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The beauty of Stebbins Cold Canyon (above) is the star attraction of a series of nature hikes, coordinated by naturalist Jeff Falyn (below), seen examining a wildflower known as a Blue Dick. The canyon is located a few miles west of Winters on Highway 129.



## BEAUTIFUL BACK YARD

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

There is a nature preserve so unique that back in the 1960s, the University of California purchased it, along with more than 30 others throughout the state, to ensure that future generations of students and professors could study this special ecosystem. This ecosystem, called "coastal canyon," is literally in Winters' back yard — only a few miles up Highway 128, just below Monticello Dam.

It is called Stebbins Cold Canyon, and drivers on the way to and from Lake Berryessa may have passed its small dirt turnout on the road and the simple metal gate across the way a zillion times, never realizing what lush, natural beauty lies just down the dirt path. Yet there it sits for anyone to enjoy. So why aren't more Winter residents doing so, particularly when it's only

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## Callahan Estates project approved

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

The first of several residential developments in varying stages of the application process within the city of Winters was approved unanimously by the city council at its Tuesday, March 15, meeting.

Callahan Estates is one of four developments that have been the subject of much debate over the past year, with concerns over environmental impact, design and growth coming to the forefront of the discussion. This project will bring 120 new homes to Winters, 102 of which will be market rate homes, 18 of which will meet the city's affordable housing requirement. The devel-

opment is located on 26.4 acres in the northwest area of Winters between the future extension of West Main and Taylor streets. It is bordered to the north by the proposed Winters Highlands Project, a development of over 300 homes, which is currently undergoing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) study with specific focus on biological issues.

The developer, Hoffman Land Development Company, first came under the radar last winter when a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact was circulated by city staff. Residents attended several meetings

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## Feds declare schools need improvement

By GARY BEALL  
Express correspondent

The Winters Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) was notified on March 8 that it has been designated a program improvement district, meaning that the district is not meeting U.S. Department of Education criteria established by the 2001 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

Although two schools in the district — Waggoner Elementary School and Winters Middle School — were previously designated as program improvement schools for not meet-

ing NCLB criteria, the district had escaped that designation because of the way the California Department of Education had interpreted the federal criteria. However the federal government challenged the state's action, and in the resulting compromise earlier this month, the number of program improvement school districts in California rose from 14 to 184.

WJUSD met 23 of the 26 adequate yearly progress criteria set by the NCLB Act, but it failed to make adequate yearly progress

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## Schools' API scores mixed

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

According to the 2004 Academic Performance Index (API) reports released by the California Department of Education recently, the Winters School District increased its overall API score to

675, up from a score of 664 in 2003 and 645 in 2002. The API rates every school and school district in California on a scale of 200 to 1,000, and a score of 800 or above is considered "excellent." The state has established a score of 800

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## Does it have to be so loud?



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Bagpipes are great — but do they have to be so loud? Just ask the young participants in the annual Winters St. Patrick's Day Parade, held on March 17, followed by a bagpipe performance from Dave Parkhurst at the Rotary Park gazebo. From left are Jacob Roberts, Katie Rotenkolber, Kelsey Sinkovich, Rayna Valasquez and Natalie Bock.

### FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

**ANJELICA BREANN ZUIROZ** is the new daughter and first child of Teresa Alvarez and Luis Zuiroz of Union City. Born on March 15 at 9:34 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital in Hayward, Anjelica weighed exactly 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Alfonso Mederos and Kathy Zuiroz Maderos of Winters. Charles Alvarez (deceased) was the maternal grandparent. Maternal great grandparents are Teresa Alvarez and Faturino Alvarez of Hayward. Paternal great grandparents are Bill and Helga McMenomey of Winters and Clara Rangel Mederos and Manuel Mederos of Los Angeles.

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# Weekly police report

**March 10**  
~ On the first block of Main Street, a victim received threatening telephone calls. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

**March 12**  
~ On County Road 88, an officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff Deputy with a domestic violence call.

**3/14/05**  
~ On the 200 block of Toyon Lane, an officer assisted the Yolo County District Attorney's Office with search warrant.

**March 15**  
~ Jennifer Aislinn Silva, 22, of Winters was arrested for possessing a gravity knife and violation of probation. She was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.  
~ On the 400 block of Grant Avenue, a victim received a harassing telephone call.

**March 16**  
~ On the 800 block of Grant Avenue, a suspect disobeyed the direction from a crossing guard. The suspect was found to be an unlicensed driver. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.  
~ Matthew William Balogh, 18, of Winters was arrested for transporting a controlled substance. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.  
~ Michael Joseph Nelson, 23, of Winters was arrested for possessing a controlled substance, possessing controlled substance paraphernalia and possessing less than an ounce of marijuana. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.  
~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

**March 17**  
~ On the 1000 block of Adams Lane, property was stolen from the back yard of a residence. The property was recovered.  
~ At Grant Avenue and Railroad Avenue, forcible entry was gained to a business and property was stolen. Loss: \$160.  
~ Between Jan. 19 and Feb. 9, a suspect wrote letters to a victim in violation of a court order. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.  
~ Geret John Losoya, 18, of Winters was arrested for possessing a narcotic controlled substance and possessing cocaine. He was booked at the Winters

Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

**March 18**  
~ Leslie Anne Carner, 20, of Winters was stopped facing westbound on East Grant Avenue at East Street with the vehicle's left turn signal activated. David Joseph Reynoso, 52, of Winters, was driving westbound on East Grant Avenue and collided into the rear of Carner's vehicle.

**March 19**  
~ On the 400 block of Cottage Circle, a vehicle was reported stolen. The vehicle was involved in a hit and run traffic collision in Madison a few hours prior. The vehicle was recovered on March 21.  
~ On the first block of Abbey Street, Officer responded to an audible alarm and found an open door. The building was cleared and the door secured.  
~ A found scooter was turned over to the police department.  
~ A found recorder was turned over to the police department.  
~ At County Road 93A and County Road 31, an officer assisted the California Highway Patrol with a traffic collision.

**March 20**  
~ Ricardo Prado Perez, 19, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and having an audible stereo heard over 50 feet.

**March 21**  
~ Antonio Buenrrostro, 35, of Winters was arrested for being an unlicensed driver and no proof of insurance. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.  
~ A found bicycle was turned over to the police department.  
~ On the 300 block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm and found an open door. The business was cleared and the door secured.  
~ Matthew Allen Kalac, 40, of Winters surrendered himself on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charge of taking a bicycle for temporary use. Kalac was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a promise to appear.

**March 22**  
~ On the 1100 block of Washington Street, a residence was entered by an unknown point of entry and suspect rummaged through drawers and cabinets. No property appeared to be missing.

# Lake Berryessa over spillway

Water at Lake Berryessa began pouring over the spillway last Friday about 6 p.m. and by Tuesday morning was more than six inches above the spillway. The flow of water in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam Tuesday morning was measured at 748 cubic feet per second. Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 440.47

feet above sea level, .60 of a foot higher than last Tuesday, and storage behind the Monticello Dam was computed at 1,611,360 acre feet of water, 11,583 more than last Tuesday. The SID is diverting 100 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 100 acre feet of water per day during the week.

# YESTERYEAR



~File photo  
Pictured above are the employees of the Winters Branch, First National Bank of Dixon, taken in December 1971, with Wayne Sawyer as manager. The Express listed only the first names. Left to right are Debbie, Shirlee, Jean, Wayne, Ima, Fina and Elizabeth.

35  
YEARS AGO

April 2, 1970

50  
YEARS AGO

March 31, 1955

65  
YEARS AGO

March 29, 1940

100  
YEARS AGO

March 31, 1905

Olin Timm, president of the First National Bank of Dixon, announced this week that Wayne Sawyer, of Winters, has been selected as manager of the Winters branch of the bank, when it opens this summer at the corner of First and Main streets.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held yesterday morning for the new Royal Dryers Co-op dehydrating plant to be constructed on the former Joe Doll ranch on County Road 31 west of Interstate 505.

"The Treasury of Youth Holds the Riches of the Future" is the theme for the 1970 Winters Youth Day parade to be held on Saturday, April 25, according to Doug Martin, parade chairman.

Miss Josephine Nadrid returned to her San Francisco home Monday after spending the Easter weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Martin.

Dennis M. Mahoney, A-1c, U.S. Air Force, is now stationed in Okinawa. He enlisted in 1968, took basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and left in mid-July for Okinawa.

Sunday, April 5, is the deadline for purchasing tickets for the annual Winters Post 242 American Legion's crab feed, scheduled for Saturday evening, April 11. Ralph Norfolk, ticket chairman, said tickets are \$5 each.

Dudley Mitchell and A. Hershberg have returned from a few days' drive up north, going as far as Coos Bay and enjoying visiting spots of scenic interest on the way.

Mrs. Lindsay M. Jewett of Davis, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Winters Rotary club, to be held at noon today at the Buckhorn Dining Room.

On Thursday, March 26, little Sammy Silvey observed his second birthday anniversary at a dinner party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Silvey.

Ray Johnson, Youth Day Mayor, will be assisted by Councilmen Colleen Clayton, John Gonzales, Sam Biasi, Alphonse Fernandez, Alice Guerard, Dale Brewer, Rosalie Constant and Gloria Molina. The other elected officers are: Lillis Moore, treasurer; Mary Vieu, city clerk, and Barbara Graf, judge.

The city planning commission at the meeting Tuesday night, endorsed the planning survey of the Putah Creek canyon area, suggested by a joint Yolo-Solano committee.

Miss Diane Young will leave on Saturday with a delegation from the Davis Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, to attend the Grand Assembly in Long Beach.

Mrs. Chester A. Moyle of Merced spent the weekend visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Bird.

The senior class of Winters High School observed the annual "skip day" Monday with a trip to Cisco Grove. The day was spent skiing and tobogganing.

Miss Jean Schroeder, a junior in Winters High School, has been chosen as the Winters representative at Girl's State, to be held in Sacramento in June.

At the Sunday morning service at the First Christian Church, dedicatory ceremonies were held for the new Baldwin organ presented to the church by members of the Wyatt clan as a memorial for the J.N.B. Wyatt family.

George Mosolf, of Carmel, who coached at Winters High School in 1938 through 1941, is bringing the Carmel High School baseball team here next Wednesday to play the Winters team.

# Weekly fire report

**March 14**  
~ 10:17 a.m., outdoor miscellaneous fire, County Road 90 at Russell Boulevard; fire in field.  
~ 5:42 p.m., medical aid, 400 block of Main Street; unresponsive person.

**March 15**  
~ 9:32 p.m., mutual aid to Solano County, Winters Road at Allendale Road; vehicle roll-over.

**March 17**  
~ 11:55 a.m., medical aid, 300 block of First Street; person hyperventilating.  
~ 7:02 p.m., mutual aid to Solano County, Interstate 505 at Allendale Road; vegetation fire.

**March 18**  
~ 9:42 p.m., medical aid, 100 block of Grant Avenue; intoxicated person.

The executive committee of the Winters Board of Trade passed a resolution on a regular meeting night, calling for the state to locate the Agricultural Farm School in Yolo County and preferably in Winters.

F.P. Henrichs of the People's Meat Market has installed a telephone in his place of business, his number being Main 295.

The Current Topics Club session last night was a success in the most pronounced degree and surprisingly interesting. The club now has 30 members and the next meeting will be April 12.

The flower festival of the Women's Improvement Club will be held in the opera house for three days, beginning April 13.

Wednesday, there were twenty names on the register at the Winters Hotel. Considering this is in the "dull" season the hotel is certainly doing a pretty good business.

At their last meeting the W.C.T.U. decided to enter a two weeks membership contest, the losing side to furnish refreshments. The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Nellie Young, Thursday, April 6.

Mrs. Wm. Betz is now operating the New Corner Restaurant, Railroad Avenue opposite depot.

School elections for trustees occur next Friday, April 7.

Elmwood Circle, Women of Woodcraft had a big time Tuesday night at which seven new members were initiated.

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# How are developer agreements made?

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

As the planning commission and city staff deal with the housing development applications that are hitting the city fast and hard, there has been a lot of discussion about development agreements. So what are they and where do they come from?

According to City Manager John Donlevy, a development agreement is a voluntary contract between a developer and the city. It is a written description of entitlements to the developer and specific obligations owed to the city by the developer. Donlevy explains that not every developer wants or needs a development agreement, most often a developer will consent to one when he or she needs something, such as changes in zoning, or exclusion from a specific plan, in order to develop property.

Donlevy describes the agreement by saying "if you [the developer] want something from us, we are going to get something from you."

For example, the developers of Callahan Estates, Hoffman Land Development Company, needed to be excluded from the West Central Master Plan. In exchange for that, as well as a couple of other entitlements, Hoffman Land Development Company agreed to negotiate a development agreement [see story].

When asked where the city comes up with the items in the development agreement, Donlevy refers to the General Plan, which was adopted by the city in 1992. Goals set forth in the General Plan, such as adequate parkland, traffic circulation, bike paths, adequate school facilities and a regional sports park, are all key issues with regard to development agreements.

When an application comes before the city, with consent

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# CALLAHAN

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asking for further study with regard to traffic, environmental and school impacts, and growth issues. A decision by the planning commission to ask for an EIR was appealed to the city council in July and continued in August, where the council overturned the planning commission's decision.

During the interim, the developer representative Jim Hildenbrandt, agreed to hold two collaborative community workshops, under the direction of a paid facilitator, to hear the concerns and desires of the residents, as well as hear the interests of the developer.

A version of the project brought before the planners in October was rejected, and the developer was asked to come up with alternatives with regard to the park plan and bicycle trails.

The planning commission also approved a concept for a linear park north of Callahan Estates, in the Winters Highlands Project, as well as a concept for green space and bike paths, resulting in "connectivity" in the northwest part of the city.

At the November planning commission meeting, a decision on the project was again continued, pending fulfillment of several conditions. In January, citing concerns that the park requirement be fulfilled in a timely manner, planning commissioner Ed Ross made a conditional motion to recommend the project to the city council. That decision was later appealed by the applicant.

Finally, on March 15, having successfully negotiated an agreement with regard to the park requirement, the applicant formally withdrew the appeal and the council considered the merits of the project.

Contract planner Heidi Tschudin explained several of the features shown on the tentative map, including a Class I bike path on West Main Street, a Class II bike path on Anderson Avenue, three "open space" features, similar to what the planning commission has called "pocket parks," and a landscaped feature on Anderson Avenue. That feature is located on the west side of West Main Street, which incorporates green space and closes off Anderson Avenue to westbound traffic.

In addition, she told the council, there are several traffic calming features incorporated into the project, designed to slow down and calm traffic on the residential streets.

Tschudin passed the

microphone to Rich Brown, special counsel for the city, to discuss the agreement that was negotiated between the developer and the school district. Brown told the council an agreement had been signed, in which the developer agreed to pay both Level II and Level III school fees on all but the homes that are designated as affordable to families of very low and low income.

Brown went on to describe the "deal points," included in the developer agreement, which was negotiated between the city and the developer. Benefits to the city include:

- ~ Dedication of a parcel of property to be used for the future construction of a police/fire station and public works facility;

- ~ Funding toward construction of the police/fire station and public works facility;

- ~ Payment of \$8,600 per unit into an annuity to mitigate for fiscal neutrality of the project;

- ~ Payment of \$67,459 toward construction of a new Winters Branch of the Yolo County Library;

- ~ The developer will also pay its pro-rata share of improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, pay for pedestrian and circulation improvements and a new city water well.

With regard to the park requirement for the project, Brown told the council "negotiations over the park issue have been lengthy and heated to some extent."

The result of the negotiations is that upon filing of the final map for the development, the developer will be required to pay 100 percent of the cost of developing the 2.7-acre, off-site park requirement. The cost includes land, infrastructure, planning, development and equipment. After that, the developer will be required to pay an additional 50 percent of that amount, an equal portion of which will be paid upon issuance of each building permit obtained for the 102 market rate houses.

City Manager John Donlevy told the council the points in the development agreement add up to a win-win for the city and the developer. He said a development agreement for the city, is intended to gain advancement of General Plan goals.

Also included in the development agreement is a limit on the number of houses that can be constructed in the project per year. In year one, a maximum of 51 homes may be built; year two is the same. In years three through five, only 25 homes may be constructed, and in year six, 27.

During the discussion, council member Harold

Anderson voiced concern that the plan called for only 10 percent of the homes in the development to include photovoltaics to allow for solar power.

Hildenbrandt said the plan is to offer photovoltaics to every buyer and include information on solar availability in the marketing brochures. He offered to have customers sign a disclosure agreement stating they had been offered the photovoltaic option. Anderson also wanted to make sure the guidelines that have been circulated at both the city council and planning commission level, with regard to energy efficiency, were included. Tschudin said the document is included in the agreement.

Council member Woody Fridae noted that state legislation is pending that would call for 50 percent of all new homes to have photovoltaics. He wanted to know how that would affect this development. Tschudin said it depends on the final legislation.

Hildenbrandt, admitting that solar power is not his area of expertise, said the final information would probably be included during the architectural review. He agreed to provide the city with information on how many buyers were interested in the photovoltaic product.

When Hildenbrandt addressed the council, he noted that the city staff negotiated admirably for the interests of the city.

Fridae asked him what the timeline is for the development.

Hildenbrandt's understanding was that he has 150 days to come back to the city with the final map.

"If I can do it sooner, I will do it sooner," he said. "One year from now I would like to be out there building houses."

Martinez voiced disappointment at the lack of variety in the development's lot sizes. He noted that a couple of years ago the city changed its zoning from a set minimum to a minimum average, to allow for housing that fits different lifestyles.

"It seemed like a good idea at the time," he said. "It's missing from the project at this point."

Tschudin pointed out that the lifestyle housing Martinez was talking about depended on different styles and sizes of houses to meet the needs of people in different stages of life. She said that need does not necessarily have to be met in one subdivision. She told the council that type of housing is typically seen in mixed-use developments, and noted that R-1 zoning does not allow for mixed-use housing product. Tschudin told the

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# Opinion



## DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

**F**OR THOSE OF YOU WHO don't use computers (if such a creature exists anymore these days), here's the short version of this column: Microsoft bad. Now go ahead and turn to the comics. As for the rest of you, allow me to weep on your collective shoulder. I'm in computer hell.

It started when I replaced my trusty old institution-gray Dell with a sleek, sexy black Dell Dimension 8300. State of the art — at least until I opened the box, at which point it was already obsolete.

Not to fret. Even though a PC is outdated by the time you plug it in, the software is kept current via automatic Internet downloads. A Microsoft window pops up, displays the updates and asks if you want to download them.

Like I even know what the messages mean. Just click "yes."

My ignorance-is-bliss method worked fine until something called Service Pack 2 came along. SP2 thought it was smarter than I was. True, it probably is, and, true, when it comes to computers, I shouldn't fiddle with anything more complicated than "on/off." But I own that computer, not vice-versa, and I should command it, not vice-versa. SP2 thought otherwise.

SP2 scanned every little thing before allowing me to see it (and took its sweet time doing so), and disabled features it deemed unnecessary. Like my virus protection update program. Norton Live Update. Neutralized. After emailing back and forth with Norton, which is about as easy as emailing with God, it was decided that Norton and SP2 had irreconcilable differences. One of them had to go. As SP2 seemed like little more than a Nervous Nellie watching my every move, it got the boot.

That's it. To hell with Microsoft, to hell with Bill Gates. No more free pass on those innocuous little Microsoft updates. It felt deliciously empowering to click "no" to all those little updates, like flipping the bird to old Billy Boy. Until Billy Boy flipped back. Surprise, surprise, his bird's bigger.

Turns out that sooner or later, if you don't install SP2, viruses Norton can't detect will infest your computer. Now, who's brilliant yet evil enough to create a Norton-proof virus that can only be prevented by his own software? The guy with the bigger bird, maybe? I can't prove it, but it's all a little too convenient, if you ask me.

This virus caused pop-up ads to proliferated like springtime weeds. My computer began to stall, sputter and freeze. One unkind day, it halted completely. Dead in the water.

Dell technical support to the rescue. After an eternity on hold, I finally made a scratchy connection with a soft-spoken man named "John," which seemed an odd name for a man with an unmistakably thick Indian accent. John advised me to try this, reboot that, all to no avail. My Dell was dead. The only solution was to wipe the hard drive clean, which meant all my files would be lost.

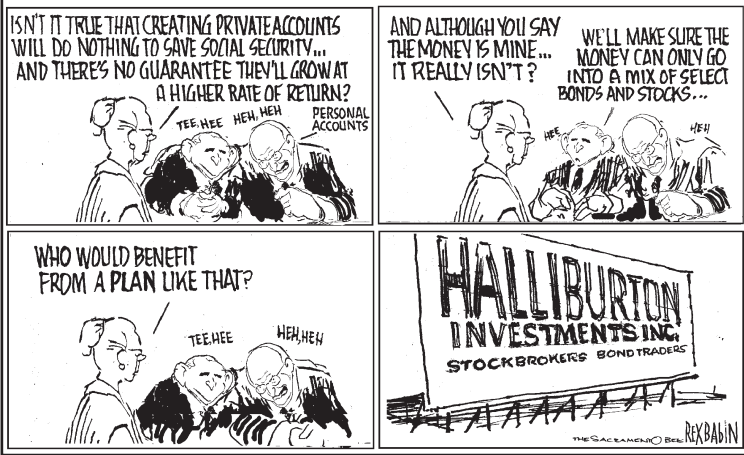
Oh, *sob*. John asked if I had all my original Dell CDs. Sure, right here. Excellent, he replied. He'd walk me through it. Wait. Me? You're going to walk me through reformatting a hard drive? Dude. I can't even run my DVD player by myself.

No other choice, John said. So, with all the confidence one might have in performing a self-hysterectomy over the telephone, I slid the reformatting CD into the computer and started hitting "enter" this and "enter" that. Several hours later, my computer sputtered back to life.

Wow. A guy on the other side of the planet guided a technological melonhead like myself through reformatting a hard drive. What a profoundly satisfying experience. I felt like we should have a cigarette.

So, my computer's working again. This should be the happy ending, right? Wrong. Remember all those Microsoft upgrades I'd rejected? To stop this nightmare from reoccurring, they had to be downloaded. Microsoft is still impregnating my computer as we speak.

You win, Bill. I give up. I can't fight Microsoft. Go ahead, download whatever you want. Knock yourself out. But I'll still be flipping you the bird while you do. No, it doesn't solve anything, but at least it takes the sting out of it.



## LETTERS

### Voice your opinions now

Dear Editor,

My husband and I have two small children — one currently attending Waggoner Elementary (in 1st grade) who attended the Clayton Kinder School last year, and one attending the Winters Parent Nursery School who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2006. Additionally, I serve on the Waggoner School Site Council (accordingly, I am very familiar with the school's status as a School Improvement Site and the two-year plan to improve performance). I am also a substitute for the Winters School District, I volunteer in the classroom on a weekly basis, and am in close contact with my son's teacher.

To date, my husband and I have been extremely pleased with the school system. As you can imagine though, we are very concerned about the possible changes to the elementary school district configuration and we are writing to express our deep concern and anxiety about the situation. Our concerns and thoughts are as follows:

We think that it is a terrible idea to move the Wolfskill students or any other high-school-aged students to an elementary school site (i.e., Waggoner) where there are young children. There are so many issues and concerns regarding this potentiality that it would require more than a letter to address.

What about selling the Wolfskill site and using the income to adjust for the forecasted two-year decline in student attendance and therefore funding? The Wolfskill students can go to the high school ag site, where an appropriate facility can be created. There's room, and it's in a great location for them.

The kinder school is a unique and wonderful school, and a big draw for parents with young children. Losing such a fabulous site and experience at the start of school would be a huge loss and a great pity.

Moving the kinder students to Waggoner would in itself require a great deal of money. Facilities would have to be remodeled and improved to accommodate them. The temporary buildings have no water. Bathrooms would have to be installed for the kindergarteners. A separate playground/play structure would have to be

installed for the kindergarteners to be age and ability-appropriate. Many other safety issues would have to be addressed, including making the campus a closed campus with a locked gate to ensure that no students are let out or leave on their own.

It sounds as if the current situation that they are trying to remedy is temporary. It's been mentioned that the shortfall in students could exist for as little as two years. Does it make sense to go through these unpopular gyrations to fix a short-time dilemma? With the plans for new developments, it won't be long before they will find themselves having to re-align again.

What is the extent of the financial shortfall? Is this something where some fund raisers and contributions might bridge the gap for the few years in question?

I know that families are very concerned about the changes that we've read about and heard about — in particular about losing the kindergarten site and about older children being schooled at a site with significantly younger children. Such changes are causing many families to consider schooling their children elsewhere and withdrawing them from the public school system and the Winters School District, which would cause greater loss of funding for the district.

Moreover, such a change (closing the kinder school) causes a loss of community support and instead of drawing families closer together, separates them further, as children leave the school district.

I plan to attend the next public meetings scheduled for April 5 and 19. Closing the kindergarten (and sending those students to Waggoner) is a terrible idea and would be a very sad loss for our community.

There's not much time left. Please write to Superintendent Dale Mitchell about your concerns and please attend the April 5 and 19 public meetings, scheduled for 6 p.m. at the school district office to voice your concerns, opinions and ideas. These could be the last public meetings, and your only chance to be heard before a final decision is made on May 19.

**REBECCA  
BRESNICK HOLMES  
and TIM HOLMES**

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

## A QUICK OPINION

**F**OR THE RECORD, LET ME DIE. The big story in every newspaper, television station or radio for the past month, if not years, has been the right of Michael Schiavo to let his wife, Terry, die. Her doctors are unanimous in their opinion that she is in a permanent vegetative state and will never recover. Her parents won't admit that their daughter is never going to recover and have fought to keep her "alive" for over 15 years. That's right, for 15 years she has been lying in a hospital bed, being kept alive with a feeding tube stuck down her throat.

The courts have decided that her husband is telling the truth when he says she wouldn't want to live like this. Over 20 judges have sided with the husband as the one who can make medical decisions for his wife, and not her parents. Michael Schiavo has been adamant that his wife be allowed to die, rejecting numerous cash offers to let Terry's parents prevail and keep her "alive," indefinitely.

I'm going to clip this column and hang it around my neck, just in case there is any question about my wishes to not be kept "alive" in a vegetative state. I'm sure web sites and lawyers are busy this week as people scurry around trying to get their wishes, mostly not to be hooked up, down in writing.

Most motorcycle rallies have plenty of tattoo parlors, and so far, I haven't gone under the needle. I'm thinking about a tattoo now. One right over my heart that says, "Do not resuscitate, do not plug me in." You think I'm kidding. Do you want to lie in a hospital bed in a vegetative state, while your loved ones fight over whether you can die with dignity.

Hopefully a doctor will see my organ donor card and harvest my organs before they pull the plug. That would be a great solution. Just take out the parts they need and see how long I can live without a heart, lung, kidneys, or liver.

One of the worst sideshows in this sad story is Congress getting involved. Do you really want a bunch of \*%\*% making your family's final decisions? These are the same people who sent our troops off to war without proper equipment or training. The same Congressmen who won't pay real death benefits to soldiers who died serving their country, but I digress. Now they drop everything, return to Washington, DC and pass emergency legislation about a woman in Florida?

I'm sure that if you walk through area nursing homes, you will find people a lot like Terry Schiavo, whose families are agonizing over whether to end their suffering. It can't be a easy decision, but it is made everyday. If the patient has written instructions as to what they expect you to do, count yourselves lucky.

Why do cases like Lacy Peterson and Terry Schiavo become national news, while equally heart-felt stories find their way onto the back pages of history? Who knows. Maybe we can all see ourselves in the same situations, losing a loved one or being forced to make terribly hard decisions. If Terry Schiavo was your daughter, what would you do?

The Guy that is supposed to be on Page 2 has been consistent in telling us not to resuscitate him if we find him slumped over his desk. He truly hates hospitals and turns white as a sheet just walking into a hospital to visit friends, so I don't think the decision to close the door and come back tomorrow should be that tough. When the time comes, it won't be easy, as a lot of you have already learned.

Take the time to write down your wishes or have Congress or some judge make them for you.

Have a good week.

### Tell them what you think

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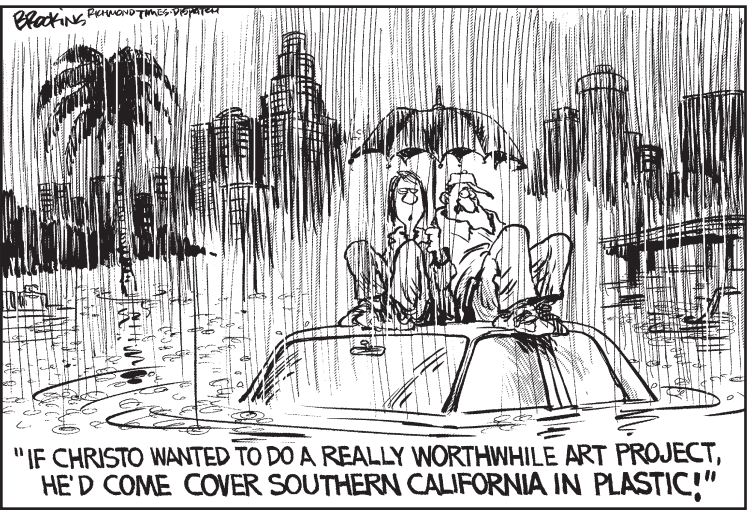
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#### CITY

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

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT

Winters Joint Unified School District, 710 Railroad Ave., Winters 95694, 795-6100. Dale Mitchell, superintendent.







# CANYON

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minutes away?

That's where naturalist Jeff Falyn comes in. Falyn, who relocated from Santa Monica four years ago, is the program coordinator for the Stebbins Cold Canyon preservation program, which is now in its second year. Last year, Falyn sparked a wider public interest in the area with five guided hikes in May. The hikes were so successful that he began a program last fall wherein people could learn to be hiking guides and develop classes using their own unique talents to teach people about the local natural wonders.

This spring, the guided hike program blossomed like the wildflowers along the green banks of the canyon, with an amazingly creative and varied offering of classes. Participants can learn about the geology of the area with a UC Davis geology professor or discover nature through botanical drawing and photography, or simply spend some quiet time in the woods contemplating and reflecting about what they really want from life.

In short, these are not your grandmother's hikes, trudging down a trail after some overgrown Boy Scout, pointing out flowers and trees, telling you their names, and reminding you not to touch anything.

"That would be borrrring," says Falyn, who offers an impromptu sample of how he approaches a nature hike. Pulling a tiny magnifying glass from his pocket, he sits on the ground and picks a simple blue wildflower, the kind you might walk past by the hundreds and not pay much mind to. He examines the flower closely, noting how different things look close up and hands it over.

Through the magnifying glass, the flower is a brilliant purple with a tiny star-shaped yellow center. As you look at all its intricacies, Falyn says, "Now, give the flower a name."

It doesn't matter that the flower is really called a Blue Dick. What matters is how a person responds to it and what she or he sees. Falyn emphasizes that the hikes all have this interactive quality to them and challenge participants to see things from a different perspective.

"I don't just call them hikes. They're outings. Presentations. Offerings. Adventures."

Falyn, who leads many of the guided hikes himself, knows the area as if it's his own. He where to escape all the cool, secluded pool are, and can show you a rock with a mortar-shaped indentation once used by Patwin Indians to grind food, or



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Jeff Falyn looks out over one of his favorite spots at Stebbins Cold Canyon. Falyn is among the volunteers leading a series of nature hikes over the next few months, intended to introduce participants to the natural wonders just west of Winters.

how to crush a Bay Laurel leaf between your fingers to release the most heavenly, spicy smell you can imagine. His bubbles over with enthusiasm and appreciation for the canyon, and wishes to spread this sentiment to anyone and everyone.

Falyn explains that the area is one of the most pristine natural settings in Yolo or Solano County, maybe even in the whole state. Oddly enough, people come from miles around to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and visit this area, yet people living right here in Winters practically ignore it.

"People come here from all over to get away from it all and explore the silence and tranquility of the outdoors. I want to let people know that this is a place of wonder and beauty that exists right in their own back yard, and if people listen, taste, feel and use their senses, they can discover things they've never discovered before. Being out in nature is a place to experience new things and experience things from different perspectives."

He points out that daily life can get so hectic that people can forget how to

relax and enjoy life. Life gets faster and faster, and duties and obligations add up, and it's easy to get disconnected from yourself and the environment around you.

"Being out here offers an opportunity to step back from it and see your own life in a new way. It's an opportunity to get away from the noise and the clutter, and listen to your own thoughts. There's no billboards or radios or cell phones."

Falyn says the guided hikes offer such a variety of approaches that it's easy for most anyone to find a way to reconnect with nature and themselves, whether it's a vigorous trek all the way up the ridge that overlooks the entire area or a nighttime stargazing stroll, or even sitting in just one place to see what changes take place in the light or what wildlife wanders or flutters past. Even age isn't a barrier. There are classes that introduce toddlers to nature through play and exploration.

Anyone new to hiking or unsure of which hike to pick can email Falyn and he'll make recommendations based on one's physical abilities, concerns

and interests.

"We have a full menu of opportunities for people to come out and enjoy in whatever area they want and however they want."

Falyn adds that the response to the hikes has been so successful this year, he's already planning ahead to next year's outings, and hopes to have hikes led in Spanish and to add canoe and kayak trips around Lake Solano.

The hikes are free of charge, and each one is limited to 15 people. To participate, contact Falyn, jfalyn@ucdavis.edu or 795-3864. Include your name, desired presentation date, phone number and/or e-mail address, and indicate whether you need directions.

# Seeking a Grand Marshal

The Winters Youth Day Committee is seeking nominations for the 2005 Winters Youth Day Parade Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal will lead the 69th Youth Day Parade on Saturday, April 30. The committee is looking for someone who has dedicated their time to

the Winters community and youth through the years.

Nominations can be sent to Winters Youth Day, P.O. Box 807, Winters, CA 95694 or to Parade Chairman Mike Sebastian at mjkasebastian@aol.com. Nominations must be received by April 1, for consideration.





# SCHOOLS

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for two consecutive years for English learners in English/language arts and for students with disabilities in both English/language arts and mathematics.

As the result of its program improvement designation, the district is required to send a letter to all parents informing them of the program improvement status, revise its district plan, consult with an outside agency, and allocate more money for professional improvement. To get off the program improvement list, the district must adequately meet the NCLB yearly progress criteria for two consecutive years. If it does not get off the list, the district — like its two program improvement schools — will, in the third year, face mandatory restructuring that could include replacing the superintendent and school board with an appointed trustee, replacing staff and creating a new curriculum.

The school district could escape the sanctions if it did not accept any federal funding, which totaled \$404,000 for the 2004-05 school year.

District superintendent Dale Mitchell reported on the district's program improvement designation at the March 17 meeting of

the school board, telling them that the district cannot be satisfied with the low performance level of some segments of the student population.

Manolo Garcia, Waggoner Elementary School principal and coordinator for the district's English learner program concurred that the district's English language development programs need to be more intense and outlined for board members how the district is using California English Language Development Test data to determine individual student needs and improve instruction.

### Restructuring timetable

Mitchell shared a packet of restructuring and cost-saving options being discussed to counter declining district enrollments projected for at least the next two years. They range from moving or closing Wolfskill Continuation High School to shifting grades to different schools to ending some sports programs and charging bus fees. The options represent suggestions generated by district trustees, the district's Facilities Advisory Committee, a district Restructuring Committee, the public, and the district's leadership team.

Mitchell said he will share preliminary recommendations at a public meeting on April 5 and with trustees at their

meeting on April 7.

### AP English course approved

Trustees considered development of a year-long advanced placement English course that will parallel a one-semester introductory college course. The course will focus on writing and is designed to prepare students for the English language and composition advanced placement test. Students passing the course will receive an extra point value on their grade point average and may be eligible to earn college credit for the course. If approved at the next board meeting, the course will join other Winters High School advanced placement courses in art, Spanish, Physics and Chemistry. It will be taught by Liz Coman.

### Wrestling program

A discussion on whether the district should pick up costs associated with the Winters High School's three-year-old wrestling program was postponed because the person who was going to report on the program had a scheduling conflict.

The program has been paid for by supporters since its inception, but the district is being asked to pay for transportation and coaching costs beginning with the 2005-06 school year. This would amount to approximately \$7,000.

### Special recognition

Winters Middle School student Clinton Freed was recognized by the board for his academic success, despite a learning disability. Trustees also recognized middle school parent Kathryn Doyle for her generosity and involvement as a volunteer at the school.

Middle school students Danielle Murphy and Lauren Atherton reported on recent activities at their school, and student board member Richard Atherton updated trustees on activities at the district's other schools.

### Personnel

Trustees approved hiring Sandra Bravo as a part time teacher at Waggoner Elementary School and Lucy Ceja as secretary at Winters High School, paying Winters Middle School intramurals coordinator Caley McGowan an extra-duty stipend, and granting an unpaid leave of absence to Waggoner teacher Annessa Bock. They accepted the resignations of middle school teacher Mariana Uribe, middle school library technician Aurelia Long, and high school secretary Linda Welter. Neressa Bennett and Teresa Stark were approved as substitute teachers.

### Next meeting

The next school board meeting will be will be at 6 p.m. on April 7 at the WJUSD office, located on the corner of Taylor and Grant.

# Sign-ups underway for Crop Disaster Program

Eligible producers may sign up for the USDA's new Crop Disaster Program now at the Solano/Napa USDA Service Center. The Crop Disaster Program authorizes 2003 or 2004 crop losses from damaging weather.

Eligibility for this disaster program is similar to previous USDA crop disaster programs. Producers suffering a greater than 35-percent production loss and/or more than a 20-percent quality loss are eligible. However, the payment rate has been increased to 65 percent of the established commodity price for insured crops and noninsured crops, and 60 percent of the price for uninsured commodities. Previous disaster assistance provided pay-

ments of 50 percent of the established commodity price for insured and non-insurable crops and 45 percent for uninsured crops.

The Farm Service Agency USDA Service Center is accepting appointments from farmers interested in submitting an application. Call (707) 678-1931 ext. 2 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

This program results from Congressional passage last October of the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2005.

For more information on the Farm Service Agency and the Crop Disaster Program, visit USDA's website at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/>

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## Easter Ads

# CALLAHAN

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council they would proba- bly see more variety of housing product in future development proposals.

She referred to the staff report from January, which stated that 59 per- cent, or 70 lots in the pro- ject, would be less than 7,000 square feet and 41 percent, or 49 lots would be equal to or greater than 7,000 square feet. As the project now stands, 85 percent or 102 lots will be less than 7,000 square feet and 15 percent, or 18 lots in the subdivision will be equal to or greater than 7,000 square feet.

Tschudin reminded the council that there has been intense community debate over this project, especially with regard to bike paths, open space and parks. She noted that the developer added sev- eral green features to the development.

“That takes away from the amount of land that’s remaining to put lots on,” she said.

Martinez still voiced disapproval of the lot sizes.

Hildenbrandt said there would be a variety of hous- ing styles in the project, including homes with al- ley-loaded garages. He noted that the project has been “converted into a va- riety of different product types and not just driven by the lot sizes.”

The council then dis- cussed the opportunity for the buyers in the subdivi- sion to create granny flats

on their lots. Both Tschudin and Community Development Director Dan Sokolow pointed out that state legislation has been enacted that does not allow the city to limit granny flats, as long as zoning requirements are met.

When the public hear- ing was opened, planning commissioner Cecilia Curry was the sole speak- er. She reminded Hilden- brandt that he had promised that universal design for handicapped access would be incorpo- rated into the plan and made available to buyers who were interested.

“Just a reminder,” she said.

The public hearing was then closed.

Fridae asked for clarifi- cation on wording with re- gard to Mello Roos. Brown told the council the school district had agreed not to place the development in a Mello Roos District. That did not mean that the school district could not pursue a city-wide school bond if they so choose.

City Engineer Nick Pon- ticello reviewed the off- site improvements provid- ed by the developer. They include:

- ~ Extension of West Main Street all the way north to Niemann Street;
- ~ Extension of Niemann Street to West Main Street;
- ~ Extension of Anderson Street to West Main Street;
- ~ Sewer improvements;
- ~ Construction of a new water well, which is a re- imburseable expense;

~ Construction of a traf- fic signal at Grant Avenue and West Main Street;

~ Construction of a traf- fic signal at Grant Avenue (Highway 128) at the northbound off-ramp from Interstate 505;

~ Pedestrian improve- ments at Morgan Street and Grant Avenue in the form of a median to pro- vide a stopping point for those crossing the street at that intersection.

At that point, Tschudin reviewed the steps the council would need to take in order to properly approve the project.

“Entitlement to build in the city of Winters is a pre- cious commodity,” said Fridae. He acknowledged that some might say the city didn’t get enough, but expressed his belief that it was “the best negotiated agreement that we can get at this time.”

The motion to approve the project was approved unanimously.

Martinez thanked the community for their par- ticipation as the council began to adjourn for a brief break. At that point, Jon Tice, who was appar- ently unhappy with the fi- nal project, angrily con- fronted Hildenbrandt. Af- ter being asked to leave and not use expletives in a public meeting, he chas- tised the city council for making what he called a bad decision.

The council then took a break and then met jointly as the Community Devel- opment Agency.

The city council meets next on Tuesday, April 5.

# DEVELOPER

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to negotiate a develop- ment agreement, a num- ber of people at the city level are involved in de- ciding what items should be included.

“We don’t make this stuff up,” says Donlevy.

The city’s “team” of ne- gotiators, include the Di- rector of Finance, Shelly Gunby, who is assisted by the city’s consulting firm, Economic Planning Sys- tems (EPS); City Engineer Nick Ponticello, along with consultant Bob Grandy, for traffic study, infrastructure, water, sew- er and streets; Contract Planner Heidi Tschudin and Community Develop- ment Director Dan Sokolow for planning is- sues, and the city’s special legal counsel, Rich Brown, of McDunnough, Holland & Allen.

During the process, members of that team look at an application and identify all the potential impacts to the city with which the development may be associated. Then each one recommends which items should be asked for in order to meet the goals of the city as stat- ed in the General Plan. For example, a develop- ment northwest of the city, located near the landfill site, which has been iden- tified as the future sports park, might be required to grade the site as one of its development agreement items.

Donlevy says a develop- ment agreement “has to produce a net benefit to the city.”

So where do the “deal points,” in a development agreement come from?

“The General Plan,” he says.

# CPR courses offered

The American Red Cross of Yolo County is of- fering these courses:

~ Adult CPR/AED and First Aid, Sunday, March 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Partici- pants will learn and prac- tice Adult CPR, learn to operate an automated ex- ternal defibrillator (AED) and learn basic first aid skills. This class meets OSHA requirements.

~ Pet First Aid and CPR for Cats and Dogs, Wednesday, March 30, 6- 10 p.m. Participants will learn to administer help to their pet in an emer- gency.

These courses will be held at the Red Cross office located at 120 Court Street, Woodland. To register or for more information on these and other lifesaving train- ing courses, call the Red Cross, 662-4669.

# Easter Ads





# Community

## Quiz show deadline extended

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

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

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

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



The Super Terrific Happy Fun Trivia Team is returning to defend its position as champion in the 2nd Winters Friends of the Library Quiz Show, to be held Friday, April 1st at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Anyone interested in joining the competition may register at the Library. Pictured above left to right are Dave Paratore, Tom Pomroy, JoAnn May, Kevin Bryant and Joanie Bryant.

first student team that signs up for free.

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

donation. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

Registration forms, rules of the game, and answers to this week's questions are all avail-

able at the Winters Branch Library, on the corner of First Street and Russell.

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

## Easter worship celebration planned at New Life Church

New Life Family Church's Easter Sunday Worship will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 27. The message "Easter Is Just the Beginning" will be presented by Pastor Al Calderone.

"Easter brings fresh hope to everyone and coincides with spring — fresh blossoms, new leaves on trees and warming temperatures. But that's just the beginning," says Calderone. "The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead opens up a new door for life, forgiveness and peace. Experience the love of Christ and a fresh wind

from the Spirit of God at New Life Family Church this Easter."

During a special Easter Sunday evening presentation, the original uncut film "The Passion," produced and directed by Mel Gibson, will be shown at 6 p.m. and is free to the public. Children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. New Life Family Church is located at 315 Edwards Street in Winters.

For more information or directions, call 795-2687 or 795-0795.

## Good Friday service planned

Several of the Winters Christian churches will participate 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," says one of the organizers.

There will be special music and a live worship band. The speaker is Reverend James Allen from First Baptist Church. This event is sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Association. For more information call 795-2230.

## Firefighters promoted

Winters firefighters Matt Churchman and Art Mendoza were recently promoted to lieutenants, and firefighters Errett Crum, Pete Langdon and Phil Hoag were promoted to engineers.

Tom Harding was named "Firefighter of the Year" and Chris Catalan was named "EMT of the Year."

## Easter Sunrise Service planned

The annual Easter Sunrise Service will take place on Easter Sunday, March 27, at 6:30 a.m. at the Rotary Park gazebo, located 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 may be necessary if weather is 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.

Happy Easter.

## Blood drive planned for Monday

"No one has ever asked me to," is the most common excuse people give for never having donated blood. On behalf of the hospital patients throughout Northern and Central California whose lives depend on blood transfusions, Winters Lions Club and BloodSource want you to consider yourself "asked."

The Winter's Lions Club Community blood drive takes place on Monday, March 28 at 201 Railroad Avenue from 3-7 p.m. Each day, 700 units of blood and blood components are needed to meet patient's needs.

Donating blood is a

safe and simple four-step process that includes registration, a medical history interview, the actual blood donation(only five to seven minutes) and refreshments. Blood donors need to be in generally good health, at least 17 years old(16 with parental consent), and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Prospective donors must bring a photo ID.

For more information about donating blood, call (866)-82blood or visit [www.bloodsource.org](http://www.bloodsource.org).

Visit us online, [www.wintersexpress.com](http://www.wintersexpress.com).



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## Thinking green



Photos by Debra Lo Guercio  
Preschool students celebrated St. Patrick's Day by marching in the 9th annual parade led by bagpiper Dave Parkhurst (top photo, right) and WPNS teacher Karen Benson-Neil. They also enjoyed some Shamrock cookies, passed out by parade coordinator Suzy Bonin (bottom photo, right).

## Parade entry forms now available

Entry forms are now available for the 69th annual Winters Youth Day Parade to be held on Saturday, April 30, at 10 a.m. The annual Parade will highlight a day of fun, food and entertainment to celebrate the youth of our city.

The parade will feature a number of categories including floats, autos, bands, marching units, horses, fire trucks and novelty entries. Cash prizes, trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the best in these cate-

gories. There is no entry fee and everyone is invited to participate. The deadline for turning in entries is April 20. Those received after the deadline may participate but will be ineligible for any awards.

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate cars for our dignitaries and to help on parade day as marshals.

To obtain an entry form, call parade chairman Mike Sebastian, 795-2091 or at Winters City Hall, 311 First Street.

## Food, clothing closet hours

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

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

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

For more information, call Juanita Tilden, 795-2394.

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## Chamber of Commerce meetings open to public

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

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings. The Chamber is involved in promoting local business, as well as coordinating community functions such as the Earthquake Street Festival.

For more information about the Chamber, call 795-2329.

Happy  
Easter.

## Free help with tax returns offered through April

Free income tax return preparation assistance for low to moderate income taxpayers is available from February 9 through April 13 through the AARP Tax-Aide Program.

Volunteer counselors, trained in cooperation with the IRS, will operate a tax return preparation and counseling service at the Senior Centers in Davis and Woodland and the Davis library as well as at the Community Cen-

ter in Winters. The service is designed to help low to moderate income taxpayers - with special emphasis given to those over 60. (Note: Volunteers will prepare Federal and California returns and California part-year resident returns.) Volunteers are also trained to do computer returns and file your returns electronically at no charge.

Appointments at the Community Center in Winters will be available on

Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please call 795-4241 for information or to make appointment.

Please bring with you your year 2004 tax information (W-2s, 1099s, including SSA-1099 for Social Security benefits, etc.), your 2003 income tax return, child care provider information, social security cards and landlord information for California renters' credit.

## Winters Healthcare Foundation seeks volunteers

The Winters Healthcare Foundation is in need of volunteers for a variety of duties. Both English and Spanish speaking volunteers are needed at the newly opened business office, located at 7 Main Street.

Volunteers should be at

least of high school age, and many of the duties would be suitable for even senior citizens to perform. Duties include office support, such as reception work, answering telephones, maintenance and housekeeping, and technical support; patient support, such as help

in the home, driving to appointments, companionship and shopping; and patient advocacy, such as helping patients deal with insurance and billing problems.

For more information or to volunteer, call Laura Paschoal, 795-5200.



# STEAC expands new Suit Up for Success program for Yolo County job-seekers

Raymond Rivera was aprehensive. An unemployed Davis resident, Rivera didn't know what to expect when greeted by Deborah Luthi, a STEAC volunteer who was about to help him select clothes for his upcoming job interview.

"What do you think of this?" Luthi asked as she held a blue collared shirt up to see how it would look on Rivera.

"I think these pants will tie in nicely with your outfit," said Luthi, a volunteer for STEAC, the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee, as she passed clothes through to his dressing room at the All Things Right and Relevant (R&R) thrift and consignment store in Davis.

The 48-year-old Rivera is one of 20 or more low-income residents who has taken advantage of STEAC's new Suit Up for Success program, which is done in partnership with R&R, providing clothes for that all-important job interview for Davis and Woodland residents. STEAC is expanding the program to serve all residents of Yolo County.

By the time his one-hour meeting with his STEAC "personal shopper" was up, Rivera looked like a million dollars with his new dress shirt, tie and leather jacket.

"When I arrived for my appointment I didn't know what to expect," said Rivera. "I felt well taken care of, and there is no doubt I walked out of R&R with newfound confidence. I was ready for my job interview."

The new duds must have worked at the interview, because a couple of weeks later he landed a job as a paid intern for the Substance Abuse Program at the Wayfarer Center in Woodland.

"The purpose of Suit Up is to help low-income people in Yolo County land a job and get permanently off public assistance," said Katy Zane, who manages the program for STEAC. "We do this by providing interview clothes, toiletries and tips to individuals who are looking for work."

Under the program, STEAC receives referrals for those who need clothes from public agencies like the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services or non-profit groups, such as Davis Community Meals, and the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center.

To receive the help, the residents must have an income at or below the federal poverty level, and be looking for work but not have the clothes for the interview. Individuals also qualify if they just found work in the last three months but don't have clothes for the job. STEAC then sets up an appointment for the client to meet a volunteer at R&R who acts as a personal shopper, helping the person select up to three outfits.

"This program is truly a delight," said Judy DeCesare, R&R's thrift and consignment supervisor. "We're thrilled to have this partnership with STEAC and to be able to provide such a tremendous service for our community. Clients walk out of here with an inner glow."

Getting a new set of interview clothes was just the beginning for Rivera. Not only did he find employment, but his new job helped him qualify for federal student aid that will help him get a university degree in counseling. Rivera is on his way to a new career helping people like himself.

Zane explained that many of the people who get clothes through Suit Up are emotionally moved by the experience.

"One woman broke down in tears in the dressing room," said Zane, adding the woman said "I feel like I'm in a dream, I've never even owned a suit."

Another woman who was forced to ask for public assistance for the first time in her life was very hesitant to come to her appointment," said Zane, "but before the hour was up, our Suit Up volunteer, Michelle Amato, had her giggling in bashful delight as she admired her new reflection in the mirror."

DeCesare said that the volunteers all feel very lucky to be part of Suit Up, and the clients are so humble and appreciative.

"Everyone truly benefits from this program," she said.

STEAC designed Suit Up after the Job Smart Program, which has been operating successfully in Santa Barbara.

Suit Up is one of STEAC's programs designed to help low-income Yolo County residents be-

come independent of public support. In addition to Suit Up, STEAC provides limited assistance for specialized job related needs, such as steel-toed shoes necessary for holding a job. Furthermore, the organization provides furniture and assistance for first month's rent for those moving into a new apartment or home.

In addition to this work, STEAC also provides emergency assistance for rent, utilities and temporary shelter through a motel voucher program. STEAC also distributes basic food, clothing and provides gifts and food during the holidays.

Funds for the Suit Up for Success Program are provided by STEAC's donors and by the sale of clothes donated to R&R. People can support the program by donating gently used clothing for sale at R&R. When donating clothes, they should ask that they be put on consignment for STEAC's Suit Up Program and all money earned from the sale will benefit the program.

The clothes must be clean, wrinkle free, in season and on hangers, and can be for white or blue-

collar jobs, or men or women. Drop-off times for consignment are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 12-3:30 p.m. R&R is located at 1640 E. Eight Street in Davis, (759-9648).

Charitable donations to support Suit Up can be made directly to STEAC at P.O. Box 1047, Davis, CA., 95617. Businesses can donate underwear, shampoo, toothpaste, makeup and other toiletries. Hair sa-

lons can donate haircut coupons, and, individuals or businesses can send monetary donations directly to the STEAC office.

"We hope to receive donations, so we can expand our program offerings to also include haircut coupons and new underwear," added Zane.

Anyone with questions about the program can call the STEAC office, 758-8435.

## API

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as its statewide performance target. The scores are based on standardized exams taken in the spring of the previous year.

Among Winters schools, Shirley Rominger Intermediate School comes the closest to reaching the statewide performance target of 800, with an API score of 724. In order of descent are Winters Middle School at 694, Waggoner Elementary School at 673, Winters High School at 648 and Wolfskill High School at 434. John Clayton Kinder School does not participate in the testing. Two Winters schools surpassed their 2004 score targets set on last year's API report: Shirley Rominger Intermediate's target was 720 and Winters Middle School's was 649. Waggoner Elementary School did not meet its target score (679), nor did Winters High School (676). Wolfskill High School did not set a target score.

Compared to overall API scores of other Yolo County school districts, Davis scores at the top with 852, Esparto scores 705, Woodland scores 677, Washington Unified (West Sacramento) scores 669, Winters scores 675 and the Yolo County Office of Education's small schools and special education schools score at 531.

The Public Schools Accountability Act (PSAA), established in 1999, mandates that a school district must show a minimum improvement of five percent on its annual API scores. In 2003, the California State Board of Education identified the API as one of the indicators for measuring progress under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001.

In addition to API

scores, schools are also ranked by school type, ie: elementary, middle and high. A rank of 10 is the highest and 1 is the lowest. Schools with at least 100 students are also ranked as compared to schools with similar characteristics, such as student mobility, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, percentage of fully credentialed teachers, percentage of teachers holding emergency credentials, percentage of students who are English-language learners, average class size per grade level and whether the schools are on multi-track or year-round programs.

On the statewide rank for 2004, Waggoner Elementary School ranks 3, Shirley Rominger ranks 5, Winters Middle School ranks 5, Winters High School ranks 4. As compared to schools of similar characteristics, Waggoner ranks 1, Rominger ranks 4, Winters Middle School ranks 5 and Winters High School ranks 7. Wolfskill High School is not included in the ranking process because it is considered an "Alternative Schools Accountability Model" school.

According to the California Department of Education's website, the only statistically significant ethnic or racial categories within the Winters School District are Hispanic or Latino (809 students) and White (663 students). Of the 1,513 Winters students who took the standardized tests last year, 750 are considered to be "Socioeconomically Disadvantaged," which is statistically significant to Winters' overall score.

To read more about the API scores and testing, go online to <http://api.cde.ca.gov/reports.asp>

Have you flossed your teeth today?



# Entertainment

## Coming soon



Courtesy photo  
Rev. Billy C. Wirtz, brings his one-man crusade to combine authentic piano blues with satirical and funny themes to The Palms on Tuesday, April 12. The show begins at 8 p.m., tickets are available at the door, at Kimes Ace Hardware, in Winters and at Armadillo Music, in Davis.

## ‘Hansel & Gretel’ to be presented at Mondavi Center at U.C. Davis

Part puppet show, part fairy tale, part musical, and filled with fantasy, poetry, and make-believe, the Montreal-based Theatre Sans Fil will bring its production of Hansel & Gretel to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 24. The event will feature special effects, fireworks, music, and 12 puppeteers manipulating dozens of large, colorfully crafted puppets in a phantasmagoric adaptation of the well-known children's tale.

The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program will also present Theatre Sans Fil's Hansel & Gretel as part of the 2004-05 Wells Fargo School Matinee Series at Mondavi Center on April 25 at 11 am. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts

Content Standards. Teachers and educators interested in purchasing tickets may contact Nasreen Kincaid, 754-4689.

Hansel and Gretel is Theatre Sans Fil's adaptation of the German composer Engelbert Humperdinck's classic opera, which in turn was drawn from the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale of the same name. This production incorporates larger-than-life puppets, the styles and techniques of Japanese Bunraku puppet theater, Czech black light theater, and orchestral music. The performance takes place in one act and runs for approximately 70 minutes. The plot follows the course of the familiar children's story, as two young siblings, Hansel and Gretel, sent to pick berries in the woods, fall

into the clutches of a wicked witch, whom they ultimately outwit. Along the way, there is music, stunning visual effects, and plenty of adventure for young imaginations.

Theatre Sans Fil, which in French means "theater without strings," was founded in 1971 in Montreal. Inspired by the classical techniques of Bunraku theater, the company has sound to adapt the ancient Japanese form, uniting it with original and modern set design, lighting, and special effects such as black light, dry ice, fireworks, and multi-media projections.

Tickets are \$25/20/15 for adults, \$12.50/10/7.50 for students and children. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 530-754-ARTS (2787) or online at MondaviArts.org.

## Things to do around Winters

Through March 29: My Alluvial Fans Oil paintings by artist Phil Gross is back with another blockbuster show featuring two new directions. The first is a series of aerial perspectives and the second focus is up close and personal studies of our beloved local bovine community. The reception for Mr. Gross is on Friday, March 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Artery, and Artists Cooperative of Davis, 207 G Street, Davis, phone 758-8330.

March 21 through Sept. 5: Welcome back Zoo PI.'s Critter Capers on Monday March 21. The show runs Tuesdays through Sundays and Monday holidays until Sept. 5. Learn more about animals in a fun-filled, 20 minute stage adventure. Afterwards meet several of the animal actors up close and personal at the animal encounter. Parking is free. For more information, call (916)264-5888 or visit the zoo's web site at [www.saczoo.com](http://www.saczoo.com).

March 26: Arboretum Tour: Container Gardening, will show how gardening in

containers such as pots, boxes, or barrels can enliven a deck or patio and provide a green oasis for an apartment or condo. Docent Mary Horton will discuss planting in multiple layers and grouping a variety of containers of different types and sizes to create depth and density. The tour will meet at 11 a.m. at the Arboretum Terrace Garden, next to Borders Books at the Davis Commons retail center, on First Street in Davis. Free parking is available behind the center. For more information, please call 752-4880.

April 1 and 2: From 5-9p.m on Friday, April 1, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, Clyde Elmore will show his work at 1632 DaVinci Court in Davis for an Artists and Authors event. His photographs depict animals from around the world with clarity and distinction. Hosted by Soroptomist International, tickets are available at the Davis Chamber of Commerce, Davis Art Center, and Next ChapterBookstore and Coffee Shop.



### Coming up

Thursday, March 31, Kenny Neal Blues Band  
Sunday, April 3, Cheryl Wheeler & Kenny White  
Wednesday, April 13, Railroad Earth  
Saturday, April 16, Mumbo Gumbo  
See the rest of our schedule online at [palmsplayhouse.com](http://palmsplayhouse.com)

## Event benefits ALS Association

The Greater Sacramento Chapter of The ALS Association will hold its 7th Annual Evening of Hope on April 2 at the Memorial Auditorium in downtown Sacramento. This gala fundraiser includes a night of dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions. The event begins with a silent auction at 5:30 p.m. and one of the guest speakers will be an ALS patient.

The ticket price is \$100 per person and funds raised will directly benefit ALS patients and caregivers in the Sacramento area. The ALS Association is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to assisting ALS patients and finding the cause and cure of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. For more information about the 7th Annual Evening of Hope call (916) 979-9265 or visit [www.alssac.org](http://www.alssac.org).

ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a devastating and always fatal neuromuscular disease. Unless a cure is found, over 300,000 Americans living today will die from ALS. The financial cost to families of persons with

ALS can be up to \$200,000 per year, depleting entire savings of relatives and patients.

The ALS Association's Sacramento Chapter is funded solely by the local community, with no government funding. All services to patients are offered free of charge. The mission of the ALS Association, Greater Sacramento Chapter, is to improve the quality of life for ALS patients, families and caregivers; to promote community awareness and education about ALS, and to support efforts to find a cure.

For more information, call the ALS Association toll free at (866) 979-9265 or visit [www.alssac.org](http://www.alssac.org).

Happy Easter.



# Sports

## Varsity girls battle on the road

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity softball team played three games on the road last week, starting with Dixon on Tuesday, March 15. Despite a 1-3 loss to the Rams the Warriors played a hard fought game.

“This was an awesome game,” said coach Kukui Hughes. “There was strategy, intensity, and a sustained effort to move people around the bases.” Tiffany Mentch had two hits and a stolen base. Jes-

sica Graham had two hits, Renee Penunuri, Ashley Kraintz and Fabiola Hernandez each had one hit for the Warriors.

On Wednesday, March 16, the Warriors played their first league game against the Wheatland Pirates and lost a 0-26 game against a team that showed little class in their victory.

“Our ladies played with class,” said Hughes. “I think the girls may have gotten a taste of a lifelong skill regarding opponents who try to degrade others in order to win because they are winning. They learned to laugh it off and

not give their power away to others.”

Mentch got the only hit for the Warriors.

On Friday, March 19, the Warriors played in Gridley and lost a close game 0-3.

“Gridley was a game we could have won,” said Hughes. “We were way ahead of the ball and didn’t move up in the box. We seemed excited for the chance to win but may be pressing too hard for it.”

Kraintz, Graham, Emilie Kimble and Adriana Lizarraga all had one hit for the Warriors.

## Seven players make all league team

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School girls soccer team had seven players make the Butte View League All League team. The girls’ team held their awards banquet last month at the Buckhorn as coach Donna Burnette recognized her players and their accomplishments.

Burnette awarded Robin Keller with the Most Improved award then mentioned her seven players chosen to the all league team. Rosie Lalicker, Elizabeth Burke, Tiffany Mentch and Karina Lavalle were all named to the first team all league team, while Arlett Chavez, Leslie Contreras, and Cindy Houck received honorable mention.

### JV girls continue to work hard

The Winters High School J.V softball team lost three straight games last week against Dixon, Wheatland and Gridley but continue to work hard game after game.

“The players are on fire as far as attitude goes,” said coach Melis-

sa Romero. “They work hard every day and are improving especially with their bunting. Kelsey Fox and Kayla Hartwell have done a great job of pitching and catching for us and Jesse Fowles has done a great job offensively with her bunting.”

## Winters Jr. Warriors football and cheerleading signups planned

Winters Jr. Warriors football and cheerleading program will have signups every month through July 9 at Cody’s Deli on the second Saturday of each month from 12-4 p.m.

The fees for playing football this year will be as follows: early signups through May 14 will be \$160; first late signup by June 11 will be \$175; and last late signup by July 9 will be \$190 (this fee will apply until the first day of

practice). The fee for cheerleaders will be \$350.

The last official signup for cheerleading will be May 14 and uniform fittings will be Saturday, June 4. The first day of practice will be July 25, at Winters Middle School. The program is looking forward to another successful year.

For more information about signups, call Jackie Monnin, 795-1020.

### WINTERS HIGH - 2005 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME	BUS
24-Mar	Thursday	Willows	Winters	JV/V	3:30	
25-Mar	Friday	River City Tournament	Sacramento	JV/V	TBA	
26-Mar	Saturday	River City Tournament	Sacramento	JV/V	TBA	
5-Apr	Tuesday	* Sutter	Sutter	JV/V	4:00	1:30
8-Apr	Friday	* Orland	Winters	JV/V	4:00	
12-Apr	Tuesday	* Oroville	Oroville	JV/V	4:00	1:15
15-Apr	Friday	* Gridley	Winters	JV/V	4:00	
19-Apr	Tuesday	* Wheatland	Winters	JV/V	4:00	
22-Apr	Friday	* Sutter	Winters	JV/V	4:00	
26-Apr	Tuesday	* Orland	Orland	JV/V	4:00	1:15
29-Apr	Friday	* Oroville	Winters	JV/V	4:00	
10-May	Tuesday	Playoffs - First Round	TBA	V		
12-May	Thursday	Playoffs - Second Round		TBA	V	
14-May	Saturday	Playoffs - Championship		TBA	V	

Varsity Coach: Kukui Hughes  
JV Coach: Melissa Romero  
\* = Butte View League game  
School Phone: 530-795-6140

### WINTERS HIGH - 2005 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME	BUS
24-Mar	Thursday	Willows	Winters	JV/V	3:30	
3/31 to 4/2	Thu. - Sat.	Pizza Factory Classic	Winters	V	TBA	
5-Apr	Tuesday	* Sutter	Sutter	JV/V	4:00	1:30
8-Apr	Friday	* Orland	Winters	JV/V	4:00	
12-Apr	Tuesday	* Oroville	Oroville	JV/V	4:00	1:15
15-Apr	Friday	* Gridley	Winters	JV/V	4:00	
19-Apr	Tuesday	* Wheatland	Winters	JV/V	4:00	
22-Apr	Friday	* Sutter	Winters	JV/V	4:00	
26-Apr	Tuesday	* Orland	Orland	JV/V	4:00	1:15
29-Apr	Friday	* Oroville	Winters	JV/V	4:00	

Varsity Coach: Jeff Ingles  
Varsity Assts.: Jason Davis, John Saragoza  
JV Coach: Marc Abraham  
\* = Butte View League game  
School Phone: 530-795-6140

### WINTERS HIGH - 2005 SWIMMING SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	BUS
11-Apr	Monday	Capital Christian	Winters	3:30	
14-Apr	Thursday	Lindhurst	Lindhurst (Marysville Pool)	3:30	1:30
18-Apr	Monday	San Juan/Golden Sierra	Winters	3:30	
21-Apr	Thursday	Rio Vista	Winters	3:30	
29-Apr	Friday	League Meet	Marysville	TBA	TBA
30-Apr	Saturday	League Meet	Marysville	TBA	TBA
12-May	Thursday	Section Meet	Tokay HS	TBA	TBA
13-May	Friday	Section Meet	Tokay HS	TBA	TBA
14-May	Saturday	Section Meet	Tokay HS	TBA	TBA

Varsity Coach: Jessica Williams  
Asst. Coach: Kevin Chester  
School Phone: 530-795-6140

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Jesse James Hellinger



Jesse James Hellinger, this week’s athlete of the week, wrestled at the Jr. High State Championships in Selma California and made an impressive showing. Hellinger pinned his first two opponents in less than a minute and ten seconds to advance on to the semi-finals. Hellinger then pinned his next opponent in one minute and 14 seconds as he put himself in the championship match for the state title.

Hellinger lost 2-7 in a hard fought match and was the runner up for the tournament.

“I’m very proud of Jesse,” said Jesse senior. “He represented Winters with honor and dignity.”

Hellinger was one of only two wrestlers from the north section to even make it to the finals. To qualify for the state tournament Hellinger had to place in the top seven at the tournament of champions.

## Crisis line needs volunteers

Young people in crisis need a supportive and caring person to listen. You can become that person by volunteering for the California Youth Crisis Line. No experience is necessary and bilingual individuals are encouraged to inquire.

Call (916) 340-0505 for more information on our next free training program.

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# Obesity Forum looks at what schools can do to improve kids’ health

The prevalence of obesity is having a tremendous impact on our youth. According to the California Department of Education, more than 32 percent of youth are overweight and close to 74 percent are unfit. In 2004, only 27 percent of the students in the three grades tested achieved performance goals for all six fitness tests, including aerobic capacity and upper body strength.

What do these numbers mean? And what can school districts and parents do about it? These questions were addressed at a childhood obesity forum for educators held February 28 in Woodland. Public health and educational professionals representing the State and the County of Yolo came together to address the childhood obesity epidemic by discussing available resources, best practices and coordinating efforts. Presenters and participants discussed the costly long-term effects of poor fitness and overweight on our children’s quality of life. California paid nearly \$22 billion in health care costs and lost productivity for adults in 2000 due to excess weight, obesity and physical inactivity, and these problems begin in childhood. “Students who are well-nourished and fit

pay better attention in class, stay healthier and are in school more days’, stated speaker Jack O’Connell, State Superintendent of Schools. “Schools can play a major role in how fit and nourished our students are.”

Many students in California get their most significant meal of the day in the school lunchroom, O’Connell noted. That meal should be nutritious and our students should know and care about what nutrition means. One way schools can respond to improve school nutrition programs is by replacing junk food and high-sugar sodas with healthy alternatives. So far, the state has banned the sale of high-sugar, low-nutrient sodas in K-8 schools and increased the offering of California fruits and vegetables in school meals.

Schools can integrate a high-quality fitness program into their academic program, and create a culture of fitness at the school site. The State Board of Education recently adopted California’s first standards for physical education. Superintendent O’Connell will work to make those standards accessible and to see them used in all of our schools. Some successful schools are also

revamping physical education programs to emphasize lifelong fitness and activities every child can enjoy, instead of just traditional, competitive sports.

The overall health effects of obesity and inactivity were of high concern for another presenter at the obesity forum. Dr. Richard Jackson, Public Health Officer for California, noted that consequences include diabetes, high blood pressure, joint and bone problems, low self-esteem, depression and poor social health due to discrimination and social marginalization. Many of these health issues, once seen primarily in older adults, are now being seen in children, according to Dr. Jackson. Projections show that more than 1 in 3 children born in 2000 will have diabetes if we don’t make significant changes to their lifestyles.

What has contributed to this change? The average 11-year-old boy today is 11 pounds heavier than in 1973. California is ranked #2 in the nation for the number of overweight children ages 2-5 years old. By 2010, 21.7 percent of California’s children 5-20 years old will be overweight. This is due to both poor nutrition and a lack of physical activity. U.S. teenagers consume twice as much soda as milk.

According to Dr. Jackson, the activity levels of children have changed. National standards indicate children and adolescents should participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity, most days of the week, preferably daily.

“Today, only 13 percent of children walk or bike to school as compared to 66 percent in 1974,” Dr. Jackson said. “About 85 percent of children are driven to school in private vehicles – even when the students live less than two miles away,” Dr. Jackson stated.

U.S. children spend an average of 5 - hours a day watching television or participating in other types of screen time such as computer or video games. The decreased activity means fewer calories are expended, contributing to the overall weight increase in children. Sherrie Jensen, a parent with school-aged children, noted the concerns parents have expressed regarding providing nutritious foods to schoolchildren. Many would like to see more fruits and vegetables, and fewer chicken nuggets, Cheetos, Pop-tarts and sugary foods being served. By role modeling and en-

couraging nutritious foods, more children will be likely to choose healthier foods, and also ask for them at home.

Supervisor Helen Thomson, Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors, closed the meeting with the encouragement to attendees to return to their districts and ask questions of their district’s superintendents and staff regarding nutrition and fitness activities. She also encouraged them to look at how they use the federal school meal programs

and to maximize their use.

“Change is like eating an elephant,” Thomson concluded. “You need to do it one bite at a time.”

The Obesity Forum was co-sponsored by the Yolo County Office of Education, the Yolo County Health Department and The California Center for Public Health Advocacy. For more information, contact Cheryl Boney, Deputy Director, Yolo County Public Health Department, at 666-8694.

## Junior horse show planned at fair

The two-day Dixon May Fair Junior Horse Show takes place on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, at the Dixon May Fair. Entries close at 5 p.m. Friday, April 1. The entry fee is \$20 per horse per day. A drug-testing fee of \$5 will be levied at the time of entry per horse, a one-time charge. Other rules on the horse show are available at the fair office and in the premium guidebook (at the fair office and on the Dixon May Fair Web site, [www.dixonmayfair.com](http://www.dixonmayfair.com)).

Saturday’s horse show includes several riding divisions: walk/trot (beginners), junior, senior and pony categories. Horse show classes are good behavior class, English equi-

tation, English pleasure, bareback equitation, western equitation, western horsemanship, trail, trail leadline, and horse-mastership (Royalty Court competition)..

Sunday’s events feature single stake race, California pole bending, bi-wrangle stake race, California speed barrels, cloverleaf barrels and mystery game. The four showmanship categories are 4-H, FFA, independent and pony. Awards will be given to the top novice, junior and senior in the 4-H category; top novice and senior in FFA; top novice, junior and senior in independent category; and pony showmanship.

Another highlight of the horse show is the Linda Smithson Memorial Team Challenge, a

program designed to promote youth working together and supporting one another in their goals, Rayn said. Each three-member team will include a walk/trot exhibitor, a junior exhibitor and a senior exhibitor. Members can be a combination of 4-H and FFA members or independents. The entry fee per team is \$50.

The event memorializes longtime Junior Horse Show volunteer Linda Smithson of Dixon, who died in August of 2001 at age 57 after a long struggle with cancer.

More information on the horse show and other exhibits is available by emailing the fair at [dmayfair@onramp113.org](mailto:dmayfair@onramp113.org); or by accessing the Web site, [www.dixonmayfair.com](http://www.dixonmayfair.com).

## Fly Fishers of Davis to meet

The Fly Fishers of Davis will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Davis Waste Removal Meeting Room, 2727 2nd Street in Davis. This month, Al Smatsky of Excellent Adventures has a wealth of information to share.

For more information call 758-5135.

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# Schools

## Kids work for good cause

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

Two local third graders are hoping to make a change with some change. Brandon Barajas and Luis Montes decided that they wanted to do their part to help the victims of the tsunami that struck South Asia in December, and have started a campaign at Waggoner Elementary School and at local businesses to collect money in cans for the rest of the school year. The collected money will be donated to help the tsunami victims.

Waggoner school counselor Esteban Montano says the two came up with the idea on their own and were encouraged by teachers and staff.

"The whole school is supporting them," say Montano. We're really proud of them."

Barajas and Montes enlisted the help of other students in decorating the cans with original artwork to draw attention to them at Winters businesses. They're hoping people will drop their spare change at the cash register into the cans to help the people in South Asia.

"It's important. They



Photo by Debra LoGuercio  
Brandon Barajas and Luis Montes hope to help bring relief to the tsunami victims.

need our help," says Montes.

Barajas adds that Americans should be generous with their money.

"This is the richest country and they're kinda poor, and they need the money," says Barajas.

Montano says the two have not yet decided which non-profit agency will be the recipient of the collected money, but school staff is assisting them in selecting an

agency that will ensure that all of the money goes to the tsunami victims and not administrative costs.

In addition to donating money in the cans around town, anyone who wishes to help the boys out in their efforts to help those less fortunate than themselves can send a check to the Waggoner Elementary School Tsunami Fund, 500 W. Edwards Street, Winters, CA 95694, or bring it to the school office.

## FFA plans annual auction

By COURTNEY SISCO  
Winters FFA  
Special to the Express

For the second year in a row, the Winters FFA will hold the Senior Scholarship Auction. Last year's auction was a huge success and raised \$4,770. The money raised goes to deserving FFA seniors that have worked hard through the years for the FFA. Last year's auction was such a success that the FFA was able to give scholarships to five seniors.

This year's auction takes place on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The evening begins with hors d'oeuvres and desserts with FFA members.

The auction begins at 7:30 p.m. FFA members will auction themselves off to the highest bidder to perform four hours of work.

Any community members interested in donating money or attending the auction can call 795-6146.

## Scholarship offered

The Swift Fund for the Arts, a Davis-based non profit organization dedicated to supporting music and the arts, announces their 2005 Music Scholarship Program. The Swift Fund for the Arts will award a select number of scholarships to qualifying students attending the Sacramento Youth Symphony Summer Chamber Music Workshop in Davis. This scholarship program is open to any workshop attendees who reside in Yolo County. For more information and application materials, contact the Swift Fund for the Arts at [scholarships@swiftfund.org](mailto:scholarships@swiftfund.org) or 530-219-6057.

## Children are focus of conference

Parents, teachers, child care professionals and others who are interested in child development are invited to attend a day long child development conference on Saturday, April 23. The conference will be held at the Veterans Memorial Center, 203 E. 14th Street in Davis.

The conference will offer many exciting and fun workshops as well as exhibitors. This year's keynote presentation will be by Tony Hill, incorporating True Colors & Welcoming Diversity in his presentation.

The cost for attending the conference is \$25 for pre-registration before April 1st or \$30 after April 1 and for onsite registration. A limited number of spaces will be available at the door, and pre-registration is strongly recommended.

For more information or to register, contact Child Care Services Resource & Referral by calling 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001. Registration forms may also be downloaded at [www.cityofdavis.org/pcs/childcare/](http://www.cityofdavis.org/pcs/childcare/)

## Con 'grad' ulations



Courtesy photo  
Darlene Benson, (left shown with Curtis Stocking) representing Soroptimist International of Winters, won the \$7,500 grand prize at the Grad Nite fund-raiser "Senior Spirit Night" held on Saturday, March 12. The runner up winner of \$1,500 was Peggy Stone and the consolation prize winner was Denise Ehnat.

## Homeschoolers to meet in Davis

The Yolo County Homeschoolers, a loose-knit group of inclusive Yolo County homeschooling parents, invites all homeschoolers and those interested in learning more about homeschooling to their monthly park day, planned for Thursday, April 7, from 12-2 p.m. at Rainbow City in Community Park, located at the corner of F Street and Covell Boulevard in Davis.

Several homeschoolers will be available to answer questions about the wide variety of homeschooling options, opportunities, and experiences. A short informal presentation will be offered from 12-12:30 p.m. Different homeschooling philoso-

phies will be discussed, as well as understanding legal options, networking, parkdays, college opportunities, conferences, and local and statewide resources.

Participants will find out how to begin and where to find the tools to navigate their personal family homeschooling adventure. The group offers a Yahoo-based email list, the monthly newsletter (the Flash, call Heather Smith at 756-4514 for a copy of the latest issue).

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



# Features

## Enlarged prostate treatments

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 76-year-old man who suffered a disabling stroke back in 1996. My body is paralyzed on the right side.

Just a couple of months ago I was diagnosed with an enlarged prostate. It blocks my bladder. My doctor put me on Flomax, but I still have a difficult time emptying my bladder. My doctor says surgery is out. Are there other procedures that could help me? — S.C.

ANSWER: An enlarged prostate gland is something that happens to just about every man as he grows older. About half of those in their 60s have a large gland, and close to 80 percent of those past 70 have one. Not all of them, however, need treatment, for not all have symptoms.

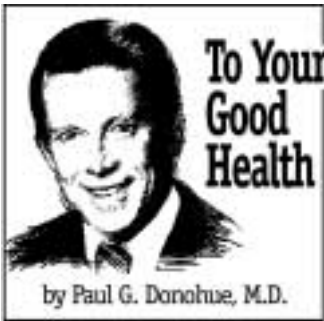
The urethra — the tube that drains the bladder — runs through the prostate. An enlarged gland compresses it and can make completely emptying the bladder an impossibility. The consequences are frequent, small urinations, difficulty starting the urinary stream and nighttime sleep shattered by many trips to the bathroom.

Flomax eases the grip of muscles strangling the urethra as it passes through the enlarged gland.

Another class of medicines, ones that block the action of testosterone on gland growth, can shrink the gland. Avodart is an example. It can be used in conjunction with Flomax, and the double effect can be doubly rewarding. It takes months for Avodart to achieve an effect, so patience is a must for all users.

There are many office procedures that can relieve urethral compression from the prostate. TUNA — transurethral needle ablation — is one. It's done right in the doctor's office under local anesthesia. Radio-frequency energy waves pare down the overgrown gland.

TUNA is only one such procedure. Others involve the use of lasers. Why not ask your doctor if you are up



to one of these office-based methods for relieving prostate-caused obstruction?

The prostate gland booklet outlines this gland's many problems and treatments. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1001W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 U.S./\$6.50 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: In the past year, my voice began to quaver. I mentioned it to my doctor, and he said it was a family tremor. Really? Nothing else on me shakes. My hands are as still as a sheet of ice. Is there treatment for this? — R.J.

ANSWER: Familial tremor, also known as essential tremor, usually involves the hands. They shake when performing a specific task, like bringing a cup of coffee to the mouth.

Muscles control vocal cords, and familial tremor can, therefore, lead to a quivering voice.

If treatment is truly necessary, you might try a beta-blocking drug like Inderal.

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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## So much for the joys of jet-setting

Last week I got back from a trip to Western Pennsylvania to see my father. The great internal divide of the Appalachian Mountains separates Western from Eastern Pennsylvania. Not that the mountains are so tall by California standards. The highest might be close to 5000 feet, more like the Coastal Range to the west of Winters, not like the Sierras, which are much younger mountains. Pennsylvania is a beautiful state with a lot of history. Valley Forge, General George Washington's winter headquarters during one of the worst years of the Revolutionary war, is in the southeast. In the northwest, Erie is the site of the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

It was a very pleasant visit with my 91 year old father, Norman Burns. But more of that later.

I first started flying to Western Pennsylvania when I went to graduate school in Connecticut. The first couple of times I went home, I took the Greyhound Bus. It took about 12 hours, riding along the Pennsylvania Turnpike. It took me only two trips to realize that my motion sickness could get activated in the bus, particularly if I sat anywhere past the first row of seats.

Even though it was more expensive, I decided to travel by airplane. The trip was much shorter. I was so impressed by flying in an airplane in 1961, I could not believe the glamour of it! The first trip, the stewardess handed me a pillow and asked if I would like some coffee. I put the pillow behind my head and got a cup of instant coffee handed to me. She then showed me that the pillow was to cushion the cup of coffee, in case we hit some air bumps. How cool was I?



It took only one trip to show me that air travel was only a little better than the bus. In those propeller planes, when we went over the Appalachians, there was the same turbulence and motion that a Greyhound Bus experienced driving the curves and valleys of the mountains. So I learned to use the barf bag and get over it. At least it was over quickly, not 12 hours long.

The trip last week was, for the most part, incredibly pleasant. The journey out, Sacramento to Dallas to Pittsburgh, took only four and a half hours thanks to a really good tail wind. The trip back was another matter. It was, flying time, six and three-quarters of an hour long.

And that was only part of it!

During a long layover in Dallas, a mother and her two children sat in the bank of seats across from me. The 4 year old girl and the 10 year old boy spent most of the time yelling at each other in variations of sibling rivalry. When they were not yelling at each other, they were berating their mother for what she was not doing. After a short time, I moved away and stood out of ear reach.

Finally we boarded. I got to my aisle seat. Soon, the person in the window seat next to mine came on. He was about six foot two and weighed at least 400 pounds, mostly in the middle. Then, Mama and the two kids boarded and sat opposite to my right, but one seat in front.

For three and three-quarters of an hour, all of us in the vicinity were

treated to the sounds of undisciplined children complaining and yelling. At one point, some soda dripped on the little girl. "Mom, you drowned me! You drowned me! You drowned me!" "Give me the crackers. I don't want the crackers." Then Mom pulled out two DVD players so the little darlings could have their own entertainment. There was no statement that they began to their mother that was anything but complaining and perjorative. Mom was taking Advil and holding her head. Occasionally she would shush the kids if they were too loud. She did read a book to the little girl that was titled, "Dear God, I Am So Glad You Made Me Special."

At first I thought the kids were brats. But it didn't take long to realize that this mother had abdicated all her responsibilities to bring up children. I wanted to say to her, "What are you going to do when she is 14 years old and has never heard the word NO?"

It did keep me entertained and outraged.

Maybe parents need to be issued a license after taking a qualifying examination.

This flight is not the trip from Hades that flying from South Africa through Lagos to New York was (more of that later). It was close.

So much for the glamour of plane travel.

## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Bobbie Greenwood  
**Occupation:** Professional volunteer  
**Hobby:** Keeping busy and connecting with the community  
**What's best about living in Winters:** "Everybody knows everybody."  
**Fun fact:** Would like to have a new swimming pool built in Winters.

### — King Crossword — Answers

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Love (Lat.)  
5 Cranberry territory  
8 Fizz precursor?  
12 Labyrinth beast  
14 Ethereal  
15 Opening night  
16 Approach  
17 Apiece  
18 Small lump  
20 This list  
23 Judicial garb  
24 Contain  
25 "Pretty Woman" star  
28 Charged bit  
29 With 23-Down, bakery buys  
30 "Undeniably"  
32 Due  
34 St. Louis landmark  
35 Responsibility  
36 "Murder, She -"  
37 Economist's concern  
40 St. Bernard's burden  
41 Beige  
42 Baked, Indian-style  
47 Winged  
48 Last Supper group  
49 Damon or LeBlanc  
50 Author

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- 1 Pump up the volume  
2 Orbiter until 2001  
3 Undivided  
4 Cavorted  
5 Boxer Max  
6 "- Town"  
7 1968  
8 Cater to the masses

Wallace

- 9 Stead  
10 Exam format  
11 Burning heap  
13 Neckwear  
19 Do as you're told  
20 Greek X  
21 Aerobic maneuver  
22 Arm bone  
23 See 29-Across  
25 Debater's answer  
26 Novice  
27 Denomination  
29 Tarzan's wife  
31 "- Stoops to

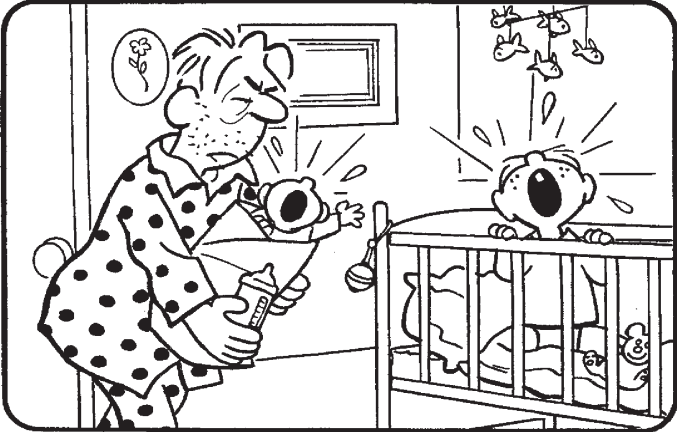
Conquer"

- 33 Dairy-case item  
34 Special vocabularies  
36 Marries  
37 Smile broadly  
38 Bruins' sch.  
39 "Phooey!"  
40 Recognize  
44 Flamenco cheer  
45 On pension  
46 Somewhat (Suff.)

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Frame is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Bottle is missing. 4. Rattle is missing. 5. Fish is missing. 6. Teddy bear is missing.

"A new idea is delicate. It can be killed by a sneer or a yawn; it can be stabbed to death by a joke or worried to death by a frown on the right person's brow."

~ Charles Brower



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A pesky health problem should clear up soon. Meanwhile, travel — both for personal as well as for business reasons — is strong in the Aries aspect this week, and well into the next.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Look for Bovines to be on the move this week, whether it's traveling for fun or for business. Other "moves" include workplace adjustments and, for some, relationship changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Geminis who have just gone through a hectic period involving job and/or family matters might want to take some well-earned time out to relax and restore those drained energy levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A romantic situation seems to have stalled, just when the Moon Child was expecting it to go forward. Could be a bad case of miscommunication going on. Talk it over openly and honestly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Showing a genuine interest in something that's important to a friend, family member or colleague could open a communication line that had been pretty much shut down for a while.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making a potentially life-changing decision takes as much knowledge as you can gather, plus determination and patience. Take your time working it out. Don't let anyone rush you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should be back on schedule and heading in the right direction after clearing up a misunderstanding. But there could still be some setbacks. If so, correct them immediately.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A business matter keeps you pretty busy, but try to squeeze in time to be with family as well as close friends. You need the good vibrations you get from people who care for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Investing in an attractive prospect (business or personal) with little or no information can be risky. Avoid future problems by getting all the facts before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have an unexpected reaction to a decision you feel you're prepared to make. Listen to his or her point of view. It could prove surprisingly helpful.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't give up yet. That once warm personal relationship that seems to be cooling off fast could recover with some tender, loving care, and who better than you to provide it?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Career matters are strong this week. You might want to enter a training program to enhance your skills. Also, consider getting professional help in preparing a brilliant resume.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of respecting the feelings of others, which is one reason people feel comfortable having you in their lives.

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# Nuestras Noticias

## Reforma migratoria en jaque

El anuncio del presidente George W. Bush, a principios de año, de proponer al Congreso un plan de reforma migratoria se ha quedado hasta el momento en mera llamada de petate ardiendo entre voces antiinmigrantes. Pareciera que crece el temor de que pasada la humareda — con la derecha nacional engallada como está — se reviertan las intenciones y en vez de reforma se impongan nuevas regresiones.

El asunto, visto así, se ha convertido en un arma de dos filos y tiene, además, en medio de su ruidoso silencio, diferentes lecturas. Hay quienes ven en el hecho de que la Administración Bush no envía un proyecto de ley de reforma migratoria propiamente dicho el rompimiento de la promesa presidencial... pero asimismo otros consideran la ausencia de dicha propuesta como una estrategia de la Presidencia para que sea el Congreso — puesto que es donde está la última palabra — el recinto de donde salga la anunciada reforma antes de que el mandatario quemase sus cartuchos de capital político entre sus propios partidarios quienes, por lo demás, no pueden ocultar su división al respecto.

Será de esperarse que una vez que se esté discutiendo la posible legislación de una reforma migratoria, el primer mandatario salga en su apoyo y acaso entonces incline la balanza a favor de los trabajadores inmigrantes. Pero desde luego eso está por verse.

Todo depende pues del Congreso en donde el esbozo de la propuesta de

Bush (dado a conocer hace más de un año en Monterrey, Nuevo León, México, dentro del marco de una Cumbre de las Américas y reiterado en enero pasado) es desarrollado, redactado a dos plumas, por los senadores John McCain y Edward Kennedy. Lo que resulte llevará el signo bipartidista que le permitiría levantar el vuelo del debate en el Capitolio. McCain, republicano de Arizona y Kennedy, demócrata de Massachusetts, serán las cabezas de esta batalla legislativa cuyo principal enemigo es el absurdo clima antiinmigrante que sigue creciendo en el país.

El fenómeno migratorio, está visto, es imparable. Con todo, sin embargo, puede ser controlado legalmente, pero no será reducido ni con patrullas de aventureros cazainmigrantes ni con ejércitos mercenarios ni con muros. La reforma ofrecería un corto programa de trabajadores huéspedes pero en ello iría la apuesta por un más amplio reconocimiento a la dignidad de los trabajadores indocumentados y el intento por demostrar que éstos no representan amenaza ninguna, como quieren hacer creer los más severos derechistas y los más rancios grupos xenófobos en el país.

Éstos han despertado temores con un discurso patriotero, azuzando contra los trabajadores inmigrantes, propiciando que representantes como James Sensenbrenner tengan éxito en sus políticas para bloquear la frontera y logrando que en estados como Arizona se impulsen aberraciones

como la Iniciativa 200. Son éstos los enemigos verdaderos en la lucha legislativa que se derivará de la propuesta McCain-Kennedy.

El rival a vencer es el ruido creado por los conservadores ultranacionalistas en contra de los indocumentados, en quienes han encontrado el blanco de su frustración luego de la afrenta perpetrada por los terroristas el 11 de septiembre de 2001. La desconfianza, el resentimiento, el desempleo generan un caldo de cultivo que los antiinmigrantes condimentan aprovechando las cifras y la pujanza de la comunidad mexicana en el país.

Grave resulta que se comience a hablar de “la invasión mexicana”, una frase recurrente entre estos supernacionalistas, con la que alimentan la preocupación de la derecha en el poder, respecto a la pérdida de control y soberanía. Nada más amenazante para un estadounidense que la pérdida de control en su propia tierra.

Y acaso el mayor obstáculo para McCain y Kennedy sea precisamente Sensenbrenner, cuya oposición a una reforma migratoria integral tiene en jaque la partida. Como presidente del comité judicial de la Cámara de Representantes mantiene la facultad, la prerrogativa sobre el tema migratorio, por eso se le considera un afil que más allá de si se aprueba o no su indigna Real Id Act en el Senado, puede darle mate a cualquier reforma migratoria por más limitada que ésta sea.

## Es inmoral

¿Cuántas veces no habremos oído decir a algún maestro que hay chicos sin madera de universitarios? De hecho, en las escuelas públicas abundan los profesores que piensan eso de un buen segmento de alumnos. Es la justificación ideal para una, muchas veces inconsciente, segregación. La sospecha de que no son, como dicen en inglés, college material empieza muy pronto, antes, incluso, de que se haya dado a los niños la oportunidad de demostrar su capacidad. Poco a poco se va relegando a los que se supone poco dotados a actividades menos exigentes, se les incluye en el grupo de los rezagados y se hace poco para incentivar su motivación. Muy a

menudo, las pobres expectativas de los maestros recaen con frecuencia en niños con un idioma distinto del inglés. Sin manejar con soltura la heramienta de la lengua, estos alumnos tendrán dificultades en demostrar oralmente, y mucho menos por escrito, que su talento puede ser equiparable o superior al de los demás.

Pero una vez etiquetados con el no college material se verán excluidos de grupos de estudio avanzado, de cursos que preparan para la universidad e, irremediablemente, la predicción de los maestros se cumplirá. Pensando en todo eso lo que ha estado escribiendo recientemente Bill Gates sobre la educación. Este genio de la informática y

de los negocios ha fustigado el sistema de enseñanza secundaria estadounidense, que ha calificado de obsoleto, y lo ha acusado de dejar a millones de estudiantes sin la preparación necesaria para entrar en las universidades y en los empleos tecnológicos de alto nivel.

Pero, además, lo que me ha interesado oírle decir, es que “sólo una fracción de nuestros niños recibe la mejor educación”. Y ha añadido: “Tan pronto como advirtamos que estamos excluyendo a los niños pobres y de las minorías de cursos rigurosos, sólo puede haber dos argumentos para que sigamos haciéndolo así. Uno sería pensar que no pueden aprender, otro

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### Lo Hombres verdes de Immokalee

Cruz está pintado de verde de los pies a la cabeza. Cruz es un hombre verde; me recuerda al Hulk, el gigantesco personaje verde de las películas. Pero Cruz, un muchacho de 21 años del estado mexicano de Guanajuato, no es un superhéroe; los hombros caídos y la mirada perdida de este joven campesino hablan de un profundo cansancio. No puede más.

El tomate que Cruz pizca en los campos del sur de la Florida aún está duro, y al jalarlo de la rugosa planta para meterlo en una cubeta, desprende un polvo verdoso que se pega a la ropa y la piel. Cruz tiene el pelo verde, la cara verde, la panza verde, los pantalones verdes, los zapatos verdes y sus manos -¡Ay sus manos!- verdes. La tierra, combinada con el verde de los tomates, se le ha incrustado a Cruz desde las uñas hasta la mitad de sus antebrazos.

Donde la mugre se ha secado, se asoman pedacitos de su piel morena. El sol y el polvo le han dejado a Cruz el cuero cuadriculado. Sus pómulos son un desierto ansioso de agua y crema humectante. La ropa no tiene remedio. Solo el cloro puede limpiarla pero después de dos o tres lavadas, los pantalones y las camisas quedan percutidas y llenas de hoyitos. Cruz usa los mismos zapatos para trabajar y para descansar; son los únicos que tiene.

Cruz es uno de los 30 mil trabajadores del campo -en su inmensa mayoría de México y Guatemala- que cosechan tomates y naranjas en los pantanosos everglades del sur de la Florida. De aquí sale la materia prima que termina en millones de ensaladas y jugos para el resto de Estados Unidos. Pero es un trabajo ingrato.

No es fácil ocultar la indignación por las condiciones en que muchos de ellos operan. Es frecuente ver a una docena de trabajadores durmiendo, hacinados, en un trailer sin baño, aire acondicionado o agua. Y la levantada no es mucho mejor.

A las cuatro de la mañana los estacionamientos de esta pequeña población se llenan de sombras; son los campesinos que salen a buscar diversas formas de transporte para llegar a los campos de cultivo. A veces, con suerte, los contratistas les proporcionan autobuses con asientos. Otras, son llevados en camiones de carga, como si fueran animales, y solo tienen para sentarse la cubeta con que la recogen la cosecha. Una vez dentro, ya no pueden salir; las puertas del camión se cierran y se abren por fuera.

Tras el trayecto que a veces puede durar dos horas, pasan ocho, nueve o 10 horas más en los campos. por cada cubeta de 32 libras los campesinos reciben unos 40 centavos. Es decir, un trabajador necesitaba levantar dos toneladas de tomates al día para ganar 50 dólares.

“Da coraje que estás haciendo mucho y que eres tratado como una persona de segunda o tercera clase”, dice Lucas Benítez, uno de los fundadores de la Coalición de Trabajadores de Immokalee. “Sin nosotros, sin trabajadores agrícolas aquí, Estados Unidos se muere de hambre.” La agrupación de campesinos ha logrado reducir los abusos a los trabajadores y denunciar los casos más extremos a las autoridades.

Immokalee es una extrañísima ciudad en donde la mayoría de sus habitantes son inmigrantes indocumentados. No hay otra ciudad similar en todo el país. En las calles, los policías a veces parecerían ser los únicos que son ciudadanos norteamericanos. Pero estos policías no arrestan a los indocumentados. Tampoco por aquí se aparecen los agentes del servicio de inmigración. Si lo hicieran la ciudad quedaría casi desierta. Es como si hubiera un acuerdo tácito entre las autoridades y los empleadores de que no se debe detener a estos trabajadores; millones de dólares están en juego y las mesas de los norteamericanos dependen de que haya alguien -aunque no tenga documentos legales- que coseche sus frutas y vegetales.

Immokalee es el mejor ejemplo de la doble moral que existe en Estados Unidos respecto a los inmigrantes indocumentados; muchos los atacan y desean, públicamente, que se regresen a sus países de origen. Pero, al mismo tiempo, la economía del país no podría funcionar con eficiencia sin ellos y todos los norteamericanos, en privado, se benefician de su trabajo. Por eso aquí toleran a los indocumentados.

Sin los hombres verdes de Immokalee las mesas de los norteamericanos serían de otro color.

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## ‘No tiene nada que ver’

Nancy Pelosi, líder de la minoría demócrata en la Cámara Baja, calificó de “innecesario y vergonzoso” la inclusión de la medida y dijo que ‘Real ID’ “no tiene nada que ver con las guerras en Afganistán e Irak”. “El proyecto de ley de Sensenbrenner ataca a las víctimas legítimas de persecución-gente inocente que está bajo amenaza de tortura o muerte por sus creencias religiosas- y permite que reporten a inmigrantes legales a países que todavía usan la tortura”, dijo la parlamentaria.

Previo a la inclusión de la propuesta Sensenbrenner subrayó que el ‘Real ID’ establecerá una normativa uniforme para que todas las licencias temporales emitidas a los visitantes extranjeros venzan en la misma fecha que sus visas y establecerá normas estrictas para determinar la identidad antes de que se emitan”.

Varios de los 19 terroristas que participaron en los ataques del 11 de septiembre de 2001 en Washington, Nueva York y Pensilvania y que dejaron un saldo de casi 3 mil muertos, portaban licencias de manejar extendidas por el estado de Florida y sus visas se encontraban vencidas.

La Congresista Linda Sánchez (demócrata de California), la única latina en el Comité Judicial y el Subcomité de Inmigración, Control de Fronteras y Reclamos de la Cá-

mara de Representantes, señaló que las provisiones que Sensenbrenner incluyó en el H.R. 1268 “es una bofetada en la cara para inmigrantes que trabajan duro, algunos de los cuales están luchando y muriendo por este país”.

“Los republicanos no están tratando de asegurar a Estados Unidos; por el contrario, están castigando a aquellos que están en la búsqueda de oportunidades para sus familias”, agregó. Las previsiones sugeridas en el ‘Real ID’ permitirían, además, que los cazadores de recompensas arresten a quienes hayan desoído las órdenes de deportación.

AILA reiteró que ‘Real ID’ va “mucho más allá” de negar el acceso a licencias a los indocumentados y que podría afectar los derechos de “inmigrantes legales e incluso a los ciudadanos estadounidenses”. La entidad, que agrupa a unos 8 mil abogados en todo el país, advirtió además del peligro de otorgar poderes a empleados estatales para ejercer leyes que sólo le corresponden al gobierno federal, tal el caso de la ley de inmigración.

También recordó que las leyes de inmigración son “demasiado complejas”, y que la aprobación de normas restrictivas en vez de favorecer “puede aumentar” los niveles de inseguridad.



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CASE # CV04-838

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**Fictitious Business Name**

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER  
Feb. 8, 2005  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Ava Woodard, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2005-164

The following person(s) is/are doing business as:ScopeBuilder Systems, 2715 Prado Lane, Davis, CA 95616..

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Brook Osborne, 2715 Prado Lane, Davis, CA 95616

This business classification is: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on Jan. 10, 2005

s/Brook Osborne

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Mar 3, 10, 17, 24

**Fictitious Business Name**

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER  
Feb. 25, 2005  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2005-220

The following person(s) is/are doing business as:Kwick Snack Vending, 701 W. Southwood Drive, Woodland, CA 95695..

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Sukhdev Singh Kalotia, 701 W. Southwood Drive, 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 Feb. 25, 2005.

s/Sukhdev S. Kalotia

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March 3, 2005  
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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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March 10, 17, 24, 31

**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.

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Feb. 25, 2005  
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Linda Smith, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2005-220

The following person(s) is/are doing business as:Kwick Snack Vending, 701 W. Southwood Drive, Woodland, CA 95695..

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Sukhdev Singh Kalotia, 701 W. Southwood Drive, Woodland, CA 95695.

This business classification is: An individual.

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s/Sukhdev S. Kalotia

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# County officials project budget deficit

SUZANNE MIKESELL  
Special to the Express

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Board of Supervisors considered the significant economic consequences of its traditional land stewardship policies in a 2005-06 budget workshop held Tuesday, March 15, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. The county is facing a projected net budget deficit of at least \$1.6 million for the 2005-06 budget year.

The total county budget is \$251.9 million, with \$150.1 million coming from state and federal sources. Once local funds (required to support these state and federal programs) are added, expenditures for these services increase to approximately 80 percent of the total budget.

“Yolo County is at a critical crossroads,” County Administrative Officer Vic Singh told the board. “We’ve directed growth to the cities to preserve agriculture. This has limited economic development in the unincorporated areas and has kept sales tax dollars going into the cities.”

“At the same time, a growing population, whether the growth is in the cities or in the county, will mean increased demands on public services. We are having to provide services to a growing Yolo County population with a county workforce that has been steadily decreasing over the last few years.

Sales tax revenues are projected at \$2 million and property taxes \$17.6 million for the 2005-06 budget. The county keeps only 1 percent of the 7-1/4 percent sales tax collected in Yolo County and approximately 10 cents of every dollar collected in property taxes.

The discretionary portion of the county’s budget, \$34.5 million or 14 percent of the total budget is used for a variety of programs

and services for the public. Counties rich in agricultural lands typically generate less discretionary revenue per person, Sharon Jensen, Assistant County Administrative Officer, stated.

“No county with more than 70 percent farm land is above the statewide, per person, revenue average. Without an infusion of new ongoing revenues,” said Jensen, “the county faces this level of shortfall, or greater, for years to come.”

Discretionary funds are not completely at the board’s discretion, Jensen noted. State law places many demands on these discretionary funds for mandated programs. The county not only generates less property tax and sales tax revenues per capita than other counties in the region, it also spends less per capita than the statewide average, according to the budget staff report.

“Stewardship of lands in Yolo County has been our fundamental policy,” stated Supervisor Mike

McGowan, District 1. “But that has a high pricetag. It is imperative as we go forward with our General Plan update that we consider the economic consequences of this policy.

“Sooner or later,” he said, “there needs to be a reckoning with the folks who live in our cities. The cities will have to engage in a new form of revenue-sharing with the County if they want continued agricultural preservation in Yolo County.”

In its action Tuesday, the board adopted a multi-year planning approach to budgeting to spread the one-time revenues over the next two years and to allow a more evenly distributed impact to county services and workforce. The board also approved a budget calendar presented by staff, and directed staff to further inform the public on how departments spend funds to provide the public with required services.

Tuesday’s workshop materials are available at [www.Yolocounty.org](http://www.Yolocounty.org) For more information, contact Suzanne Mikesell or Sharon Jensen, 666-8150.

## INMORAL

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que no vale la pena enseñarles. El primero sería, en realidad, un argumento equivocado. El segundo sería moralmente equivocado”.

En un artículo Bill Gates insistía en que “todos los estudiantes deberían graduarse de la secundaria preparados para la universidad” y que “todo niño puede hacerlo y debe tener la oportunidad de hacerlo”.

Es una idea que contrasta con la de que no todo el mundo sirve para la universidad, que por desgracia sigue per-

sistiendo, como lo prueba una de las cartas que se publicaron en respuesta al magnífico artículo de Bill Gates. Un maestro retirado mostraba su desacuerdo con él, y recordaba que no todos los estudiantes son college material y que “si no están interesados, no van a aprender”.

Se trata de una muestra más sobre la necesidad de cambios que sugiere Gates. Uno de los más urgentes sería el de formar maestros que pudieran y quisieran despertar el interés hacia el conocimiento de todos los alumnos, sin distinción de etnia, cultura ni clase social.