please contact Rachelle De Clerck at 758-1018 or e-mail rachelle@yolobasin.org.

The Yolo Basin Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the appreciation and stewardship of wetlands and wildlife through education and innovative partnerships. It serves thousands of people annually with its education and conservation services

Learn about homeschooling at park day

The Yolo County Homeschoolers, a loose-knit group of inclusive Yolo County homeschooling parents, invites all homeschoolers and those interested in learning more about homeschooling to the monthly park day, Thursday, July 1, from 12-2 p.m. at Rainbow City. Rainbow City is located in Community Park at the corners of F Street and Covell Boulevard in Davis.

Several homeschoolers will be available to answer your questions about the wide variety of homeschooling options, opportunities, and experiences. A short informal presentation will be offered from noon-12:30 p.m. We will discuss different homeschooling philosophies, understanding your legal options, networking, parkdays, college opportunities, conferences, and local and statewide resources. Find out how to begin and where to find the tools to navigate your personal family homeschooling adventure.

The group offers a Yahoo-based email list, the monthly newsletter the Flash, (call Heather Smith at 756-4514 for a copy of the latest issue), an annual homeschool information night each August, weekly parkdays for younger families, periodic coffee nights, and a monthly park day on the first Thursday of every month, where families play and network.

For more information contact Eve Dunaway at 753-6464, Linda Jensen at 756-9256, Heather Smith at 756-4514, Katje Sabin at 758-6459, or Betty Bringhurst at 668-6546.

Free fun in the park offered

The city of Winters is sponsoring a free summer program at City Park, located at Fourth and Main streets.

"Fun in the Park" starts June 7 and runs until August 13. Children, ages 8-12 years of age and capable of independently getting themselves to and from City Park are welcomed to participate in this drop-in program. Kids are invited to arrive at City Park at 1 p.m. check in with a city recreation leader and are welcome to stay until 5 p.m.

Lots of fun activities including games, sports, arts and crafts, water play and many other daily programs are planned. This is organized play and not a daycare atmosphere.

"Fun in the Park" aims to be a great character-builder for kids as they will be responsible for getting themselves to and from City Park and will be accountable for their actions. Inappropriate behavior will result in a child being sent home. Children that choose to leave "Fun in the Park" early will be responsible for notifying the recreation leader that they are leaving.

Children will also be responsible for getting themselves home or picked up by 5 p.m. The Recreation Leaders will not be staying at the park after 5 p.m. to assure children are picked up.

For more information, call Gloria Marion, 795-4910, extension 102.

Sacramento Zoo open daily

The Sacramento Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Animal talks and encounters are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting.

Weekday zoo admission is $6.25 for adults and $4 for children, ages three to 12. Weekend zoo admission is $6.75 for adults and $4.50 for children, ages three to 12. Children two and under are admitted free.

The Sacramento Zoo is located in William Land Park on the corner of Sutterville Road and Land Park Drive. For more information, visit the zoo's Website or call the zoo at (916) 264-5888.

Crocker offers free public hours every Sunday

The Crocker Art Museum doors are open and admission is free to the public every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Regular admission is $6 adults, $4 seniors, $3 students, and free to ages 6 and under. Public hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays-Sundays, and Thursdays until 9 p.m.

. The Crocker offers special exhibitions, educational programs and events. The Crocker, established in 1885, is the leading arts institution in the Sacramento Valley serving as the primary regional resource for the study and appreciation of fine art.

For more information about exhibitions and events call (916) 264-5423 or visit their website at www.crockerartmuseum.org.

Gymnastics offered for tots

The city of Davis Gymnastics program is offering Movement Education and Tiny Tot gymnastics classes at Montgomery Elementary school inside the air-conditioned multipurpose room. Movement Education is a parent and child participation class where gymnastics skills are introduced in fun and playful environment.

Tiny Tot Gymnastics is a playful yet structured program that introduces preschoolers to gymnastics skills while developing strength, balance and coordination.

To register for summer classes, come to the Parks and Community Services office, 23 Russell Boulevard, or go to their website: www.cityofdavis.org.

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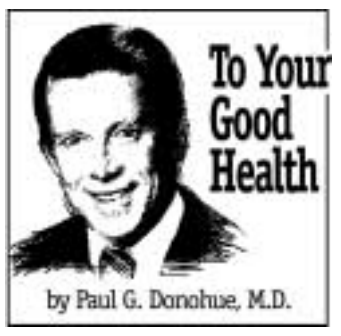
When to stop having pap smears



DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 76-year-old woman and have had annual Pap smears for the past 25 years. Nothing was ever found on them. Can I stop having these smears done? The examination has always been painful for me. — B.D.

ANSWER: Different advisory groups have different guidelines on the age at which a woman can safely stop having Pap smears.

One group says that a woman can stop having the test done at age 65 if her previous three tests have been normal and if no suspicious findings were seen in the prior 10 years. The chances that such a woman would ever have cervical cancer are remote.

A different group abides by the above but uses the age of 69 as the time when no more testing need be done.

A third expert panel sets the age for stopping at 75.

You are at an age when even the most stringent guidelines would let you stop the test. Talk with your doctor. He or she might have a good reason for wanting the test continued.

Readers who would like more information on Pap smears and cervical cancer can order the pamphlet on those topics by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for $4.50 U.S./$6.50 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My question has to do with fingernails. My friends (women) and I experience thin nails that split and are ugly. Why does this happen? What can we do for it? — R.H.

ANSWER: Brittle, splitting nails often result from repeated wetting and drying. Nails swell when wet and shrink when dry. It's very similar to the effect that freeze-thaw cycles have on cement. Those cycles produce cracks in the cement. Ask anyone who drives on northern highways what happens to them after even a single winter season. That's what's happening to your nails.

Wear rubber gloves when you are washing dishes, scrubbing floors or doing anything that requires plunging the hands into water.

Planned moisturizing protects nails and keeps them strong. After a shower, a bath or hand washing, coat the nails with a light layer of moisturizing cream. Petroleum jelly is fine. If you want a brand-name product, Aquaphor ointment is a good choice. It is not the only choice, and you'll find many moisturizers on the shelves of all drugstores.

When filing nails, do so only in one direction and use the fine-grade side of the file. Use nail-polish remover sparingly. After using it, wash the hands and apply moisturizer immediately. Some doctors advise taking biotin, a B vitamin. Neither gelatin nor calcium strengthens nails.

It takes six months for a nail to grow from its base to its tip, so be patient and don't expect overnight results.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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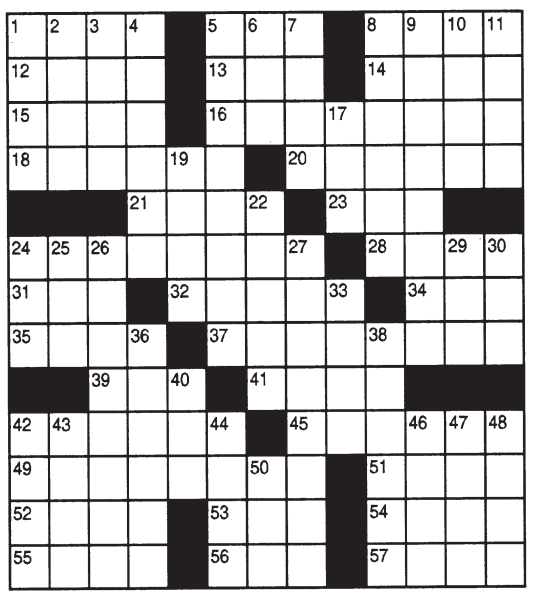

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18 "Wheel of Fortune" category
20 Fishing nets
21 Body powder
23 Reply (Abbr.)
24 Detour, perhaps
28 Neat
31 Commotion
32 Mead's venue
34 "Sesame Street" Muppet
35 Cuts the grass
37 Innocence
39 To the - degree
41 "Lean -"
42 Rome's - Way
45 Cautioner's word
49 Some pots and pans
51 Purchases
52 NFL's Flutie
53 Feathery neckpiece
54 Angers
55 Nimble
56 Prepared
57 Relaxation

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1 Child's play
2 Days gone by
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4 Pure
5 Receive a Web file
6 Mountain of Crete
7 Slithery fish
8 Consecrate with oil
9 Make cutbacks
10 Sheltered
11 Angling gear
17 Meadow
19 Scull tools
22 Brief acting role
24 America's uncle
25 Altar affirmative
26 Torrential rain
27 Pessimistic
29 Two, in Tijuana
30 Absolutely
33 "Darling, Je Vous - Beaucoup"
36 Penny-pinching
38 Tenderfoot
40 "Hee -"
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50 Lobster coral

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The parallels of fishing, education

DALE MITCHELL, Ed.D
EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

Fishing. Fishing has many educational applications and parallels. The following Chinese proverb has profound educational implications. "Give a man a fish and you feed him for one day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." The application is that we need to teach our students how to learn, not simply to provide them with facts and details to memorize. Catching a fish can be comparable with hooking a student into learning. If one type of bait, lure, leader, or cast is unsuccessful, another one is tried. To support student learning, if one type of instructional strategy, learning activity, textbook, or resource is unsuccessful, another one is tried. Fishing and learning, at times, require patience and perseverance. Positive results are not always immediate.

But there is another side to the educational application of fishing. As a hobby or part of a vacation, there is still much to learn. Being still is a challenge that I face along with many others. Sitting quietly provides time to rest both the body and the mind. It provides time for reflection.

Fishing also provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy and respect nature. Replacing buildings, streets, and congestion with open air, open space, and nature is good for the soul.

There is much more that can be written about the importance and relevance of fishing, but I don't have the time or desire at this point. You see, I've gone fishing.

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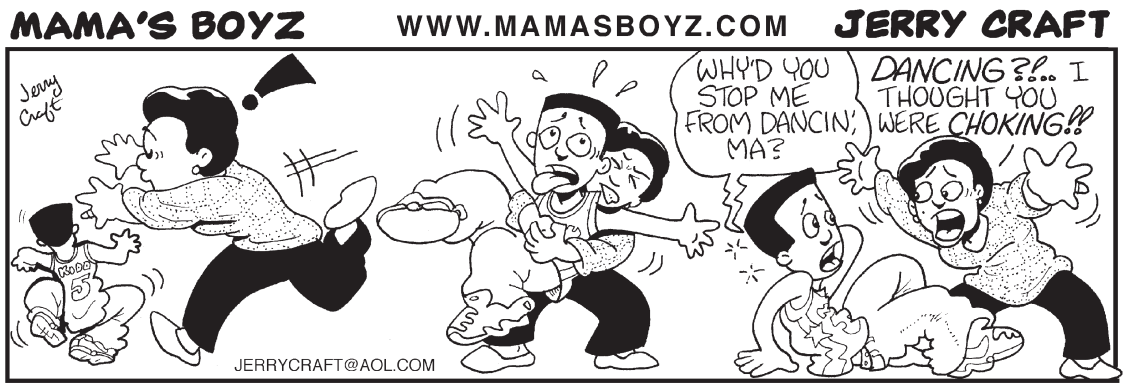

Homegrown tomatoes-tomato dill penne

If you're like most folks, you just can't wait for those first tomatoes, plucked right off the vine. It really doesn't matter where that vine is — be it in your own backyard or from the local farmer's market — as long as they are locally grown. Well, do I have an easy recipe for you, showcasing those homegrown tomatoes!

TOMATO DILL PENNE
2 cups peeled and chopped fresh tomatoes
1 cup hot cooked penne or rotini pasta, rinsed and drained
Sugar substitute to equal 2 tablespoons sugar, suitable for cooking
1 teaspoon dried dill weed
2 teaspoons reduced-calorie margarine
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, sauté tomatoes for 5 minutes. Add penne, sugar substitute, dill weed, margarine and black pepper. Mix well to combine. Lower heat and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring often. Serve at once. Makes 2 (1 cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: 155 calories, 3 g fat, 5 g protein, 27 g carb., 60 mg sodium, 3 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Vegetable, 1 Starch, 1/2 Fat.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com or call toll-free at 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

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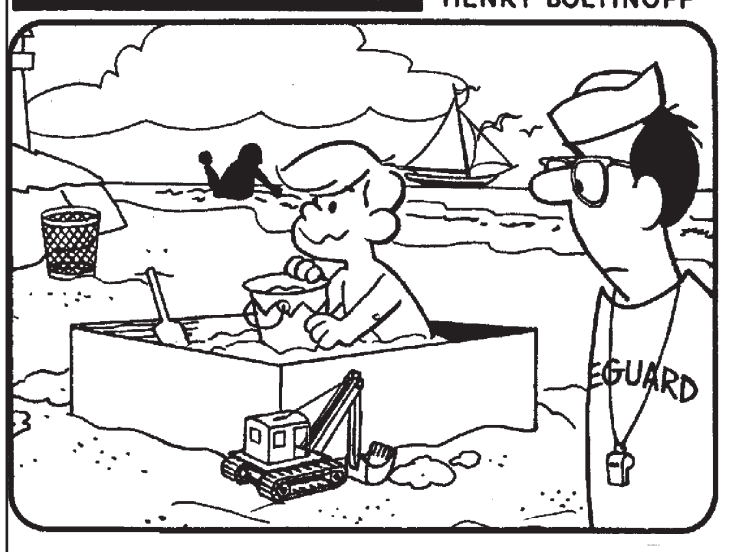

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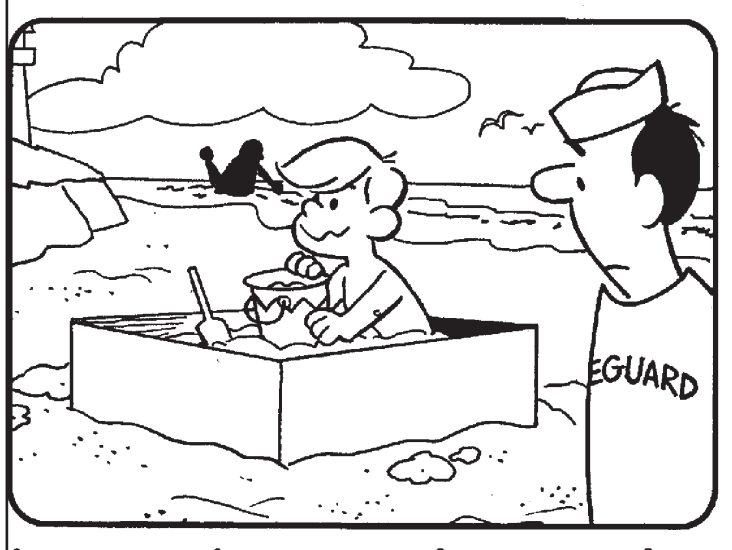

Differences: 1. Trash can is missing. 2. Shovel is moved. 3. Steam shovel is missing. 4. Sailboat is missing. 5. Glasses are missing. 6. Whistle is missing

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Pleased to meet you

Name: Billie Bishop
Occupation: Sub-contract administrator.
Hobby: Juggling and learing languages.
What's best about living in Winters: "Winters."
Fun fact: His goal is to learn 11 languages.

Happy 4th of July.

King Crossword Answers

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Get your facts together and become familiar with them before you have to face up to that interview. The better prepared you are, the easier it will be to make that important impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New information might warrant changing your mind about a recently made decision. Never mind the temporary confusion it might cause. Acting on the truth is always preferable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a loving atmosphere for those you care for could pay off in many ways. Expect to hear some unexpected but very welcome news that can make a big difference in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping away from an old and seemingly insoluble problem might be helpful. Use the time to take a new look at the situation and perhaps work out a new method of dealing with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're still in a favorable goal-setting mode. However, you might need to be a little more realistic about some of your aims. Best to reach for what is currently doable. The rest will follow.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A setback is never easy to deal with. But it could be a boon in disguise. Recheck your proposal and strengthen the weak spots. Seek advice from someone who has "been there and done that."

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coming up with a new way of handling a tedious job-regulated chore could lead to more than just a congratulatory memo once the word reaches the "right people." Good luck.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) What you might call determination someone else might regard as stubbornness. Look for ways to reach a compromise that won't require a major shift of views on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're still in a vulnerable mode vis-a-vis "offers" that sound too good to be true. So continue to be skeptical about anything that can't be backed up with provable facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Thrift is still dominant this week. What you don't spend on what you don't need will be available for you to draw on should a possible (albeit temporary) money crunch hit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Staying close to home early in the week allows for some introspection about your social life. Sort out your feelings before rejoining your fun-time fellows on the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It can be a bit daunting as well as exciting to find yourself finally taking action on a long-delayed move for a change. It helps to stay with it when others rally to support you.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of home and family provide you with the emotional support you need to find success in the outside world.

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JUAN FERNANDEZ
EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

4 de julio, multicultural

Nosotros los latinos que vivimos en este país, así como nuestros hijos que han nacido aquí, tenemos la obligación de saber o aprender nuestra historia y la de los estadounidenses. En muchas escuelas y universidades, hay clases de historia de nuestra gente los Latinos en este país, y que por definición, es una historia que abarca a los hispanos y al país donde vivimos. Por lo regular esa historia se enseña en las facultades de Estudios Chicanos. Historia no es la única materia que se enseña en dichos departamentos. También se imparten clases de la cultura latina, de literatura, de antropología, de gramática, de arte, etc.

Si la historia se repite, a como se dice, es también bueno recordar que se reinterpreta. Se dice que cada generación reinterpreta su historia. Podemos añadir que cada grupo interpreta la historia basado en su propia experiencia. Es absurdo pensar que los esclavos o sus descendientes vayan a interpretar su historia de la misma manera que sus amos. Que los grandes terratenientes hubiesen tenido las mismas amargas experiencias que sus campesinos. Que los conquistadores hayan sufrido las mismas humillaciones que los conquistados.

¿Cómo podríamos nosotros juzgar o interpretar ciertos hechos históricos de los Estados Unidos? Hoy en día se habla mucho sobre, y se celebra, la llamada diversidad cultural y racial de este país, como si fuera algo nuevo. Al contrario, desde el primer día hubo diversidad racial y cultural en las 13 colonias inglesas. Lo que nunca hubo fue armonía racial. Desde un principio se desató una guerra feroz contra las tribus naturales de estas tierras. De los negros sólo basta decir que llegaron en 1619 a Jamestown, la primera comunidad inglesa fundada en 1607, y nunca fueron aceptados ni como iguales y ni como seres humanos.

De la esclavitud colonial pasaron a la esclavitud nacional donde la constitución de los EE.UU. los denominó como 3/5 partes de una persona. Ese estado legal, esa categoría social absurda, duró hasta diciembre de 1865, cuando la decimatercera enmienda a la constitución de los EE.UU. terminó con la esclavitud.

En caso de que nos hallamos olvidado, la famosa declaración de la independencia de las 13 colonias inglesas, propuesta al mundo entero el 4 de julio de 1776, proclamó muy claramente que "todos los hombres [seres humanos] fueron creados iguales por el Dios cristiano." Los mismos habitantes de las colonias insistían que no vivirían como esclavos del rey Inglés, Jorge III. Que preferirían morir antes que sacrificar su libertad.

¡Qué ironía! Los dueños de los esclavos atacando la presumida esclavitud impuesta por la corona inglesa y ellos insistiendo en mantener la esclavitud en sus propias plantaciones. Dos de los héroes más grandes de esta contienda, Jorge Washington, el primer presidente y Tomás Jefferson, el tercer presidente, ambos fueron dueños de esclavos. ¡Qué maravilla!. El indio Americano sufrió una suerte no menos amarga. Las tribus firmaron 370 tratados con el gobierno de los EE.UU. y todos fueron violados. Al Indio Americano no se le hizo ciudadano sino hasta en 1924.

Sabemos que para muchos de nosotros, este país nos ha las oportunidades de una mejor vida, oportunidades que en nuestros países no tuvimos, y sabemos que el 4 de julio es día de la independencia de Los Estados Unidos, y a pesar de que se habla de que en este país hay libertad y democracia, lamentablemente en muchos aspectos estamos como aquellos primeros esclavos, siendo discriminados y explotados. Que tengan una buena semana.

Seguridad en licencias de indocumentados

La mayoría de los californianos percibe a los inmigrantes como trabajadores y honestos, pero cree que el tema de la seguridad es fundamental para que a éstos se les otorgue licencias de conducir, reveló una encuesta. De acuerdo con el sondeo que difunde el consultor independiente David Binder, el 88% de los encuestados considera a los indocumentados como personas trabajadoras, honestas, dignas de confianza y que ayudan a la economía. No obstante, el 63% de los encuestados respondió que el gobernador Arnold Schwarzenegger hizo lo correcto al revocar la ley que habría otorgado licencias a los indocumentados desde el pasado 1 de enero.

De hecho, el 50% de los 802 encuestados en mayo, opinó que la ley de licencias para indocumentados que propone el senador demócrata Gil Cedillo; facilitaría a los terroristas conseguir documentos válidos de identidad a nivel nacional. Pero aún así, el 54% de los consultados indicó que apoyaría la ley de Cedillo, debido a que el legislador está proponiendo una extensa serie de medidas de seguridad como requisitos a los indocumentados.

Aunque el 59% de los encuestados manifestó que las licencias proporcionarían a los inmigrantes indocumentados la posibilidad de obtener una identidad legal en el país, el 63% cree que las licencias también ayudarían a las agencias del orden a encontrar criminales.

Dan Savage, vocero del senador, indicó que los resultados de esa encuesta demuestran sentimientos encontrados sobre la propuesta de ley SB-1160, pero tiende a demostrar que la iniciativa tendría aprobación pública con una escasa mayoría.

Esa encuesta no se realizó con el objetivo de influir en el gobernador, pero sus resultados podrían favorecer la aprobación de la propuesta de ley e indican que el público necesita conocer un poco más acerca de las medidas de seguridad que expone la medida, sostuvo Savage. De acuerdo con Cedillo, la aprobación de la ley de licencias para indocumentados depende en buena parte en que se demuestre que la matrícula consular, un documento de identidad para los mexicanos que viven fuera de su país, demuestre que es confiable en términos de seguridad.

Como la gran mayoría de los indocumentados que viven en California son originarios de México, las matrículas sería el documento que más usarían para solicitar licencias, pero por ser extranjeras requieren la aprobación del gobierno californiano.

Margita Thomson, portavoz del gobernador Schwarzenegger, indicó que el gobierno de California analiza los aspectos de seguridad de las matrículas pero aún no ha emitido una decisión al respecto. Por su parte Alejandra Bologna, cónsul de México en Sacramento, presentó una docena de medidas de seguridad que tienen esos documentos a un representante legal del Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados (DMV), la oficina que expediría las licencias.

Las matrículas tienen cuatro medidas de seguridad que se pueden apreciar a simple vista y ocho más que sólo se ven mediante un equipo lector, como los que usan agencias de policía y de sheriff en muchos municipios de California, señaló la cónsul. Dijo que en una conversación con representantes del DMV expuso la forma de leer los aspectos de seguridad del documento. De acuerdo con Cedillo, si el DMV confirma que las matrículas son aceptables y cumple los requisitos de seguridad, sería más fácil que Schwarzenegger firme la ley de licencias, que, asegura, será aprobada en la legislatura.

La bandera llena de estrellas

Durante todo el año, los turistas que visitan Washington se detienen para observar la bandera que sirvió de inspiración al Himno Nacional de los Estados Unidos. El pabellón, viejo de 185 años, la bandera tachonada de estrellas, es enorme (9,75 x 10,4 metros). Sus quince estrellas de algodón blanco, de cinco puntas, están ubicadas sobre un campo azul de lanilla inglesa, con quince barras de lanilla, ocho rojas y siete blancas. La tela de sostén pesa más de la mitad del total, aproximadamente 68 kilos.

A diferencia de la bandera de hoy, la de principios del siglo XIX tenía una barra y una estrella por cada estado que en ese entonces formaba la Unión. Esta bandera, cosida a mano, fue hecha en el verano de 1813, treinta y seis años después de haberse adoptado el diseño de estrellas y barras como bandera nacional de Estados Unidos.

Durante la guerra de 1812 contra los británicos y después que éstos incendiaron el Capitolio y la Casa Blanca en Washington, esta bandera ondeaba sobre el Fuerte McHenry, en Baltimore, la noche del 13 de septiembre de 1814, cuando los buques británicos comenzaron a bombardear el fuerte. En un barco de tregua británico, afuera en la bahía, Francis Scott Key, un joven abogado norteamericano que estaba negociando la liberación de un prisionero, observaba ansiosamente mientras el bombardeo proseguía durante la noche. Se sintió tan aliviado al ver que la bandera seguía ondeando en la mañana, que escribió una poesía acerca de la ocasión: "La bandera tachonada de estrellas". Irónicamente, escribió la poesía en conmemoración de la victoria norteamericana siguiendo la música de una canción popular inglesa. El poema de Key se aprobó como Himno Nacional en 1931.

La bandera misma fue entregada al comandante del Fuerte McHenry, y la familia de éste la donó a la Institución Smithsoniana en 1907 y subsiguientemente fue puesta en exhibición pública. A partir de 1964, el nuevo Museo Nacional de Historia Norteamericana de la Institución Smithsoniana ha estado exhibiendo la bandera prominentemente en un lugar especialmente diseñado, cerca de la entrada principal sobre el Paseo Nacional.

El clima y los años han hecho que la bandera tachonada de estrellas perdiera sus colores, y durante su prolongada exhibición la luz, la contaminación y la humedad la han dañado. La bandera, por ser un tesoro nacional, fue incluida por la Casa Blanca en sus planes de preservación del patrimonio estadounidense, trazados durante las cele-

Vea **BANDERA** en pagina **B-8**

Más del 10% de latinos de EU son niños

Los hispanos son el grupo poblacional del país que mayor porcentaje tiene de niños en edad preescolar, reveló recientemente el Censo, según el cual el 10.4% de ese contingente tiene entre 1 y 5 años de edad, lo que hace de esta etnia la única en la cual ese segmento infantil excede el 10% del total de sus miembros.

Estos datos confirman lo que hemos venido diciendo por mucho Tiempo, señaló Raúl Izaguirre, presidente del Consejo Nacional de La Raza (NCLR), haciendo ver que ese dato presenta enormes retos para los responsables políticos del país, que tienen que considerar desde ya las medidas adecuadas para acomodar ese flujo.

Según el dirigente mexicoamericano, las políticas actuales deben orientarse a invertir en programas para los preescolares del tipo Head Start, y que esos esfuerzos deben ser extensivos a todo el sistema de educación pública, en el que los estudiantes forman un creciente porcentaje. Considerando lo que se sabe sobre Head Start, es decepcionante para la comunidad latina que el Congreso no haya renovado aún el programa, señala Yzaguirre, agregando que es esencial garantizar que todos los niños que son elegibles para participar en él puedan hacerlo.

Head Start es una iniciativa para familias de bajos recursos que se creó en 1965, durante la administración de Lyndon B. Johnson, y su objetivo es preparar social y académicamente a los niños para la vida escolar. Varios estudios demuestran que los chicos que tienen la oportunidad de participar en programas preescolares son más exitosos que los que carecen de ella.

Los hispanos están mal representados en Head Start, pues a pesar de que el 30% de los menores de cinco años de esa etnia viven bajo los estándares oficiales de pobreza, nada más el 24% de ellos goza de sus beneficios. Peor se presentan las cosas para los hijos de los trabajadores del campo, que acompañan a sus padres de cosecha en cosecha, y que por lo tanto tienen pocas oportunidades para recibir una formación estructurada y estable. Aunque existe una modalidad de Head Start (conocida como MSHS) para los niños de los trabajadores migrantes y temporales, sus fondos no cubren más que al 19% de quienes debieracubrir.

En abril de 2002, la Administración del presidente George W. Bush anunció el lanzamiento de una iniciativa que denominó Good Start, la cual perseguía entre otras cosas el fortalecimiento de Head Start. El Presidente anunció en esa ocasión un incremento de 169 millones de dólares para el programa, de los cuales 45 eran para mejorar la coordinación y mejorar los servicios a los niños y sus familias.Sin embargo, en una carta a Bush fechada en diciembre de 2003, el presidente del NCLR le reprochaba que sus acciones en favor del programa no estaban a la medida de las necesdades.

Además de mejorar el financiamiento de Head Start, el NCLR considera prioritario que el gobierno federal aumente el aporte financiero a iniciativas como No Child Left Behind, creada por el Presidente, y a la ley Dream, que están encaminadas a proveer los medios para que los estudiantes inmigrantes puedan asistir a la universidad una vez que terminen su educación secundaria.

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All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the time of the hearing. Those unable to attend and be heard at the time of the hearing may submit their written comments on this matter to the City Clerk of the City of Winters, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694. Written comments will be received at, or prior to, the hearing.

Information regarding this matter may be obtained at the Community Development Department at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays or by calling the City of Winters at (530) 795-2101 ext. 114.

July 1, 2004

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s/Mary Ann Hanson

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Vince Cardinale, 441 Dawson Creek Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534.

Dana Cardinale, 441 Dawson Creek Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534.

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Winters will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 12, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694, to report the progress on the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities and to allow citizens and other interested parties to comment on the City's grant performance to date.

This public hearing will address each open Community Development Block Grant and Revolving Loan Fund for the July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 Grantee Performance Report period.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to give citizens and other interested parties an opportunity to make their comments known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 114. In addition, public information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, please contact Dan Sokolow at (530)
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July 1, 2004

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Beltran Enterprises, 776 Hill Place, Winters, CA 95694.

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, state and zip:Steven Beltran, 776 Hill Place, Winters, CA 95694.

This business classification is: An individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on:June 10, 2004.

s/Steven Beltran

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BANDERA

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braciones del milenio.

La bandera dejó de ser exhibida en octubre de 1998 y se la extendió en forma plana para ser analizada con el fin de determinar el mejor tratamiento de conservación. El público pudo observar el trabajo a través de las ventanas del laboratorio en que se realizaba el proceso. El museo tiene proyectado volver a exhibir la bandera en un escaparate de vidrio ambientalmente controlado.

Notice of Intent to sell at auction

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 20th day of July 2004, at 11:00 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Winters Self Storage, 807 Railroad Ave., Winters, CA, County of Yolo, State of California, Bond # RED1006865 the following;

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