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Two Winters schools failing federal standards

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Two Winters schools — Waggoner Elementary School and Winters Middle School — have been designated as “program improvement schools” under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) because students in certain socio-economic categories have failed for two consecutive years to meet federal criteria established by the act.

The NCLB legislation requires students in all public schools receiving federal Title 1 funds to be proficient at or above their respective grade levels, as determined by standardized state testing, in English-language arts and math by the 2013-14 school year. However, many students, especially English language learners, are having trouble reaching even the bottom rung of that ladder to success.

NCLB adequate yearly progress (AYP) criteria called for 13.6 percent of

all students in various subgroups to be at or above grade level in English-language arts and 16 percent to be at or above grade level in math during the 2002-03 and 2003-04 school years. Four Winters schools — Waggoner and the middle school, plus Shirley Rominger Intermediate School and Winters High School — failed the test in 2002-03. Rominger school got passing marks in 2003-04; the high school did not, but it has not been designated a program improvement school because it receives no Title I funds.

This year, the schools are required to reach the next rung on the ladder, with 24.4 percent of the students in each category performing at or above grade level in English-language arts and 26.5 percent at or above grade level in math. These criteria will remain until 2007-08, when the bar will again be raised, to 35.2 percent in

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Workshop features fiscal sustainability

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Staffing, service levels and long-term financial planning were a few of the issues discussed at a special workshop held by the Winters City Council on Monday, March 7.

The workshop focused on a strategy being developed by city staff to provide for long term fiscal sustainability for the city. The goal, as discussed in the workbook, is to maintain a solvent fiscal structure in the city to fund costs incurred by the city both now and in the future.

City Manager John Don-

levy told the council in addition to going over some fiscal strategies, he and the staff were looking for direction in a couple of areas. The first was to set a course to maintain and enhance city services as required by the General Plan. The second was to build a tax base that would establish a sound future for the community. Some of the challenges with regard to funding included understaffing in fire and public safety, park facilities maintenance and roadway and infrastructure.

Staff recommendations

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Benson named Mr. Warrior



Photos by Dawn Van Dyke

Brenden Benson (above, center) took home the Mr. Warrior headdress at the 10th annual Mr. Warrior pageant, held on Wednesday, March 9, at St. Anthony Parish Hall. Eight students competed in the categories of spirit wear, “toy” wear, formal wear and talent before being asked to answer a question describing their best quality. Beau Bowen (above, right) was third runner-up, Sachi Abe (above, left) was second runner-up and Jordan Shugart, a crowd favorite, won Mr. Congeniality. The annual fund-raiser is coordinated by the student government class. At left, Benson flexed his FFA muscle in the spirit wear competition. In the toy wear category, Shugart (below, left) was a Power Ranger and Bowen (below) was a Transformer.



Creekside Estates subdivision map on planners' agenda

A continued public hearing and consideration of the Creekside Estates tentative subdivision map are listed on the Tuesday, March 22, Winters Planning Commission agenda. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall..

The project is a proposed residential subdivi-

sion of 13.75 acres to create up to 41, single-family lots at a site located south of Grant Avenue, west of Main Street, and adjacent to the Rancho Arroyo Unit 2 Subdivision. The site is currently zoned R-2.

Entitlements for the project include the tentative subdivision map, development agreement, General Plan amendment

to change the land use designation from medium density residential to low density residential, rezone from Single-Family Residential, 6,000 Square Feet Average Minimum (R-2 Zone) to Single-Family Residential, 7,000 Square Feet Average Minimum (R-1 Zone), add Planned Development Overlay (PD Overlay),

Planned Development Permit for PD Overlay and Bikeway System Master Plan Amendment.

An additional agenda item includes a public hearing and consideration of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request submitted by John Siracuse for a residential unit (live-work) at 7 East Main Street.

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Vacaville and Fairfield.)

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
March 9		79	50
March 10		80	54
March 11		85	62
March 12		86	50
March 13		84	54
March 14		78	53
March 15		73	42

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OBITUARIES

Alyce Williams Lowrey Jewett

Alyce Williams Lowrey Jewett passed away on March 8, 2005, at the age of 96.

She was a prominent California agricultural leader and well known U.C. Davis teacher, colleague of one of U.C. Davis' founders, Judge Peter Shields. A 1931 U. C. Davis, animal husbandry Phi Beta Kappa graduate, she was asked by John Kenneth Galbraith to follow him in teaching agricultural economics at UC Davis, and was a well-known mentor to many UC Davis agriculture students. Jewett and her late husband, Lindsay "Red" Jewett, were student and alumni leaders and were honored many times by their Alma Mater. Lindsay taught agriculture at Winters High School for a number of years.

Memorial services will be held in Fall River Mills at the Methodist Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, and an informal gathering will be held at International House in Davis on Tuesday, April 12 at 3 p.m. for those who wish to remember Alyce.

Hosting the event will be Dan and Diana Dooley, of Visalia, Marc and Gerda Faye, of Knights Landing, Don and Lou McNary, of Woodland, Richard and Evelynne Rominger, of Winters, and Dick and Judy Wydick, of Davis.

Bud Galloway

Bud Galloway passed away on March 9, at the UC Davis Medical Center. Born on April 19, 1921 in Calico Rock, Arkansas, he was 83 years old.

Mr. Galloway served in World War II as a gunner on the USS Helena for 6 years. He came to Winters in 1948 where he raised his family. He retired from Syar Industries in 1980. He relocated to Douglas Flats where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Galloway is survived by three children, son Lynn, son and daughter-in law Rick and Dawn Galloway, daughter and son-in-law Sherry and Floyd Nichols. Grandchildren Stacy and Eric Nires, Julie Nichols, Gina Wilkenson, Robert, Brandy, Yvonne, James, Ben, John and Katie Galloway. Also nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vada and son Ken Galloway.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 18, at 1 p.m. at Kraft Brothers, 175 Second Street, Woodland.

Christopher Ramirez Martinez

Chris Martinez, a lifelong Winters resident, died unexpectedly of heart failure on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at his home in Winters. Born on October 4, 1949 in Woodland, California, he was 55 years old.

Mr. Martinez was raised in Winters and graduated from Winters High School. He worked on the family ranch in Winters for many years, driving all over Northern California as a parts runner. He had made many friends in the towns that he went to get the parts needed for the ranch. He was described as an avid sports fan and never missed any sporting event at Winters High School. He was also an avid fan of UC Davis Athletics.

Family and friends say Mr. Martinez never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone; he was an icon of the Winters Community and was well liked by all; he had a great sense of humor and was quick to make a teasing comment, often bringing laughter and joy to all he interacted with; and that he will be greatly missed by the Winters Community.

He is survived by his brothers Joseph R. Martinez and wife Shelly, Emilio R. Martinez, and Antonio Martinez and wife Frances, all of Winters; niece Rosemary Martinez of Clear Lake, and nephews Joseph Martinez, Ryan Martinez, and Brett Martinez, all of Winters.

He was preceded in death by his parents Cristobal and Isabel Martinez, and his nephew Christopher F. Martinez.

A memorial service was planned for Wednesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Chapel. A virtual guestbook may be signed at www.davisfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made in Mr. Martinez' name to the Winters Healthcare Foundation, PO Box 367, Winters, California, 95694.

The staff of Davis Funeral Chapel extends their condolences to Mr. Martinez' family, and considered him their friend. He was always quick to help them out by unloading flowers at the church or cemetery, and of course, straightening their ties. Funerals in Winters will not be the same without him. We miss you, Chris.

Louise Hollingsworth Zane

Louise Hollingsworth Zane died at her home in Woodland Thursday, March 10, at age 83. Born on June 17, 1921 in Woodland, she was a lifelong Yolo County resident. She enjoyed painting, gardening, bridge and fishing. She was the heart and soul of her family and large circle of friends in the Woodland and Winters communities. Louise's love and thoughtfulness will be missed by many.

Survivors include Louise's husband of 59 years, Joe Zane; her daughters, Becky Ewert and her husband Corky of Carmichael and Mary Parrish and her husband Dennis of Woodland; her sons, Neil Zane and Joe Zane Jr. and his wife Wendy, all of Woodland; her grandchildren, Beth Teague and her husband Jim; Isaac Parrish and his wife Rosario; Justin Ewert and his wife Sarah, Joshua Ewert and Tammy Hintz, Stella Parrish and Logan and Stuart Zane; her great-grandchildren, Kirtsen, Aaron, Zach, Isaac, Julie and Brianna; her sister, Ann Sandstrom and her husband Marc; her brothers, Robert Hollingsworth and Jim Hollingsworth and his wife Karen, her sister-in-law, Jean Bickle and her husband

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YESTERYEAR



~ File photo

This publicity photo advertising Beta Alpha Beta's western dance on March 20, 1976 shows Beta Alpha Beta's president Georgie Mariani holding Donna Borba's horse. The dance was held in the new Winters Firehouse with Harvey Brown and his Sidewinders, from Knights Landing, providing the music.

35
YEARS AGO

March 26, 1970

The First National Bank of Dixon this week bought the bank building at the corner of First Street and Main Street, which formerly housed the Bank of America, which moved this spring into a new building across the street.

Spec. 4 Roy C. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton K. Jones, came into Travis Air Force Base last Wednesday from a 14 month tour of duty in Vietnam. He got his discharge from the army on Thursday after 19 months' service.

Attending the Yolo District Junior Leader Outdoor Training for the Boy Scouts of America in Knights Landing last weekend were Jerry Neil, scoutmaster, Ron Anstead, committee member, and Steve Purtill, Hal Wulff, Buel Sackett, Danny Burnett, and David Blaylock.

Jack Losoya, salesman with E. J. Graf Ford Sales, Inc., will be honored for outstanding sales performance during 1969 at a Ford Club banquet April 4 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

Ralphie Gonzales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gonzales, celebrated his fifth birthday anniversary on March 18. He gave a party in the afternoon with cake and ice cream, when his guests were Eric Martinez, Rexie Mayes, Tommy Muller and David Snow.

Dr. Eugene Ireland and sons, Thomas, Eric and Anthony, of Santa Monica, arrived on Saturday and left for home yesterday, after visiting here with the former's mother, Mrs. Lester Ireland.

The Esparto High School Spartans defeated the Winters High School Warriors, 9-5, in a non-conference baseball game on the winners' diamond Tuesday afternoon, March 17.

Mrs. Pamela J. E. Milburn has just completed a course of training at Davis, preparing her for the position of Winters new Welcome Wagon hostess.

50
YEARS AGO

March 24, 1955

The Winters Joint Union High School Board of Trustees voted Monday evening to grant a \$120 a year increase to teachers for the coming year, according to Superintendent Byron R. Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Layton of Winters, are the parents of a son, born at the Woodland Clinic Hospital March 17, 1955.

Eight Winters High School FFA students, Tom Thomson, Gabriel Manas, Fred Manas, Lawrence Joerger, Herman Blaylock, Louie Bishop, Ted Vieu and Dale Hansen have entered livestock in the livestock show at the Cow Palace in San Francisco next month.

The California Highway Commission announced yesterday it is considering route adoption for the Vacaville-Dunnigan cutoff which would place the freeway about a mile east of Winters.

An all-time local record of 576 adults took advantage of the free chest X-rays when the mobile unit was in Winters Monday.

Mrs. Olga Johnston was feted on Sunday on the occasion of her birthday anniversary at a family dinner party given by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Thurber, of Fairfield.

Mrs. James Hedges was hostess Monday afternoon to members of the Garden Club.

Charles Karnopp, Stanford student, has been spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Karnopp.

Mrs. Walker Hansel spent the weekend in San Jose visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hansel and family.

Mayor and Mrs. A. R. Gale are leaving today for Dillon's Beach to spend the weekend at their cottage there.

Tom Pearse has won a place on the first baseball string at Sacramento Junior College.

65
YEARS AGO

March 22, 1940

Winters Post No. 242, American Legion, held a birthday party and bean feed Tuesday night. The occasion was the 21st birthday of the American Legion.

There is to be a Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. Easter morning, March 24 on the first hill on the Theodore Thorp ranch, west of town.

After the spring vacation, 42 prospective high school graduates will begin the last lap of their high school career. There are 22 girls and 20 boys, the largest senior class in the school annals.

At the meeting of the Yolo Solano Grange Wednesday evening, plans were discussed for clearing Putah Creek. The Grange favors coordination of all local organizations in the accomplishment of the project.

Members and guests of the flower section of the Fortnightly Club enjoyed hospitality Wednesday in the beautiful home and garden of Mrs. William Scott in Union District.

Carl Holmes was a business visitor Saturday in San Jose. His sister, Miss Mae Holmes, student at San Jose Teachers' College returned with him for the vacation week.

Rev. and Mrs. E.E. Zimmerman and Mrs. Esther Ensley attended a Passion Week service of their denomination Monday in Vacaville.

J.M. Clayton left Sunday for Santa Barbara to attend the principals' convention.

Miss Marjorie Jean Heron and Lee Sadler, students at San Jose Teachers' College are at their homes here for the Easter recess.

Berryessa nearing spillway lip

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by .31 of a foot during the past week with an increase in storage of 5,067 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

Mickey Faulkner of the SID reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 439.87 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,599,777 acre feet of water. The lake, when full, contains 1,600,000 acre feet of water at the 439.96 foot elevation.

The SID is diverting 70 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 26 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 153 acre feet of water per day during the week.

March 24, 1905

Thursday morning the bell rang and a big cloud of smoke was seen over the northwest corner of town. The fire department was promptly on hand and found the fire at Morris & Warder's stock barn under too great headway to save anything but the fencing of adjoining property. The loss is about \$1400, with no insurance.

Alexander Moody of Menands, New York, is visiting his brother, Lorenzo Moody. It is 51 years ago this month since he was out here on a similar errand and waded Putah Creek to get to his brother's house. L. Moody met him at Vallejo and the two made the trip to old Buckeye with one mule which they rode alternatively.

At a meeting of ladies in Masonic Hall last Tuesday afternoon an organization for mutual improvement under the title of the Winters Current Topics Club was formed. Mrs. Sam Taylor is president, Mr. J.L. Harlan, secretary, and Mrs. Katherine B. Miller, club leader.

A request from the members of the graduating class at Wellesley College for a scientific lecture on "Reproduction" was turned down by the faculty on the ground that it was too "delicate."

H.C. Settle has nearly finished the new front of his house. It will be a good addition. When finished he will move into it and rent the one he now lives in.

Mrs. M.A.H. Wolfskill has a brand new buggy. It's a high-grade rig and came from Fenley & Baker's.

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English-language arts and 37 percent in math. Then it's a steady annual climb until the 100 percent level is reached by the 2013-14 school year.

Although both Waggoner and the middle school surpassed the criteria on a schoolwide basis and met 18 of 21 NCLB criteria, required dissection of the student bodies into various subcategories identified areas of weakness that earned them the status of program improvement schools in the eyes of the federal government.

Schoolwide in 2003-04, Waggoner Elementary School had 22.6 percent of its students at or above grade level in English-language arts and 44. percent at or above grade level in math. All sub-groups also were well above the required 16 percent for math, with the white/not Hispanic grouping having the highest percent (60.8) performing at or above grade level. However, three sub-groups failed to reach the required 13.6 percent at or above grade level in the English-language arts area: Hispanic Latino, 12.3 percent (up from 6.8 percent in 2002-03); socio-economically disadvantaged, 10.8 percent (up from 4.7 percent in 2002-03); and English learner, 11 percent (also up from 4.7 percent in 2002-03).

Although the numbers indicate progress and were close to meeting the AYP criteria, they need to more than double to meet this year's criteria, a formidable task for the local schools. Achievement in math also will have to increase in some of the subgroups to meet the higher AYP requirements for 2004-05.

The numbers at Winters Middle School are similar to those at Waggoner, but progress has not been as evident among the subgroups that did not meet the NCLB criteria. Schoolwide, the middle school had 26.9 percent of its students achieving at or above grade level in English-language arts and 40 percent at or above grade level in math. As at Waggoner, all middle school subgroups performed above the federal criteria for math, and the

same three subgroups were below the criteria in English-language arts: Hispanic Latino, 11.2 percent (down from 13 percent in 2003-03); socioeconomically disadvantaged, 10.5 percent (down from 13.5 percent in 2002-03); and English learners, 6.5 percent (up slightly from 6.1 percent in 2002-03).

District superintendent Dale Mitchell calls the NCLB both a blessing and a curse. He contends that in its current format, the legislation ultimately will result in all California schools and school districts becoming program improvement entities because of the NCLB's rigid standards and expectations. He said the NCLB does not recognize progress that schools or districts make and does not consider that California's grade level performance standards are tougher than those in most other states.

On the positive side, Mitchell said that accountability for student success in numerically significant subgroups is important.

"The academic performance of our Hispanic/Latino, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and English learner students in English-language arts is unacceptable. NCLB has helped clarify these weak areas in our instructional program and is contributing to a greater concentration of attention and resources to improve achievement for these students," he said.

Because it has two program improvement schools this year, the federal government is requiring Winters Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) to: 1) provide technical assistance to the schools, 2) notify parents of other school choices inside and outside the district, 3) increase emphasis on professional staff development at each school, and 4) establish a peer review process for revised two-year educational plans at each school. In addition to revising and promptly implementing its educational plan, each program improvement school also has to commit 10 percent of its Title I funds for professional development.

Districtwide, Winters receives approximately

\$334,000 in federal Title 1 funds to bolster the education of students performing at the 33 percentile or lower. These funds are not threatened by the program improvement school designation. Waggoner receives approximately \$112,000 in Title 1 funds and the middle school receives approximately \$113,000.

If the schools do not get off the program improvement list during the 2005-06 school year, the school district must take corrective action that could lead to replacing school staff, reorganizing the school or extending the school year or day. If the schools are still not meeting the federal criteria after these changes, the district will be required to plan for major restructuring that could include replacing the principal and most staff, closing and reopening the school as a charter school, contracting with an outside entity to manage the school, or state takeover.

The same progress of consequences could apply at the district level if WJUSD is designated a program improvement district, which is a possibility because the federal criteria are also not being met for all subgroups districtwide. California has exempted school districts from the federal criteria if their students meet a minimum academic performance index set by the state, and Winters schools as a whole have surpassed the index. However, the federal government is challenging the state's approach, and if it wins, approximately one-third of the state's school districts, including WJUSD, will be program improvement districts in the eyes of the federal government.

Regardless of whether the district ultimately receives the same designation as two of its schools, the bottom line is that the performance of the failing subgroups needs to improve.

"It's not acceptable, regardless of the NCLB accountability system," Mitchell said.

So what is being done to improve the situation?

For one thing, the district is making a big push toward disaggregated standardized test data and differentiated instruction. In layperson

terms, that means tracking individual student performance on standardized tests and getting that information into the hands of teachers so they can tailor instruction to the learning style of each student. Teachers are getting beefed-up inservice training in differentiated instruction and analyzing student data.

"Each year we get better at looking at and using data to improve student learning," Mitchell said.

A second step is to ensure that all teachers are using standards based instructional material.

"We have to increase expectations and accountability that teachers will use those materials," Mitchell said.

He added that the district also has to strengthen its English Language Learner program because many of the same students fit all three of the underperforming subcategories.

"We have kids in high school that began learning English in elementary school. We haven't gotten them out of the program. That's not okay," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said that the district also needs to be doing things to increase the number of outstanding teachers through professional improvement opportunities and by hiring quality new staff. If teachers were graded, Mitchell said that the district's students deserve only A and B teachers; C and D teachers are not acceptable.

Will the strategies work? And even if they do, can improvement come fast enough to keep pace with the increasing NCLB standards? Only time and accountability based on objective measurements will tell.

House approves \$2 million to replace Putah Creek Bridge

The House of Representatives yesterday approved a transportation bill that includes \$6 million for Yolo County Transportation Projects. Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Yolo County) was able to secure the funding in the Transportation Equity Act, the bill that determines federal transportation funding for the next six years.

The Bill includes \$2 million to replace the Winters Bridge over Putah Creek, \$1 million to construct a roadway to the site of the Pacific Flyway Center, \$2 million to improve the Yolobus administration and maintenance facilities located in Woodland and \$1 million to provide additional parking at the Davis

Multi-Modal Station.

"Each of these projects represent important transportation and infrastructure priorities for our area," Thompson said. "This funding will offer access to a treasured wildlife area, replace an aging bridge and improve our public transit systems. These funds illustrate the federal commitment to Yolo County."

The next step for the Transportation Equity Act is consideration in the Senate and a conference committee where the House and Senate will compromise on the final version of the bill. Thompson is confident that these projects will remain in the final version of the bill.

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Opinion



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SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED to spice things up. Take some risks. Live on the edge. Go for broke. I'm so there. Fired up and ready to throw caution to the wind and try something else. It was time for a new toothbrush.

Not just new, mind you. Something completely different. Something a little sexier than that plain old Oral B the dentist gives me every six months. I set off for a new tool to keep my pearlies white, and since my dentist has kept me well-supplied with free toothbrushes for decades, it's been awhile since I actually purchased one. Since then, toothbrush technology has become so advanced that it takes an entire aisle at WalMart to display all the choices.

Bottom line, these are sticks with bristles on the ends. How complicated can it be? Answer: more than you could possibly imagine. Only the bread aisle presents a dilemma of this magnitude: whole wheat, winter wheat, cracked wheat, California wheat, wheat berry, wheat nut or wheat germ. And that's just the wheat.

But let's just stick to toothbrushes, lest we end up curled into a fetal position in the closet.

First, we need to select bristles. They come plain, textured and micro-textured. Bilevel and wavy. Some of the bristles even have ominous looking rows of neon-colored rubber bristles aimed at odd angles around the edges, ostensibly designed to keep your gums healthy. How you stick one of those things into your mouth without drawing blood is a mystery to me.

Then there are bristles with brains. They have little strips of blue that fades away to tell you when it's time to throw the toothbrush out and get a new one. I have relatives that aren't that smart.

So, We've found some bristles that don't look like they'll put us in the emergency room. Let's move on to the handles. They're just as complicated. You can't find a nice, simple, flat design that lays flat on the counter so you can squeeze toothpaste onto it. Now the handles have these curved ergonomic designs that tip right over when you lay them down. Does a toothbrush handle really need to be ergonomic? Seriously, are there people out there who brush with such fury that they're getting repetitive motion injuries?

These must be the folks for whom they've made toothbrushes with rubber grips along the handles, just in case they get so carried away while brushing that their toothbrush gets away from them and gets jammed up a nostril or something.

At the other end of the vigor spectrum are those who are so lazy, they don't want to move their hands at all while they brush. For these folks, there's a wide selection of rechargeable, automatic toothbrushes that do all the work for you. We have serious problems if brushing your teeth is too strenuous. No wonder Americans are obese.

Then there are handles with flexible and angled heads, designed for all those who, even with years and years of practice, still have not figured out the right angle to get their back teeth brushed without ending up scrubbing their uvulas. If there's anything worse than being too lazy to brush your teeth, it's being too stupid.

Judging by the vast array of choices, there are plenty of people out there who are unable to master a toothbrush without angled heads and rubber grips. Need we much more evidence that the species is de-evolving and the end is near? What next? Toilets with seatbelts?

It won't be Armageddon that brings humanity down in flames. It will be our own intellectual limitations. A species that cannot operate a toothbrush should not have access to nuclear weapons. It scares me to think that the same guy who has his finger on the button that fires nuclear missiles might also need an angled toothbrush to keep from choking to death while he brushes his teeth.

So, this far into the story, have you noticed I have not yet selected a toothbrush? That's because all I wanted was a simple little stick with bristles on it, and you don't get it at WalMart. You get it at the dentist's office.

ON A LOCAL NOTE: If you have kids in the Winters school system, be sure to read Gary Beall's story on the front page about two of our schools having been classified by the federal government as "failing" in terms of meeting the requirements of the No Child Left Behind act. According to the feds, Waggoner Elementary School and Winters Middle School get an "F" on No Child Left Behind standards. I keep hearing all this talk about "Good to Great" coming from the Winters superintendent and school board. "Great" means you're getting an "A." "Good" means you're getting a "B." If we're calling an "F" "good," it's no wonder we're having problems here in Winters. How about trying to get from "Failing" to "Passing" before we start worrying about "Good," let alone "Great."

Something's broken. Is it at the federal level, state level or school district level? That remains to be seen. I'd like to hear from those who are in the trenches: teachers and students. Any teacher or student who would like to express her or his own perspective about what's going on in our schools is invited to do so on our Opinion page. The letters must be signed, however, any teacher or student who feels he or she may suffer retribution for expressing his or her opinion may request to have his or her name withheld. Letters may be mailed or delivered to our office at 312 Railroad Avenue, or emailed to news@wintersexpress.com. The deadline for Letters to the Editor is Mondays at noon.



LETTERS

Program desperate for help

Dear Editor,

Do you enjoy the look that flashes across your friend's face as she/he replies, "Oh, I see your point." We all love to impart knowledge that makes an impression (favorable, or course) on others. So... do I have a "winner" for you!

Imagine faces that simply "glow" as they come to a better understanding of our faithful language. The Adult Literacy Program provides the where-with-all for us average English speakers to assist someone less fortunate to enhance their speaking/reading skills. The program provides manuals and other materials upon which you may base your assistance efforts. However, just to have the opportunity to speak and write English to an English speaking person in the quietness of a small room at the Winters Library is an experience most rewarding to all involved. Believe me, I speak from experience.

Now, the sales pitch. The Literacy Program here in Winters has over 20 potential students waiting for that opportunity to be assisted in their goal of improving their command of the English language. Un-

fortunately, we do not have 20+ "tutors" to help them at this time. Folks, the program desperately needs concerned Wintersites to give these persons a helping hand.

I spend about 15 minutes preparing for each session and typically 1 hour each week working with each student (I have three, each one providing different experiences and rewards). So just about 1+ hours each week (meeting time to be established at the convenience of both you and the student—access is provided to the Library's teaching rooms as your needs dictate).

An introductory session is arranged via the Program's central office prior to your taking on the challenge of helping someone "see your point." Try it, you'll like it. I and a number of others here in Winters know that for a fact.

For general thoughts, etc., call me at 795-3524 or, better yet, call the central office to formally arrange for your involvment (Lynn Howard at 661-5987).

Thank you for "seeing my point!"

ROY W. BELLHORN
Liaison, Winters Friends
of the Library/Adult
Literacy Program

Looking for artists, volunteers

Dear Editor,

Friday morning a group of art enthusiasts met at Steady Eddy's to organize and plan what will be a great art event in Winters. We are so excited about it, we want to let the entire community know what we're up to. It's "Fall for Winters" which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. until dusk near the Community Center. We are looking for artists and artisans who would like to show and sell their work. (We're also looking for anyone who would like to help at the event.)

We had a terrific meeting with lots of enthusiastic participants, including Joyce Snyder of The Arte Junction, Lindsay Wall of the Yolo County Visitor Bureau, Woody Fridae of the Winters City Council, Thelma Weatherford of Main Street Gallery, Yvette Mulholland, executive director of the Yolo County Visitor Bureau, Dan Maguire, executive director of the Winters Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth Siracusa of the Abbey House Inn, Dave Fleming of The Palms,

Howard Hupe of the Chamber of Commerce, and me. We shared ideas and firmed up plans for Fall for Winters and are very excited about the event, which will feature a variety of artists and art media, artisan work, local food vendors, a display of art cars, and possibly music and/or entertainment. We are getting fabulous state-wide publicity about the event and we expect a huge turnout this year! This will be a great opportunity to put your work out in the public! If anyone is interested in participating and/or helping out, please contact Joyce Snyder at 795-2397 or at artejunction@sbcglobal.net about booth fees and availability.

If you have an art car, contact Thelma Weatherford at mainstreet-gallery@sbcglobal.net and submit a photograph of your art car.

Share our enthusiasm and get involved in something creative and fun that we hope will become a Winters tradition.

REBECCA BRESNICK HOLMES

Will stay away from that spot

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to let you know that after reading Rebecca Bresnick Holmes' letter to the edi-

tor last week, I will not be parking at that site on Grant Avenue. I have no desire to be violated!

PAULA RUSSELL



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

TORNADO WARNINGS AND SUNSHINE. I had the chance to see first hand the devastation from Gulf Coast hurricanes last week. I'm not sure what I was expecting, but seeing miles of commercial buildings damaged beyond repair, was shocking.

There were five of us on this year's road trip, with the final destination Daytona Beach, Florida, Bike Week. Daytona is one of the largest motorcycle rallies in the United States, right behind Sturgis, South Dakota. Upwards to 700,000 people attend the week long event, with custom bike manufactures dominating the exhibits. As usual, the ride to the event was better than walking around looking at choppers and sun glass displays.

We aren't old enough to get three weeks off work, so we've learned to cheat, just a little, by shipping our bikes around the country. This time we had them shipped to Houston and rode to Daytona along the Gulf Coast, avoiding freeways and even major highways. That's where we ran into hurricane alley. There must have been 35 miles of destroyed housing and commercial property. Almost every home had blue tarps for a roof and even buildings built by the brightest three pigs couldn't withstand the power of a hurricane.

When I asked someone about how far inland hurricanes go, I wasn't ready for the answer. "Everything within 25 miles looks a lot like this, and there was damage up to 100 miles inland." I told him that we were from California and that even our best earthquake couldn't cause this much damage. He said that the hurricane lasted for days but he wouldn't move to California because of earthquakes. I mentioned that earthquakes last about 15 seconds. He didn't waver in his opinion that we were crazy to live in earthquake country. We told him to stay in Louisiana.

We found a beach hotel in Lake Shores, Alabama, just before you get to Florida. It was open, but I'm not sure why, there wasn't a parking lot and the pool area concrete was being replaced. Looking over the beach at night was something. It was dark, with an occasional light from the few places that were still open. From Best Westerns to Comfort Inns, they were closed. When you took a closer look, even the stucco had been blown off, as were most of the roofs and windows.

Clothing stores made from concrete blocks were pushed in like a big wave had smashed into a sand castle. There were a few wrecking crews and plenty of roofers trying to make a dent in the devastation, but most of the homes or businesses were just sitting there, waiting for either the wrecking ball or someone to start the ultimate home repair.

Newspapers were still taking about the damage, six months after the hurricane. Some people had taken their insurance checks and left, and who could blame them. I don't know what people did that didn't have hurricane insurance, but it made me think about taking out earthquake insurance.

One of the highlights of the trip, for me, was stopping to see my Aunt Nancy in Lafayette, LA. I was having a problem contacting her by telephone, so I finally went by her home and knocked on the door. It was a Saturday morning and her car was in the driveway. I've only been to her home twice in my life, the last time was in 1983, but it looked like the right house, and it looked like my aunt who answered the door. I hesitated for just a moment and identified myself and she gave me a big hug and welcomed me into her home.

My father's brother, Bob, had passed away five years ago, but the house looked great. Fresh paint on the outside and warm and inviting on the inside. Aunt Nancy asked how the family was doing and brought out pictures of her grandchildren. She looked just like she did in 1983, but she said that at 75 she was slowing down and getting ready for cataract surgery so she could continue to drive her car.

Our family is spread out across the country and we don't get to see each other very often, but when we bump into each other, it's like we saw each other last week at church. Big smiles and hugs for everyone.

BEST LINE ON THE TRIP. By the time we made it through Mississippi and made it to our hotel in Alabama, we were getting a little tired. New Orleans had put a dent into our sleeping habits and over breakfast one morning, someone said that we were in need of adult supervision. It wasn't that bad, but it brought a smile to everyone's face.

I don't know if I need to go on road trips or if I have to go. It recharges your batteries and gives you a different look at life, sometimes from someone else's perspective. Sitting in small diners or cafes talking to locals about their communities is about as good as it gets. You can feel the pride they have and sometimes the angst that comes with hard times.

In all our travels, we've never encountered a more friendly, polite, uplifting bunch of people than those we talked to on this trip. When they talk about southern hospitality, they aren't just trying to represent the chamber of commerce, they really are glad to see you. We could all learn from our southern neighbors and cousins.

The annual Vernal Equinox Run, hosted by the Vallejo HOG chapter and Harley-Davidson of Vallejo will be coming to town for lunch on Sunday, March 20 (rain date, April 3rd). If you want to show some Winters hospitality, walk downtown and greet our visitors with a smile. If you don't like the sound of thunder in the afternoon...

Have a good week.

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LETTERS

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Impressed with student workshop

Dear Editor,

The “Young Americans” came to Winters to work with students from the elementary schools, the middle school and the high school. The Young Americans are a group of young people that travel to many areas and countries to work with students that are interested in performing arts. They conducted a three day workshop here and gave a performance on Saturday evening, March 12.

I attended the performance and was so impressed with the amount of work, fun and dedication they all had in creating one of the greatest evenings of entertainment I have ever witnessed. The kids were having fun and the audience was too. I saw kids perform that I never thought could, and I witnessed an energy that filled the room. I was so proud to be there and very impressed with their performance. It was awesome!

Lynne Secrist, the music and drama instructor at the high school was responsible for getting the Young Americans to come to Winters for this workshop. Lynne is constantly stimulating the minds and confidence of the students she works with. She is tireless in her endeavors and seems to transfer her energy and excitement about music and drama to the young people she teaches. Thank you, Lynne, for all you do for the youth of Winters. And thanks to our young performers for their time and entertainment. It was an evening I will never forget.

SUSAN M. SOUTHWORTH

Epicurean Esprit benefits Meals on Wheels

Friends of Meals On Wheels presents the 16th Annual Epicurean Esprit. This years event will be held on Thursday, May 19, at the beautiful country home of Elysa and John Hillis, located along the golf course north of Davis. This fundraiser benefits

Weekly police report

Feb. 18
~ A 16-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for spraying graffiti on a building. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

Feb. 24-25
~ On the 1000 block of Eisenhower Way, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$505.

Feb. 28
~ A 15-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for battery. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.

March 1
~ On the 200 block of Main Street, property was stolen from the yard of a residence. Loss: \$350.

March 7
~ Helga Christine McMenomey, 71, of Winters was eastbound on Russell Street and stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Russell Street and Railroad Avenue. McMenomey began to make a northbound turn onto Railroad Avenue and collided with a vehicle driven by Dagoberto Bedolla, 46, of Winters.

March 8
~ On the 400 block of Main Street, a resident came home and found the back door open. The residence was cleared and everything seemed to be in order.

March 9
~ A 13-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for possessing marijuana on school grounds and possessing tobacco products. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.

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March 10
~ At Main Street and Grant Avenue, suspects vandalized property with spray paint.

March 11
~ On the first block of Anderson Avenue, family members were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.
~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, an unlocked bicycle was stolen. Loss: \$75.
~ On the 600 block of First Street, a suspect allegedly pushed and hit a victim.

March 12
~ Juan Diego Barbosa, 19, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Blood alcohol content: .10/.09. Barbosa was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

March 14
~ Martin Villagomez, Jr., 20, of Woodland was arrested on two outstanding Woodland Police Department bench warrants charging him with violation of probation and failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence and driving while unlicensed; and failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence, driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and failure to appear. Villagomez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Weekly fire department activity report

March 8
~ 9:09 a.m., fire assistance, first block of Russell Street; possible missing person. Person was located by Winters Police Department

March 9
~ 3:02 p.m., medical aid, 100 block of Anderson Avenue; ill person.
~ 6:32 p.m., investigation, WildRose Lane at Manzanita Way; possible arcing of power lines.

March 10
~ 8:39 a.m., fire assistance,

200 block of 4th Street; flooding.
~ 12:44 p.m., medical aid, 200 block of Anderson Avenue; possible seizures.
~ 2:13 p.m., medical aid, 400 Morgan Street; unresponsive person.

March 11
~ 8:07 a.m., mutual aid to Napa County, medical aid at Wragge Canyon Resort; boating accident with injuries.
~ 12:14 p.m., medical aid, 800 block of Jackson Street; fall injury.

~ 10:35 p.m., miscellaneous fire, 600 block of Snapdragon Court; small fire to the rear of this location.

March 12
~ 1:32 a.m., vehicle accident, 400 block of Main Street; vehicle into a tree, non-injury.
~ 5:47 p.m., structure fire, 800 block of Dutton Street; kitchen fire, non-injury.
~ 1:47 p.m., medical aid, 400 block of Main Street; chest pains.

Women’s History Month luncheon tickets available

Dr. Angela Fairchild, executive dean of Woodland Community College, has been named honorary chairperson of the 18th Annual Yolo County Women's History Month Luncheon. Held during March each year, the theme for this year is Women Change America. The Women's History Month luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 17, at the Holy Rosary Community Center, located at 575 California Street in Woodland, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., with food provided by Tastebuds Catering. The keynote speaker will be 4th District Supervisor, Mariko Yamada of Davis. Tickets to the event are \$16 and are available by mail to WHM, P.O. Box 711, Woodland CA 95776, or by calling Carol Barnett, 669-7139.

Senior driving class offered

The Area 4 Agency on Aging will present a workshop for seniors on March 22, in Davis, at the Davis County Building, 600 A Street, from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshop will focus on making driving easier, more pleasant, and extending your driving years safely behind the wheel. A range of strategies and useful information will be presented as well as an expert, hands-on demonstration of ways to adapt your own car for comfort and safety. Space is limited and classes fill rapidly. To register call 757-5696.

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Community

Churches plan Easter activities

Local churches are planning activities and services for Easter. Anyone may attend.

Good Friday Service
Several of the Winters Christian churches are participating in a Good Friday Worship Service at the Winters Community Center on Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m. "Good Friday is a remembrance of the passion and death of Jesus Christ who sacrificed Himself for the sins of mankind," say organizers. There will be special music and a live worship band. The speaker is Reverend James Allen from the First Baptist Church. This event is sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Association. For more information call 795-2230.

Easter Sunrise Service
The annual Easter Sunrise Service takes place on Easter Sunday, March 27, at 6:30

a.m. at the Rotary Park gazebo at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Main Street. This event celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead after three days in the grave, which is the foundation of the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome to attend. A jacket is advised by organizers if air temperatures are chilly. A free continental breakfast will be served following the service. This event is sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Association. For more information call 795-2230.

Crucifixion reenactment
A reenactment of the crucifixion of Jesus will wind through the streets of Winters on Good Friday, March 25. Those interested in joining the procession should meet at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 301 Main Street. The event will last about approximately two hours and

will conclude at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. For more information call 795-2230.

Services
Easter services planned for Sunday, March 27, at churches belonging to the Winters Ministerial Association are as follows:
~ St. Anthony's Catholic Church: English, 10:45 a.m., St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 511 Main Street; Spanish, 12:30 p.m., St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 511 Main Street.
~ First Baptist Church: 11 a.m., First and Baker streets.
~ Gateway Chapel: 10:30 a.m., 205 Main Street.
~ Lighthouse Christian Church: 11 a.m., 418 Haven Street.
~ New Life Family Church: 11 a.m., 315 Edwards Street.
~ Pioneer Presbyterian Church: 10 a.m., 205 Russell Street.

AFS students speak to Fortnightly group

By AUDREY THURMOND
Special to the Express

The Winters Fortnightly Club met on Tuesday, March 8, with 2nd vice president Audrey Thurmond presiding. The March meeting is always much anticipated as the guest speakers are the current crop of A.F.S. students from Winters High School. This year Diane Baker brought three international representatives to meet the group.

The first presenter was Niko Acevedo of Chile who spoke of his country as one with many climates and landscapes. He made it clear that he really likes San Francisco and cheeseburgers. Basketball has been part of his life in Winters and he plans to study Political Science in the future.

Maame Bosompem of Ghana, West Africa shared her story of gradually adjusting to life in our small town, having come from the densely populated capital city of Accra and a very different education system. She has enjoyed the girls basketball team and Mexican food. Her plans include becoming an engineer.

Sachi Abe spoke of her home, Kyoto, Japan, as a traditional city. With maps, she showed the four islands that comprise her small

country which, nonetheless, has the 9th largest population in the world. In Winters she has been honored as the Homecoming Queen and claims to really like Mexican food and sweets. She plans to study Medicine and become a psychiatrist.

The club thanks these students for sharing a little of themselves and their countries with us.

The business meeting opened with a reiteration of thanks to all who made the recent Fashion Show and Luncheon a great success. The club extends a special note of appreciation to Gloria Marion for making everything work at the Community Center and for supplying the perfect music.

The success of the event came from club members and the community working together to meet the club's goal of financially supporting youth activities in Winters and the awarding of a \$1500 scholarship to a senior girl from Winters High School.

The club is busy making plans for the future. There will be a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 12, and a field trip later in the month.

The hostesses for the meeting were Gail Sullivan and Jessie Gill.

Happy
St. Patrick's Day.

Fire department recruiting volunteers

By BRAD LOPEZ
Special to the Express

The Winters Fire Department is recruiting candidates to fill volunteer firefighter/emergency medical responder positions. Firefighters must be available to respond to calls from home and/or work.

The fire department provides fire protection and other emergency services, as well as various fire prevention, education, and other safety services for the city and outlying district. No prior experience is necessary, and all training and equipment is provided.

The Winters Fire De-

partment currently has four permanent fire fighters and 25 volunteer firefighters. Full time and volunteer firefighters play a very important role in the overall protection of the city and district by providing the community with the benefits of full service fire protection without the costs associated with full-time career personnel. Because of the growing need for firefighters and emergency medical responders in the fire department, and the growing demands for performance, the community needs more help.

If you have the desire to help your community, believe in excellence at per-

forming any job, consider respect and appreciation reward enough for the job you do, then the members of the Winters Fire Department would appreciate your membership as a v o l u n t e e r firefighter/emergency medical responder.

To be a volunteer fire fighter, you need more than just a desire to help people. You also need courage and dedication, enthusiasm, and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges.

If you are interested in finding out more about this unique and rewarding way to serve your community, call the fire department office, 795-4131.

Lake is focus of workshop

All citizens interested in the future of Lake Solano Regional Park are invited to attend a Public Workshop on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Master Planning for the Park.

The meeting, sponsored by Solano County Park & Recreation, will be held at the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue, in Winters.

Food to be distributed to eligible residents

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible Winters residents on March 25 as follows:
~ Winters First Baptist Church, 512 First Street, noon-2 p.m.
~ Winters Yolo Housing, Rd. 32, 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Commodities to be distributed include frozen asparagus, frozen peaches, apri-

cots, beef stew, dried cherries, orange juice, peanut butter and instant milk.

All items may not be available at both sites. Participants may receive food at only one site. Eligible participants are asked to bring a bag to carry their food home.

For information call the Food Bank at 758-6821.

Class reunion planned

The Winters High School Class of 1965 is planning a reunion for Saturday May 28. Organizers need help finding the following classmates: Bill Ferguson, Gale Goetz, Vernon Jenkins, Kathy Joens, Roger Klutensbaker, Mike Marcum, Charlie McCutcheon, Nancy Peyton, Lynn Rhodes, Dorothy Ritchson, John Roarke, Jean Rodger, DeWayne Swink, Laverne Traffican, David Wemp, and Linda White.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of these people or would like more information about the reunion, contact Laura Martinez Paschoal for details 795-4673 or lpaschoal@on-ramp113.com.

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A second recommendation was to set aside a portion of revenue generated during periods where development rates are higher. That portion would increase from 10 percent in year one to 50 percent in year five and thereafter. The funds would be placed in a Service Reserve Fund.

Included in that model is a development phasing rate, in which Gunby looked at possible revenue/expenditure levels at specific development rates. She presented six scenarios that determined the city's budget outlook based on the number of homes that could be constructed over a specific period of time, with housing construction limits set for each year.

The second scenario assumed build-out of the General Plan by 2025. The proposed development rate was 86 new units per year.

The council, led by council member Woody Fridae, then discussed the possibility of raising building permit rates and reducing the number of homes constructed after the third year, in scenario six, to see if revenue levels would stay constant even with construction of a smaller number of units.

A large portion of the workshop consisted of a discussion about how to raise the staffing levels in both the police and fire departments. Police coverage is the greatest concern.

The plan calls for having two police officers on duty 24-hours per day by the year 2010. The fire department would transfer from a fire district to a city fire department by 2008, with fire staff on-duty seven days per week by 2010.

Donlevy noted that the arson fire which occurred in the east side of town several months ago is currently being investigated by staff from the Yolo County District Attorney's office. In addition, he pointed out that a murder occurred just outside the city limits on Feb. 21. He noted that when the murder took place, the only police officer on duty wasn't even in town, he was in Woodland booking a suspect.

At that point Donlevy asked Chief Bruce Muramoto to address the police staffing issue. Muramoto told the audience the basic equation for police staffing is 5.5 officers per position. He said basic patrol in Winters would require about 11 officers, and "we need it today."

He said a detective would not only investi-

gate murder and arson, but sexual abuse and domestic violence, which does happen in Winters. At the current staffing levels, the police department "cannot always provide the highest quality investigative services that the city needs," Muramoto said.

In addition, he pointed out that when records supervisor Karla Beckett is gone, her absence is truly felt. There is a real need for support in that area.

With regard to the staffing levels proposed in the strategy, Murmotto said “this is basic,” and noted that the city is playing “catch-up.”

He noted that it includes no specialized personnel for gangs, narcotics, school violence or traffic.

“It requires a dedication of resources if you’re going to be effective.”

Fridae asked Muramoto if a new police facility would enable the police officers to book suspects in Winters. He said they currently release as many as they legally can, but some offenses require that a suspect be booked at the county facility.

He also pointed out that the police department is not only impacted by goings-on in the city, but by growth that is happening in the surrounding areas. In addition, traffic heading to Lake Berryessa and the Cache Creek Casino causes demands on local police and fire personnel.

Muramoto explained that the city police officers often times call the Yolo County Sheriff's Department for back up, and are called to help the sheriffs and deputies in return.

“When they ask for help, we go. When we ask for help, they come.”

That means if a police officer is called to assist a sheriff's deputy at Lake Berryessa, for example, that officer is not going to be patrolling in Winters, he said.

Fire Chief Scott Dozier echoed Muramoto's concerns. He pointed out that there is no fire segment in the General Plan. Currently, the department has four paid staff and about 20-30 volunteers.

"We're doing the best we can with what we've got. It works, but it's not going to work for much longer," he said.

Dozier pointed to the difficulty in retaining volunteers due to the demands on their time and family life. In addition, he told the council that once a firefighter receives certification, he

or she could go to any fire department in surrounding areas and make about twice the salary he or she makes in Winters.

He agreed with Muramoto that the community has to make the decision about what level of staffing is acceptable.

"The day's going to come when someone's going to hit the ground and the engine is going to be somewhere else."

He and Donlevy both pointed to the fact that there is no paramedic on staff at the fire department. Dozier said a paramedic unit costs about \$1 million per year to run.

Noting that his employees are going above and beyond the call of duty, Dozier told the council they currently get no overtime pay.

"They need to see the light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

He also gave a nod to the facility needs at the police department.

"Those guys are hurting," he said.

Fridae questioned whether more police officers would be necessary if the city doesn't grow. Donlevy said the formula is simply allowing for the number of positions the city needs right now.

Gunby demonstrated some financial formulas using the model, with a question and answer period following.

Noting the lateness of the hour, the council agreed to discuss in more detail the specific items in the plan at upcoming council meetings. Items to be discussed will include downtown revitalization and commercial development, industrial area and a North Area Specific Plan, community development and Redevelopment, facilities and levels of services plans.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Yolo County Historical Society's general meeting will be held On Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m at the Yolo County Historical Museum, 512 Gibson Road in the County African American women, Dorinda Green Mansfield and Hattie (Logan) Simpson Hickerson, made and sold quilts in the local area in the early 1900s.

The Yolo County Historical Society's general meeting will be held On Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m at the Yolo County Historical Museum, 512 Gibson Road in Woodland. On display will be a collection of African American quilts. Sandra McPherson, a UC Davis professor of English and an avid collector, has graciously loaned her quilt collection. Two Yolo

County African American women, Dorinda Green Mansfield and Hattie (Logan) Simpson Hickerson, made and sold quilts in the local area in the early 1900s.

All Yolo County Historical Society general meetings are open and free to the public. Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the program. For more information call 666-7103.

SLEWS program features field trips

In recognition of National Environmental Education Week, April 10 to 16, the Center for Land-Based Learning will be hosting field trips in the month of April for area high school students to promote a greater understanding of habitat restoration along watersheds in the Sacramento Valley, and to give them the opportunity to provide a unique service to their community.

The Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) program provides students with hands-on experience in the field to cultivate stewardship, community and connection to the watershed. SLEWS program staff work closely with local partners and private landowners to engage students in the process of restoring wildlife habitat on farms, ranches and open spaces in the Central Valley. The SLEWS Program provides our high school students with much-needed connections to their commu-

nity - in this case the natural community that surrounds them, explained Mary Kimball, director of Center for Land Based Learning.

Due to the focus on building leadership in these youth, SLEWS students also learn how to identify and address needs in their own communities, and are encouraged to begin a life-long path of service and civic engagement.

The National Environmental Education Week highlights the importance of these efforts nationally, as there has been a rededication on the part of educators to teach important subjects utilizing the environment as an integrating context, said Kimball.

Students will be participating in SLEWS field days at the following locations and dates: Dixon High School on April 7th at the Kluge restoration project (north-western Solano county), The Met Sacramento on April 8th at Discovery Park

(American River), Florin High School on April 12 at Yolo Land and Cattle (western Yolo county), and Esparto High School on April 14 at the Baker Ranch (Capay Valley, north-western Yolo county).

About SLEWS

In partnership with private landowners and non-profit organizations such as Audubon California, The Nature Conservancy, local watershed groups and Resource Conservation Districts, SLEWS works with participating schools throughout the Central Valley to adopt watershed habitats in need of restoration. Through multiple visits throughout the school year, students plant oaks, cottonwoods and other native species, collect native seeds, build and install bird boxes, remove invasive plants and install irrigation systems, all to increase biological diversity and improve the health of the land. These field trip activities provide young people with

hands-on, real life experiences that build environmental awareness, self esteem and a better understanding of the interaction between humans and nature.

About the Center for Land Based Learning

The Center for Land Based Learning is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that through the FARMS Leadership Program and SLEWS Programs provides inner-city and rural high school youths with hands-on learning experiences in natural ecosystems and sustainable agricultural systems. The multi-layered educational program develops personal strengths and respect for the vital interplay between the economics of food production, culture, nature and the environment.

For more information: 795-1520, or www.landbasedlearning.org.

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Ken and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Hazel Cobb Hollingsworth; her mother and father-in-law, Neil and Norma Zane, and her

sisters, Phyllis Meek and Georgene Rietow.

A graveside service will be held Friday, March 18 at 11 a.m. at the Woodland Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Louise's life following the service at Cracchiolo's Banquet Hall, 1320 East Main Street, Woodland.

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Hazardous waste to be collected

The Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department, Division of Integrated Waste Management is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the Yolo County Central Landfill on Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The Yolo County Central Landfill is located on County Road 28H.

Types of materials that will be accepted are: cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, paint, antifreeze, aerosol cans (no empties), garden pesticides and herbicides, automotive

batteries, used motor oil and used oil filters. Reusable items received at this event (paint, cleaners, garden and pool supplies, etc.) will be given away on Saturday, March 26, from 9 to 11a.m.

Household hazardous waste will be accepted from Yolo County residents only. No medical or infectious waste, please. Household hazardous waste collection events are held every other month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call 666-8729 for directions or more event information.

Entertainment

Artwork featured at bakery

Lester Farms Bakery the mixed mediums artwork of Alice Micheltorena on display. Her show runs until May 26. Alice's work is a collection of watercolors, pastels and oils of the Yolo County countryside as well as a few from her travels to Argentina and the Spanish Basque country. Her use of colors and style portray a calming but lively feel.

Born and raised in the Central Valley town of Oakdale, Alice attended Modesto Junior college, and studied art at Solano College and Sacramento City College. She is a member of the Northern California Artist Group, California Watercolor Association, Sacramento Fine Arts, Davis Sutter Art Group and the Creative Women's Circle of Davis. Alice has studied under Irene Lester and Diana Childress learning pastels. Time has also been spent under the direction of Greg Kondos at two workshops and Robert Chapla in Yosemite Valley, Grand Canyon and Newport Beach.

This past summer one of Alice's pieces, an abstract self-portrait won Best of Show at the Sutter County Fair. It was subsequently included at the California State Fair in Cal Expo. She has also shown several items at the Robert Mondavi Art Show in Lodi and has been accepted into the Davis Small Works Show two years running. Alice has competed at the Yuba City Photography Competition and numerous county fairs in northern California.

The bakery is located at 606 Railroad Avenue and is open 7 days a week from 5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information, call 795-1474.

'Alone Together' is funny and true

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Parents, grandparents, even teenagers will find something with which to relate in the Winters Community Theater production of Lawrence Roman's "Alone Together," which opened Friday night at the Community Center. Family issues such as the empty nest syndrome, fidelity and privacy are explored in an open, vivid manner, with humor as the underlying theme.

George and Helene Butler bid their youngest son Keith a fond farewell, as he leaves sunny Los Angeles to attend college in Washington. Looking forward to spending time traveling, pursuing long-delayed goals and getting to know each other again, the couple is ill-prepared for the return of their two older siblings and a houseguest.

True to life situations and hilarious observations ensue as George struggles to make peace in the house and Helene fights for her long awaited freedom. An intimate setting allows the audience to get up close and personal with the actors, each of whom brings an individual ingredient to this

spicy comedy.

Al Mendle fits the bill as the slightly spacey father, the peacemaker of the family, who is under pressure to get Helene's house back.

Anita Ahuja, a familiar member of the theater company, has really expanded her talents as the mother, Helene. She portrays the exasperated mother, one who loves her children but wants them out, with remarkable humor and accuracy. She has some of the best lines in the play, including "We didn't raise sons, we raised homing pigeons," which at times left the audience laughing to tears.

Andrew Fridae hits the mark as the youngest son, Keith, displaying an impassioned affection for his parents. Though his part is small, Fridae's is a natural presence on the stage and his expressive mannerisms are effective.

Danny Brooks' portrayal of the philandering Elliott is quite engaging, and though his character isn't always endearing, he manages to incorporate both charm and naughtiness.

Jim Hewlett, another familiar presence on the stage, is physically perfect as the mathematician who

has taken up residence in what should be his mother's studio. He is convincing and infuriating as the perpetual student, in hiding from the real world.

Cara Patton is fresh and ingenuous as the flakey Janie Johnson, a houseguest who leaves trouble in her wake. Though Patton doesn't have much experience with the Community Theater, one would think she was a veteran as she delivers explicit lines with ease.

Directed by Trent Beeby, "Alone Together," is truth, wrapped up in some great laughs. The play will be presented again on Friday March 18 and Saturday, March 19, at 8 p.m. with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. The Saturday, March 19 performance is a dinner/theater event to benefit Yolo Family Service Agency.

For reservations and tickets for Saturday's performance, call 662-2211.

For reservations and tickets for the Friday and Sunday performances, call 795-4014. Tickets are available at Kimes Ace Hardware, and at the Chamber of Commerce office, located inside the Community Center.

Local talent featured at April Art Walk

The next Winters Art Walk takes place on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in and around downtown historic Winters. The following studios and galleries will participate:

~ The Soup Gallery — metal dinosaur sculptures and Dave Arguello's unique, touchable paintings; 311 First Street, 12-6 p.m., 795-1637.

~ Karen Schmitendorf,
9-C East Main Street, 1-4
p.m.

~ Marion Hamilton
Gallery & Antiques
(Ethnographica), 304 Rail-
road Avenue, 11 a.m. to 5
p.m.; 795-3707.

~ Winters Participation
Gallery for the Arts, 31
Main Street; 795-5301.
"Oar's Oars" - March 5th
through April 30th by
highly divergent brothers
Dean and D.L. Thomas.
Dean's works are full of
imagery that reflect his
outlook of the world while
D.L.'s paintings are ab-
solutely nonrepresenta-
tional but are "transcrip-
tions of emotional states."

~ The Main Street
Gallery, featuring paint-
ings by Bill Scholer, mixed

media and ceramics by
Karla Holland Scholer.
Artist reception Saturday,
April 23, 5-8pm with live
music by solo guitarist
Richard Bostock. 9 E.
Main St., Suite 1; 795-5522
or email [mainstreet-
gallery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mainstreet-gallery@sbcglobal.net).

~ Blue Hills Gallery,
April through June: "Rough
Stuff," paintings by Bob
Chapla, Clarence Major,
Philippe Gandiol, Andrew
Fair and others. 530-795-
9536, 9 East Main Street,
Winters. Gallery hours:
Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.
to 6 p.m.; Sunday 12-5 p.m.
Visit: [www.bluehills-
gallery.com](http://www.bluehills-
gallery.com) for Winters Art
Walk information and map.

~ Live wheel-throwing
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becca Bresnick Holmes,
PorFin Pottery, at The
Main Street Gallery. Pot-
tery displayed at both
Steady Eddy's Coffee
House & Juice Bar, 5 East
Main Street; 795-3588, and
at Chris' Flowers & Gifts,
22 Main Street; 795-3279.
Web site:
[www.home.earthlink.net/~
holmes25](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~holmes25).

~ Sharon Bloom Studio,

St. Patrick's 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. Bagpipe player Dave Parkhurst will entertain the crowd at the gazebo.



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Sports



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The Winters High School varsity basketball team had its most successful season in decades. Team members include, from left, (front) Alex Thompson, Nathanael Lucero, Alex Jurado, Sebastian Salas, Andrew Cummings, Dominic Mandolfo and Nico Acevedo. (Back) Samantha Talaugon, Coach Jason Davis, assistant coach Chad Stocking, Keith Geerts, Jared Davis, Zach Davis, Ricky Anstead, Nico Tovar, assistant coach Ben Geerts and Noel Mandolfo.

Warriors’ successful season comes to an end

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity boy’s basketball team ended their record-breaking season on Tuesday, March 8, against a very aggressive St. Mary’s team from Berkeley. In front of 1,050 fans at Woodland High School, the Warriors took their 24-3 record into the first round of the NorCal finals with hopes of advancing on to the state championship. The Warriors instead ran into a swarm of bees as the St. Mary’s team gave them the

treatment that the Warriors have been giving their opponents all season long, — a smothering defense that caused 22 turnovers. From the opening tip-off, the Warriors were pressured until the final buzzer sounded and the Warriors season came to an end with a 30-50 loss. “They were a very physical team,” said coach Jason Davis. “They were a very good defensive team.” The Warriors’ season may have ended sooner than they had wanted it to, but they definitely made their mark in the WHS history books. The Warriors started their season with a 10-0 record and col-

lected two tournament championships along the way and almost assuredly would have won a third straight tournament if Jared Davis wasn’t sick and hadn’t missed the championship game. The Warriors ended up being the runner-up team by just two points. Winters then went on to capture a share of the Butte View league title with an 8-2 league record before they went on to Chico State to win the Division IV Northern Section crown with a 65-39 blowout over Anderson. It took the best team in Northern California to knock the Warriors out of the playoffs as St. Mary’s

will play at Arco Arena for the state championship against the best team from southern California. “I said at the beginning of the season that this was going to be a very special team,” said Davis. “They are a very close group that has been a pleasure to be around.” Zach Davis led the Warriors in scoring with 10 points and had six rebounds. Keith Geerts scored seven points, Andrew Cummings scored six points and had six rebounds, Sebastian Salas scored three, while Alex Thomson and Nico Tovar each scored two. Jared Davis grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Warriors.

Varsity softball team continues to play hard

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity softball team continues to play

hard on the diamond. On Wednesday, March 2, the Warriors played host to Justin Siena at the Winters Middle School. Despite a 2-7 loss the Warriors had some impressive play defensively from

pitchers Jessica Graham and Renee Penunuri. Graham had seven strikeouts while Penunuri had one. At the plate Fabiola Hernandez batted 2

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Photo by Eric Lucero

Alex Jurado leads off at first base. The Winters High School baseball season is underway.

Campos bats 9 for 10

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity boys baseball team had a slow start in their first week of play as they opened their season on the road against Colusa and came home with a disappointing 5-8 loss on Tuesday, March 8. “We didn’t play Winters baseball,” said coach Jeff Ingles. “We had a lot of walks and we just couldn’t get any-

thing going offensively.” Brenden Benson threw the first four innings for the Warriors before being relieved by Felipe Alarcon. Danny Campos led the Warriors at the plate, batting 3 for 3 with a double and a single, two runs scored and an RBI. Alarcon batted 2 for 3 with two RBI. Nick Medina batted 1 for 1 and Nick Hedrick batted 1 for 4 with a double and two runs scored. The Warriors returned to the diamond on Fri

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Jared Davis

Jared Davis, a senior on the Winters High School boy’s varsity basketball team is this week’s athlete of the week. Davis, a 6’6” forward, has been the key to the Warriors’ successful record breaking 24-4 section championship season. “We wouldn’t be the same team without Jared,” said coach Ja-

son Davis. “Everything goes through him on the offense. He even brings the ball down on the press and defensively he is always guarding their best player.” Davis was second in blocks, second in rebounds, third in steals and second in assists on the Warriors team and was the third leading assist player in the BVL.

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JV boys fall to Colusa, beat Esparto

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School JV baseball team lost their first game of the season 7-10 on the road to Colusa on Tuesday, March 8, and then returned home on Saturday, March 12, to pick up their first victory of the season with a 12-2 win over the Esparto Spartans. First year coach Mark Abraham has picked up assistant Jason Molina to help turn

the Warriors into a mirror image of the varsity program.

“I am trying to mimic a Jeff Ingles style of coaching,” said Molina. “Jeff has been an awesome mentor for me over the years and running this team the way Jeff runs his has translated into harder working and much more effective practices.”

Against Colusa, Joe Fiori had five strikeouts in four innings with three earned runs on the mound. Rafael Martinez struck out six batters in four and two thirds

innings with an era of 0.00 against Esparto to lead the Warriors to their first win.

“Fiori turned two double plays at third base against Esparto, and Kaplan Smith played solid at catcher for us,” Molina said. “They are a hard working group with a lot of promise entering the league. They will be hard to beat.”

Martinez is leading the team batting 3 for 5 with two doubles. Cody Campos is batting 4 for 7 with two doubles and two stolen bases, while Joe Diaz is batting 4 for 8 for the Warriors.

Wrestlers head to tourneys

Brothers Zach and Cody Linton traveled to Healdsburg to wrestle in the USA State Folkstyle Tournament. Zach wrestled for the championship losing by decision to a kid that has not lost a match in two years. Zach’s opponents’ coaches were impressed with Zach, telling him after the match that he is the first kid not to be pinned by their wrestler. “Zach is working hard and is turning into a great wrestler” said coach Tim Hausler. Zach will be wrestling 6 year olds and under, 65 pound weight class in the Reno Worlds Tournament this year.

Cody Linton also had a great day of wrestling, placing first and pinning all of his opponents in the first round. Cody is training hard doing double practices a day four days a week. He wants to place

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Geerts, Davis head to All Stars

Senior standouts Keith Geerts and Zach Davis have been chosen to play in the 10th annual All the Best Video All Star basketball game that will feature the top 12 senior players from the south end of the North Section against the top 12 seniors from the north end of the section.

Coach Jason Davis and assistant Ben Geerts have been equally honored with the privilege of coaching the south team. The game will be played at Pleasant Valley High School in Chico on Sunday, March 20, at 6 p.m. Cost of admission is \$5.

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day, March 11, to play Woodland Christian in their home opener. Facing Casey Neimeyer, a top college prospect headed for the University of Pacific, the Warriors knew they would be tested with some good pitching.

Rising to the challenge, the Warriors rallied behind their own hurler, Jacob Thorne, who threw a solid five innings for the Warriors before being relieved by Benson and then Nathanael Lucero. Thorne left the game with a 4-2 lead but Lucero ended up with the win, throwing the last two innings as the Warriors gave up four runs in the sixth to fall behind 6-4. Winters then scored four runs of their own in the bottom of the sixth to pick up their first win with an 8-6 victory. Thorne and Lucero gave

up three hits apiece.

“We hit the ball pretty well,” Ingles said. “But we made a lot of errors. We have four basketball players who have only been out here for a couple of days so they’re still trying to get used to each other.”

Campos once again led the Warriors batting 3 for 4 with a double, a RBI, a stolen base and a run scored. Lucero batted 2 for 3 with an RBI a run scored was hit by a pitch and had one stolen base. John Avellar batted 2 for 3 with three RBI, a walk and a stolen base, while Sebastian Salas batted 2 for 4 with three runs scored, three RBI and a stolen base.

On Saturday, March 12, Brock Neil led the Warriors on the mound, throwing a no-hitter against the Esparto Spartans in his varsity debut. The Warriors beat Esparto 18-1 for their second straight victory. Neil struck out eight

batters while walking four.

Campos continued to pound the ball as he improved his average to .900. Campos batted 3 for 3 with four runs, scored a base on balls and four RBI. Lucero boosted his average to .800, batting 2 for 2 with three runs scored and four RBI. Medina kept his average at a perfect 1.000, batting 2 for 2 with a run scored and an RBI. Hedrick had the hit of the day, batting 2 for 3 with a home run, a double, three runs scored, two RBI and a base on balls. Salas batted 2 for 3 with three RBI and a run scored. Alex Thomson batted 1 for 2 with a run scored. Neil batted 1 for 3 with two runs scored, two RBI, a double and a base on balls, while Kannon Smith batted 1 for 3 with an RBI, a run scored and a base on balls for the Warriors.

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for 3 and scored a run. Kaely Romney also batted 2 for 3. Kelsey Fox batted 1 for 1 and had two stolen bases, while Samantha Talaugon batted 1 for 1 for the Warriors.

On Saturday, March 5, the Warriors played four games in the Yuba City tournament. Winters lost to Marysville 2-16 in their first game. Emilie Kimble batted 2 for 2 to lead the Warriors, while Jessie Fowles and Adriana Lizarraga each had one hit. Graham had four strike outs on the mound for the Warriors.

In game two, the Warriors lost to Sutter 0-8. Penunuri had one strikeout as the pitcher for Winters and batted 1 for 2. Consuelo Pradio, Ashley Krintz and Kimble each had a hit

for the Warriors.

The Warriors’ next game was against Colusa.

“This was a really good game,” said coach Kukui Hughes.

The game was decided in the last inning with the score tied at 7-7. A Colusa player running home was called safe after missing the plate.

“It was a tough loss,” Hughes said.

Graham led the Warriors on the mound as she struck out 15 batters. At the plate, the Warriors collected 19 hits. Romney had three hits, two runs scored and had two steals. Tiffany Spivey had three hits, two runs scored and four stolen bases. Graham had two hits, one run scored, an RBI and four stolen bases. Kimble had two hits, a double and two stolen bases. Hernandez had two hits and two steals. Lizarraga collect-

ed three hits, a run scored and three steals, while Penunuri had three hits, and a run scored.

On Saturday, March 12, the Warriors lost to Esparto in a tough game.

“We had a lot of players missing due to the SAT test,” said Hughes. “We started the game with nine players, two of which were sick and ended the game with eight players because one was too sick to finish. But we made it through. We even had Ashley Krintz covering second and right field.”

The Warriors lost 7-16 but had some good hitting performances from Graham as she batted 4 for 4 with four steals. Penunuri also batted 4 for 4 with two steals. Kimble batted 3 for 4 with two steals. Krintz batted 2 for 4 with three steals, while Romney had two stolen bases for the Warriors.

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Trustees to meet

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, March 17, at 6 p.m. at Winters Middle School. The following items are on the agenda:

~ Recognition of Winters Middle School student Clinton Freed and parent Karryn Doyle.

~ District restructuring and program improvement updates.

Action items

~ Consider approval of board resolution proclaiming May 11 the Day of the Teacher.

~ Consider approval proclaiming May 15-21 Classified Employee Week.

~ Consider approval of resolution reducing hours of employment and ordering lay-offs for designated positions in the classified service due to lack of funds and lack of work.

Curriculum and instruction information items

~ Winters High School wrestling program.

~ California English Language Development Test(CELDT) student performance analysis.

~ Consider course description and textbook for advanced placement English.



JESSICA GUTIERREZ



JONATHON LOMELI



RAMON LOPEZ



MAYRA LOZA



MICHELLE MOORE



NICOLE PRIME



FERNANDO ZARAGOZA

Not pictured
ANDREA
VALENCIA
and KARINA
RODRIGUEZ

Wolfskill High School announces graduation ceremony

On Friday, March 4, Wolfskill Continuation High School held its second graduation ceremony of the year. Held in the greenhouse due to inclement weather, approximately 80 people gathered to witness the event.

Principal Emilie Simmons welcomed the crowd and then introduced the graduates. They were Jessica Gutierrez, Jonathan Lomeli, Ramon Lopez, Mayra Loza, Michelle Moore, Nicole Prime, Karina Rodriguez, Andrea Valencia, and Fernando Zaragoza. Speeches highlighting each graduate's life, and especially their academic pursuits, were given by teachers

Debrah Lee, Adam Hancock, and Tracy Houk-Ishitoya, and by counselor Kathy Blankenship. Then the audience was invited to recognize the graduates by speaking on their behalf.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Winters Joint Unified School District Superintendent, Dale J. Mitchell, Ed.D., and Principal Simmons declared the students to be official graduates and presented each one with their framed diploma. Cake, punch and coffee were enjoyed by all at an informal gathering of students, family and friends after the ceremony.



Courtesy photo

Police chief Bruce Muramoto visited Shirley Rominger Intermediate School recently.

Police Chief visits students

By ERIC OATES, JACOB LUCERO, TAYLOR CHOONHAURAI and XAVIER BORCHELT

What happened? The police chief is here, but we did not do anything wrong! It's ok, he's just here because we interviewed him. Police chief Bruce Muramoto came to Woody Fridae's classroom for an interview.

Muramoto was born July 28, 1952 and was raised in Sacramento. His dream of helping and protecting others came not when becoming a police cadet at UC Davis, but started when he was a child. When in elementary school, he helped kids who had troubles with bullies. That is probably why he wanted to become a police officer.

After elementary school, Muramoto went to high school, then went to college at UC Davis and got a masters degree from Cal Poly. After finishing school, he then joined UC Davis Campus Police Department. Bruce also worked in Vallejo and West Sacramento. He joined a S.W.A.T. team. He was in S.W.A.T for three years.

Muramoto came to Winters last year in December. He did not know the town very well but has had meetings to learn about the town and people. One of the students in our class went to one of those meetings. His name is Edwin Sanchez.

We asked Muramoto what kinds of changes he plans for Winters. He said that the big challenge is to keep the crime level low. He said that there is a potential for gang activity, but his job is to prevent that from happening now before it becomes a problem.

Muramoto is planning on enforcing the driving laws in Winters because a lot of people in town go too fast and some people don't follow the seat belt laws.

Muramoto has two children, a son and a daughter. But other than being a police officer he has other hobbies such as fishing, being with his family and shooting rockets. Muramoto is a great person to be the chief of Winters and we hope you think that too.

FFA members qualify for contest

By JOHN AVELLAR
Winters FFA
Special to the Express

On Saturday, Feb. 23, Winters FFA members Jesse Beckett, Courtney Sisco, Jacob Thorne, Brenden Benson, Amy Cross and John Avellar traveled to Modesto Junior College for the FFA Central Region Spring Regional Meeting. All five FFA members represented the Winters FFA Chapter in the public speaking regional finals.

Sisco, Benson and Thorne competed in the Prepared Public Speaking contest, Cross competed in the Creed Speaking contest, and

Avellar in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest. Thorne delivered his speech, entitled "Terrorism on the Farm" and received second place. Cross placed fourth in the FFA creed recitation. The two FFA members now qualify to compete at the State championships at the FFA state convention held in Fresno.

It is a great achievement to qualify for state finals in speaking contests and the Winters FFA congratulates these two. It has been five years since Winters FFA has had a student qualify for the state contest in a public speaking category.

Happy
St. Patrick's Day.

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again in the Reno Worlds competition April 1 through April 3. He has already placed first in three USA Folkstyle State Tournaments this year. "Cody's hard work has made him one of our top wrestlers" said coach Rod Johnson.

Features

Pain can linger after shingles attack

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband has had shingles for almost one year. Not only is he going out of his mind, but I think I am, too, because I cannot find anything to help him. He is up all night. Whatever help you can offer would be deeply appreciated. —S.K.

ANSWER: The varicella-zoster virus causes two distinct illnesses. One is chickenpox, which usually happens in childhood. The other is shingles, which usually happens later in life. This virus becomes a permanent guest in the body after chickenpox, one that refuses to leave — ever. As years go by, it wakens, travels down nerve roots to the skin and causes the typical skin rash and pain of shingles.

Your husband doesn't have shingles. He has post-herpetic neuralgia — nerve damage that the virus brought on when it traveled down his nerves to his skin. (Don't let the "herpes" name throw you; this is not the herpes of herpes genital infection or the herpes of cold sore infections. The name adds confusion to a confusing topic.)

When the shingles rash first appears, prompt treatment with Famvir, Valtrex or Zovirax can shorten the course of shingles and might, for some, lessen the chances for getting post-herpetic neuralgia.

Your husband's condition is one that calls for pain eradication. Amitriptyline, an antidepressant medicine, in low doses can sometimes bring pain relief. Gabapentin, a seizure medicine, is another drug used to control this kind of pain. Lidocaine skin patches have helped many. If pain relief is not forthcoming, then a step up to the more powerful opioids can often ease discomfort. Morphine, OxyContin and fentanyl patches are examples.

At this point, if success still has not been obtained, then visiting a pain clinic could be the answer. Such clinics (or other doctors) can provide nerve blocks, spinal cord stimulators or devices that de-



liver analgesics directly to the spinal cord for pain control.

The shingles pamphlet treats this issue in great detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1201W, 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: My blood pressure fluctuates in its readings. I am on numerous medicines, which I take throughout the day. My home readings are lower than the office readings. When I was hospitalized, I got my pills all at once, and my readings were low. Is it all right for me to continue to do that? —R.G.

ANSWER: I don't see any reason why you can't, except for the pill you take twice a day.

Why not bring your blood pressure machine to the doctor's office and see if your machine and the doctor's register the same reading? If they do, the doctor will be inclined to accept your home readings as your official blood pressure.

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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Freedom's just another word for...

Fascism doesn't arrive fully formed. History shows that there's a gentle slippery slope into the abyss. As a country slides down the incline, common themes emerge. These include powerful and continuing nationalism, disdain for human rights, identifying enemies as scapegoats as a unifying cause, military supremacy, rampant sexism, control of the mass media, an obsession with national security, weaving religion and government together, protection of corporate power, suppression of labor movements, a repugnance of intellectuals and the arts, obsession with crime and punishment, rampant cronyism and corruption, and last of all, fraudulent elections. Any of these sound familiar? You might say yes or no depending on your political leanings.

How do we decide whether the USA is slipping into fascism? Well, let's explore one of these issues on the list — take slogans. You can almost hear them ringing in your head, you have heard them so often. "The war on terror," "weapons of mass destruction," and "bring freedom and democracy." Are these just ways to whip up nationalism and fear, or do they really mean something? What does Mr. Bush mean by the word "freedom," for example? What kind of freedom and whose does he have in mind?

Remember, we are not really free. You can't get up in the morning, flip a coin, heads right, tails left, and then get in your car and drive on the side that the coin came up. You are not free to murder someone. Of course not — members of society enter into a social contract with each other whereby they give up some freedoms to live together. Now we enter the world of philosophy because there are different sorts of freedom. In the



world of Thomas Hobbes, the 17th Century English philosopher, people are expected to give up freedoms to the monarch who will, in turn, dispense privileges to his people. That's what we are doing under an Ashcroftian sort of society.

Or there is Jean-Jacques Rousseau's sort of freedom whereby ordinary people are free to have a say in government and free to be interdependent on each other. We, as a society, oscillate between Hobbes and Rousseau depending on how frightened we are, or how fearful the government makes us.

Or there is Karl Marx's freedom whereby everyone in society has the right to freedom from poor education, freedom from hunger, freedom from poor health. This philosophy has been embraced in many European Union nations where the burden of healthcare is carried by the state and every citizen is guaranteed access to a doctor.

When our president touts the importance of exporting "freedom and democracy" (this is, after all, what the Iraqi war is now about — at least for the time being), has he thought over which kind of freedom the US is trying to bring to every capitol east of Paris? Is he speaking of freedom from poverty, freedom to vote, or freedom to make money? Or is it just a shorthand, or even a sleight of hand, for trying to make other nation states in the likeness of the United States? Or are these slogans just a way of cajoling the American people into supporting a

bullish government intent on spreading American interests abroad? Those interests bring enormous financial benefits for corporations and resources for our country. In the old days, it was called empire building.

But if it is really freedom and democracy that is on sale, wouldn't it be reassuring to have a greater discussion of what is meant by these words? A greater questioning of authority? Because another slogan of the past four years, "weapons of mass destruction" has, in hindsight, a hollow ring. When the inspectors, scientists, commissions and panels finally got down to probing the what, why and wherefores of WMDs, they were found to be an illusion, a smokescreen, a hall of mirrors, just one big lie.

Are we on that slippery slope that characterized the times of Mussolini in Italy, Suharto in Indonesia, Franco in Spain and of course Hitler in Germany? How do we know now without the benefit of history? Constant vigilance about even small decisions, examination of the facts, looking behind the headlines, ignoring the red and the blue, talking politics with each other, and above all, questioning authority, are a good beginning.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Danielle Orrock
Occupation: Junior at Winters High School and cashier at Town & Country Market.
Hobby: Going to the movies.
What's best about living in Winters: "Everyone knows each other and everyone's friendly."
Fun fact: "My jaw pops out of its socket."

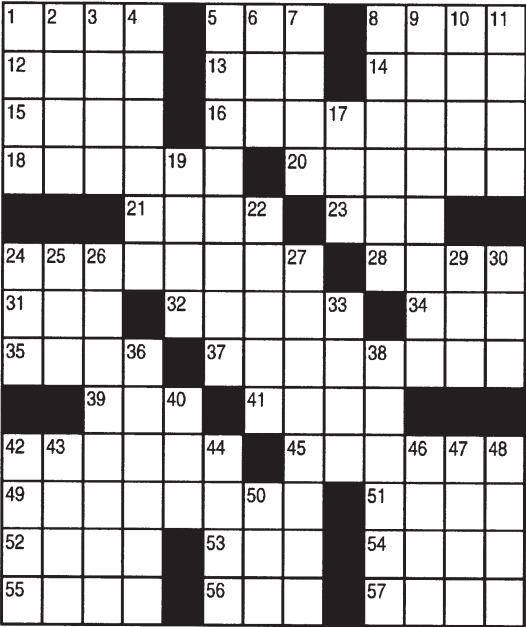
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ACROSS

- Put an end to
- Inaccurate
- Portent
- Protuberance
- Shuffleboard stick
- Ashen
- Fleet from far away?
- Discussion in writing
- Chest of drawers
- Interlaced
- Waitstaff's due
- Angeles
- Foot-operated levers
- Appellation
- "Eureka!"
- Tending to leak slowly
- Charged bit
- Rocky peaks
- Molasses-like syrups
- Author Wallace
- Poet Teasdale
- In the same place (Lat.)
- Works dough
- X marks its spot
- "Begone!"
- Bridge position
- Pitch
- Bocelli solo



- Apportion
- Type squares
- Whatever's left
- DOWN
- Give the cold shoulder
- Bean curd
- Stench
- Pre-euro Spanish money
- One of eight
- Stole stuff?
- Dozens of inches

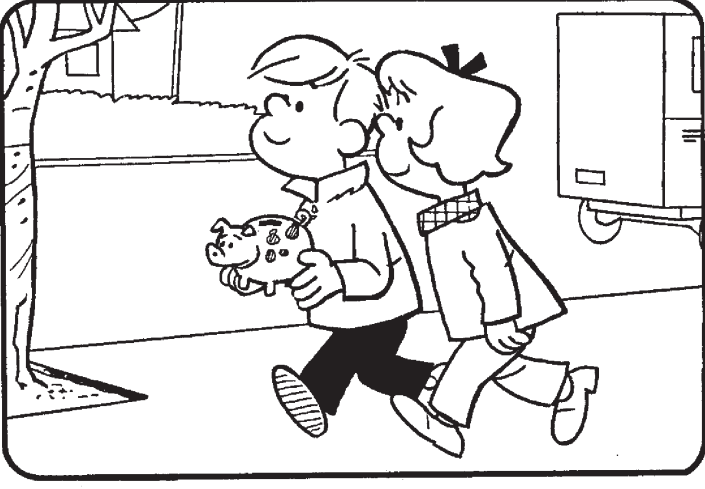
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- First in time
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- Larry's pal
- Halves of 56-

- Across
- Tall tale
- Tranquillize
- Roman emperor
- Director Craven
- Particular
- Highland hillside
- Speechless
- Farm fraction
- Lecturer's place
- Pronto, in the OR
- 50 Aries

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Poster is missing. 2. Fireplug is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Headset is missing. 5. Belt is missing. 6. Light strip is missing.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Disappointed about something that didn't go your way? Cheer up. Look at the reasons it happened, and you could find a valuable lesson about what to do (or not do) the next time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to do some reassessing of plans and goals — even how you considered redoing your bathroom. The point is to be open to change if change can improve things.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take some time to learn who is the right person (or persons) to approach and discuss your ideas with for your new project. Also, reserve time to prepare for an upcoming family event.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a demanding situation, as you recently did, could drain much of your own emotional reserves. Take time to relax and indulge yourself in some well-earned pampering.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The regal Lion might feel that she or he is above emotional displays. But showing your feelings can be liberating for you, and reassuring for someone who has been waiting for you to do so.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An emotionally needy person might make more demands than you can cope with. Best to ask for some breathing space NOW, before resentment sets in and makes communication difficult.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An unexpected spate of mixed signals could cause serious schedule setbacks. Best to focus on straightening everything out as soon as possible and get everyone back on track.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be aware that someone in the workplace could try to use a disagreement with a colleague against you. If so, be prepared to offer your side of the story with the facts to back you up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) An unexpected challenge to a previous decision can be unsettling. But your reservoir of self-confidence — plus your loyal supporters — should help carry the day for you. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) While the idea of making some sort of major move in the near future continues to interest you, don't overlook a new possibility that could be emerging closer to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to February 18) Be careful not to base an upcoming decision on gossip or anything you might hear if it can't meet provable standards. That's true regardless of whom the source might be.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You might still need to do some solid reassessing early in the week before you can close that sensitive situation. A new job-related opportunity could present itself later in the week.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are extraordinarily sensitive to people's feelings, and you're always ready to offer comfort if necessary. (c) 2005 King Features Synd., Inc.

Nuestras Noticias



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Reunión informal en Texas

Respecto a la próxima reunión de George W. Bush con sus contrapartes de América del Norte, Vicente Fox y Paul Martin, resaltan los detalles que la hacen informal: trabajarán en vacaciones y los visitantes no serán recibidos en la Casa Blanca. La reunión fue confirmada por el gobierno mexicano para el 23 de marzo y tendrá lugar en la Universidad de Baylor, en Waco, Texas.

Ha trascendido es que no abordarán el tema de la inmigración, que es una de las grandes expectativas de Los Pinos. México no quiere ver transcurrir el año sin que se aborde lo prometido por el mandatario estadounidense, la reforma migratoria anunciada con bombo y platillo al arrancar su segundo término. La misma que, luego de un significativo silencio, en vez de moverse en esa dirección la Administración Bush respaldó la nefasta ley antiinmigrante llamada Acta de Identificación Real propuesta por el representante republicano por Wisconsin, James Sensenbrenner.

Una medida que daría al traste con los beneficios de la matrícula consular, usada por los inmigrantes mexicanos entre otras cosas para abrir cuentas bancarias, así como avalaría la justificación del ominoso muro entre San Diego y Tijuana que quieren extender. Con todo, todavía es prematura la consideración de que no abordarán el tema de la inmigración, pese a que el portavoz de Bush así lo anunció; según esto el plan es que los tres mandatarios discutan ajustes al Tratado de Libre Comercio de Norteamérica y, por supuesto, el tema omnipresente en la agenda de EU será el eje de la conversación, la seguridad y las medidas para contrarrestar al terrorismo en esta parte del continente.

En contraste con los improcedentes esfuerzos del gobierno mexicano para impulsar una reforma migratoria que conlleve un trato digno a los inmigrantes que vienen a trabajar y por debajo de los mensajes contradictorios al respecto desde la Casa Blanca en este país parecen incontentibles las nuevas leyes, propuestas, disposiciones y acciones del corte de la Proposición 200 de Arizona que, bajo el pretexto de la seguridad, atosigan a los mexicanos indocumentados y muchas veces también a los documentados.

Estamos ante una ola de xenofobia. Son varios los estados que en este momento buscan implementar leyes como la de Arizona. Con el afán de negar servicios públicos a extranjeros sin documentos las legislaciones de California, Idaho, Georgia y Nevada tienen planes de consultar a la ciudadanía sobre la intención de poner en vigor leyes equivalentes a la mencionada 200 y, como quedó claro en Phoenix, el envión que dejó la elección de George W. Bush el pasado noviembre, su éxito con el discurso del miedo influye.

Esa antorcha los antiinmigrantes la mantienen avivada. Primero azuzan a los pobladores con campañas negativas en las que equiparan a los trabajadores procedentes de México con los terroristas, los tildan enseguida de amenazantes forasteros que vienen a quitarles sus empleos, los pintan como abusivos que no llegan a otra cosa sino a servirse de las prestaciones sociales, infunden, pues, una mezcla de temor y odio en perjuicio de los inmigrantes que, así, pasan a ser personas no gratas. Todo lo contrario de la realidad. Tales designios exponen una virulencia nacionalista de un clan de racistas manipulando la tendencia pasiva de la gente común y corriente, ambos extremos evidencian ignorancia.

Ciertamente no deja de ser pasmoso que tales campañas y tales propuestas tengan éxito. Pese a los incansables esfuerzos de los grupos que abogan por los trabajadores inmigrantes. Pese a la razón. Pese a los principios de democracia y convivencia que rigen la Constitución de este país. ¿Dónde quedó el discurso del primer mandatario del país que hace referencia a lo valioso de los trabajadores inmigrantes mexicanos que vienen a aportar a la economía nacional? Si la Presidencia sigue haciendo mutis para la reforma prometida lo cual es perfectamente posible la franja fronteriza puede convertirse en un vergonzoso campo para el terrorismo doméstico.

Lo grave entonces no será el deplorable incumplimiento de lo prometido por Bush, sino la violación de los derechos humanos de los inmigrantes a merced de la rabia xenofóbica de los mercenarios inscritos en el proyecto Minuteman que a su desprecio por los extranjeros le han puesto la máscara de la defensa nacional.

‘Winters Tales’ on file at library

Did you know that the Winters town Christmas tree used to be set up in the middle of the intersection of First and Main Streets? That Winters farm women worked during World War II as plane spotters?

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

First Street. Ask at the circulation desk if you'd like to read these fascinating stories.

The project, called “Winters Tales,” is intended to focus attention on what it is that makes Winters special. According to project director Diane Cary, “We hope to encourage people to appreciate our wonderful community and help preserve our quality of life for the future.”

For more information, call Diane Cary, 795-3173.

El mérito de los inmigrantes

Soy mexicano por nacimiento y orgulloso de serlo, pero no tuvo ningún mérito personal por ello, porque no escogí nacer en México. Nada tuve que ver con ese suceso. Inmigré a Estados Unidos hace ya muchos años, no por falta de amor a México sino obligado por las condiciones económicas de mi país, y las posibilidades de un desarrollo personal que yo creí poder tener aquí.

Vine, pues, por mi voluntad. Y aunque algunos racistas como inmigrantes lo duden, tiene, cuando menos, cierto mérito venir aquí por convicción, por voluntad, por deseo de hacer su vida aquí. Es una decisión que influye en el futuro de la vida de cada uno de los inmigrantes.

Los que nacen aquí, incluidos los niños de los indocumentados, niños a quienes se quiere privar de sus derechos a educación y salud, son automáticamente ciudadanos de este país. Los inmigrantes son vistos con sospecha y en mil casos discriminados por aquellos que son, a su vez, descendientes de inmigrantes, que alguna vez deben haber tenido problemas similares a los que los actuales inmigrantes padecen.

Esos inmigrantes, en su tiempo, buscaron aquí, lo que no tenían allá, donde quiera que este ese allá. Pero eso se olvida, es historia pasada. Vaya, eso lo olvida hasta nuestro inmigrante gobernador. Por supuesto que no estoy criticando a aquellos que nacieron aquí. Estoy sólo señalando el hecho de

que hacer algo por voluntad propia tiene un mérito superior al haber nacido en un lugar por voluntad de nuestros padres.

Lo que se quiere ignorar es que inmigrar requiere de un gran valor e implica un esfuerzo terrible; nada es fácil. El mérito no está en cruzar la frontera, con documentos o sin ellos. No, no es eso. El mérito es lograr desarraigarse del terruño, llegar a un medio diferente y extraño, a un lugar donde se habla un idioma distinto del inmigrante. Las costumbres y la comida son diferentes, en que las motivaciones de vida son diferentes también y donde se es abiertamente discriminado, ocultamente explotado y persistir tenazmente en el esfuerzo de sobrevivir en ese medio que le es adverso.

Y eso, claro está, es más duro para el inmigrante indocumentado que para quien trae sus papeles en regla. Pero todo inmigrante viene con una carga de emociones, entre ellas el temor ante lo desconocido y cierta inseguridad por haber dejado atrás sus costumbres, sus personas queridas; viene aquí lleno de ilusiones que en muchos casos son destruidas a las primeras de cambio; o viene huyendo de algo, de la violencia política o de la violencia del hambre y la necesidad.

El que muchos indocumentados persistan en su empeño de quedarse para salir adelante, pese a la constante amenaza de ser detenidos y deportados, pese también a que con-

stantemente se les señala como problema y a que trabajan, como ya he dicho muchas veces, en las labores que nadie más quiere hacer, debería ser más apreciado. Su estadía aquí es ilegal pero, su actitud y trabajo, admirable.

Se les acusa de violar una ley, es cierto, pero la verdad es que es una ley que hace años debería haber sido humanizada. ¿Que son miles? ¿Que son un problema? Sí, claro. Son un problema y tienen un problema. Todo el tiempo, en toda ocasión se les hace ver que los usamos, pero no los queremos aquí. No disculpo su ilegalidad, pero la entiendo. Defiendo su valor y defiendo la oportunidad que merecen de que sus casos sean analizados sin racismo y sin que se les considere una amenaza para la seguridad del país.

Si no fuera una tontería diría que casi deberíamos agradecer su presencia por los beneficios que recibe California por su trabajo, que son muy superiores al supuesto costo de su presencia pese a los números inventados con los que se pretende demostrar lo contrario. ¿Y los hijos americanos de los indocumentados?

¿Nos importa lo que les pase a esos pequeños americanos?

Claro que no. Son hijos que nacieron con un problema, tener padres indocumentados; problema inventado también, porque quien nace en este país es americano, quienes quieran que sean sus padres y cualesquiera que sea su situación mi-

gratoria.

A no ser que tengamos dos Constituciones; una para los hijos de inmigraciones anteriores y otra para los hijos de inmigrantes indocumentados latinos.

¿Y qué pasa cuando crecen? Los cientos de soldados latinos, entre ellos muchos indocumentados e hijos de indocumentados, que están luchando en Irak, las decenas de latinos caídos o lisiados en esa guerra, son la respuesta para los xenóforos que cómodamente están viviendo aquí, ocupados en ver cómo pueden acabar con los indocumentados.

La migración de indocumentados sí es un problema más para los mismos indocumentados que para nosotros, pero en tanto nos beneficiemos de ella, como se beneficia California con la mano de obra barata, es hipocresía criticarla, sin buscarle soluciones al aspecto humano de ese problema.

Ah, se me olvidaba: nosotros estamos mas preocupados por solucionar los problemas en otras partes del mundo y gastar billones en aventuras bélicas innecesarias que por encontrar un camino para humanizar este, en nuestra casa o en casa de nuestros vecinos. Y así como hace años les colgábamos a los indocumentados la etiqueta de traficantes de drogas, que resultó falsa no son ellos los que trafican con las drogas, no tardaremos en colgarles la de terroristas en potencia para poderlos perseguir a gusto.

Quieren negar la ciudadanía a los hijos de indocumentados

Enmienda Catorce en la Constitución de los Estados Unidos, establecida en 1868, otorga a todos los hombres y mujeres que nacieran en suelo norteamericano el derecho automático de ser ciudadanos estadounidenses.

Hoy ese derecho humano más elemental puede ser despojado a los hijos de los inmigrantes indocumentados. En efecto, el Congreso de los Estados Unidos se está discutiendo un proyecto de ley que, de ser aprobado, privará de la nacionalidad norteamericana a los hijos de inmigrantes ilegales.

Esta ley que lleva el nombre de Citizenship Reform Act del 2005, fue presentada por el Congresista Nathan Deal, un Republicano por el estado de Georgia, y prevé introducir una enmienda que establecerá que la ciudadanía estadounidense corresponda solamente a los nacidos de ciudadanos o residentes permanentes. Algunos cálculos indican que hay entre 200.000 y 300.000 niños que serían afectados: es decir, que aún habiendo nacido en Estados Unidos [de padres inmigrantes indocumentados] podrían perder la nacionalidad. El número, obviamente, puede ser mayor no solamente hoy sino también en el futuro.

‘Esa ley es un escándalo. El derecho humano más básico es el derecho a la ciudadanía en el país en que uno ha nacido’, explicó Katherine Cullion del Mexican American

Legal Defense Fund [MALDEF], una organización que se dedica a defender los derechos de los inmigrantes.

Según Cuillon, la ley es inconstitucional porque va en contra de la enmienda catorce relativa a los derechos civiles de los norteamericanos. Esa enmienda fue establecida para que todos los hombres y mujeres —incluyendo a los esclavos negros de la época en que fue dictada [1868]—, que nacieran en suelo norteamericano sean estadounidenses. ‘Como los negros en su momento, ahora los hispanos que nacen aquí también tiene el derecho a la ciudadanía’, manifestó Cullion, y agregó que el proyecto es producto del clima antiinmigración que vive en Estados Unidos desde que tuvieron lugar los atentados del 11 de setiembre.

En su encabezado, el proyecto de ley dice textualmente su intención: ‘Enmendar la ley de inmigración y nacionalidad para negar la ciudadanía al nacimiento a los hijos nacidos en Estados Unidos de padres que no son ciudadanos o extranjeros residentes permanentes’. Eso significa que si la ley es aprobada, los hijos de los indocumentados también pueden ser deportados.

‘La ciudadanía no es solamente un accidente geográfico’, dijo Ira Mehlman, la vocero de la Federación de American Immigration Reform, al

defender el proyecto que, evidentemente, es parte de la ola xenofóbica de un amplio grupo de norteamericanos que quiere restringir al máximo la inmigración y que tienen a sus representantes activamente en el Congreso.

Otro ejemplo de esta tendencia antiinmigrante es el proyecto de ley Real Id Card, que trata de impedir a los inmigrantes indocumentados el acceso a tener una licencia de conducir, además de limitar su acceso a los servicios públicos y a la atención médica.

Otro ejemplo de la xenofobia son las acciones del grupo Limit Immigration Now [Limiten la Inmigración Ahora], quienes buscan que los legisladores del Estado de Arizona prohiban la adopción de menores y la asis-

tencia a universidades por parte de inmigrantes ilegales en ese estado norteamericano.

Enmienda Catorce de la Constitución de Estados Unidos

Julio 9, 1868

1. Todas las personas nacidas o naturalizadas en los Estados Unidos y sometidas a su jurisdicción son ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos y de los Estados en que residen. Ningún Estado podrá dictar ni dar efecto a cualquier ley que limite los privilegios o inmunidades de los ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos; tampoco podrá Estado alguno privar a cualquier persona de la vida, la libertad o la propiedad sin el debido proceso legal; ni negar a cualquier persona que se encuentre dentro de sus límites jurisdiccionales la protección de

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NANCY B. JIMENEZ
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts oOnline Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
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March 3, 10

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FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Feb. 3, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-153
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:Rick's Janitorial and Window Cleening, 58 Maryland Ave, Woodland, CA 95695.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Rick Vasquez, 58 Maryland Ave. Woodland, Ca 95695.
This business classification is: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2005
s/Rick Vasquez
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State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
Feb. 17, 24, Mar 3, 10

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Feb. 25, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-221
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:Four M Equipment, 320 Niemann St., Winters, CA 95694..
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Monte Molina, 320 Niemann St.Winters, CA 95694
Jeanette Molina, 320 Niemann St. Winters, CA 95694.
This business classification is: Husband & wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on 2-25-05
s/Monte Molina
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FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
March 10, 17, 24, 31

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 thepetition for change of name shouldnot 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

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Fictitious Business Name

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March 3, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kimberli Johnson, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-244
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:MC Store Fixtures/Equipment Co. 723 Railroad Ave. Winters, CA 95694.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Marvin Leo Crawford, Jr. 950 Hillview Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.
This business classification is: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on 03-03, 2005
s/Marvin Leo Crawford, Jr.
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s/Kimberli Johnson, Deputy Clerk
March 10, 17, 24, 31

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The deadline to place a classified ad is Tuesday at noon.

State ends TeleFile tax filing program

The state's file-by-phone program known as TeleFile is discontinued for this year, according to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB).

TeleFile debuted in 1996. Due to decreased usage, the FTB determined it was no longer cost beneficial to maintain the program. TeleFile's usage peaked in 1998 with 299,000 taxpayers phoning in their taxes. Last year the number of TeleFilers dropped to 74,000. The FTB reports that displaced TeleFilers can still use technology to file their returns and still enjoy free filing, quick refunds, and reduced errors by using the state's CalFile service or one of many free e-file services offered by participating companies.

"Online filing offers Californians an easy and fast

way to file their tax returns," said State Controller and FTB Chair Steve Westly. CalFile is the FTB's no fee, direct-to-government e-file program. It is available to more than 6 million taxpayers who file the 540 2EZ, 540A, and to a limited degree the 540 long form. CalFile accepts income of nearly \$280,000, itemized deductions, and some tax credits.

Many commercial e-file companies offer free e-file services to certain customers. The benefits of using e-file are quick refunds within seven days, accurate return preparation that is paperless, and acknowledgement that the FTB received the return.

The FTB expects to receive more than 7.9 million e-file returns from tax practitioners and tax-

payers this year, compared to 7.2 million e-file returns received last year. In total, more than 14 million returns will be filed this year. When taxpayers e-file, they save the state money. Compared to a handwritten return that is mailed, the state saves \$1.

Taxpayers can visit the FTB's Website at www.ftb.ca.gov to find CalFile. Also on hand is information on this year's taxes, answers to frequently asked questions, and all other e-services. Taxpayers also have the ability to check the status of payments, balances due, refunds, and use electronic methods to pay their taxes. For quick refunds, taxpayers should request Direct Deposit, which allows the state controller to deposit refunds directly into bank accounts.

Trees offered

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to eah person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during March.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced, free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE, 68410, by March 31. Or go online to arborday.org.

WORLD & COMMUNITY NEWS

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you. --B. B. King

New business for historic downtown

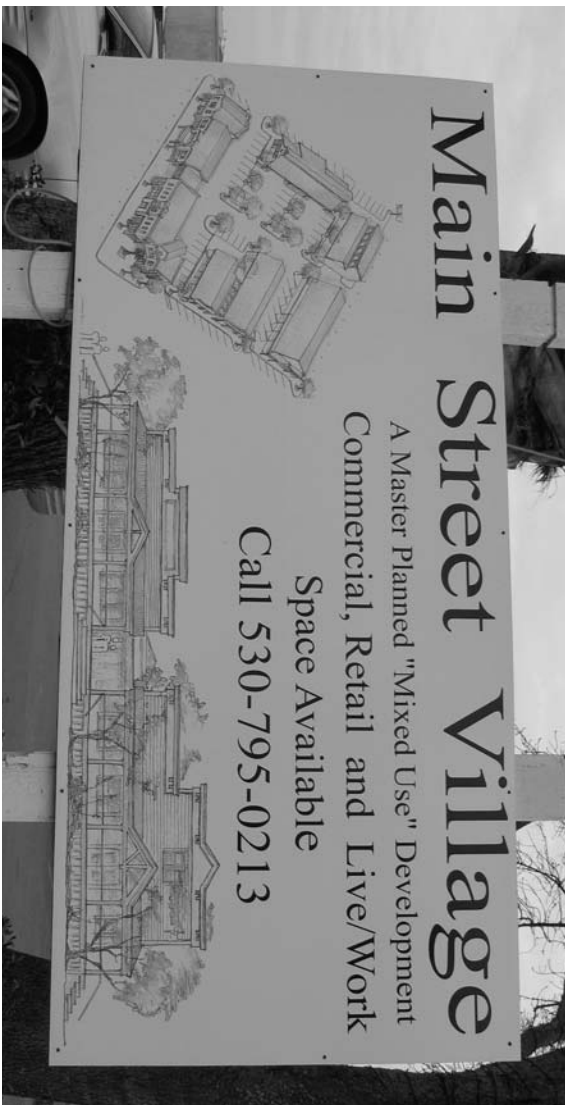
By Jesse Adams

JDSBuildersisbringing a new dimension to Downtown Winters with its Main Street Village development. This new development will include many mixed-use buildings along the corner of Main Street and Railroad. The buildings will contain a few new stores and some live in studios for artists.

"We really hit on something with the art studios," says John Siracusa, the owner of JDS Builders. "When we first put out an ad for studio space for lease, the phone didn't stop

ringing." Art studios aren't the only things that are on the books for the Village. A new take-out restaurant will be ready for customers sometime in April, adding a new place for students and adults to get a nice meal during the day. Siracusa says that his company also has a lease agreement with a gift shop, which will be getting space in one of the new buildings.

"We're not some big developer here to put in another 100 houses," states Siracusa, completed.



WASC: the school's grader

By Scott Wallace and Phill Antipa

Most of us don't know the organization, WASC, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Furthermore, most of us don't know that WASC is here to make sure every school or college is meeting certain criteria, such as students being actively engaged in challenging learning experiences as well as meeting the school's ESLRs. Expected School-wide Learning Results. Criteria like these are used to accredit individual schools.

There are three accreditation periods awarded for one, three, and six years. During the last WASC process, Winters' accreditation was unique in that the school received a three-year term of accreditation, and then it was extended to six, after a two

"we are doing in fill projects, turning empty lots into buildings for new businesses."

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District Restructuring Analysis

By Robert Warren

The Winters Joint Unified School District is going through a Restructuring Analysis

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A key component in this is the fact that a majority of the District's income is based on its student's Average Daily Attendance (ADA). One student's attendance for a year brings in \$4736.51.

The real issue is that in the past few years, the District has suffered financially due to declining student enrollment and is forecasted to keep declining for at least another two years. Major changes are in need for

the District and that is what the Restructuring Analysis is about. Some propositions for change include consolidation of sites: such as moving the kindergarten to Waggoner and bringing Wolfskill into the kindergarten; and moving ninth grade to the middle school and moving sixth grade to Shirley Rominger.

The Analysis is going to be acted out by the Board of Trustees, a Facilities Advisory Committee, a District Advisory Committee, a District Leadership Team, and the public.

Any suggestions or comments are welcomed and appreciated. A schedule has been set up and the public meetings are on March 16th, April 19th, and possibly May 9th.

Restructuring Process Timeline	
Second meeting of District Advisory Committee	March 8
District Leadership Team Meeting	March 15
Public Meeting	March 16
Report to Board of Trustees	March 17
Third meeting of District Advisory Committee	March 21
Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting	April 6
Fourth Meeting of District Advisory Committee	April 12
Public Meeting	April 19
Board of Trustees	April 21
District Leadership Team Meeting	May 3
Recommendations to Board of Trustees	May 5
Public Meeting, if needed	May 9
Action taken by Board of Trustees	May 19

A Night of Comedy

by Cara Patton

Winters Theater Presents, "Alone Together," a comedy by Lawrence Roman. "Alone Together" is a comedy about two parents, George and Helene, who are finally being left alone, when their youngest

Company Presents, "Alone Together," a comedy by Lawrence Roman. "Alone Together" is a comedy about two parents, George and Helene, who are finally being left alone, when their youngest child, Keith, leaves to college. The splendor of complete privacy and relaxation steps in for the exhausted parents. But the kid they thought they were getting rid of begins trailing home, along with some unexpected guests. Helene's

Editorial:

Sticks and Stones

don't only break bones

Bitch. Whore. Slut.

Walking through the halls of WHS, students may not be surprised to hear these words: *Bitch. Whore. Slut. Skank. Ho.*

A junior boy yells after a girl who has just turned and walked away from him: "Bitch!"

A jealous senior watches as her ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend walks down the hall and whispers: "Slut."

A freshman girl is asked "How's my favorite skank today?" and answers, "I'm good."

We have become numb to these words. These words of hate. These words of devaluation, degradation, and humiliation towards women. These words that hurt. *Bitch. Whore. Slut. Skank. Ho.*

When did words that belittle a gender become acceptable forms of expression? When did they become art? Or entertainment?

The music videos that are thrown at today's youth are filled with references to the

OPINION

"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." --Dorothy Parker

No foreign-born presidents

By Mary Tilden

G o v e r n o r Schwarzenegger, born in Austria, hopes to change the part of the Constitution stating that "No person except a natural born citizen...shall be eligible to the Office of President," so that he can run for president. I disagree with his effort.

Columnist Joe Mathews quotes Senator Arlen Specter in "Maybe Anyone Can Be President" claiming, "...The guy has become governor of California. What more credentials could you ask?"

While Schwarzenegger is currently in a strong position, a large gap of power exists between Governor of the state and President of the nation. If Schwarzenegger's goal was to turn California into a Utopian or Communist State, the American President would put a stop to it.

But what if the President of the United States had been born in Siberia? If Schwarzenegger tried to turn California into a fascist state, would the Siberian-American President oppose? Even today, Siberia and others are run by

fascism. What would happen if Americans elected a foreign-born President who wanted to change America into a fascist country, whether from the good will of his heart or for devious reasons? Remember Hitler? America does not want a foreign-born President. It's had enough knowing secretive convicts and terrorists born in the U.S. have a chance of becoming president.

Now, I'm not saying that if Americans let Schwarzenegger run for president he will try to destroy America. But if we change the Constitution for his benefit, we will have to accept any other foreign-born candidate. The very reason America's Founding Fathers added the "natural born citizen" to the Constitution is because, as Columnist Mathews pointed out, "In 1772, Austria joined Prussia and Russia in dividing up Poland, which had been weakened by the election of a foreign-born head of state."

Thankfully America's Founding Fathers were wise enough to learn from Poland's mistake. Nonetheless, a national campaign to allow foreign-born citizens to run for president has begun. And supporters have come up with good arguments for the Amendment. For instance, children born overseas and adopted by American families know no other country. Why can't they lead America? Columnist Mathews mentioned, "Many foreign-born people have risked their lives or died for the country." If they can die, can't they lead?

I say: better safe than sorry. America owes respect and gratitude to those who have died for our cause, but too many foreigners hate America. They would rather see our economy fall to ruin than have Americans help their countries. For example, when the U.S. went in to change the Iraqi government, insurgents would shoot at the soldiers. The United States cannot risk changing the Constitution because of foreign heroes who died for America and little children who never knew their homeland. Schwarzenegger must be satisfied with governing California.

The would-be draft

By Jeremy Nelson

According to Eric Rosenberg, of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the Selective Service has expanded its role to register and keep track of young men and women, ages 18-34, who possess skills our government is looking for.

This "skills draft" there was not going to be a draft. His military is beginning to falter and agreements have been made with European countries and Canada that would send back any would-be draft dodgers. It is my belief that

debates, President Bush said that engaged in a generational war, then the military will need access to new recruits because the current troop deployment in Iraq is made up of nearly 50 percent reservists and National Guardsmen.

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Many Republicans are saying that any president would

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Inauguration excess

By Bryant West

The world has just gone through one of the worst natural disasters, and the world's superpower is spending forty million dollars on an inauguration that celebrates the return of a president that 49% of Americans don't like.

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