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Council grants annexation

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Annexation of a 1.173-acre parcel adjacent to the Camray Housing development off of Valley Oak Drive was conditionally approved by the Winters City Council at its Tuesday, March 1 meeting. The planning commission had earlier recommended the annexation despite neighborhood opposition.

The parcel, owned by Eugene

Brenzock, is located south of Southdown Court, north of Winters Mini Storage, west of Valley Oak Park and Quail Court and east of Dry Creek. In addition to annexation, the applicant asked for a General Plan Amendment, rezoning of the property to R-1 and a development agreement.

The planning commission originally tabled discussion of the item, asking for the city to pursue purchasing the property to keep it as

open space or park space. City staff informed the planners at the Feb. 22 meeting that the city was not looking to purchase the property, having already adopted a park plan.

Community Development Director Dan Sokolow told the city council the application before them was for annexation only, the applicant may come back at a later date with an application to develop the prop-

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Helping to make sure this year's Winters Healthcare Foundation golf tournament is a success are tournament chairman Tori Warren (right) and honorary chairman Dan Martinez, Sr.

TEE TIME

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Gather up your clubs and your comrades — it's time to get ready for the annual Winters Healthcare Foundation golf tournament. The event is the foundation's major fund-raiser and will take place on Friday, April 15, at the Wild Horse Golf Course in Davis.

The fee to participate is \$150, which includes green fees, golf cart, hosted beverages on the course, and dinner and dessert. Additional guest dinners may be purchased for \$40.

Sponsors for this year's tournament include silver sponsors Martinez Orchards and Alsco-Geyer, and hole sponsors First Northern Bank, the Buckhorn, Vintage Paving Co., Carbahal and Co., Doherty Brothers, Viona Hague, Sacramento Valley Farm Credit and Assemblywoman Lois Wolk. More sponsors are still needed.

Tori Warren is serving as this year's tournament chairman and Dan Martinez Sr. is serving as honorary chairman.

The Winters Healthcare Foundation is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing af-

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High spirits



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

One of these graduating seniors, Alexess Van Dyke, Jillian McDowell, Jose Diaz, Megan Stone and Kaely Romney, may hold the winning card. See what the fun is all about at "Senior Spirit Night," Saturday, March 12, at 6 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall. The event is the main fund-raiser for Grad Nite and includes dinner, dancing and a chance to win the grand prize, \$7,500 in cash. Tickets are \$100 for a couple, \$75 per person or \$50 for a chance to win the cash prize only. A silent auction and playing card raffle will also be held. The raffle prize is a stay at a Kirkwood vacation home. For ticket information, call Susie Stocking 795-0128 or Wendy Smaystrla, 795-1028. Tickets will be on sale at the high school through Thursday.

Public hearings planned for next city council meeting

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Public hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for reconstruction of Jackson Street and a portion of

MacArthur Avenue.

- ~ Public hearing and appeal of planning commission recommendation for approval of Callahan Estates tentative subdivision map.

- ~ Public hearing and consideration of Callahan Estates tentative subdivision map, development agreement, exclusion

from West Central Master Plan, rezoning to add planned development overlay, planned development overlay permit, amendments to circulation and bikeway system master plans, amendments to city street standards, and lot line adjustments.

- ~ Joint public hearing of

the Winters City Council and the Winters Community Development Agency regarding the Rotary Park parking lot and storm drain project, 90 percent design plans and specifications, and consideration of California Environmental Quality Act Cate-

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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
March 2	.19	64	44
March 3	.02	63	40
March 4	.28	63	51
March 5	.03	64	42
March 6		76	43
March 7		78	45
March 8		75	48

Rain for week: .52
Season's total: 22.76
Last year to date: 21.37
Normal to March 8: 18.45

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Spring has sprung on Main Street



Photo by Dave Fleming

The Bradford Pears lining downtown Main Street were in full bloom last week, unofficially welcoming springtime to Winters. The first day of spring is March 20.

FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

MATTHEW JAMES WHITAKER is the new son of Jim and Wendy Whitaker, of Winters. Born on Dec. 30, 2004 at 12:31 a.m., at Sutter Davis hospital he weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. He joins siblings Marc and AJ Camarena. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Su Whitaker of Irish Beach. Maternal grandmother is Debra Bracken of Vacaville.

NICOLAS BILISARIO VIALPANDO is the new son of Christine Gonzales and Chris Vialpando, of Sacramento. He joins a brother, Christian, 5 years old. Born on March 1, at 7:42 a.m. he weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Linda Bruce and Richard Gonzales of Sacramento. Paternal grandparents are the late Virginia Galligas and Billy Vialpando. Maternal great grandparents are Bill and Helga McMenomey. Paternal great grandparents are Barbara Ortiz of Sacramento and Felix and Vivian Gonzales of Fairfield.

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OBITUARIES

Wilma Sue McCracken

Wilma Sue McCracken died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Saturday, March 5, at Sutter Davis Hospital in Davis. Born on September 9, 1947, in Osceola, Arkansas, she was 57 years old.

Mrs. McCracken came to Winters at the age of 3 years, and was a graduate of Winters High School. She worked as a book-keeper for Blazer Rock in Napa. She was the past president of the Winters Little League, and was very involved in Girl Scouts. Her family said she loved bingo, ocean cruises to Mexico, but most of all she enjoyed spoiling her grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her father Thurman Pinkston.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Michael J. McCracken of Winters, her mother Del-

berta Nana Pinkston of Winters, children; Tawnya Martin and her husband Jeff of Ogden, Utah, and Courtney McCracken of Esparto. She is further survived by her grandchildren Robert James Martin, Stewart McCracken and Barbara Martin, sisters; Debbie Godden of Winters, and Sheila Holman of Elk Grove.

Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, from 5-9 p.m. at Gateway Chapel located at 205 Main Street in Winters. Friends are invited to attend the funeral service on Thursday, March 10 at 1 p.m. at Gateway Chapel. Burial will follow at the Winters Cemetery. A virtual guestbook may be signed at www.davisfuneral.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Davis Funeral Chapel.

Russell B. Cecil

Russell Barton Cecil died at his home in Yreka on March 1. He was 86 years old.

A memorial service was held at Mount Shasta Memorial Chapel in Mount Shasta.

Born in Dixon on Nov. 15, 1918, to the late Warren Wadsworth Cecil and Clara Elma Horrigan, he spent most of his life as a resident of Dixon, Winters, Woodland, and Davis. A graduate of Dixon High School, he was a dairyman, rancher and surveyor.

His family described him as an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting

and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Day Cecil; and his sisters, Shirley Jungerman and Marion Walhberg.

He is survived by his sons, Bruce Cecil of Shingletown, and Brian Cecil and his wife Judy of Davis; his sisters, Wanda Snyder and Sharon Bailey; and a brother, Warren Cecil.

He is further survived by his grandchildren, Michael, Daniel, and Annie Cecil of Davis.

The family requests that memorials in his name be directed to the American Lung Association.

Rachel Udell

Graveside memorial services will be held on Friday, March 11, at 2 p.m. in the Dixon Cemetery(on Highway 113) for Rachel Udell, who passed away in Davis on February 28, just one week short of her 100th birthday.

She was born March 6, 1905, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. G. M. Sager, pioneer residents of Winters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Udell, her sister, Clara Sager, and her brother, Emil Sager.

Rachel was a linotype operator for more than 50 years, working for the Winters Express and the Dixon Tribune.

Weekly Winters police report

- Feb. 16**
- ~ On the first block of Main Street, two juveniles entered a business and stole beer. Loss: \$30.
- Feb. 17-22**
- ~ On the 800 block of Jefferson Street, property was stolen from the backyard of a residence. Loss: \$100.
- Feb. 24-25**
- ~ On the 400 block of Morgan Street, paint balls were shot at a building.
- Feb. 25**
- ~ In 2003, an unknown suspect used victim's Social Security number to gain employment causing victim to owe taxes on the money earned.
- Feb. 25-28**
- ~ At Railroad Avenue and Wolfskill Street, a windshield of a parked vehicle was broken.
- Feb. 27**
- ~ On the 100 block of Westwood Court, victim received a suspicious text message on a telephone.
- Feb. 28**
- ~ Eleazar Loza Torres, 49, of Winters was stopped

- at the intersection of First Street and Grant Avenue. As Torres entered the westbound lane of Grant Avenue, his vehicle collided with a vehicle driven by Carina G. Gonzalez, 27, of Winters.
- ~ Abraham Martinez, 21, of Winters was arrested for being an unlicensed driver, speeding in a school zone and no proof of insurance. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.
 - ~ Officers assisted Solano California Highway Patrol with a traffic collision on Railroad Avenue at Putah Creek Road.
- March 1**
- ~ Christopher Glenn Harland, 22, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana, speeding and having an inoperable license plate lamp. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.
- March 2**
- ~ On the 1000 block of
- See **POLICE** on page **A-6**

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Pictured above is the Winters City Council in 1968. Left to right are City Attorney Frank Gardner; Councilman Jack Losoya, City executive Gail Wingaard, City Clerk Dorothy Thoms, Mayor Ed Neel, Councilman John Atherton, Councilman Al Graf and Councilman Bob Pisani.

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YEARS AGO

March 19, 1970

The Cultural Arts Festival will open to the public at 1 p.m. this Saturday in the High School Gym, according to Mrs. Jean Harvey, chairman.

Jon H. Lindeman, of Winters, was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device in military ceremonies in Davis Tuesday. The medal was presented by Major William R. Henson. Jon served as a first lieutenant with a Ranger unit in Vietnam until severely wounded in June of 1968.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the Winters City Council, Mayor Ed Neel appointed Councilman Eusabio Carrion to head a committee to pinpoint a property suitable and obtainable for a site for a city park.

Joe R. Martinez and Tony J. Turkovich, both students at California Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo, have been accepted as members of Alpha Zeta, national honorary and service fraternity of college agriculture students.

Tom Reynolds spent the weekend here visiting his mother, Mrs. Elmina Reynolds. He has been with the U. S. Navy in San Diego, but is now to be stationed in San Francisco.

Coach Jack Delbar's Winters High School varsity baseball team defeated St. Patrick's of Vallejo by a score of 4 to 2 in a non-league game played here Friday afternoon. John Martinez was the winning hurler.

St. Patrick's (Vallejo) Junior Varsity baseball team defeated the Winters JV's, 20 - 1, during a five inning non-league baseball game on the Winters diamond Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. O'Brien arrived home Saturday from a two weeks jaunt to Europe, spending the time touring in Greece, Italy and France. The trip was a gift from their son, Captain Lewis O'Brien, who flies for the Continental Air Lines.

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YEARS AGO

March 17 1955

Work is starting this week on the coffer dam at the site of the Monticello Dam, which will divert the water of Putah Creek through the tunnel during the construction of the main dam.

Mrs. H. D. Brandt has leased the Winters Nursery on East Street from Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bruhn Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vieu, whose ranch in Putah Creek Canyon is in the area to be inundated by the Monticello Dam reservoir, has purchased 307 acres of land near Capay for an estimated \$62,000.

Joe Diaz, who has managed the Winters Merchants Baseball Club for the past seven years, announced this week that he would not manage the team again this year, due to the pressure of other activities.

Fred Coble of Winters was elected president of the Purple Circle society at the group's annual dinner meeting last Wednesday night in Sacramento.

Miss May N. Elzy has taken up residence in a nursing home in North Highlands, and will rent her property here.

Alfred Graf, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Graf of Winters, has become an associate in the Sacramento firm of Sparks and Thaden, C. Sparks, architect.

Two deeds, transferring land in Berryessa Valley to the United States government were recorded in Napa, March 10. The parcels of land were owned by Mervyn F. Eaton and Charles Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sackett were San Francisco visitors on Tuesday.

Mrs. Viola Sale returned home Wednesday last after a six weeks vacation which was spent with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Bogart and family of Vista.

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YEARS AGO

March 15, 1940

Winters businessmen met Tuesday night in the firemen's room of the City Hall. Sixteen members sat down to a fine dinner, served by Clarence Wyatt. President Dick Frisbee presided at the business meeting.

W. E. Snodgrass of Nevada City announces that he has taken over the management of the Main Street Coffee Shoppe.

M. L. Treaster of Sacramento was a Sunday visitor in the J. S. Waggoner home. His little son, Miles Jr. returned with him after a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner.

Miss Alta Wells, county health nurse was a school visitor Tuesday.

The local high school band will initiate their new suits tonight in participation of the Vacaville music fiesta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clayton went to see the Passion Play in Woodland Sunday evening.

Ben Ely of Oakland was a Sunday visitor with Buckeye relatives.

Lloyd Lowrey of Marysville was visiting friends in this vicinity Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Armstrong, Mrs. Yarberry, Misses Vera Yarberry, Rosemarie Armstrong, Mariana Munoz and Joan Erb, Wolfskill School group, attended a Fairfield 4-H Club meeting Saturday.

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YEARS AGO

March 17, 1905

A. Ritchie was the low bidder when bids were opened for the New Winters Cannery, with a bid of \$2873 to build a building 60 by 260 feet. The cannery will be just east of the Yosolano warehouse and is to be completed by May 1, 1905

Owen O'Neil and wife, of Paso Robles, came up Monday to visit at the DeVilbiss home, Mrs. O'Neil being a sister of J.A. DeVilbiss.

W.S. Adams is painting and papering Jeans' butcher shop, and will put it in first class condition.

H.F. Smith has recently sold 16 lots of the block where he lives. Some of the purchasers are arranging to build residences as soon as possible.

A little excitement was caused on Main Street Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Easter Clegg's horse running away.

The regular meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held on the afternoon of the ninth at the home of Mrs. J. McCoubrey.

Fritz Herold has added two new rubber tired buggies to the equipment of the Palace Stables.

All men and boys are invited to the men's meeting at the Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to hear Mr. Ragan's address on "Marks of Manhood" and the special music by a male quartet. Mrs. B.A. Daniel's beautiful home for renters is approaching completion. It will be painted as soon as possible. There is a fine cellar under the residence. A good barn has been built and the lots fenced.

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erty.

At issue is access to the property, which currently can only be gained through the city of Winters, Sokolow said. In order to provide access to the parcel, the Camray Developers had granted a 15-foot wide easement between two homes on Southdown Court. Residents have attended the planning commission meetings opposing the annexation, voicing concerns about safety, the integrity of the court and a desire to keep the parcel undeveloped as open space.

Sokolow told the council the property is in a 100 year flood zone and would probably not accommodate more than one residential unit. In addition, he said, it is zoned as residential in the General Plan. Noting that residents wanted to keep the parcel undeveloped, he said no funding source has been identified with which to purchase the property.

“The city does not have plans in the near future to purchase this property,” he said.

Noting that the easement agreement called for the city to pay for 50 percent of improvements and driveway maintenance, Sokolow added language that would supercede it, placing the full burden on the owner or developer.

Council member Harold Anderson also wanted language added that would require the property owner to maintain the creek bank, in case of erosion.

Council member Woody Fridae asked why the Feb. 22 meeting was not noticed in the Winters Express. Sokolow said because it had been continued from the January meeting, there was no legal requirement to advertise the meeting date.

Fridae expressed concern about prezonning the parcel to R-1, noting that whatever the parcel is zoned will predetermine what will happen there.

Sokolow said if the city council wants to change the use of the parcel from residential, they should not annex it and should deny the application.

Breznock’s attorney Bill Kopper told the council since the property was purchased in 1972, the creek bank has almost been entirely stablized with rip rap. Noting that the “creek doesn’t really move much in that location,” Kopper said the applicant would agree to the bank maintenance requirement.

He reminded the council that Breznock has asked to have the property annexed once before in 1991, but it was blocked due to a building moratorium. In 2001, Breznock

asked for an out of agency service agreement, to provide city services to the property, but develop it in the county. At the time, the council wanted to have control over the development, so encouraged him to apply for annexation.

Kopper said the parcel provides a problem for Breznock because it is a fire safety hazard and must be mowed. In addition, the property is no use to him because it is landlocked. Acknowledging concerns over emergency vehicle access into the 15-foot wide driveway easement, Kopper said the fire chief said it was O.K. He said a fire is not an every day occurrence. In addition, he said the additional 10 extra car trips that would result from the development was not excessive.

Kopper noted that Breznock was willing to negotiate to make the property into a park, but the city said it was not interested in purchasing the property as a park. In addition, Kopper said because the General Plan does not designate the property as open space, asking to change the zone puts an unfair burden on the applicant.

“Fairness compels the city to allow this to go forward,” he said.

At the public hearing, Jesse Loren said the neighbors want to maintain the integrity of the court, but weren’t included in the discussions of how to purchase the land to keep it as a park.

“We are interested in doing so,” she said.

She said there may be other ways to access the land, maybe through the park. In addition, once a fence is built on either side of the driveway, as required, it will be even narrower and more of a problem for fire trucks.

Loren said the residents weren’t properly notified about the Feb. 22, public hearing.

After reading a list of residents who had signed a petition regarding the resident’s concerns, Loren noted that she was not necessarily opposed

to the annexation, but to the rezoning of the land to residential. She disagreed with the way the land was referred to as R-1 in the staff reports, saying it is agricultural land. She also questioned the accuracy of the environmental review done by Foothill Associates.

Tom Johanneson spoke on behalf of the resident at 910 Southdown Court, on one side of the easement. He wasn’t clear about what the benefit to the city would be, but asked the council to consider the impact to the existing residents. He pointed out “it is not practical to have a residence where the easement is in a flood zone.”

Ken Rowell said when he purchased his property from Camray, he was misled about the easement.

“Evidently I was lied to, because I was told that was a walkway.”

He agreed with Loren’s concerns about notification about the Feb. 22 meeting. He questioned the planning commission’s decision to recommend the annexation, saying they were not aware that the city had to pay for 50 percent of the maintenance and development of the easement.

Rowell noted that there is significant potential for flooding on the parcel, especially during an event such as the flood in 1998-1999.

Brian Todd said the residents want to see the parcel designated as park land. He echoed the concerns about the width of the easement, especially after a fence is constructed.

With regard to maintenance, he said “it looks like you guys are going to get half of the bill.”

Todd suggested Breznock build a bridge from his property on the west side of the creek to provide access. He disagreed with the Foothill Associates assessment that the parcel is “frequently mowed and highly disturbed,” saying maybe it’s mowed but it’s not disturbed.

Another resident

brought photos of the site so the council could appreciate its value. She pointed out that the easement language states no retaining walls can be constructed. She asked how it would be possible to develop the easement, which is on a steep slope.

Bob Dillon questioned what is holding the bank in place and said he has seen the creek flood. He said an all-weather road would wash away.

“It doesn’t make sense to me to put a house back there when there is such a great chance of the creek changing path.”

Kopper suggested granting the annexation request with a six month window to see if the neighbors want to form some sort of assessment district to purchase the land and make it open space. He said if after six months the neighbors don’t want to buy it, then Breznock would develop the land.

Loren reminded the council that if the prezone they property to R-1, it would change the cost.

Mayor Dan Martinez noted that the development agreement says the property owner has to maintain and develop the easement. He said that supercedes the easement language.

Fridae was disappointed that the city was “not able to think creatively and come up with a solution,” to make the land a park.

He thought Creekside Estates could be charged with dedicating the land to meet its park requirement. Noting that Breznock has the right to the full benefit of the land, Fridae called it a good opportunity for the city to pick up some open space.

He was concerned that it would not be fair of the city to annex the land and then not allow Breznock

the use of it, however, he didn’t think residential use was a good fit for the parcel. He wanted to table the item so the landowner and neighbors could meet.

Anderson said the land should have been included in the Camray development. He shared the neighbors’ concerns.

“I wouldn’t be excited about it either if I lived there.”

He did point out that if the land is left as open space, there would be a lot more foot traffic that there hasn’t been before, through the court.

He agreed with Kopper’s proposal.

“I personally have doubts about whether it will even be possible to build on the land,” said Martinez, who called Kopper’s proposal “a good concession.”

After a brief break, Sokolow provided conditions of approval and language that would allow the development to move forward if, after six months, there is no agreement with the neighbors.

Martinez’ motion was approved by a three to one vote, with Fridae voting no. Council member Tom Stone excused himself from the discussion due to a possible conflict of interest.

Other items

In other agenda items, the council took the following action:

~ Heard a report regarding the city’s sewer pump station and ponds. With council members reporting community complaints about odors from the East Street pump station, ECO Resources representatives asked that they be informed immediately so they can look into any possible issues. The number to call to report problems, 795-4660.

~ In a joint public hearing of the City Council and the Community Development Agency, looked at site plans for the Rotary Park parking lot and storm drain project. Tabled the discussion until the next meeting to look at alternatives.

~ Approved a motion to negotiate exclusively with Community Housing Opportunities Corporation to prepare a disposition and development agreement with respect to the agency owned parcel on East Baker Street, directly west of Winters Apartments.

~ Approved a consultant services agreement with Urban Futures for financial advisory services.

~ Approved a construction contract with Don Jordan for City Hall remodel project.



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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

ON THE COVER OF THE Feb. 25-27 USA Weekend is actress Kirstie Alley, peering out from under a sexy mane of golden hair, looking absolutely stunning — an archetype of the earthy, sensual goddess. And she's 54!

True, she's not reed-thin, "plus-sized" even, but she's gorgeous nonetheless. Sadly, Alley's been ridiculed relentlessly for her ample size and nearly sank below the celebrity surface, save for some snappy Pier One commercials.

So here she is again, looking great despite her size, making a comeback with her own TV series, and I'm thinking "Good for her. She'll show the world that a woman can be big and beautiful and sexy, and smart and talented and successful too. At 50-something!" I turn to the article, expecting a story along these lines, and it opens with this sentence: "Kirstie Alley knows she's fat."

Huh?

If only the next sentence had been, "So what." But it wasn't. What followed was an exploration of the heartbreak of being overweight in Hollywood, and how she's struggling to lose weight. Striving for a healthy weight is always a positive endeavor, and take it from one who's been there (I once shopped the plus-size sections myself), it isn't easy. But it's your attitude about yourself in the meantime that matters.

If you hate your body when you're fat, chances are you'll hate it no matter how many pounds you drop. Worse yet, if you decide you can only love your body when it's thin, what do you do if you can't conquer your weight problem? Go through life hating your body and yourself? What good will that do you? It certainly won't help you lose weight. If you focus on your body's positive attributes rather than dwell on its flaws, you might just shed a few pounds without even trying because you'll take better care of something you love than something you hate. Why wait until you're thin to be sparkly and fun and sexy and alive? Do it now! Do it anyway!

Alley could have been the poster girl for adopting a positive attitude about oneself regardless of how society says you "should" look, but judging from the USA Weekend story, it seems this was a lost chance. It appears her show will be yet another venue to poke fun at the last group of people our culture can still get away with publicly humiliating and stereotyping: the overweight.

The story says that in the opening scene of Alley's show, "Fat Actress," she gets on a scale and drops to the floor bawling when she sees her weight. Writer Michele Hatty goes on to say, "It's jarring, raw and pretty darn funny." Funny? Tell me, anyone who's been there or is there — is it funny?

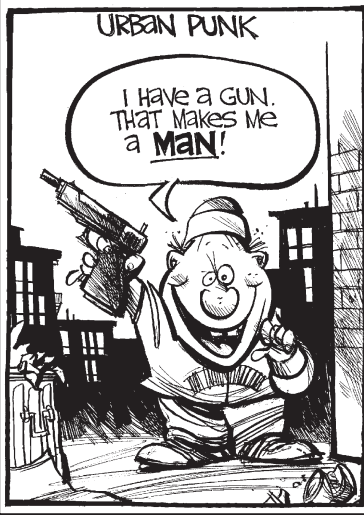
The real irony in the story is when Alley explains that her size kept her from working in Hollywood. No one would hire her. So she created her own television show for herself.

Kirstie. Babe. You are working. Don't you see that you were wearing the ruby slippers all along? You always had the power to succeed on her own. You just didn't realize it.

Alley's successful enough, talented enough and rich enough to take charge of her career and tell all the fat-phobic Hollywood producers to stick it. This is a story of empowerment, not weight. Let's hope her show reflects that angle, rather than dissolving into a weekly 30-minute fat joke.

The irony about our weight-obsessed culture is that almost no one fits the physical ideals that are shoved down our throats. My co-worker told me about a T-shirt she saw: "If the definition of beauty gets any thinner, soon no one will fit." So let's make our own definitions, rather than accepting Hollywood's. We can't all look like Britney Spears, nor should we have to. God goes to a lot of trouble to create diversity. Who are we to reject his handiwork? Why not celebrate it?

Value the body you have, strive to keep it healthy, and learn to see the beauty in the physiological, anatomical miracle that carries you through your life. And remember that the greatest beauty in every body is not what you see on the surface but the spirit that dwells within it.



LETTERS

Three cheers for trees

Dear Editor,

The Winters Friends of the Library would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Winters and the surrounding communities for their enthusiastic support of our Bare Root Fruit and Dwarf Citrus Tree Sale. Your response was overwhelming and we completely sold out within two hours.

The sale was made possible by the generous donation of 440 trees by the Sierra Gold Nurseries of Yuba City and the Four Winds Nursery of Winters. The proceeds of the sale are for the support of books and programs at our Winters Library.

The trees were of Grower Quality and we sold them at the incredible price of \$10 each for the apricot, apple, peach, pear, nectarine, plum, almond and walnut trees. The orange and lemon citrus trees sold at \$20.

A big thank you goes to the Mariani Nut Co. for the generous use of their

parking lot on Railroad Avenue and the use of some of their equipment to facilitate the sale. Tufts Ranch Packing Co. also provided much needed equipment.

We also are extremely grateful to the Winters Express for their great coverage of the event.

Master Gardener Joann Larkey was on hand to provide instructional materials and advice on successful planting.

As always, the dedicated members of the Winters Friend of the Library were on hand to organize, publicize and conduct the sale. Even the weather provided the perfect backdrop for this event.

We hope everyone enjoys his or her fruit trees and we look forward to another great sale next year. Remember, if you are not a member yet, please join the Friends of the Library and get in on all the fun.

JACQUELINE AVELLAR
Winters
Friends of the Library

'Alone Together' opens season

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Winters Theatre Company Board of Directors, I would like to invite our friends and patrons in the community to attend one of our six performances of "Alone Together," a hilarious look at the modern phenomenon of adult children moving back home after they have left the nest to establish homes and relationships of their own.

This new trend was the subject of a Time Magazine cover story (Jan. 24) entitled "They Just Won't Grow Up." Although the Time article has some amusing points to make, the general tone is rather serious. Our play is quite the opposite and concentrates on a series of hilarious plot turns as the three sons of George and Helene Butler turns their parents' lives upside down when they return home, jobless

and disgruntled with life.

"Alone Together" is the first play of the 2005 season and our production provides a very entertaining evening of theatre.

The play opens this Friday night with a champagne gala performance. The play will be repeated on Saturday, March 12, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19. Two Sunday matinees will be staged on March 13 and March 20. WTC will have a dinner/theatre show on the March 19 date to benefit the Yolo Family Service Agency.

Reservations for this occasion should be made by calling 662-2211. All other reservations can be made by calling WTC at 795-4014. Tickets are also available at Kimes, Ace Hardware and the Chamber of Commerce office in the Community Center.

GERMAINE HUPE
WTC Board of Directors

More thoughts on Social Security

Dear Editor,

This is a response to the recent Social Security comments by Paul Underhill. His central idea, in my opinion, is the one that could best solve a seemingly unsolvable Social Security dilemma. He said, "Let it serve its original purpose — as a form of insurance to keep retired people out of poverty." His well thought out letter to the editor is suggestive of means testing for those allowed to receive Social Security benefits.

This concept is being explored and even promoted as one possibility by some in government and also by the Cato Institute named by Underhill. It certainly

has worked for those needing food stamps. However, let's not fund it for the "many" Underhill says will need it by taxing all US citizens more than they pay on their federal income taxes and, while we're at it, let's make it less than the world's biggest government program.

With Underhill's proposal, appropriate associated privatization should give a bigger bang for the buck to those needy than that allowed by the present appropriate-the-money-later shell game backed by our government.

ED DAWKINS

Tell them what you think

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Yolo County Grand Jury, P.O. Box 2142, Woodland, CA 95695.

Yolo County Board of Supervisors, Erwin W. Meier Administration Center, 625 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

Mike McGowan, District 1; Helen Thompson, District 2; Frank Siefertman, Jr., District 3; Dave Rosenberg, District 4; Duane Chamberlain, District 5.

CITY

Winters City Council, Mayor Dan Martinez; council members, Harold Anderson, Robert Chapman, Woody Fridae and Tom McMasters-Stone; City Hall, 318 First St., Winters, CA 95694.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Winters Joint Unified School District, 710 Railroad Ave., Winters 95694, 795-6100. Dale Mitchell, superintendent; Board of Trustees, Rick Romney, president; Tom Harding, Russell Lester, Kathy McIntire, Rodney Orosco, Mary Jo Rodolfa and Jay Shepherd.

Who checked spelling on sign?

Dear Editor,

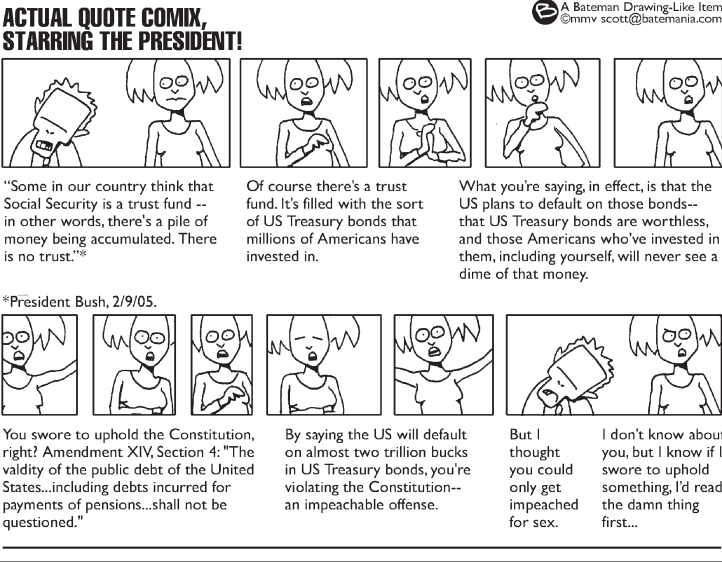
Every time I approach our flashing red light from the west, I am irked anew (and wonder what visitors to our town must think) by a particular sign near the corner of Grant and Railroad.

Posted on a fence along the north side of Grant near the intersection with Railroad, is a sign warning

people not to park and threatens towing if one does.

It's not the content of the message that gets me — it's the spelling! The sign says "voilators" will be prosecuted. I wonder if other towns have voilators or if they're unique to Winters!

**REBECCA BRESNICK
HOLMES**



"The universe is not required to be in perfect harmony with human ambition." ~
~ Carl Sagan



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

Charley's column will return soon.

"Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known. Improve them and they will become the brightest gems in useful life."
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Never hate your enemies — it affects your judgement." ~ Michael Corleone

Community

Fortnightly Club event fashionably successful

By AUDREY THURMOND
Special to the express

The Winters Fortnightly Club held a very successful 2nd Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 26. The event brought in the necessary financial support for the club. A \$1500 scholarship will be awarded this year to a graduating senior girl from Winters High School.

The club was very pleased with the turnout and members enjoyed sharing the afternoon with friends and family.

The club extends special thanks to Darlene Benson, the fashion show coordinator, and to Shelley Edgar of Gottschalks, Davis, who supplied the fashions and commentary. The outfits showed that Spring is on the way with shades of pink and other delicious colors.

The models for the fashion show were: Mia Barrera, Breanne Benson, Nelda Biasi, Romin and Anne Guidici, Katelyn Hill, Germaine Hupe and granddaughters Lauren and Elaina, Isabel Snow and grandsons Alex, Andrew, and Zach, Audrey Thurmond, and Amanda Witling. The club appreciates that so many models were willing to display the season's fashions.

The club thanks Barbara Thomas, the luncheon coordinator, and her crew for planning and preparing a lovely meal for such a large group.

Special thanks go to the two groups of student volunteers from Winters High School who worked set-up and take-down at the Community Center. Extra special thanks goes to the group who not only served the luncheon, but also handled the cleanup. Thanks to Polita Gonzales for coordinating all the volunteers.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment provided at intervals by the duo of Austin and Katelyn Hill. The club extends thanks to them for sharing their talent.

The community support for this fund raising effort was evidenced by the many door prizes donated by local businesses and individuals. The club thanks Buckhorn Steak and Roadhouse, Chuy's Taqueria, Chris' Florist and Gifts, Classic Video, Cloth Carousel and Quiltworks, Eagle Drugs, First Northern Bank, Gloria Marion, Gottschalks, Kimes Hardware, Lester Farms Bakery, Penmakers, Pizza Factory, Putah Creek Cafe, Round Table Pizza, Steady Eddy's, Tomat's California Cuisine, Town and Country Market, True Value Hardware, and Winters Express. Thanks go to Gerry Molnar for gathering such generous donations and to club members Isabel Snow and Rina Waddell for their gifts. The club appreciates the use of table linens donated by Buckhorn Catering and thanks the Pioneer Presbyterian Church for the use of their place settings. The fashion show stage was set with decor from Chris' Florist and Tomat's. Table decorations were provided by Audrey Thurmond and Gayle Andersen.

The Winters Fortnightly Club dedicated the day to their club president, Gayle Andersen, whose organization and footwork enabled the group to succeed in her absence. Thank you, Gayle.

Nature hikes planned at Stebbins Cold Canyon

The mission of the Stebbins Cold Canyon Presentation Program is to explore the natural beauty and scientific importance of this unique habitat located only a few miles west of Winters near Lake Berryessa. Presentations are structured for interactive participation, which allows participants the freedom to discover art and science for themselves and find meaning in their own way.

Presentations are free of charge. Each outing has a limit of 15 people. To participate, contact Jeff Falyn, jfalyn@ucdavis.edu or 795-3864. Include your name, desired presentation date, phone number and/or e-mail address, and indicate whether you need directions.

~ **Wildflowers & Insect Diversity:** Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Learn about the natural history and biology of local flowering plants and take a tour of the world and diversity of insects. Begin to build a complete picture of the ecology of Cold Canyon and the Coastal ranges of California. Guides: Phil Ward, UC Davis professor of entomology, and naturalist Dylan Burge.

~ **Geology — The History of the Land Beneath Our Feet:** Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m. to noon. Join Eldrige Moores, UC Davis professor emeritus of geology, as he traces the origins of the land we call home. Starting in Davis, the group will

caravan toward Stebbins Cold Canyon. A few stops will be made along the way to help develop a regional perspective on how the land evolved. This is a wonderful opportunity to see where you live through the eyes of a renowned Geologist. (Note: the meeting place will be given upon sign-up for the presentation.)

~ **An Outdoor Experience Using Watercolor Paints:** Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. to noon. Use watercolors to paint colors and images of Cold Canyon. No painting experience is necessary, just a willingness to experiment with paints and experience nature in a new way. Materials are included. The guides will be Barbara Byrne and Stacie Hartung-Freichs

~ **Nature Awareness & Tracking:** Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. to noon. It is often said if you really want to know another person you need to walk in their shoes. On this outing, you are invited to step into the natural world and sense life from the perspective of the animals and plants. The guide will be tracker/mentor/naturalist Sean Clemenza, PMP Founder Bay Area Tracking Club.

~ **Bioregional Thought & Practice:** Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to noon. UC Davis Professor Emeritus of landscape architecture Rob Thayer shares this passion for the land and the inspiration that compelled him to write, "Life

Place," a book about re-connecting to the natural world. Join Thayer on a stroll through the canyon, passages from his book and conversation about our Bioregion—a place we call home.

~ **Toddlers & Infants Explore Stebbins Cold Canyon:** Sunday, April 24, 9-11 a.m. Toddlers: Fun! Water! Games! Plants! Insects! Ask your Mommy and/or Daddy to bring you to Cold Canyon. Guides structure a few hours of play and exploration for budding naturalists. The guides are Lyndsay Dawkins and Marin Andrus.

~ **Diversity in Nature and Culture:** Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon. When the land is diverse with plants and animals the ecosystem is healthy and balanced. The same can be said for the culture of our society. Planned activities on the trail highlight the benefits of diversity in both nature and culture. The guide will be Ben Luna.

~ **Land Restoration & Stewardship:** Sunday, May 1, 9 a.m. to noon. Shane Waddell, UC Reserve land steward of Stebbins Cold Canyon, talks about caring for the land — what issues come up and how he deals with them. Then the group will participate in a restoration project: eradicating Goat Grass.

~ **Plants & Insects — How They Relate To Each Other:** Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. to noon. Have you

ever wanted to catch a butterfly and look closely at its beauty? Here's your opportunity. Guides help you explore the natural history and biology of insects and plants and their relationship with each other. The guides will be naturalists Dylan Burge and Sarah Thrasher.

~ **Toddlers Explore Stebbins Cold Canyon:** Saturday, May 14, 9-11 a.m. Toddlers: Fun! Water! Games! Plants! Insects! Ask your Mommy and/or Daddy to bring you to Cold Canyon. Guides Marin Andrus, Lyndsay Dawkins and Dan Leroy will structure a few hours of play and exploration for budding naturalists.

~ **Plant Communities of Stebbins Cold Canyon:** Sunday, May 15, 9 a.m. to noon. UC Davis professor of plant ecology Michael Barbour will lead a tour of the five different plant communities existing within the canyon. Learn more about each and why certain plants and animals are better suited for a specific community.

~ **Botanical Drawing, Photography & Nature:** Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to noon. Have you ever wanted to draw but thought it beyond your skill? Would you like a few tips on taking pictures of a natural landscape? This presentation provides step-by-step ideas on how to record what you see using a pencil and camera. No experi-

See **HIKES** on page **A-6**

Virgin Mary's image to be on display at St. Anthony's

The parishioners at St. Anthony Parish invite the community of Winters to participate in the activities planned to honor the Virgin Mary. In 1999 three exact digital copies of the original image in Mexico City were made. Now these images are traveling throughout the United States and one of these copies is coming to Winters on March 18-20. Mary

is recognized as the Patroness of the Americas.

Bilingual events are planned at St. Anthony Church and Parish Hall on Friday, March 18, and on Sunday, March 20. The Image will be at St. Martin Church in Esparto on Saturday, March 19. For a complete schedule of the events planned, stop by St. Anthony Church or Parish Hall to pick up a schedule.

Signup deadline extended

The Winters Friends of the Library is extending the deadline to enter the Second Annual Quiz Show to be held at 7 p.m on Friday, April 1 at the Community Center. The new deadline to turn in team registration forms is Monday, March 28.

The Quiz Show is a fundraiser that has teams of five who compete in three rounds of trivia questions and answers. Questions are on many topics. Where are your Zygomatic bones? Counting Richard Burton as two, how many husbands did Liz Taylor

have? What ingredients make up a martini?

Entrance fee per team is \$100. The winning team will win \$300 and the team members' names will go on the trophy, crafted by Jeff Hessemeyer, which is perpetually on display at the library.

Teams can be sponsored by businesses, organizations or, can be groups of people that are interested in trivia. Individuals who are interested in joining a team can sign up at the library, and find like-mind-

See **DEADLINE** on page **A-10**

Chamberlain to hold office hours Friday

Fifth District Supervisor Duane Chamberlain will hold office hours from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, March 18, at Steady Eddy's Coffee and Juice Bar. This is an opportunity for residents to meet Chamberlain and to discuss their concerns about Yolo County with him. For more information call 666-8227.

POLICE

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Village Circle, seven juveniles illegally entered an unoccupied residence.

March 4

~ Ricardo Avel Lemus, 20, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol (minor with a blood alcohol content of .05 percent or greater), being a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage, being an unlicensed driver, failing to stop at a stop sign and failing to have required vehicle lighting during darkness. Blood alcohol content results: .04/.05. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ Michael Joseph Nelson, 23, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

~ A 16-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for possessing marijuana for sale and selling/furnishing marijuana. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.

~ Two Winters juveniles, ages 16 and 17, were issued notices to appear for possessing tobacco products.

~ A 16-year old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and possessing tobacco products.

March 5

~ A 16-year-old Winters

juvenile was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department warrant charging him with possessing less than an ounce of marijuana, being a minor in possession of alcohol and two counts of being a minor in possession of tobacco products. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Juvenile Hall for incarceration.

~ On the first block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm at a business. The business was found secure.

March 6

~ Phillip Martin Breckenridge, 20, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charge of trespassing. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ On the 400 block of Luis Place, an officer responded to a residential alarm. The residence was secure.

March 7

~ On the first block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm at a business. The business was found secure.

HIKES

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ence necessary. All drawing materials provided. It will be helpful to bring a camera but it is not necessary. The guides will be Ruth Williams and Daniel Ng.

~ **Introspection & Nature — Who You Are and What You're Doing:** Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Take a gentle 2-mile hike within the beauty of Cold Canyon and along the path take a few moments to reflect. Time and space is set aside to contemplate who you are and what you're doing with this gift

called life. The guides will be Dr. Ed Dawkins and naturalist/philosopher/physician/poet Jeff Falyn.

~ **Land Restoration & Stewardship:** Sunday, June 12, 8-11 a.m. Shane Waddell, (UC Reserve land steward of Stebbins Cold Canyon, talks about caring for the land — what issues come up and how he deals with them. The group will then participate in a restoration project: eradicating Starthistle.

~ **Ghost Stores of Cold Canyon:** Saturday night, June 4, 8 p.m. Hike through Cold Canyon as the sun sets and the moon rises. A stop along the Homestead trail is where

the yarns begin. If you love to listen or tell stories under the glow of the night sky this is the place to be. The guides will be Lyndsay Dawkins and Jeff Falyn.

~ **A Tour of the Night Sky/Stargazing:** Saturday, July 2, 8:30 p.m. After an approximate one-mile

hike, settle into a meadow and gaze toward the stars. Astrophysicist Kevin McLin, department of physics and astronomy, Sonoma State University returns for another year of highlighting the stars and constellations of the night sky. This outing fills up quickly so RSVP early.

Workshop to address master planning of Lake Solano Regional Park

The Solano County Parks Department invites all interested citizens to attend a public workshop on Wednesday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the master planning of Lake Solano Regional Park on Pleasants Valley Road, located just west of Winters.

The meeting will be held at the Community Center in Winters, 201 Railroad Avenue.

TRUSTEES

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munity, legislators and the governor the importance of adequate school funding.

Calendar input sought
There was no public input and little board input on development of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school calendars. Board chair Jay Shepherd supported the concept of a calendar that allows the high school to finish the first semester of instruction before winter break and said he favors a longer winter break and shorter summer period. Trustee Russ Lester agreed with Shepherd. The final calendars will be the result of negotiations among the trustees, district administration and employee organization representatives.

Teachers released
Trustees approved “non-reelection” of eight probationary certificated employees representing

seven and two-thirds positions. The non-reelection option has to be exercised within the first two years of employment before the employee gains tenure. The trustees also approved the release of nine temporary certificated employees, effective June 3. Trustees granted unpaid leaves to Rominger Intermediate School teachers Joanie Bryant, Angela Finnegan and Julie MacKenzie; district psychologist Adriana Echandia; and John Clayton Kinderschool aide Suzette Oxley. They accepted the resignation of student supervision aide Lehua Fonseca-Larinaga. Julian Del Toro, Jr., Ana Garnica, Jose Martinez and Alvara Valadez were hired as workability students.

Achievements honored
The school board presented a certificate of appreciation to Winters police officer Todd Barnett for his interest in

and volunteer work with Wolfskill Continuation High School students. Wolfskill student Fernando Zarugosa also was recognized for his academic achievement and artistic ability. Several other students received special recognition for their ability to overcome special home and or academic problems and inspire others. Students receiving such recognition and certificates included Francisco Bravo, John Clayton Kinder School; Oton Aguilera, Waggoner Elementary School; Daniel Navarette, Rominger Intermediate School; Aldo Guzman, Winters Middle School; Mike Herrera, Winters High School; and Michelle Moore and Andrea Valencia, Wolfskill Continuation High School.

Air cleansing grant
Trustees approved application for a Yolo/Solano Clean Air Fund grant that, if approved, could save the

school district \$40,000 in retrofitting eight school buses with diesel particulate traps to clean up bus exhaust emissions. The grant would also include a one-time cost savings of \$500 per bus to offset the initial purchase of low sulfur diesel. Transportation director Debbie Hunt said the grant would save the district to cost of retrofitting its buses when the clean air mandate becomes effective. Also in an attempt to garner more state money for the district, trustees approved amended eligibility forms for school modernization projects that could bring another \$52,260 for modernization work at Wolfskill Continuation High School and another \$175,918 for Winters Middle School modernization projects.

Next meeting
The next regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on March 17 at Winters Middle School.

Murder suspect arraigned

The Solano County Sheriff's Investigations Unit has completed its investigation of the Feb. 21 murder of Winters resident Luis Alfonso Vargas, 27, and has turned it over to the district attorney's office for prosecution. A motive for the slaying was

not determined. Suspect Roberto Estrada Olvera, 28, also of Winters, was arraigned in Solano County Superior Court and held without bail. He was scheduled for another court appearance on March 2.

GOLF

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fordable healthcare to all members of the Winters community, even those without medical insurance. The foundation also sponsors several informa-

tional workshops throughout the year, addressing such medical issues as diabetes and Alzheimer's Disease. For more information about the tournament or the foundation, call Laura Paschoal, 795-5200.

AGENDA

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gorical Exemption. As the Community Development Agency, the council will address the following items:
~ Approval of local match

funding for CDBG public works activity project.
~ Façade Improvement Program Application for Penmakers, Inc.
~ Contract amendment with Keyser Marston Associates, Inc.
~ Selection of Master Plan ad hoc committee.

Entertainment

St. Patrick’s Day parade planned

The community is invited to a St. Patrick’s Day parade on Thursday, March 17, at 10 a.m., beginning at the Rotary Park gazebo. The parade will go down the sidewalk on Main Street, and afterwards bagpipe player Dave Parkhurst will entertain the crowd and speak about the history of bagpipes at the gazebo. There will also be shamrock cookies, provided by Lester Farms Bakery.

The event will last about an hour, and preschool and daycare children are particularly welcome. “Wear your finest green or St. Paddy’s attire,” says Suzy Bonin, who organizes the annual event. For more information, call Bonin, 354-4330.



Courtesy photo
Venita Katir will share classical Indian dance at this month’s Village Homes Performers Circle.

Indian dancers featured at Performers Circle

Village Homes Performers Circle will meet on Monday, March 28, 7:15-9 p.m. in Davis. This free event is for performers of all levels and listeners. It is held the 4th Monday of each month except December. Unscheduled performances take place from 7:15-8:15 p.m. followed by a short break. Featured acts perform from 8:30-9 p.m. The emcee will be Craig Thomsen.

The featured act for March 28 is a Bharatanatyam classical Indian dance recital. Venita Katir has trained under teachers in London and the Bay Area for many years. She was awarded the title of Nritya Mayuri or “Dancing Peacock” in 2003, for her proficiency in the intricate rhythmic footwork, subtle facial expressions, and graceful hand movements of the art form. She is currently an undergraduate student at UC Davis,

where she teaches Bharatanatyam classes at the Experimental College. Her students and she will demonstrate the beauty of South India’s rich dance tradition.

This is a free event. It is held at the Village Homes Community Center, 2661 Portage Bay, Davis. For more information call 756-3484 or 756-8232.

‘Alone Together’ opens Friday at Community Center

BY GERMAINE HUPE
Special to the express

The Winters Theatre Company’s spring play, “Alone Together,” will open its six-performance run Friday evening with a champagne gala presentation. Dessert and beverages will be served at 7:30 with an 8 p.m curtain.

The play concerns the very modern problems which result when adult children move back home, upsetting the change-of-life-style plans of their parents.

Anita Ahuja appears as Helene, the long suffering mother of three rambunctious sons. Anita has portrayed several roles for WTC. She made her local debut as the mother in “A Christmas Story” in 2002, and was cast in several of the company’s “Shakespeare in the Park” summer plays, most recently in the major role of Olivia in “Twelfth Night.” Anita is employed by the California Victim Compensation Board.

Al Mendle, who is cast as George Butler, the father, comes to WTC from several performances in the Vacaville/Fairfield area. His favorite roles include Doc in “West Side Story,” Chaucer in “The Canterbury Tales,” and Buffalo Bill in “Annie Get Your Gun.” Al is connected with the UCD Department of



Courtesy photo

Appearing in the Winters Theatre Company’s production of “Alone Together” are, from left, Al Mendle (“George Butler”) Andrew Fridae (“Keith Butler”) and Anita Ahuja (“Helene Butler”). The play opens Friday at the Community Center.

Education. Appearing as the three sons are Andrew Fridae (Keith), Danny Brooks (Michael), and Jim Hewlett (Elliot).

Andrew recently played several roles in the holiday production of “The Wizard of Oz,” and has been active in the young peoples’ summer Shakespeare theater/workshop plays. His favorite role is that of Jacques in “As You Like It.” A Winters High School student, Andrew plans to major in English in college.

Danny Brooks lives in Vacaville where he attends Solano College as an English major. Previous stage roles include that of Javert in “Les Miserables,” and several appearances in the Story-

brook Theatre’s plays for children.

WTC Board member and frequent performer Jim Hewlett portrays the eldest Butler son, Elliot. Jim has appeared in three Shakespeare plays, most recently as Sebastian in “Twelfth Night” and Claudio in “Much Ado About Nothing.” His favorite and most demanding role was that of the mentally handicapped Mickey in “Greetings” (2003). Jim is a UCD graduate and is currently employed at the University.

Cara Patton is cast as college coed Janie, the attractive, naive foil for the brothers. Cara is a Winters High School senior who plans a college major in history and a minor in theater next year. Her previ-

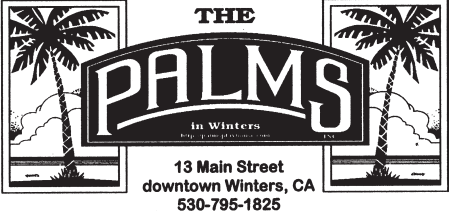
ous acting experience includes major roles in the Winters Shakespeare Youth workshop. She has portrayed Helena in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” and Rosalind in “As You Like It.”

“Alone Together” is under the direction of Trent Beeby who has been a major actor in several WTC productions including “Shakespeare in the Park,” “Sylvia,” and “A Christmas Story.”

The all important technical crew is composed of stage manager Mark Dahn, lighting designer Gary Schroeder, firector’s sssistant JoAnne May and lights/sound technician Kent Wingard.

“Alone Together” opens on Friday, March 11 with its gala performance. Subsequent shows are on Saturday, March 12, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19. There are two Sunday matinees on March 13 and March 20. The March 19 show is a dinner/theatre benefit performance for the Yolo Family Service Agency.

All reservations for this occasion should be made by calling 662-2211. For all other performances, reservations can be made by calling WTC at 795-4014. Tickets can be purchased at Kimes Ace Hardware and the Chamber of Commerce office in the Community Center.



Coming up this week
Thurs. 3/10-The Crooked Jades/The Wilders-
old timey acoustic
Fri-3/11-Robin & Linda Williams
and Their Fine Group-
bluegrass, folk, country-as heard on Prairie Home Companion
Sat-3/12-Joni Morris in
“Portrait of Patsy Cline ”

Conference features food, wine and culture of Pacific

Farmers and geneticists, chefs and city planners, restaurateurs, entrepreneurs and anthropologists will examine how we eat, what we eat and, most importantly, why we eat as we do at a UC Davis conference on March 17-19, sponsored by the Pacific Regional Humanities Center.

“Beyond Consuming: Food, Wine and Culture of the Pacific” features Deborah Madison, founding chef of the Greens Restaurant and an influential cookbook writer; writer David Karp, known for his esoteric knowledge of fruit as the “Fruit Detective”; humorist Doug Fine, author of “Not Really an Alaskan Mountain Man”; and Central Valley farmer and essayist David Mas Masumoto, whose works include the award-winning “Epitaph for a Peach.”

The public is invited to the free event that looks at the culture of food in the Pacific through panel discussions, keynote talks and tours of UC Davis food laboratories and the Davis Farmers Market.

Topics will range from gastronomic heritages to biotechnology and the challenges of cooking with local produce.

“The foods we eat mark an intersection of social practice and cultural style,” said Georges Van den Abbeele, director of the Pacific Regional Humanities Center. “Yet in the Pacific, style includes fishing rights,

biodiversity genomics, and wine economics; and practice can apply to fast-food ‘drive-throughs,’ food journalism, and the politics of artisan-made cheeses.”

Highlights of the conference include:

- ~ A panel discussion Thursday evening about the challenges and rewards of creating a local cuisine with Madison; Sinclair Phillip, owner of Sooke Harbour House of Sooke, Victoria Island, British Columbia; and Ron Paul, a civic entrepreneur, chef and the driving force behind the Portland Public Market;
- ~ A presentation by Fine, who hails from Haines, Alaska, about the economic and cultural role of the Pacific salmon;
- ~ A UC Davis panel discussion on the future of food moderated by Clare Hasler, executive director of the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, and featuring plant pathologist Pam Ronald; enologist Andrew Waterhouse; Jerry Gillespie, director of the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security; and Kent Bradford, director of the Seed Biotechnology Center;
- ~ A series of regional food histories by Victor Valle of CSU Los Angeles, author of “Recipe of Memory: Five Generations of Mexican Cuisine”; Yong Chen of UC Irvine, author of “Chinese San Francisco”; and Ira Jacknis from the UC Berkeley Hearst

Museum, editor of “Food in California Indian Culture.”

The conference is co-sponsored by the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, which will have its official ground-breaking ceremony June 23 for state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities to house the departments of viticulture and enology as well as food science and technology.

Hasler, the Robert Mondavi Institute executive director, said the conference celebrating the legacy of food, wine and culture in the Pacific Region “is a natural fit with the vision of our institute — Enhancing the quality of life through wine and food sciences.”

Other co-sponsors include the UC Humanities Research Institute and the Davis Humanities Institute.

No registration or fees are required for this conference. Interested persons are invited to arrive at the conference, which begins with a food and film seminar at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in MU II at the Memorial Union on campus. The official opening is scheduled for 5 p.m., with a welcome from UC Davis Provost Virginia Hinshaw.

For more information and the schedule, go to the Pacific Regional Humanities Center, <http://prhc.ucdavis.edu/initiatives/BCsched.htm>.

Burns wins poetry contest

Winters resident Margaret Burns won first prize in the recent 12th annual El Dorado Writers’ Guild poetry contest. The prize was \$100 and publication in their literary magazine, The Acorn.

Entries were submitted from all over the United States. Burns, who writes a column for the Features page in the Winters Express, has been writing poetry for the past 10 years, after retiring as a professor from the ophthalmology department at UC Davis.

Breast cancer surgery topic of next Y-Me meeting

Dr. Virginia Joyce, surgeon with Sutter West Medical Group will speak on “Latest Developments in Surgery and Questions and Answers” at the next Y-Me meeting, planned for 7 p.m. on Monday, March 14, at University Covenant Church, 325 Mace Boulevard, Davis.

Joyce will discuss the latest in breast cancer surgery and will allow plenty of time for questions and answers. Call Y-ME Northern California Affiliate for information, 753-3940 or toll free at (866) 616-4882. The program is free and open to the public.

Y-ME Educational Open Door Meetings are held on the second Monday of

each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the University Covenant Church at 315 Mace Boulevard, the corner of Mace and Alhambra Boulevards. Each month these meetings provide information about some aspect of breast cancer or women’s health.

Breast cancer does not discriminate. The meetings are not limited to breast cancer survivors, but are open and free of charge to anyone who is interested in learning more about women’s health issues.

For a map to the location, visit the Y-ME Northern California Affiliate web site at <http://www.y-me.org/northerncalifornia>

Al-Anon meets weekly in Winters

Al-Anon meets weekly every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 205 Russell Street. The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship

of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems.

The Winters City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month

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ed game players. The Friends will sponsor the first student team that signs up for free.

Those interested in watching the event are invited to come cheer on their favorite team, and will be asked to pay a \$2 donation. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

Registration forms, rules of the game, and answers to this week’s questions are all available at the Winters Branch Library, on the corner of First Street and Russell.

For more information, call Rebecca Fridae at 795-4600.

AA offers hope

Local meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are held on Thursdays at 8 p.m., Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. (book study) at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. Adults are welcome at all meetings. There is no charge to attend.

Getting married? Just had a baby?
Announce it in the Express — it’s free!
Call 795-4551 for assistance

Sports

Warriors defeat Durham in second round

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Warriors advanced to the section championship game on March 2 with a convincing 57-40 victory over the visiting Durham Trojans. The Warriors had the game under control from start to finish but had a slow second period only scoring three points.

Fortunately for the Warriors, they held their opponent to just five points. The Warriors then turned it around and had a strong third period to regain control for the rest of the game.

Andrew Cummings led the Warriors with 17 points, had three assists, a steal and a rebound. Keith Geerts scored 13 points, had seven rebounds, seven assists, three steals and a block. Zach Davis scored 10 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and had five steals and a block. Sebastian Salas scored eight points, five rebounds, one steal and one assist. Jared Davis scored four points, had five rebounds, two assists, a steal and a block.

Alex Thomson scored three points, had two assists and a rebound. Alex Jurado scored two points, and had two rebounds, while Nathanael Lucero had two steals for the Warriors.

Geerts leads Warriors to section title in Chico

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

Keith Geerts, a four year starter for the Winters High School varsity boys basketball team, may have played his best game in the Warriors' biggest game since 1980 as he scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Warriors to a 65-39 victory.

On Saturday, March 5, the Warriors traveled to Chico State to play in the North Section Division IV Championship game against Anderson. Playing against a very talented team that possesses arguably the best point guard in Northern California, the Warriors knew they had to bring their best to win the title. Not only did Geerts play big, the whole Warrior team raised their game to another level and simply dominated Anderson on both ends of the floor.

"Our guards, (Geerts and Andrew Cummings) really stepped it up," said coach Jason Davis. "They both had really big games."

The Warriors led 16-13 after an intense first period. In the second period Anderson decided to go into a zone defense and that's when Geerts and Cummings took over. Cummings hit three 3-pointers on his way to a 17-point game, while Geerts added two of his own as the Warriors out scored the Wildcats 16-6.

"Our whole team played outstanding basketball," Davis said. "From start to finish, no matter who was in there, they never let up."

The second half the Warriors seemed to get more aggressive as they went right at their opponent on the offensive end. That resulted in not only getting to the free throw line 31 times, but also causing the Wildcats' big man, Tyler Hetzer, to foul out in the middle of the third. On the defensive end, the twin towers — Zach and Jared Davis — took control of the



Photos by Dawn Van Dyke
Keith Geerts (top photo) led his team to the North Section Championship on Saturday, March 5, at Chico State. The team defeated Anderson by a score of 65-39 for the title. Geerts scored 22 points and had 11 rebounds. Zach Davis (bottom photo) had 11 points and 10 rebounds in the game.

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Varsity girls open with win

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity softball team opened their season at home on Tuesday, March 1, with a 3-2 victory over visiting East Nicolaus. After four scoreless innings, the Warriors fell behind by one in the fifth inning, then gave up one more in the top of the seventh. Winters then regrouped and put three points on the board

with Jessica Graham, Emilie Kimble and Tiffany Spivey crossing the plate to give the Warriors the victory.

Spivey hit two doubles and a single. Kimble had two hits; Graham had two hits, while Fabiola Hernandez had a single for the Warriors.

The Warriors lost to Justin Siena of Napa 2-6 on Wednesday, March 2. Stats were unavailable. The Warriors' next home game will be on Saturday, March 12, at noon against Esparto.

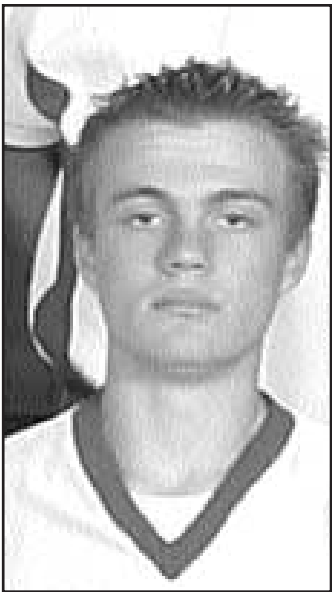
Football signups planned at Cody's

Winters Jr. Warriors football signups will be at Cody's on Railroad Avenue on Saturday, Mar. 12, from 12-4 p.m. The fees for playing football this year will be as follows: early

signups through May 14 will be \$160; first late signup by June 11 will be \$175; and last late signup by July 9 will be \$190 (this fee will apply until the first day of practice).

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Andrew Cummings



Andrew Cummings, a senior starting guard on the Winters High School boy's varsity North Section championship basketball team, is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week. Cummings helped lead the Warriors to a record breaking season with a 24-3 record throughout this amazing season. On Saturday, March 5, Cummings was a key factor in bringing home the north section crown. Cummings hit three 3-pointers in the

first half on his way to a 17 point game to help the Warriors put the game out of reach in their 65-39 victory over Anderson.

"Andrew really stepped up," said coach Jason Davis. "He hit the big shots early in the game when we needed him to."

Cummings also scored 17 points in the Warriors 57-40 second round victory over Durham on Wednesday, March 2.

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Cheerleading signups planned

Jr. Warrior Cheerleading signups will be held on Saturday, March 12, from noon - 4 p.m. at Cody's.

The fee for cheerleaders will be \$350. Signups will be every month through July 9 at Cody's Deli on the second Saturday of each month. Please sign up early to reserve your place on the team.

The last official signup for cheer will be May 14 and cheer fittings will be Saturday, June 4. The first day of practice will be July 25, at Winters Middle School. The program is looking forward to another successful year. If you have any questions regarding signups please feel free to call Jackie Monnin, 795-1020.

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boards. They pulled down 10 and five rebounds respectively, keeping the Wildcats from getting any second shots. The Warriors outscored the Wildcats 18-12 in the third and then closed out the fourth with a 15-8 performance over Anderson, improving their overall record to 24-3.

Winters definitely got their best games out of their four starting seniors but had plenty of help from their young guns. Coach Davis had his three sophomores, Nathanael Lucero, Alex Thomson and Alex Jurado, and junior Sebastian Salas on the floor with senior Jared Davis for a large part of the third and still continued to outscore Anderson with their pressure defense and fast-paced offense. In the fourth, Ricky Anstead, Nico Tovar, Nico Acevedo and Dominic Mandolfo maintained that same intensity.

"Like I said, we played an outstanding game from beginning to end," said Coach Davis. "All 12 of our players played hard. I've never seen a group as tight as this one. It was so much fun just to witness it."

The Warriors ended their evening by receiving a CIF section championship patch that advanced them on to the Nor-Cal Finals as the number three seed. Winters will play St. Mary's of Berkeley on Tuesday, March 8, at Woodland High School and will play on Thursday, March 10, place unknown if they win.

Geerts led all scores with a double-double scoring 22 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and two steals. Cummings followed with 17 points, two assists, a steal and a rebound. Zach Davis also had a double-double as he scored 11 points, had 10 rebounds, two assists and a block. Jared Davis scored eight points, grabbed five rebounds, had two steals and an assist. Jurado scored two points, had two assists and a steal. Lucero scored two points and had one rebound. Salas scored two points, had two rebounds and a steal, while Thomson scored one point, had four assists and two rebounds for the Warriors.

Schools

Art students bring home awards

Winters High School art students brought home 19 prizes at the recent Vacaville Art Gallery Student Art Show. High schools from Vacaville, Fairfield and Dixon also exhibited at the show. Rosette ribbons were given to the following award winners:

~ Painting: Janine Ramos, first, "Gwen Stefani"; Caitlin Jensen, first, "Field of Iris"; Ari Hoover, second, "Self Portrait"; Kimberly Rolls, second, "On Agressive Terms"; Maria Reyes, third, "Abuela Verde"; Rodrigo Lopez, third, "Iglesia Naranja"; Noe Negrete, honorable mention, "Light and Shadow"; Danelle McGee, honorable mention, "Jake"; Linda Lopez, gallery award, "Mirror"; Caitlin Jensen, gallery award, "Image of Myself"; Lindsey Berg, gallery award, "Self Portrait"; Guillermo Escobar, gallery award, "Self Portrait."

~ Drawing: Natalie Cooley, third place, "Habib."

~ Sculpture: Joe Webster, first place, "Vivid Emergence"; Amy Purvis, honorable mention, "Folded Crane".

~ Photography, Digital, and Collage: Matthew Andrade, first place, "2 Pac"; Casey Castillo, second place, "Eternal Flame"; Vasey Coman, third place,



Winters High School artists who won awards at the Vacaville Art Show include, from left, Janine Ramos, Kimberly Rolls, Joe Webster, Linda Lopez, and Matthew Andrade. Students in Sally Paul's art classes won 19 awards in all.

"Succulent"; Ari Hoover, third place, "Luda"; Kimberly Rolls, third place, "Luminescent Beauty."

~ Winters High School students will also participating in exhibits in the Sacramento Area for Youth Art Month at the

Crocker Art Museum, Arden Dimmick Library and KOVR, Channel 13 business offices in West Sacramento.

The next local public exhibition of the Winters High School art department take place at the

high school open house, planned for Wednesday, March 23, in the high school gymnasium. Most art produced so far this year will be on display, except for those pieces already on exhibit elsewhere.

Photo by Erica Jordan

Wolfskill holds seventh awards ceremony

Wolfskill Continuation High School held its seventh awards ceremony of the year at the school on Monday, March 7. Receiving the highest of honors were Jessyca Pinkston, who earned the most credits for the grading period, and Marisela Duran, who produced the highest overall quality of work. A record 10 students were recognized for having perfect attendance (no absences, tardies, or suspensions) for the month-long grading period.

In addition, the following students received awards for earning at least minimum credits during Section 6: Liliana Alcazar, Sergio Alvarado, Matt Austin, Luis Banuelos, Dylan Barker, Jaime Bautista, Fracisco Del Toro, Marisela Duran, Ana Fernandez, Rafael Fierros, Felisa Franco, Jorge Garcia, Danny Guzman, Felipe Guzman, Hector Hernandez, Juan Jimenez, Luz Jimenez, Regina Lona, Ramon Lopez, Mayra Loza, Ramiro Loza, Vanessa Mariscal, Luis Martinez, Nicole Moreno, Luz Murillo, Jessyca Pinkston, Tiburcio Quezada, Victor Tafoya, Juana Valadez, Juan Valeriano, Aaron Young and Fernando Zaragoza.

Scholarships available for children of military parents

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors the bravery and dedication exhibited by Americans in our armed forces who have sacrificed life or limb in the defense of our country by providing college scholarships to their children. Freedom Alliance is now accepting applications for the 2005-06 academic year.

"We can never fully give back to our brave service members what they have sacrificed for us and the cause of freedom," said Freedom Alliance President Tom Kilgannon, "but what we can do is show our appreciation by helping their children pay for college."

The application deadline for the 2005-06 academic year is June 30. Freedom Alliance is accepting applications from dependent chil-

dren of U.S. military personnel who have been killed or permanently disabled (100 percent VA rating) in the line of duty during the War on Terror (Iraq, Afghanistan, Philippines, etc.). Students must be enrolled (currently or by September 2005) at an accredited college, university or vocational school.

Over the years, the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund has provided college scholarships to students whose parents have been killed or permanently disabled in such conflicts as the Persian Gulf War, the liberation of Grenada and the 1983 terrorist attack on the Marine Corps barracks in Beirut. More recently, Freedom Alliance provided scholarship assistance to the dependent children of military per-

sonnel who were killed in the October 2000 terrorist attack on the USS Cole and in the September 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. In the most recent academic year, Freedom Alliance provided scholarships to 77 students

For more information about the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund or to download an application, visit <http://www.freedomalliance.org> or call (800) 475-6620. The mission of Freedom Alliance is to promote the American heritage of freedom embodied in the Constitution; to defend the sovereignty of the United States, her people and institutions, and to maintain the security of the country with a strong national defense.

Teams fare well at tournament

By JANET ANDERSEN
Special to the Express

The Destination Imagination (DI) regional tournament was held Saturday, March 5 at Olympus Junior High School in Roseville.

DI is an extracurricular school-supported program. Teams form in October and begin preparing for the regional tournament in March. Teams train in problem-solving and teamwork skills. Each team competed in two areas at the tournament. They competed in an instant challenge, which emphasizes quick, on-your-feet thinking. They had 5-10 minutes to solve an unknown challenge with surprise supplies. They also competed in one of five central challenges, which is the long-term project they have been working on since November.

All solutions must be completely solved by the team and no interference by parents is allowed. This includes all ideas and construction.

Winters was well represented with four teams. The Political Duct Tape Lovers was managed by Theresa Borchelt and had six members from SRIS; Xavier Borchelt, Zachary Stewart, Ilene Reynoso, Eric Oates, Justin Nitzkowski and Emma Young. The Winters Twilights were managed by Irene Goya-Tweedt and Mel Mello and had five SRIS team members; Timothy Tweedt, Timothy Davey, Ashley Quilala, Karina, and Allie Reynoso. The Winters Radio Rockers was managed by Janet Andersen and Janette Mendenhall and had seven WMS members; Brenna Murphy, Ashley Andersen, Courtney Page, Amy Adams, Nia Maldonado, Kenzi Ellis, and Myla Passanti-

no. The Winters Watchamocallits was managed by Janet Andersen and had three members from WMS; Jamie Andersen, Ryan Hoffstran and Burt Masem.

Over 60 teams of students in kindergarten through high school competed in the tournament. The region includes Winters, Woodland, Davis, Dixon, Sacramento, Elk Grove, Roseville, South Lake Tahoe and other local communities. The Winters teams all demonstrated amazing creativity in their solutions.

The Twilights and Political Duct Tape Lovers competed in the Bridges challenge where they had to build a bridge weighing less than 5.7 ounces out of wood, glue and fishing line. They had to make a skit about connecting two nations with a bridge and test their bridge to see how much weight it could hold.

The Radio Rockers competed in Live It's Radio DI where they had to design a live radio broadcast including an eccentric character, a commercial break, live sound elements and an improvisational news bulletin.

The Watchamocallits competed in Dizzy Derby where they had to design a vehicle with a technical propulsion that could go around a triangular track. They designed a hovercraft with a spring propulsion system and ended up receiving medals for placing third in their division. All teams successfully completed all aspects of their challenge.

A new Destination Imagination program will begin in October.

For more information on this program, go online to www.destinationimagination.org.

Winters PTA needs volunteers

Winters PTA needs volunteers to join the board for the 2005-06 school year. Installation of new officers will take place at the May 11 meeting. Anyone who is interested can call PTA president Theresa Borchelt, 795-5812, or come to the next PTA general meeting on Wednesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Shirley

Rominger Intermediate School's faculty room.

If volunteers don't come forward by the next meeting on April 13th, the Winters PTA may dissolve at the end of this school year, says a current PTA board member.

There are two meetings left Wednesday, April 13, and Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Yolo County Board of Education to hold hearings

The Yolo County Board of Education will conduct a public hearing to encourage participation by members of the community on the stipulation of the State Instructional Materials Program, and the sufficiency of instructional materials in the Yolo County Alternative Education Programs, Grades 9-12, fiscal year 2004-05. The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m., at the Yolo County Of-

fice of Education, Davis Room, YCOE Conference Center, 1240 Harter Avenue, in Woodland.

The second public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from members of the community regarding the response and initial proposal from the Yolo County Superintendent

of Schools to the California School Employees Association and its Yolo County Chapter #639 for 2004-05 fiscal year. This hearing will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 3 p.m. at the Yolo County Office of Education, Davis Room, YCOE Conference Center, 1240 Harter Avenue, in Woodland.

Features

Natural laxative recipe

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Would you please reprint the recipe for the natural laxative you mentioned in a response to an inquiry? — J.J.

ANSWER: The inquiry was from a reader who wanted to know what I meant by miller's bran. It's just bran, and bran is the covering of grain, the stuff that's discarded when refining it. It can be found in health food stores (and probably many other places).

The recipe calls for 2 cups of bran, 2 cups of applesauce and 1 cup of sweetened or unsweetened prune juice. Refrigerate the mixture and take 2 or 3 tablespoons twice a day.

You can add fruit, nuts or anything you want. Don't subtract any of the listed ingredients.

This is not my invention. I have had only one original idea in my life, and I forget what that was.

The booklet on constipation and laxatives covers these topics more completely. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 504W, 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.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have enclosed for your inspection the list of medicines my mother takes. She is quite groggy all the time, and I suspect her medicines have something to do with this. What do you think? — Anon.

ANSWER: I had to make you "Anon" because I misplaced your letter. I haven't forgotten it, and I haven't forgotten the medicines your mother takes.

There were 17 medicines on the list. Five of them can cause drowsiness.

Seventeen medicines for an elderly woman are far too many. For that matter, 17 medicines for a person of any age are far too many. I agree with you. It is quite reasonable to suspect that your mother's grogginess comes



from all the medicines she takes.

You should have a conference with her two doctors. Perhaps they do not know what the other has prescribed. If you can't make any headway with the current doctors, get another opinion.

You should not stop medicines on your own, even though the temptation is there. You and I don't know which of those medicines is essential to your mother's health.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My dad is said to have Parkinson's disease. He is a consummate actor, and I wonder about the diagnosis. I think he might be faking the symptoms. I have seen him asleep, and he has no trembling. — C.D.

ANSWER: The tremor of Parkinson's disease almost always disappears with sleep.

Your dad might be a consummate actor, but I can't believe he has the knowledge to fool his doctor into making a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease if he doesn't have some Parkinson's symptoms in addition to its tremor. Those symptoms are not well-known to the public, nor are they easy to imitate.

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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Devoting time to Yolo Community Foundation

I'm baaaack!
No, it's not Freddy Kruger. Just me. I am very flattered (and appreciative) that a few people have said that they missed my columns in the Winters Express.

The simple truth of the matter is that I got engaged in another project that has taken up a lot of my time, and promises to take up much more in the future. That project is the Yolo Community Foundation. The way it happened was this:

After we moved to Winters 20 years ago, I noticed that oftentimes when someone died there would be a memorial fund set up, almost always at First Northern Bank. I got to wondering what happened to that money. Was there a lot? A little? Did it go to a good cause? Probably. Did the relatives know what they wanted to spend it on? Maybe. There were many such bequests. It occurred to me that it might have more impact if all those donations could go into a single pot — The Winters Fund. The money could be used for city-wide good causes.

I decided I would suggest it to the city manager after I was retired and would have the time to help make it work. Time passed — doesn't it always? I retired and did some things and then did some more things. There was a lull round about 2000-01, and I started to get restless. The Winters Fund idea climbed to the top of my brain.

One hot Thursday evening in June, I read in the Winters Express notice of a public meeting of the newly formed Yolo Community Foundation. It sounded exactly like the thing I was thinking about but for the whole county, not just Winters. I called and left a message saying I was interested.

The next day Joan Hogan, the founder, called and said there was another



public meeting in Woodland scheduled in August and could I make that one? I could. I did. I have been involved ever since.

A Community Foundation is a very useful resource. It is a public foundation, not a private one. People, or other groups, can set up their own fund within the umbrella of the Foundation, and advise how they want the monies to be spent. The Community Foundation manages the money, does the paperwork for the IRS and makes sure all the legalities are met. You don't have to set up your own non-profit foundation and can still meet your charitable goals.

My Main Man and I have established a fund to help graduates of Winters High School achieve further career goals. We are trying to help graduates when they get to Year Two of college — a time that is often more difficult than Year One.

Another function is that groups that do not have the resources or time to manage funds can establish a fund for a specific purpose — a designated fund. For example, Yolo Community Foundation has a fund for the Law Library of Yolo County. Setting up a memorial fund for a family member is another possibility.

When community foundations get larger, they often act as a catalyst in putting together programs for their region. Community foundations are the largest growing area in philanthropy. There are about 25 community foundations in California. They started in Cleveland in 1914. Some foundations are really big and some

are small.

Yolo Community Foundation (YCF) has spent the past three years making sure our infrastructure, investment policies and governance structure are in place and solid. This year we are reaching out and spreading the word about a new means of philanthropy in Yolo County.

We are actively looking for members of YCF Founders' Circle — a three-year pledge of support. Recently, First Northern Bank of Dixon became our first corporate sponsor. In the fall of this year YCF will also be offering our second competitive MiniGrants to Yolo County K-6 classroom teachers for supplies.

In 2003-04 we awarded 27 teachers grants that totaled \$10,885. We are looking for matching funds so that we can offer \$20,000 worth of grants this year.

Why am I involved in this? I have, and I think we all have, had the experience of being helped in life by a mentor, a friend, a family member, just because they believed in us. A community foundation does that for individuals, for groups and for the community. It is local — the donors live in our county and the recipients live here, too.

"I have been warmed by fires I did not build."

Pleased to meet you



Name: Steve Caselli
Occupation: Manager at Lester Farms' Bakery
Hobby: Going to Giant's games
What's best about living in Winters: "It's home."
Fun fact: Likes to snow-board

King Crossword

Answers

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Beast of burden
4 Gelid
7 Took off
11 Engage in idling
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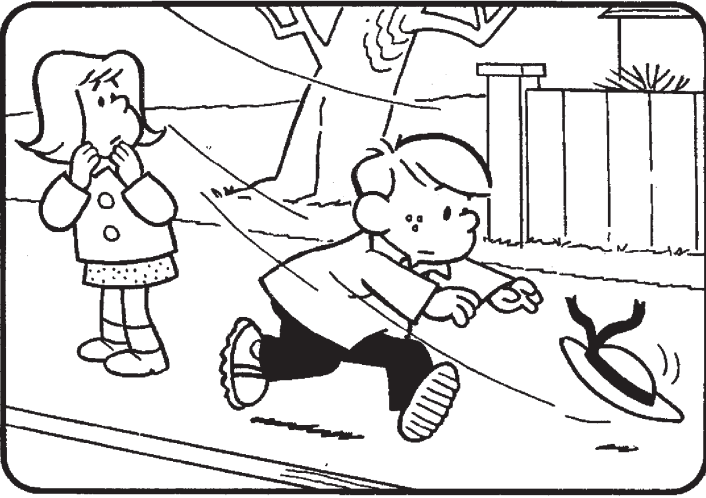
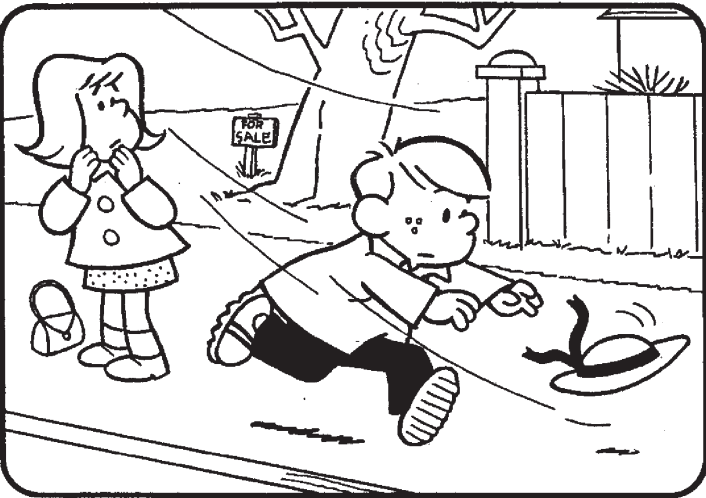
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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expressions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for his or her upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whomever) it is needed.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, overall you're heading in the right direction. Good luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Some good news arrives — and just in time to remind you that you're making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're moving nevertheless.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But before you dismiss it as unworkable, it's worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) New relationships — personal or work-related — show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.

PISCES (Febr. 19 to March 20) Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you like things to go smoothly, you're not shy about making waves when you believe the situation calls for it.

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Nuestras Noticias



Imagen milagrosa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La imagen milagrosa de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe la tendremos aquí en Winters en la Iglesia de San Antonio, los días 18, 19, 20 de marzo. La imagen es una copia digital de 3 reproducciones que se hicieron de la imagen original que se encuentra en la ciudad de México. Estas reproducciones están siendo llevadas a muchos lugares en Estados Unidos, y nosotros tendremos el honor de tener una de ellas. La iglesia de San Antonio les hace la invitación para participar en los diferentes eventos que ya se tienen programados para estos días que van a ser muy especiales.

La mayoría de nosotros sabemos la historia de las apariciones de la virgen de Guadalupe a San Juan Diego, pero ya que vamos a tener la imagen de la Virgen, voy a dar una pequeña descripción de la imagen, para que ustedes se familiaricen con ella.

La imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe quedó impresa en un toско tejido hecho con fibras de maguey. Se trata del ayate, usado por los indios para acarrear cosas y no de una tilma, que usualmente era de tejido más fino de algodón. La trama del ayate es tan burda y sencilla, que se puede ver claramente a través de ella, y la fibra del maguey es un material tan inadecuado que ningún pintor lo hubiera escogido para pintar sobre el.

La imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es una maravillosa síntesis cultural, una obra maestra que presentó la nueva fe de manera tal que pudo ser entendida y aceptada inmediatamente por los indios mexicanos. Es imposible de describir aquí la rica y complicada simbología que contiene este cuadro-código porque cada detalle de color y de forma es portador de un mensaje teológico.

El rostro impreso en el ayate es el de una joven mestiza; una anticipación, pues en aquel momento todavía no habían mestizos de esa edad en México. María asume así el dolor de miles de niños, los primeros de una nueva raza, rechazados entonces tanto por los indios como por los conquistadores. El cuadro que se conserva en la moderna Basílica del Tepeyac mide aproximadamente 66 x 41 pulgadas y la imagen de la Virgen ocupa unas 56 pulgadas del mismo.

La Virgen está de pié y su rostro se inclina delicadamente recordando un poco las tradicionales “Inmaculadas”. Esta oportuna inclinación evita que el empate que une las dos piezas del tejido caiga dentro de la faz de la Virgen. El manto azul salpicado de estrellas es la “Tilma de Turquesa” con que se revestían los grandes señores, e indica la nobleza y la importancia del portador. Los rayos del sol circundan totalmente a la Guadalupana como para indicar que ella es su aurora. Esta joven doncella mexicana está embarazada de pocos meses, así lo indican el lazo negro que ajusta su cintura, el ligero abultamiento debajo de este y la intensidad de los resplandores solares que aumenta a la altura del vientre. Su pie esta apoyado sobre una luna negra, (símbolo del mal para los mexicanos) y el ángel que la sostiene con gesto severo, lleva abiertas sus alas de águila.

Con la prodigiosa impresión en el ayate comenzaba un nuevo mundo, la aurora del sexto sol que esperaban los mexicanos. El cuadro de la Virgen de Guadalupe estuvo 116 años expuesto a las inclemencias del ambiente, sin protección alguna contra el polvo, la humedad, el calor, el humo de las velas y el continuo roce de miles y miles de objetos que fueron tocados a la venerada imagen, además del constante contacto de manos y besos de innumerables peregrinos. Se ha comprobado que el tejido de maguey es de muy fácil descomposición; cualquier tejido de esta fibra vegetal no puede conservarse más allá de veinte años y, sin embargo, el ayate de Juan Diego ha resistido mucho mas de cuatro siglos en perfecto estado de conservación.

El Papa Juan Pablo II nos enseña que, ante la actual cultura de la muerte, encontramos esperanza en la Virgen de Guadalupe, la gran abogada y defensora de la vida humana. Ella apareció embarazada. Los indios comprendieron que les visitaba la Madre de Dios. Tras la conversión, los indios cesaron de ofrecer sacrificios humanos que hasta entonces eran comunes. Por eso la Iglesia pide hoy día su intercesión para defender la vida

contra el genocidio del aborto y otras amenazas contra los inocentes.

El cuadro ha sufrido serios atentados y ha salido incólume de ácidos corrosivos y hasta de una bomba de gran tamaño que, en 1921, un desconocido escondió entre flores que malvadamente le ofrecía. Al explotar la bomba, causó gran destrucción. El crucifijo de metal que estaba cerca de la Virgen quedó retorcido y, sin embargo, la imagen de la Virgen quedó intacta. El cristal del marco de su imagen no se rompió.

Lo primero que llama la atención de los expertos en textiles es que esta manta se haya podido conservar durante siglos, expuesta al polvo, al calor y a la humedad, sin que se haya deshilachado ni desteñido su bella policromía. Siempre estuvo así expuesta a todo, y sólo desde hace unos años la cubrieron con un vidrio.

La tela está hecha en una fibra de ayate mexicano que, por su naturaleza, se descompone por putrefacción dentro de veinte años. Así ha sucedido con varias reproducciones de la imagen que se han fabricado con este mismo tejido. Sin embargo, este lienzo lleva cuatrocientos cincuenta años, desde el tiempo de Hernán Cortés, sin desgarrarse ni descomponerse. Por causas inteligibles a los expertos, es refractaria a la humedad y al polvo.

La pintura que cubre la tela es otro misterio. El sabio alemán Kuhn, premio Nobel en Química, ha estudiado esta pintura, y su respuesta dejó atónitos a los oyentes: “Estos colorantes no son ni minerales, ni vegetales, ni animales”. No han podido explicar el origen de los pigmentos que dan color a la imagen, ni la forma en que esta fue pintada.

Se podría pensar que la tela ha resistido tanto porque la habrían encolado y preparado de manera especial como a otras pinturas famosas, para que tuviera gran resistencia. Pero el Señor Callaga, del instituto espacial NASA, de Estados Unidos, la ha estudiado con aparatos de rayos infrarrojos y ha descubierto que la tela no tiene ningún engomado ni preservativos, y que no se puede explicar cómo esa imagen ha resistido cuatro siglos en un lienzo tan ordinario. Con estos rayos infrarrojos se ha descubierto que la imagen no tiene esbozos previos -como se ve en los cuadros de Rubens y Tiziano-, sino que fue plasmada directamente, tal cual se la ve, sin tanteos ni rectificaciones.

La imagen no tiene pinceladas. La técnica empleada es desconocida en la historia de la pintura. Es incomprensible e irrepetible.

Un famoso oculista, Lauvoignet, examinó con un poderoso lente la pupila de la Virgen, y observó, maravillado, que en el iris se ve reflejada la imagen de un hombre. Esto fue al principio de una investigación que condujo a los más inesperados descubrimientos.

Por medio de la digitalización se observa en la pupila de una fotografía todo lo que la persona estaba mirando en el momento de tomarse la foto. El Dr. Tosnman, especializado en digitalización, le ha tomado fotografías a la pupila de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Después de ampliarlas miles de veces, logró captar detalles imposibles de ser captados a simple vista. ¡Ha descubierto lo que la Virgen miraba en el momento de formarse la imagen en la tilma de Juan Diego!

Los detalles que aparecen en las fotografías de la pupila de la Virgen de Guadalupe son: un indio en el acto de desplegar su ruana ante un religioso; un franciscano en cuyo rostro se ve deslizarse una lágrima; un hombre con la mano sobre la barba en señal de admiración; otro indio en actitud de rezar; unos niños y varios religiosos franciscanos más. O sea, todas las personas que según la historia de la Virgen de Guadalupe, escrita hace varios siglos, estaban presentes en el momento en que apareció la sagrada imagen.

La ciencia moderna se queda sin explicaciones ante las maravillas de la imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Es una realidad irrepetible. Sobrepasa todas las posibilidades naturales, por lo que se puede decir que estamos ante un hecho sobrenatural.

Para que esta visita sea un éxito y de provecho para los católicos en winters, necesitamos de la ayuda y participación de todos, si quieren cooperar con el equipo que esta a cargo de este evento por favor comuníquense con María Luisa García al teléfono. 795-2467, o con Jorge Guzmán al teléfono. 795-2361.

Horario de eventos

Viernes, 18 de marzo
5 a.m. - Las mañanitas en el centro (Winters)
6 a.m. - Misa en español en el centro (Winters)
7 a.m. - Procesión a la iglesia (Winters)
8-12 p.m. - Veneración de la imagen (Winters)
12-5 p.m. - Imagen llevada a casas de enfermos (Winters)
5:30 p.m. - Misa de sanación (bilingüe) con unción de los enfermos (Winters)
8:30 p.m. - Veneración toda la noche en la iglesia (Winters)

Sábado, 19 de marzo
5 a.m. - Las mañanitas con desayuno (Esparto)
7 a.m. - Procesión (Esparto)
8 a.m. - Veneración de la imagen (Esparto)
9:30 a.m. - Servicio de la unción de los enfermos (Esparto)
10 a.m. - Imagen llevada a casas de enfermos (Esparto)
1-4 p.m. - Veneración de la imagen (Esparto)
5 p.m. - Misa bilingüe (Winters)
7 p.m. - Misa en español (Esparto), veneración allí toda la noche

Domingo, 20 de marzo
8:30 a.m. - Misa en inglés (Esparto)
10:45 a.m. - Misa en inglés (Winters en el centro)
12:30 p.m. - Misa en español (Winters en el centro)
1:30 p.m. - Venta de comida en el centro
3:00 p.m. - Procesión a la escuela secundaria de Winters (High School)
4:30 p.m. - Salir a Davis para rezar ante la clínica de abortos allí
6:30 p.m. - Salir a Winters, Veneración toda la noche

Ventajas de hablar español en casa

Estudios recientes muestran que los niños que practican su lengua nativa con sus padres aprenden el inglés con más rapidez Los padres de habla hispana pueden ayudar a que sus hijos se preparen mejor para la escuela y sentar las bases para el aprendizaje del inglés, dedicando más tiempo a la lectura, la Conversación y la interacción en su idioma natal. éste es uno de los resultados de un estudio preliminar realizado por HABLA, programa de apoyo educacional.

Los hallazgos de dicho estudio forman parte de un creciente número de evidencias de que los niños hispanos en edad preescolar son más propensos a adquirir fluidez y habilidades de lec-

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Classified Ads - The Market Place for Winters

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2-4tc

Round Table Pizza in Winters is now accepting applications for a day shift person who has the flexibility to work any day scheduled. Must be over 18, have a current CA drivers license with a clean DMV report to be able to deliver during those hours. Please apply at 196 East Grant Ave., Winters.

5-2tc

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Autos for Sale

1995 ROADMASTER, blue, elegant. New transmission. \$2,500. obo. May be seen in front of 12 Russell St. Winters. Owner L. Gildart. 795-4600.

1993 Mazda 626, 105 K miles, must sell. \$2,400. obo. 795-0819

88 560SL, a sexy classic. Very good condition. \$10,500. 707-330-5510 or 707-864-8877.

2000 38' Avion 5th-wheel w/3 slides; like new; PLUS '99 Ford F350 extended cab, low mileage; \$65,000. 602-617-5933.

'97 SC-2, 5 spd., premium speakers, good condition. \$3500 obo. 707-290-9563

'92 Saturn SL2, runs good, \$1500 obo. (707)290-4810

2000 Celica GT. 65,000 miles, Black, garage kept, 2-door, 5-speed, package 4 options. \$9,500 obo. Must sell! (530)753-8130

Adorable 1973 VW convertible. Built in Oberammergau, Germany. Sky blue, 60K, rebuilt. \$4999. Questions? (916)984-9977

1985 Ford Mustang Convertible, 94,000 miles. Nees new paint/top. Runs just fine! \$800. (530)757-7772.

1999 GMC Jimmy. 70K miles. Silver, leather interior, loaded. Excellent condition, one owner. \$8,750. (530)756-4153

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'93 Ford Mercury Villager LS. 215K, power steering/ windows/ locks, cruise, AM/FM, roof rack, new tires. Good condition, runs great. \$1900 obo. (530)757-6200

Autos for Sale

1999 Passat station wagon, 5-speed, fully loaded, CD, 55K miles, like new. \$9900. (707)678-1100. Dixon.

2000 Passat WAGON, 53k, Blk/tan leather, moonroof, loaded, excellent, extended warranty (100k+) \$12,900, (530)219-9620.

2001 Prius. Aqua. 50K miles. One owner. Service records, excellent condition, cruise control, garage kept. 44 miles/gallon. \$16,000 (530)756-1001 or claire@iclaire.com

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1994 4D Taurus White Sedan, 151k, good condition, well maintained. \$1,300 obo Call (530)756-7006 eves.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Winters Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: 7 EAST MAIN STREET, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 003-224-03.

APPLICATION TYPE: The Planning Commission is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments regarding the proposed Conditional Use Permit request for a residential unit (live-work).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project applicant, Joyce Snyder, is proposing to locate a live-work unit at 7 East Main Street. The building at 7 East Main Street is approximately 7,000 square feet in size and is being renovated/remodeled at this time. The live-work unit would consist of a work space (art gallery) 660 square feet in size on the first floor and a livable space of 493 square feet in a loft area. The project site (Assessor Parcel Number 003-224-03) is approximately 20,560 square feet in size and also includes a separate building at 5 East Main Street that is occupied by a coffee shop and will be occupied in the future by a restaurant. The project site has a General Plan land use designation of Central Business District (CBD) and is zoned Central Business District (C-2). This project will require approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the Planning Commission.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to give citizens 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 112. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO APPEAR AT THE MEETING DATE(S) IDENTIFIED ABOVE AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO COMMENT. COPIES OF ALL THE ABOVE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS, PLANS AND THE COMPLETE FILE, CAN BE VIEWED AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 318 FIRST STREET, CITY HALL, AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING, OR CALL THE STAFF CONTACT PERSON AT (530) 795-4910, EXTENSION 112. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HEARING AND EXPRESS THEIR COMMENTS. WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO, AT, AND DURING THE HEARING. ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. PURSUANT TO SECTION 65009 (B) (2), OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT CODE "IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING(S) DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AT, OR PRIOR TO, THIS PUBLIC HEARING".

Dan Sokolow – Community Development Director

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The planning commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

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Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligate party.

March 3, 10

Order to show cause

Filed Yolo County Superior Courts
Order to show cause for change of name.
Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695.
Petition of Yezenia del Carmen Stone
Enedina Lee Stone
Case Number PT05-215
To all interested persons:
Petitioners Yezenia del Carmen Stone and Enedina Lee Stone filed for a decree changing name as follows:

Present Name: Yezenia del Carmen Stone
to Yezenia del Carmen Rosas Stone.
Present Name: Enedina Lee Stone
to Enedina Lee Rosas Stone.

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
April 8, 2005, 8:30 a.m., Dept. 11, at 812 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Feb. 17, 2005
Judge Thomas E. Warriner.
Judge of the Superior Court.

March 3, 10, 17

Español

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tura y escritura en inglés si cuentan con una base firme en el idioma que se habla en sus hogares respectivos.

Para los padres que emigran a este país y quieren que sus hijos aprendan el idioma oficial, esto significa que no tienen que aprender inglés ellos primero. Todos los padres necesitan hablar el idioma que dominan mejor. De esa forma podrán cumplir su papel como los primeros y más importantes maestros de sus hijos. La conversación y la lectura con sus niños lograrán mucho más que ver televisión en inglés. El español que enseñan los padres hispanos a sus hijos será la base del inglés que éstos aprenderán en la escuela, aseguró la doctora Virginia Mann, fundadora del programa.

El programa HABLA (Home Based Activities Building Language Acquisition) fue fundado en 2001 por la doctora Mann, profesora de Ciencias Cognitivas de la Universidad de California en Irvine. Este programa ha ayudado a más de 350 familias en su mayoría de inmigrantes mexicanos aquejadas por la pobreza, el bajo nivel educacional y las barreras idiomáticas. El programa incrementó la Interacción verbal en los hogares de niños latinos con desventajas económicas, y edades entre 2 y 4 años, mediante el uso de mentores culturalmente apropiados, que sirven de instructores y ejemplos de conducta para los padres. Además, enseña métodos divertidos y directos a través de libros y juguetes que se usan en casa. Como resultado, los niños reciben una mejor preparación para triunfar académicamente.

Entre las innovaciones del programa figuran la participación de profesores y estudiantes universitarios en una intervención precoz en el hogar para promover la preparación escolar en los niños latinos necesitados, y la contratación de latinos por parte de HABLA para trabajar como visitantes a domicilio, financiada por fondos de colaboración creados por agentes federales, estatales y locales, así como el programa y estudio de trabajo de AmeriCorps.

En este momento, cuando la atención educacional está concentrada en los exámenes y el rendimiento en las escuelas públicas y los hispanos constituyen el mayor segmento minoritario y de más rápido crecimiento en Estados Unidos, la disposición para la lectura de los niños procedentes de familias de habla hispana es importante para los educadores y familias de toda la nación.

En el año 2000, los hispanos conformaban más del 17% de la matrícula total en las escuelas públicas estadounidenses. HABLA fue inspirado por el caudal de investigaciones que demuestran el daño que puede ocasionar la deficiencia de habilidades idiomáticas en la óptima preparación escolar. Tiene como objetivo preparar debidamente a los niños pequeños antes que se surja un problema idiomático. Cuando los padres no les leen a sus hijos, no conversan frecuentemente con ellos ni practican juegos lingüísticos, los niños no hablan ni escuchan como es debido. En el sur de California, los maestros de preescolar denominan a menudo a estos niños como los no-no, porque no saben español ni inglés.

HABLA les muestra a los padres las formas me-

diante las cuales pueden crear y ejercitar habilidades en español, para que sus niños tengan la capacidad óptima de hablar y escuchar para el aprendizaje. HABLA es un sitio homólogo acreditado del National Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP), uno de cinco existentes en California y uno de los 143 en todo el mundo.

El programa no sólo contribuye a la creación de ambientes de aprendizaje para familias de bajos ingresos, sino que también constituye un ahorro del dinero de los contribuyentes. Es como las vitaminas prenatales. Las intervenciones a tiempo son efectivas en materia de costos. Un año de trabajo con HABLA cuesta dos mil dólares, mientras que un año de enseñanza preescolar o de educación especial cuesta tres veces más, agregó Mann.

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