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Park plan approved

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Draft plans for the revamped Rotary Park parking lot and storm drain project were approved by the city council, acting in conjunction as the Community Development Agency (CDA), at the Tuesday, March 15 meeting.

During the application process for the Main Street Village, a commercial, retail, residential project planned for the 300 block of Railroad Avenue between Main and Abbey streets, there was much debate over the lack of parking in downtown Winters. As one solution to the problem, the city council, in June 2004, authorized \$352,000 in Redevelopment funds for a downtown parking lot project. The lot was to be located on the site where the Valley Farmers Co-op once stood. The goal for the original plan, according to the March 15 staff report, was to add 62 new parking spaces to the existing 59 spaces.

The budget was increased in February by \$154,600 to \$506,600, and on March 1, the council considered four designs that changed the configuration of the plan. The new design would bring Rotary Park west across the south side of the existing Community Center parking lot, utilizing part of the existing park and co-op site as a parking lot. Architect Eric Doud, of Design Works, also submitted a plan. The council/CDA liked aspects of all the designs, and asked to continue the

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Restructuring, reductions on agenda

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Sweeping changes may lie ahead for the Winters School District as it struggles to balance its budget in the face of declining enrollment, which directly affects the amount of money that comes in from the state and federal governments for school funding. Restructuring the class configuration at the district's six campuses is among the possible solutions,

as is the closure of at least one campus.

Before deciding on a course of action, the school district has scheduled public meetings on Tuesday, April 5, and Tuesday, April 19, to allow the public to comment on the possible changes. The meetings take place from 6-8 p.m. at the school district office, located at the corner of Grant Avenue and Taylor Street. Public opinion may also be expressed at the regular school

board meetings, which are scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 6 p.m. at the district office, and Thursday, April 21, 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Waggoner Elementary School. The board is expected to receive proposed recommendations for restructuring and expenditure reductions on May 5 and to take action on May 19.

"The district is engaged in these conversations because it desires to maintain and strengthen

the quality of educational programs and services in support of student achievement while maintaining the fiscal solvency of the district," says Superintendent Dale Mitchell. "Our current and projected pattern of declining enrollment makes it impossible to continue business as usual."

Some of the restructuring possibilities include moving Wolf-skill High School to the Winters

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Creekside Estates gets go-ahead from planners

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Creekside Estates, which will be located at the southwest corner of Grant Avenue and West Main Street, finally got the green light from the Winters Planning Commission last week, following an appeal from developer Don Miller of requirements placed on the development at the Dec. 21 meeting. At that meeting, the commission directed Miller to redesign his 13.7-acre, 40-unit project to include onsite affordable housing and parkland, and to create a pedestrian walkway that would allow a convenient shortcut through the project. Miller appealed these stipula-

tions at the Jan. 18 city council meeting.

Community Development Director Dan Sokolow introduced the topic at the March 22 meeting, explaining that although the council upheld the requirement for onsite affordable housing, it rejected the other stipulations. The council directed Miller to mix affordable housing into the project, which will be done via two sets of duplexes, and to contribute to a future regional park rather than to fit a pocket park into the project.

Miller did not voice any objection to the council's decision at last week's meeting, but still took is-

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Nominations sought for Youth Day Grand Marshal

The Winters Youth Day Committee is seeking nominations for the 2005 Winters Youth Day Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal will lead the 69th Youth Day Parade on Saturday, April 30.

The nominee should be someone who has dedicated her or his time to the

Winters community and youth through the years.

Send nominations to Winters Youth Day, P.O. Box 807, Winters, CA 95694 or to parade chairman Mike Sebastian at mjkbastian@aol.com.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 1.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Sisters Marianne Washabaugh (left) and Joanne Knudson hold one of the baguettes they use to make ficelles, which inspired the name for their new restaurant, Ficelle, located at 5 East Main Street (behind Steady Eddy's).

CAN YOU SAY 'FICELLE'?

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Our vocabularies increase by one word this month: ficelle (pronounced "fee-SELL.") A ficelle, which means "twine" or "thread" in French, is a European style sandwich, made on a slender, crusty baguette and filled with any sort of scrumptious delights, such as roasted red peppers or marinat-

ed portabella mushrooms.

A Ficelle, however, is the new restaurant that opened in the back section of 5 East Main Street (behind Steady Eddy's). Sisters Joanne Knudson and Marianne Washabaugh opened for business on March 17, offering a menu with certain staple items, such as ficelles and bratwurst bangers, Asian chicken salad and spinach salad,

as well as daily specials, such as ravioli and chicken pasta.

At lunchtime, all menu items may be enjoyed inside their darling, rustic eatery or outside on the wooden deck. In the late afternoon and early evening, Ficelle's menu is take-out only, for those evenings when you want something special for dinner but don't have

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Application process for new developments changing

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

With growth and development issues taking center stage over the past year, city staff, planning commissioners, city council members and residents have found themselves at odds over the way applications are dealt with, specifically, the way public input is incorporated into the process.

As Callahan Estates, Winters Highlands and Creekside Estates were

being debated at City Hall, citizens expressed unhappiness with the system. Complaints focused on the lack of information that was available to the public early on, and the setting of three to five-minute speaking limits during public hearings.

According to Community Development Director Dan Sokolow, there seemed to be "a real disconnect," between residents and the city. In an at-

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
March 23	.05	64	51
March 24	.01	62	43
March 25		65	39
March 26		66	44
March 27		69	48
March 28	.19	69	47
March 29	.02	67	49

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One solution to the Schiavo story is to give Florida back to Spain. We bought Florida from Spain in 1819 for \$5 million, and maybe, if we can find the sales slip in the Smithsonian or Library of Congress, we can get our money back.

First, there was this ruckus about a Cuban boy, who was returned to Cuba. Then there was the inability of Floridians to hold an honest election in 2000; then devastating hurricanes last year, and now the fight over the right to die.

I'm not sure that Spain would want Florida back. One of the judges involved in the Schiavo case was expelled from his church. It was the second expulsion by the church. God was also kicked out.

OBITUARIES

Robert H. “Bob” Taylor

Bob Taylor passed away on March 23, 2005 at the age of 77. He was born on July 14, 1927, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, moved to Southern California when he was a few months old, and lived in Long Beach for 46 years. He retired in Davis in 1995 and most recently lived in Winters with his daughter, Diana, and her husband, Rick Baker.

Bob was known for his friendly conversation. He liked to speak with everyone and had an avid interest in life, most importantly in culture. He was a volunteer and supporter of the Mondavi Center, U. C. Davis Arboretum and the Winters Community Theater. He traveled extensively, most recently, this past fall he spent three weeks in Europe.

Bob worked in the American Can Company for his entire working career. He served his country immediately following World War II in the Army Air Corps. He was a dedicated and loyal man, with a deep sense of integrity.

He is survived by his two daughters, Diana Baker and her husband, Rick, and Wendy Taylor; his two sons, Eric Taylor and his wife, Laura, and Craig Taylor; seven grandchildren, Sanford and Emily Worth, Nils and Willis Taylor, Richard Almonte and his wife, Rebeca, Raphael Huber and Hazel Ozturk; two great-grandchildren, Ricardo and Reuben; sisters Dorothy Brown and her husband, Jack, Maggie Thackaberry, Doryce McCutchen and her husband, Tom, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, of 50 years, Gerry Taylor.

His joy of life, friendly smile and kind heart will be missed by all.

Interment will be held at the Winters Cemetery on Friday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at Rick and Diana Baker's, Rancho Inviernos, 31187 Russell Boulevard, Winters, on Saturday, April 2, at 11 a.m.

Bob's family welcomes all who would like to celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made in Bob's name to U.C. Davis Arboretum or the Winters Community Theater.

Catherine Mary Calvert

Catherine Mary “Kay” Calvert, age 77, passed away on Thursday, March 24 at her Winters home following a brief illness. Born on May 9, 1927 in Groton, Connecticut to Italian immigrant parents Dominic and Annunziata (Franco) Cedio, Catherine married Billy Gene Calvert in 1946 and together they raised five children. She was a homemaker for over 50 years, and resided in Napa County from 1962 until this year.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Ann Aultman of Yelm, Washington, sons Donald Calvert and wife Traci of Winters, and Billy Gene Calvert and wife Sharon of Lacey, Washington. She also leaves daughter-in-law Rosemary Calvert-Conley, grandchildren Bonnie Mott, Jennifer Chadwick, James Calvert and Jody Aultman all of Napa, grandchildren Andrea Blake, Caitlin and Austin Calvert of Winters, Bryan Calvert of Ventura, Christine Calvert and Kathy Chaidez of Washington, and John Calvert of Colorado. She also leaves behind 11 great grandchildren, close friend Jackie Cole, and her beloved dog, Jaydee.

Preceding her in death was her husband Bill, sons Vincent and John, as well as son-in-law Marvin Aultman.

A celebration of life service is scheduled for Monday, March 28, from 4-8 p.m. at Kay's home in Napa.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Yolo Hospice in her memory. Assisting the family with arrangements is the Evergreen Funeral Service of Woodland.

Edna L. Gonzales

Edna L. Gonzales was born on September 27, 1914 in Galata, Montana. She died on March 26 at the age of 90. She was a resident of Winters for 47 years.

As a child she moved to Graten, California where she graduated from the eighth grade. Edna met and married Alejandro “Red” Gonzales and together they farmed and raised their children. In 1961 she moved to Vacaville to care for her father-in-law, Weto, until his passing, and she then cared for her daughter, Edna Jo.

Mrs. Gonzales was a member of the Church of Christ. Favorite pastimes included reading her bible and cleaning her house. She was a great cook making her famous hamburger pie, garbanzo beans, and canning apricot and peach jam.

Edna was dearly loved by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, church friends and extended family.

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YESTERYEAR



Pictured above is Russell Street about 1900. Looking east from Third Street shows the DaFoe house at right, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Siracusa, and on the left is the steeple from the old Presbyterian Church.

~Betty Coman collection

35
YEARS AGO

April 9, 1970

Five candidates are seeking the three seats on the city council in the municipal election to be held Tuesday. They are; Robert A. Pisani, Jack L. Ather-ton, Eugene L. Cabral, James C. Hyer and Jack Losoya. In the race for city treasurer, the incumbent, L.N. Buckmaster is being challenged by Judy Mont-gomery.

Taxable sales in the city of Winters for the fourth quarter of 1969 totaled \$689,000, according to Paul Leake of the State Board of Equalization. This is a drop of \$46,000 from the same quarter of 1968.

David E. Baxter, assistant chief administrator of the California State Assembly, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Winters Rotary Club, to be held at noon today at the Buckhorn Dining Room.

Chaplain Marvin Labringer, a Jewish Rabbi, was the speaker Monday night at a meeting of the Mariners Couples Club of the Pioneer Pres-byterian Church held in the home of Reverend and Mrs. John Reimers.

Fr. Saturino Mugica arrived in Winters last Monday from Inza, Navarra, Spain, to make his home here as assistant to Fr. Eugene Lucas, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

50
YEARS AGO

April 7, 1955

Apricot thinning is well under way in the Winters area, having started last week west of town.

Jim Snodgrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Snodgrass, has arrived home and has been discharged from the U.S. Navy after four years and four months, including two years in Alaska and five months in Japan.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors Friday appointed Tom Pleasants, Winters rancher, as a commissioner of the Winters Rural Fire District, suc-ceeding the late E.L. Dexter.

The members of the Pen-tecostal Church of God, who have been holding ser-vices in the Farish Building on Main Street, have moved into their new building at 13 East Baker Street.

A building permit was issued by the city this week to the First Baptist Church, calling for the construction of a Sunday School build-ing. It will have 11 class-rooms.

Ted Vieu, of Winters, a member of the local Future Farmers of America, took first place Sunday in the wild calf scramble held at the Cow Palace.

65
YEARS AGO

April 5, 1940

At a meeting in Wood-land Tuesday to formulate a Yolo County highway program, the Vaca-Dunni-gan road will remain as the county's number 1 pro-ject. Carl Rodegerts, chairman of the Woodland Chamber's highway com-mittee, presided at the meeting.

The following officers were elected by the P.T.A. at Tuesday's meeting: President, Mrs. W>W> Stark; 1st vice president, Mrs. Richard Frisbee; 2nd vice president, J.M. Clay-ton; secretary, Mrs. Ralph Freeman; treasurer, Mrs. G.M. Vasey; auditor, Perry Culton, and historian, Russell Perry.

By ruling of the board of supervisors at their meet-ing Monday, pensioners who persist in spending their money for liquor will lose their pension money.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Stone are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Juanita, to William Mosier. Prospective bride is one of the five very attractive daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

Mrs. Price Gittinger of Davis was program guest at the migratory camp women's club Wednesday afternoon.

Eugene Ireland, U.C. student spent the week-end at his home here.

George Sidwell will this weekend take up resi-dence with his daughter, Mrs. E.W. Fenley at the corner of Main and Second Streets.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Brinck spent the weekend with their daughter, Mrs. Harold S. Burt in San Lorenzo. A lit-tle daughter was born April 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Burt.

100
YEARS AGO

April 7, 1905

Messrs. Burton and Morri-son, S. P. railroad surveyors, have been here this week sur-veying for the spur track to be built for the accommodation of the cannery.

Those who attended the wedding of Miss Mazie Nathan and Arthur L. Cooper Sunday will remember it as one of the happiest affairs in Winters.

W.H. Gregory, G.W. Chapman and F.H. Owen represented Winters at a countywide meet-ing in Woodland to secure the University Farm for Yolo County.

Two weeks ago it will be remembered, Morris & Warder's breeding barn was burned, with no insur-ance. Sunday morning some 20 carpenters ap-peared on the scene, and when night stopped the work, a new building stood where the other was burned.

A deal was made this week whereby on May first Messrs. Bennett & Dowling will retire from the hotel. They will be succeeded by Sid Green of Oakland, re-cently from the east, who is an experienced hotel man.

Methods of closing up gam-bling in Winters was discussed at the meeting of the town trustees Tuesday night. Dis-trict Attorney Huston said the way to enforce anti-gambling laws was to have the town offi-cers do their duty. After the meeting Huston and Consta-ble Warder visited all of the soft drink houses in town, and told the proprietors that it was his intention to stop gambling as far as possible.



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High School ag site, Waggoner Elementary School, Winters Middle School, John Clayton Kinder School or the school district office. Another option is to close Wolfskill High School entirely or place all its students on independent study. Also under consideration would be to move the 9th grade class to Winters Middle School and move Wolfskill High School to the high school campus.

Further considerations include moving the kindergarten classes to Waggoner Elementary School, making it a K-3 campus, moving the 6th grade class to Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. Also under consideration is to reduce high school teacher preparation periods to one period every two days and to eliminate the sen-

ior project requirement.

Yet further considerations include ending freshman sports, ending intramural sports, charging school bus fees, increasing class sizes throughout the district, moving the high school ag classes to the main campus, and shared administration between Waggoner Elementary and John Clayton.

According to restructuring recommendations submitted by Superintendent Mitchell, the school district's priorities include maintaining and strengthening the quality of educational programs and services, and to maintain the fiscal solvency of the school district. Mitchell also recommends sustaining the "commitment of 'Good to Great,' including confronting brutal facts." Mitchell also states in the document that the Winters School District cannot make a significant change in its expendi-

tures without closing a school.

Fiscal issues listed in Mitchell's recommendations include a reduction of \$82,000 in general fund expenditures commencing with the 2005-06 school year due to current declining enrollment.

Mitchell also recommends an annual reduction of expenditures to offset a reduction of \$75,000 in special education funding commencing with the 2005-06 school year, also due to current declining enrollment, and an additional annual reduction of \$110,000 in general fund expenditures commencing with the 2006-07 school year, due to projected declining enrollment.

Also under consideration will be negotiations with school district employee associations to eliminate the Early Retirement Incentive Program or set aside \$107,000 in the budget for

this item, making these funds unavailable for other purposes. Certain school employee positions may also be eliminated, such as special education health aides, and others changed, such as eliminating the principal at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School and getting by with an assistant principal. According to Mitchell, there is insufficient enrollment at Rominger to justify a full-time principal.

If school campuses are shuffled, such as moving the kindergarten to Waggoner, other employee positions may be eliminated, such as secretarial or custodial staff, because they would be a duplication of positions.

For more information or a complete list of the options under consideration, contact Mitchell at the school district office, 795-6100.

PARK

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discussion so an alternate plan could be drawn.

At the March 15 meeting, the council debated the need to balance the number of parking spaces with a desire for park space as a downtown feature.

Redevelopment manager Cas Ellena gave the council members four alternatives, A, B, C and D. Parking spaces ranged from 97 to 117; park space ranged from 23,700 to 30,240 square feet. The cost estimates ranged from \$544,000 to \$743,000. In addition, alternative C+ was presented. That plan includes 111 parking spaces, 27,700 square feet of park space and an estimated construction cost of \$517,000. Features included in the other plans included a paved walkway through the park into the parking lot. The council discussed how to incorporate that feature into a less costly alternative.

Mayor Dan Martinez expressed his desire to incorporate the walkway feature, either now or at a

future date, while council member Tom Stone wanted the council to move ahead with the most extensive plan, which called for the most park space.

"This is the closest thing to a town square we're going to get," said Stone. "I'd like to get it right the first time."

He asked if the city has the money to pursue the option. City Manager John Donlevy said the city council/CDA could choose to use Redevelopment funds from the city's bond issuance to fund the most expansive option. However, he advised the council to be cautious, there are other projects in the works.

"The objective of this project is a parking lot," he said.

Following further debate, the council/CDA held a public hearing and approved option C+ with some design changes, 90 percent of the design plans and specifications, and determined the project to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The vote was three to one, with Stone being the sole

no vote. Council member Robert Chapman was not present for the vote.

Other items

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

~ Tabled discussion of the Major Projects Financing Plan for 2005 until the April 5, council meeting.

~ Held a public hearing and continued approval of Community Development Block Grant Application for public works activity, Resolution 2005-06.

As the CDA:

~ Approved local match funding for CDBG public works activity project, Resolution 2005-07.

~ Approved façade improvement program application for Penmakers, Inc.

~ Approved contract with Keyser Marston Associates, Inc.

~ Selected two members to the Master Plan Steering Committee.

The city council will meet again on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m., in council chambers at City Hall.

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Water issues focus of forums

The public is invited to attend the first of a series of Town Hall forums on Yolo County water issues hosted by Yolo County supervisors Frank Sieferman Jr. and Duane Chamberlain. A short presentation on the Cache Creek watershed will be given at the first meeting prior to taking public comment.

The Town Hall forum is an opportunity for county

and city residents to give input on various issues related to water including ground water recharge, water storage and flood control among other topics related to Yolo County water.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 in the Atrium Training Room, County Administration Building, 625 Court Street, in Woodland.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

TO UNPLUG OR NOT TO UNPLUG — that is the question. With the heartbreaking story of Terry Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged woman at the center of a flurry of family feuds and court decisions, it seems everyone has an answer. I've heard plenty of folks brimming with bravado, declaring that if faced with Schiavo's plight, they'd want to be unplugged and allowed to die. Obviously they've never actually been in that position. Given the opportunity to stand at the precipice of the hereafter and peek over the edge, they might feel differently.

My father took that peek, after a massive cerebral hemorrhage left a blood clot the size of a tennis ball in his brain, paralyzed on his right side and most of his verbal functioning presumably destroyed. I say "presumably" because his doctors could only estimate his condition should he awake from his coma.

My mother knew that my father would be miserable living like that, so she directed the doctors not to intervene medically, and just let nature take its course. He was fed through an IV, just in case he woke up from the coma. But no one expected him to. One day, nearly two months later, he did.

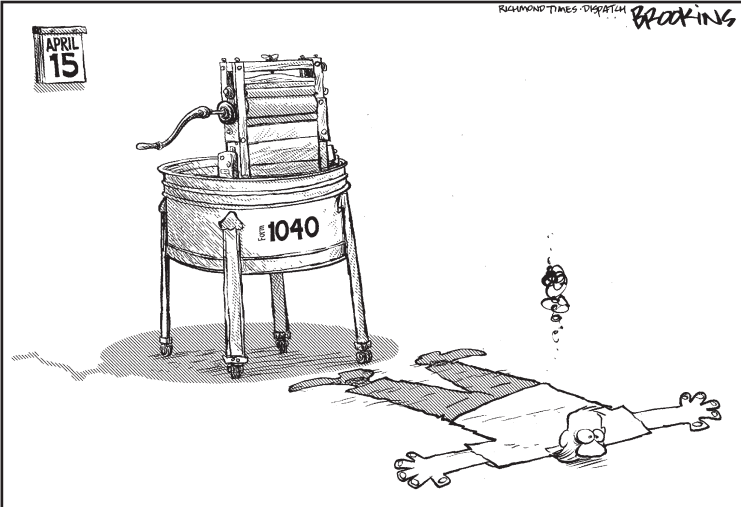
The doctors' prognoses were right on the mark. What can you do but work with what's left? My father underwent months of rehabilitation, and eventually learned to walk with a cane and talk a little, but his cognitive and verbal skills were drastically diminished. After exhausting all possible rehabilitation options, and discovering that he'd never progress beyond severe physical and mental disability, he pretty much gave up and resigned himself to an endless cycle of television, cigarettes, visits from relatives and looking forward to his next meal. Over the years, he slowly, steadily declined until becoming completely wheelchair-bound and bedridden, with no option but 24-hour convalescent care.

If given the choice, would my father — in his healthy, intact pre-stroke state — have chosen to go on like that for 26 years? Undoubtedly not. A brilliant yet rebellious man, a physician and World War II veteran who spoke five languages, he most certainly would've demanded that his life have been mercifully ended while he was in a coma. He would have said that the way he lived the last third of his life was no way to live at all.

Just one hitch: the person who woke up from that coma didn't feel that way. Even near the end, when his mental and physical health were slipping toward oblivion, he still didn't want to go. He wanted to live. Desperately. He clung to life with white knuckles, determined to stick around as long as he could to see his loved ones just one more time. The thought that I might show up at his bedside that day is what kept him going, day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year.

By surviving his stroke, despite the fact that the life he'd known was swept away, despite his crushing disability, my father lived to see his children become adults. He attended his firstborn's wedding (mine), outfitted in a tuxedo and everything. He met both his grandchildren. True, his days were spent longing for someone to come visit and, sadly, the only someone who ever showed up was me. But whenever I did, he'd grasp my hand and say, "I love you so much," his eyes moist with tears. Toward the end, he couldn't actually say the words, but I knew what that muffled grumble meant.

Watching my dad keep death at bay for a quarter century makes me wonder if maybe, once you've walked up to death's door, life looks a little more precious than it did before. Would I want to live with a crippling disability? No. But would I want to be able to tell my children "I love you so much" a thousand times more, even with my last breath? Absolutely. And if I'm in such a position and still able to do so, let me go on record as saying don't pull the plug just yet. I may have one more "I love you" left in me.



LETTERS

Come share your opinions

Dear Editor,

I would like to invite Winters Citizens to an informal meeting at Steady Eddy's on East Main Street next Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. I want to report to the citizens about how I see things going, and I want to get your opinions.

It's been a year since the election, and I'd like to have a chance to meet with citizens and hear their opinions on how things are going. I think the council and the city staff are doing some great things, especially in the down-

town, but we are facing some real challenges with the finances.

The most difficult question continues to be, "How fast should we grow, and what kinds of requirements should we place on the developers?" We have given the green light to Callahan Estates (over 100 units), and we have three other developments looking for entitlements to build. Come and let me hear your opinions.

WOODY FRIDAE
Winters City
Council member

Manual toothbrushes difficult

Dear Editor,

For oh so many years as a youth, the phrase "Because I said so" meant there was no further room for comments, considerations, etc. Fortunately I have attained the age of 72 years and have come to believe it no longer applies to me! (I graduated out of knickers as least six decades ago).

So, while I agree to a great extent with your considerations regarding the "toothbrush" enigma, I must take issue with one portion, that is regarding "motorized" versions.

Please consider that with usual care, you too will attain the wonderful age of 72 and may be faced with the same idiosyncrasies associated with the "golden years". In particular, the subtle disappearance of short time memory. Now comes the crux of my discourse(if I can remember what it was).

Do you know how hard it

is to keep track of the number of times you have brushed in a vertical(i.e. north/south) direction? Or in an east/west direction? Was it 25, 30, 14, 21? According to an episode of the medical journal, "M.A.S.H.", 30 times is the established standard. Golly, even remembering the proper sequence of the numbering system is daunting, much less the accumulations thereof. Hence, the motorized versions of toothbrushes are essential to an ever increasing portion of the population. (I know, there are multitudes who are in denial, but I am not alone).

So I expect a complete and abject apology for your lack of sensitivity in your consideration of that important topic, especially to those individuals who don't put them into a glass at night.

ROY BELLHORN

(Columnist's note: No.)

A few more thoughts on facism

Dear Editor,

This letter is about Al Vallecillo's and Tim Caro's feature column on March 17, Outside The Box. It demands further discussion. They talked of a slippery slope the US is on re: fascism, then delved into a bit of philosophical history. They talked about societal equivocation between the philosophy of Thomas Hobbes (non-freedom) and Jean-Jacques Rousseau (freedom). Then they praised Karl Marx's "freedoms" and the blessings of Europe. They're not only out of the box — they're out of their minds.

Point #1: Even though I can understand their "Ashcroftian" and neo-conservative fears, the US isn't like fascist Italy under Mussolini. We're different. The essence of America has always been respect for the dignity of the individual, and Rousseau and especially Marx are off the chart on this. Rousseau did not tout the individual, but rather the "general will", and Marx's flawed philosophy has played out before our eyes as the worst form of government imaginable — everybody equal and under a tyrant's thumb (read government totally in charge) and if

anyone tries to crawl out of or disrupt that mandated box, they are killed. And many millions were killed under Stalin and Mao. Carl Marx's anti-human system gives power only to the government, not the people.

Point #2: Egalitarianism precludes freedom, as then you have to do and be like everyone else. Equality through equal rights ("to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness") is far different from egalitarianism. Instead, let's go back to Thomas Jefferson's guru, John Locke, and his teachings of respect for individuals and their property and their responsibility as citizens to honor contracts they make.

Point #3: Again. The US is different than Europe and other countries. It will fight its way past the unsettling politics of the moment. About European ways. There's nothing wrong with a society helping out the deserving poor but it's another thing altogether to turn over everyone's cradle-to-grave responsibilities to a smothering big brother. Let's not let our government get so big that it causes us Euro-

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

A LOT OF PAPERWORK. After last week's column hit the streets, I received several phone calls supporting my belief that you should have the right to die with dignity and that everyone should make their wishes known, before it is too late. I don't know anyone who would want to be kept alive in a "persistent vegetative state: An irreversible condition where wakefulness and sleep cycles are present, as well as other basic body functions, but the person is totally unconscious, unaware of the environment and unable to experience pain." This definition came via a packet from Yolo Hospice. The cover letter, with their web address, is somewhere on this page.

What is Hospice? I took this paragraph from their web page: *Hospice is a not a place, it is a program. It is a unique healthcare option available to those who have been medically determined to be living through their last 6 months of life. "Comfort care" is the medical approach, rather than a "curative" treatment model. Hospice care is designed especially for those who, along with their families, want to deal with their illness in an open, supportive way, reducing fear of the unknown and finding ways to live life to the fullest despite advancing illness. Quality of life, for however long a person lives, is our goal.*

I always think of Hospice as providers of end of life comfort for older people, but I know that isn't the case. Hospice helps people of all age groups and ethnicity. The packet Hospice sent included questionnaires and forms to fill out identifying how I would like to spend my last moments on earth. Everyone should have a copy of this packet. The forms allow you to name someone to make decisions for you and even a space to fill in people you don't want to be making decisions for you.

Hospice provided some literature about why it is important to fill out the paperwork. Under the heading of why advance health care planning is so important, I found these comments. Most people and their families are not prepared when they face difficult medical decisions, yet only 10 percent of people die suddenly with 50 percent of patients incapable of participating in their end-of-life decisions when that time comes. The pamphlet goes on to say when health professionals are uncertain about a patient's wishes, it is standard practice to aggressively treat that patient.

Hospice has taken care of many Winters residents over the years and you'll find Hospice listed as a place to make charitable donations in Express obituaries. After you download their forms from the web site (yolohospice.org), take time to read them and fill them out. If you want every medical device know to man used to keep you alive, there is a line for that, if you want a little pain killer, but want to remain alert, there is also a line for that option.

One of the harder questions is who do you want making your final decisions? I'm not sure I want to burden my wife with those decisions, but if I put down any of my brothers, I wouldn't make it to the ambulance. One advantage is that no one will be pulling the plug for my money, and I ride old motorcycles, so the decision should be purely a medical and quality of life decision.

Not that any of us want to meet St. Peter at the gate any time soon, but we should at least be prepared for when we can't make decisions for ourselves.

To change the subject to something pleasant, the Harley rally scheduled for two weeks ago was rained out and has been rescheduled for this Sunday, April 3. Take some time from your busy life to walk downtown and listen and look at some beautiful bikes. If you don't want to hear thunder in the afternoon, drive up to the lake and watch the water flowing over the Glory Hole. Take your ear plugs. Water is louder than you think.

Have a good week.

Make your final wishes known

Dear Charley,

In response to your Thursday, March 24, column in the Winters Express, I would like to share with you some promising news to further motivate your readers to "take the time to write down (their) wishes." Yolo Hospice has developed a community outreach program to promote advance health care planning in our service areas of Yolo, Solano, Colusa and Sacramento counties. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of our informational packet and

Advance Directive document for your review. Feel free to refer interested callers to contact our office for assistance. I am available to meet with groups or individuals as desired and our services are free of charge.

Our Advance Directive document is also available for download at our website www.yolohospice.org.

PATRICIA R. ZAVALA, R.N.
Yolo Hospice Community
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Advance Directives

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The Winters Express encourages readers to submit letters of general interest to the Winters community

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon, on Mondays for publication that week. Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694. We will also accept letters by e-mail. Our e-mail

address is news@wintersexpress.com

Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use all capital letters.

We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

Letters must be legibly signed by the writer. However, we may withhold writers' names from publication if there is a legitimate reason, such as fear of reprisal.

THANKS...

We want to thank all of you in the community for your support, phone calls, cards and kind words during our recent loss.

THE FAMILY OF CHRIS MARTINEZ

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support, cards and contributions to the Greater Sacramento ALS Society in Eddy Safreed's memory. Eddy's friends are invited to attend a celebration of his life on Saturday, April 9, at 3 p.m. at the Leisuretowntown Hall, 100 Sequoia in Vacaville. RSVP with Bette, 795-1604, or Tammy, 795-4936.

BETTE, MELINDA
And families

"The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it."

~ Theodore Roosevelt

FICELLE

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time to cook.

“We’re sensitive to people running around, getting kids to soccer practice,” says Knudson. “They might want to cook like this, but they just don’t have time to prepare it.”

Washabaugh says the motivation behind their take-out service is captured in Ficelle’s mission statement: “Our desire is to make life a little less hectic and give you more time to enjoy it.” Although the sisters seek to make life easier for everyone else in town, they’ve discovered that they have to work their tails off to do so.

“We’re so tired,” says Washabaugh, with a weary laugh.

The early mornings and late evenings are paying off, however. The first week of business, there wasn’t an empty seat in the restaurant, with a

steady stream of customers coming through the door. One of the unique features of Ficelle is that the kitchen is open and faces the main room, which allows Knudson and Washabaugh to greet customers as they cook. Both agreed they didn’t want to be walled off from the room while cooking.

“We wanted it to feel like when you come into someone’s home, where you can see the kitchen” says Knudson.

Some may remember that this isn’t the sisters’ first foray into food. In the early ‘90s, they were known as “Sister Act,” and peddled gourmet hotdogs from a street-vender type cart at the corner of Railroad and Main, much like those that are common on the streets of large cities. If they were good at hotdogs, they’re great at what they do now. Washabaugh admits, however, that even when they were just making hotdogs, they always knew how to

cook gourmet food. Their inspiration was their mother, who taught them authentic Spanish recipes as well as many of the recipes served at Ficelle. Besides having a wonderful cook as an example growing up, Knudson in particular has loved cooking all her life, even as a child.

“When we’d go to someone’s house to play, I always wanted to watch her mom cook and see how she made dinners instead of play,” says Knudson, who is a big fan of cable cooking shows.

“We’re foodies,” says Washabaugh.

They’re also comediennes. Despite the hard work and long hours, both bubble over with laughter and smiles, and share a few stories about the path to opening Ficelle, such as the fact that they first decided to get serious about a restaurant when Smith’s Colonial Chapel went up for sale. They thought they’d take advantage of the rather

macabre idea of opening a restaurant in a former funeral chapel, and have the slogan, “Food to die for.” As for the ficelles, Washabaugh says they were a great choice for a name and featured menu item because “we want to be skinny bags instead of fat bags.”

Another motivating factor for finally making their restaurant dream a reality was both realized that their children were growing up and they needed a new direction for their lives.

“We looked at each other and said, ‘This is it,’” says Washabaugh. “This is the time. We should just do it.” They both quit their jobs in October and poured all their energy into their new endeavor, and the fruit of their efforts is obvious, from the décor to unique menu items, careful not to duplicate what other local restaurants are already offering.

“We’re trying to find our own niche. We don’t want

to be anybody else. We don’t want to be just like them,” says Washabaugh.

Even though their new business shows all the signs of becoming a smashing success, Knudson and Washabaugh aren’t stopping there. They’re already planning what they want to do next, like feature guest cooks, add traditional Spanish items to their menu, and sell some kitchen-related items like aprons and dish towels. They also have a liquor license pending, and plan to offer a true European lunchtime experience — exquisite food and a glass of wine.

Ficelle is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 for dine-in lunch, and from 4-7 p.m. for takeout dinner. Meals can be ordered ahead so they can be ready “to go.” To place a takeout order, call 795-9593.

So, now we all know what “ficelle” really means: really great food, right here in town.

Garden tour benefits library

The Woodland Library Rose Club presents the 14th annual Rose Garden and Home Tour Sunday, April 24, 12-5 p.m. (Rain date May 1)

Six rose gardens, including the 700 roses at the Woodland Public Library, will be open for touring, presenting a rich tapestry of old and modern roses.

This year’s tour includes two floors of the Gable Mansion and a tour of three other historic Woodland homes. Also available at the Mansion will be a gourmet lunch (advance ticket purchase only) and tempting desserts.

Tickets are \$20 and will be sold in advance. Call 662-4020 or 666-0034 for tickets.

Proceeds go towards the continued maintenance of the gardens at Woodland’s public library.

CREEKSIDE

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sue with the requirement that he erect a “Welcome to Winters” type sign on his property for eastbound traffic on Highway 128. He pointed out that there is already a sign on the highway that indicates the location of Winters’ city limits and said he didn’t think placing a sign on the edge of Dry Creek’s banks was the best location.

“I don’t see any point in it,” said Miller.

At a continued public hearing regarding Creekside Estates, Marcia Gibbs was the only community member to speak, and asked for clarification about why there were no small parks included in the current development map, and expressed concern that Creekside Estates residents would have to go all the way to City Park to use parkland or cross Highway 128 to use Valley Oak Park.

Gibbs also asked when a traffic signal at West Main Street and Grant Avenue would be necessary, and asked about who would monitor the 50-foot setback requirement in

Dry Creek to make sure that property owners wouldn’t encroach on the area.

Sokolow responded by reiterating that the city council had rejected the requirement for an onsite park. As for the setback, he explained that the setback is a disclosure item that would be made known to each property owner, forbidding the construction of such things as outbuildings or swimming pools in the setback, and said that it would be up to the city to monitor the setback area.

He said 12 or 13 of the homes may back up to Dry Creek, and said the city’s biggest concern was that property owners might put storage sheds in the setback area without the city’s knowledge. Swimming pools were not a concern because they require construction permits and, therefore, the city would know about them. Creekbank stabilization work will be done under the umbrella of the city’s assessment district.

City Engineer Nick Ponticello explained that the development of Creekside Estates will not trigger the need for a spotlight at Grant and

West Main. The necessity for a spotlight at that intersection comes from southbound traffic on West Main, which would be created when the Callahan Estates and Winters Highlands projects start developing. Both projects are located north of Grant Avenue.

Ponticello said Callahan Estates is expected to break ground first, and the developers have agreed to construct a traffic light at that intersection, with the construction of the 50th house triggering the need for a light there. He added that the intersection will include pedestrian crosswalks and a pedestrian landing.

Commissioner Jack Graf returned to the issue of the “Welcome” sign, expressing sympathy for Miller’s objections.

Commissioner Joe McCabe pointed out that the “Welcome” sign on the east side of town does not actually sit on the city limit line — it is a half-mile inside city limits. Commissioner Ed Ross asked where the requirement for the sign began.

Tschudin said it was recommended at a Development Review

Committee meeting, and added, “It is not uncommon for cities to have projects at key city points do something like this.” She clarified that the “Welcome” sign was one of the conditions of the development’s approval.

Although no exact specifications for the sign were mentioned at the March 22 meeting, Creekside Estates was approved unanimously. The project will need final approval from the city council.

In other action, the planning commission held a public hearing regarding a conditional use permit at 7 East Main Street, allowing the creation of a work-live studio at the back of the building that will house JDS Builders. The applicant was John Siracusa, owner


of JDS Builders.

The building currently under remodeling at 7 East Main Street will house the JDS Builders office, and the back space will house Arte Junction as well as provide a dwelling for the gallery’s owner, Joyce Snyder. This will be the only work-live studio in this building.

There was no public comment at the hearing, and the project was approved unanimously. Commissioners Cecilia Curry and Al Vallecillo stepped down from the vote, citing conflict of interest. Commissioner Don Jordan was not present at the meeting.

The planning commission will meet again on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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Community

Recycling, cleanup events planned

It's time for spring cleaning, for everyone in town. To facilitate that, the city will hold three cleanup events for all Winters residents.

White goods, which includes refrigerators, stoves, freezers, washers, dryers, water heaters microwave ovens and air conditioning units, may be placed at curbside on Saturday, April 2. The appliances must be at curbside by 6 a.m. to be picked up, free of charge. It is suggested that appliances be set at curbside after 4 p.m. on Friday, April 1. Televisions, computers and barbecues will not be picked up. There is a limit of two appliances per household.

The city will hold a "BOPS" recycling day on Saturday, April 9, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the city corporation yard, 19 East Baker Street. BOPS stands for "batteries, oil and paint," but automobile tires, drained oil filters and telephone books will also be accepted. There is a limit of four tires and five gallons of paint, or 50

pounds of material, per household.

Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the city corporation yard. Unwanted household items, such as furniture, carpet, mattresses, wood and scrap metal, will be accepted at that time. Items that will not be accepted are any hazardous waste, televisions, computer monitors, barbecues, batteries, paint, motor oil and tires.

Used motor oil may be recycled year-round free of charge at Pisani's Service. Free oil containers are available at City Hall or by calling 795-4910, extension 115. Aluminum, plastic and glass beverage containers may also be recycled year-round at the recycling center located in the Town & Country Market parking lot.

Household Hazardous Waste must be recycled at the Yolo County Central Landfill, which sponsors several collection days throughout the year. Call 757-5564 for collection dates and more information.

Youth Day booths available

Are you looking for a way for your school class or club, youth group or service organization to earn some money? Want a place to sell your crafts where hundreds of people will see them? If so, then having a booth at City Park during Youth Day is the place to be. This year Youth Day is Saturday, April 30. Space is available for food, crafts and other products.

Organizations from Winters schools can get a booth space at no cost. A fee of \$20 is charged for all non-profit organizations (pre-schools, youth groups, service organizations, etc.) The fee for com-

mercial vendors who are members of the Winters Chamber of Commerce is \$35 and non-Chamber commercial vendors the fee is \$50. Craft booth fees are \$35. All commercial vendors need to obtain a City of Winters one-day business license from City Hall and all food booths require a health permit from the Yolo County Health Department.

For more information or to have an application mailed to you, please call Dave Bosse, 795-4580, or Cheryl Rheuby, 795-2409. Space is limited and available on a "first come, first served" basis.

Could you pitch in?



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

City of Winters staff and Rotary Club members will team up to create some improvements to the Community Center area on Saturday, April 9, at 8 a.m. Projects include the planting of a butterfly garden, planting shrubbery next to the main building and planting redwoods down one side of the grass area. More help is needed, and anyone in the community who would like to get involved will be more than welcome. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. From left are planting coordinator Dirk Ellena, Rotary Club member and city council member Harold Anderson, city redevelopment manager Cas Ellena, public works administrative assistant Carol Scianna and public works department head Terry Vender.

Grulke graduates from U.S. Coast Guard

Coast Guard Reserve Seaman Joshua P. Grulke, son of Laurie A. and Bill Lane of Winters, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J. During the eight-week training program, Grulke completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction

on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

Grulke and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values — honor, respect and devo-

tion to duty — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Grulke is a 2002 graduate of Winters High School.

City council meets Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Overview of Fire Services Consolidation Committee.
- ~ Police/Fire/PW Facility Citing Committee.
- ~ North area specific planning principles.
- ~ Facilities Master Plan fiscal sustainability review.
- ~ Parks and Open Space Master Plan fiscal sustainability review.
- ~ Capital Equipment Master Plan fiscal sustainability review.
- ~ Level of Service Plan fiscal sustainability review.
- ~ Second reading and approval of ordinance adopting the Callahan Estates Development Agreement and ordinance rezoning the Callahan Estates parcel to add the Planned Development (PD) Overlay and approve the Planned Development permit.

~ Continued public hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for a public works project.

Acting as the Community Development Agency, the council will address these items:

- ~ Downtown Master Plan update.
- ~ Approval of local match funding for CDBG Public Works Activity Project.

Warm welcome

Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Dan Maguire (far left), executive director of the Winters Chamber of Commerce, welcomes the new owners of Subway into the Winters business district. From left are manager Rob Singh, Gary Singh, Indergit Kaur, Gurnam Singh and manager Rouninder Kaur. The new owners are all members of one family. Subway features a variety of sandwiches and salads, featuring fresh ingredients. Subway is located at 180 East Grant Avenue, and is open daily. The phone number is 795-9900.



Pisani gets training

Winters resident Gwen Pisani, owner of GalaxSea Cruises & Vacations, recently completed the requirements for Cruise Lines International Association's cruise counselor certification program. Pisani has made a significant effort to learn all aspects of the cruise vacation experience through extensive classroom training and personal cruise product involvement.

Forums focus on community needs assessment

The Yolo County Community Services Action Board and Yolo County Department of Social Services will hold public forums in Woodland and West Sacramento next week to gather input on the community service

needs for low income people in Yolo County.

The meetings will be held on Monday, April 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Department of Employment and Social Services, Community Room, 25 North Cottonwood Street in

Woodland; and Tuesday, April 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Department of Employment and Social Services, Community Room, 500-A Jefferson Boulevard, in West Sacramento.

For more information, call Robert Lilly, 661-2770.

Weekly police report

March 21
~ On the 800 block of Jackson Street, a vehicle was vandalized.

March 22
~ On the 900 block of Mermod Place, a vehicle was vandalized.

March 23
~ Eric Lee Gordon, 32, of Winters was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of a hypodermic syringe. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Edward Loyd Sherley, 20, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance and driving under the influence and an outstanding Winters Police Department warrant of arrest charging him with failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge. Sherely was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Tony Deweese, 24, of Winters was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a hypodermic syringe and

violation of parole. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Three Winters juveniles, ages 12, 13 and 14, were arrested for theft. The juveniles were booked at the Winters Police Department and released on notices to appear.

March 24
~ On the 800 block of Jackson Street, an officer assisted YONET with a parole search.

~ On the 300 block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm and found an unlocked door. The building was cleared and the door secured.

~ On the 1000 block of Railroad Avenue, vehicle parts were stolen off a vehicle and a window was broken.

March 26
~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, a suspect inflicted corporal injury upon a victim. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

March 27
~ On the 100 block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

Winters weekly fire report

March 22
~ 1:08 p.m., fire Assist at the 23000 block of State Highway 128, for a request by Yolo County Sheriffs.

March 23
~ 8:55 a.m., medical aid at the 200 block of Edwards Street for a hip injury.

~ 3:18 p.m., medical aid at the 100 block of 3rd. Street for an unresponsive person.

March 24
~ 12:30 p.m., medical aid at the 200 block of Lenis Ave. for chest pains.

~ 2:55 p.m., vehicle accident at State Highway 128/Monticello Dam, for a vehicle roll-over.

March 26
~ 1:09 p.m., vehicle accident at County Road 29A County Road 92E for a vehicle roll-over, minor injuries.

March 27
~ 10:56 a.m. mutual aid to Solano County, vehicle accident at the 4000 block of Putah Creek Road for a vehicle roll-over.

~ 3:39 p.m. vehicle accident at County Road 89/County Road 31 for a vehicle into a pole, minor injury.

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tempt to deal with that disconnect, city staff and contract planner Heidi Tschudin developed a plan to restructure the process, with a focus on providing information to the public. Sokolow points out that providing access early and often is not just a benefit to the public, but also to developers. In the past, they have come with maps in which they have invested time and money. When the community has expressed concerns over certain issues, the maps have had to be redesigned. Sokolow says if the developers present a more conceptual plan early on, rather than a set map, it will serve them as well.

“Then things maybe could be adjusted and fleshed out earlier on,” says Sokolow.

In addition, providing more informal public access could save developers money, since they have to pay each time they go before the planning commission or city council. Key points in the new process include:

~ A minimum of one neighborhood workshop with residents within 300 feet of projects from 20-50 units in size; projects with more than 50 units require two neighborhood meetings, one is encouraged to be on the project site.

~ Applicants are required to provide a packet showing that

neighborhood meetings were held and including minutes and the results of the meeting.

~ Applicants with a project of 50 or more units are required to construct a project website, including all documents related to the project. The website is required to stay up until final action is taken on the project. In addition, applicants with large projects are encouraged to provide visual simulation computer programming to give citizens a clearer idea of what projects will look like.

~ For major projects, an introductory California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping session is required before the planning commission. The session will be held after the project description is completed, and before technical studies begin. The session is designed to introduce the project to the public. The type of CEQA document that will be prepared, whether it is an Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact, will be described and public testimony will be received.

~ Technical studies are required for all projects. They include a biological resource assessment, with a possible peer review requirement; noise analysis; traffic and circulation study, with a possible peer review requirement; air quality calculations; cultural resources assessment; geotechnical study; Phase

Congressional honors

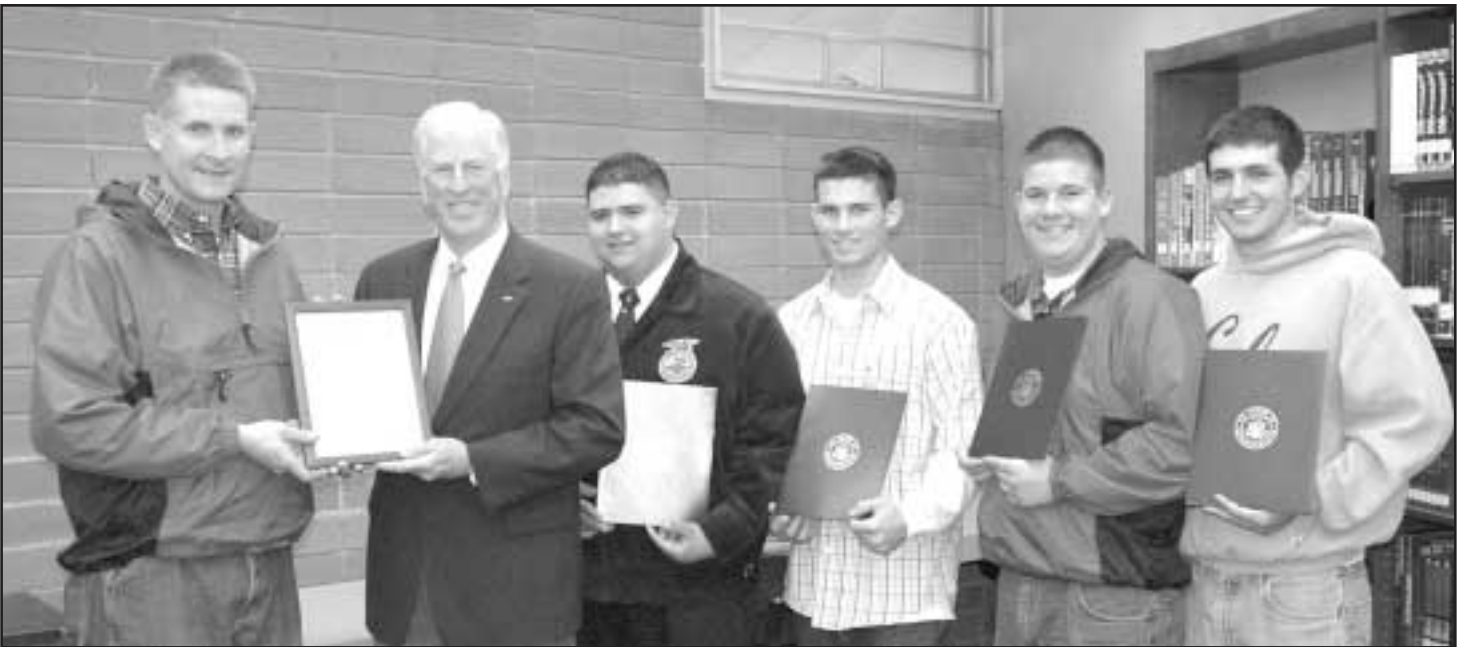


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Congressman Mike Thompson traveled to Winters on March 23 to formally honor the Winters High School FFA Livestock Judging Team with Congressional honors. From left are FFA advisor Kent Benson, Thompson, Matt Hayes, Brenden Benson, Jesse Beckett and Jacob Thorne.

‘Winters Tales’ on file at Winters Branch Library

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

For the past several years, volunteers from the Winters Friends of the Library have interviewed long-time residents about life in Winters. The inter-

views have been transcribed and the transcripts are now on file at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. Ask at the circulation desk if you'd like to read these fascinating stories.

The project, called “Winters Tales,” is intended to focus attention on what it is that makes Winters special.

The Winters Tales project is supported by the California Council for the Humanities, First Northern Bank, Yolo County Historical Society, the Putah-Cache Bioregion Project at UC Davis, and Lester Farms Bakery.

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

Where are they now?

Do you know the whereabouts of former Winters residents who still consider Winters their hometown?

Please send brief updates of two to four sentences including where they are now, what they are doing and how long it has been since they left home. Information may be mailed to 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA. 95694, or emailed to new@wintersexpress.com.

One Environmental Site Assessment; title report; storm drainage analysis; flood risk analysis; water supply assessment, depending on the number of units; sewer capacity and service analysis, and fiscal impact analysis if over 50 units proposed.

~ A CEQA workshop will be held at the planning commission during the comment period for any required EIR.

~ A joint planning commission/city council workshop will be held prior to the first planning commission hearing. The goal is to introduce analysis done by the staff and provide the public an opportunity to ask questions.

~ Hearings will be held at the planning commission and then the city council, if necessary.

The new application process will go before the city council at a future date, for their input and approval.

FACISM

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pean-like economic stagnation.

Point #4: Vallecillo and Caro did get it right in their last paragraph, where they recommended constant vigilance and examination of the facts and talking politics together and questioning authority.

ED DAWKINS

Winters

Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

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Photo by Debra LoGuercio
Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dan Maguire (right) welcomes sisters Marianne Washabaugh and Joanne Knudsen, newest members of the Winters business community. The two own Ficelle at 5 East Main Street. The restaurant is open for dine-in lunch Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and for take out dinner from 4-7 p.m. To call ahead to order dinner, phone 795-9593.

Recent home sales, taken from MetroScan Online from the Sacramento Bee.

837 Walnut Lane, 2005-01-18	.....	\$401,500
1106 Almeria, 2005-01-19	.....	\$343,000
316 Niemann St, 2005-01-19	.....	\$430,000
813 Jefferson St, 2005-01-24	.....	\$300,000
403 Griffin Way, 2005-01-25	.....	\$520,000
1014 Adams Lane, 2005-01-25	...	\$285,000
100 Almond Drive 2005-01-26	.....	\$567,000
512 Main Street 2005-02-03	.....	\$397,000
730 Lupine Way 2005-02-04	.....	\$415,000
12 Edwards St. 2005-02-04	.....	\$394,500

Chamber honored for youth program

On March 15, the Winters Chamber of Commerce was presented with the Partners in Educational Excellence Award by Region III of the Association of California School Administrators. The award, presented at a banquet in Sacramento, gave recognition to the Chamber for its support of children and their education.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors and funds the Job Club at Winters High School, coordinates Career Fairs, and implements the Work Ready Certificate Program for students. These programs are designed to assist high school students in the transition from school-to-career.

Attending the banquet and accepting the award were the Chamber's executive director, Dan Maguire, and Chamber board members Dianne Grimard and Howard Hupe.

The downtown business community just keeps adding great new businesses. Thanks to the recruiting efforts of local businessman John Pickerel, two new businesses will be opening in the Masonic Building at 41 Main Street in the very near future. The Velo City Bicycle Center, a premier bike shop, is scheduled to open in early April. Warren, Melia, and the rest of the Velo gang are terrific people and the bike shop is going to be a great addition to our downtown.

In late April or early May, El Pueblo, a meat market and taqueria, will join Velo City as a tenant in the Masonic building. Everything about both businesses indicates John and the new businesses are going to great lengths to "do it right."

Another great new business that just opened is Ficelle (pronounced fee-SELL). Another local businessman, John Siracusa, with his passion for attracting the right businesses to his Main Street Village project, has brought another jewel to the downtown business district. First,



John brought us Steady Eddy's, now he has added Ficelle as yet another vibrant new business. My wife and her friend ate there this last Saturday and gave it great reviews. If you want great cooking but don't want to cook (or don't have their skills), Ficelle is a terrific alternative. The dinners are take-home only, but you can dine in for lunch. Trust me, their take-out is way better than TV dinners.

It is exciting to see the great energy that is adding to the fabric of our downtown. In addition to all the new business activity, the Chamber, in conjunction with the city of Winters, is developing historic plaques for the Historic Main Street buildings. Coupled with the city's redo of the Community Center parking lot, the Rotary Park reorientation project and the projects on the Putah Creek side of the Community Center, the downtown is poised

to take a quantum leap forward. On a smaller scale, but not any less important, the Chamber will be installing a plaque at the Welcome to Winters board site on East Grant (east of Town & Country Market. The plaque is to honor the accomplishment of our local Winters FFA 2004 National Champion Livestock Judging team. We expect to install the plaque in April and will also begin work on redoing the painted Historic Winters board that greets visitors as they come to town from the East. Volunteer schedules allowing, we also hope to do a spring replanting of the downtown planters in April. If you are interested in helping on this project, please contact Chamber Board member Chris Jones, who is heading up this effort.

As always, please contact me if you have any ideas or need help with anything.

Rob Singh and his family will host the April Chamber Mixer at Subway, 180 East Grant Avenue, on Monday, April 11, from 5:30-7 p.m. The community is invited to stop by and welcome them to the business community.

Entertainment

Farm day promises to be sheer fun

“Sheer Fun on the Farm,” a spring celebration of farm animals, with weaving and spinning demonstrations, rainbow dyeing and a children’s petting zoo, will take place on Saturday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Meridian Jacobs Farm, located at 7811 N. Meridian Road in Vacaville. The farm is owned by Dan and Robin Lynde of Dixon.

The family-focused event, open to the public at no charge, is planned by spinners and weavers Robin Lynde of Meridian Jacobs Farm and Colleen Simon of Fiber Confections in Vacaville. Visitors can view lambs, horses, pigs, chickens, dairy goats and a llama.

The Lyndes raise registered Jacob sheep, and currently have about 65 lambs. Their flock supplies them with unique spotted wool for hand-spinning, knitting and weaving. Simon and her husband, Jim, raise natural colored lambs, including some that are chocolate brown.

Joining them will be Sally Fox of Capay Valley, who is world famous for developing “Fox Fibre” or colored cotton.

Katie Lynde and her brother, Chris, both members of the Dixon Ridge 4-H Club, will staff the children’s petting zoo. Another Dixon Ridge 4-H Club member, Will Simmons, will demonstrate weaving, along with Kenneth Lewis, grandson of the Simons,

and a former 4-H’er.

“Sheer Fun on the Farm” will include a display and sale of yarn and fiber from the farms, and woven items. Robin Lynde makes handwoven products, including rayon chenille scarves, cotton chenille blankets, cotton baby blankets and wool blankets.

Activities includes demonstrations on fleece selection and preparation, carding fiber and fiber flock management.

Eager to share the art of spinning and weaving, Lynde teaches spinning, weaving and dyeing classes on site and off-site, and new and old fiber friends gather monthly at the Meridian Road site for “Spinners’ Night Out.”

In addition, Lynde and Simon organized a fiber 4-H project several years ago, and teach 4-H’ers how to spin and weave. Lynde and Simon coordinated an educational sheep exhibit for eight years at the Dixon May Fair, calling it “Shear Delight” and later “Sheer Diversity,” featuring minor breeds of livestock. They now exhibit sheep and their byproducts, and do spinning and weaving demonstrations at Lambtown, the Scottish Games and other festivals.

For more information on “Sheer Fun at the Farm,” call Lynde at (707) 678-5750 or send email to rlynde@onramp113.org or visit her Web site, www.meridianjacobs.com/.

Coming to The Palms



Courtesy photo

Kelly Joe Phelps brings acoustic blues to The Palms on Saturday, April 9. The show begins at 8:30 p.m. Phelps plays a haunting mix of original and traditional blues and gosepl. Tickets are \$17, and are available at Kimes Ace Hardware and at the door if not sold out.

Vacaville hosts first Middle Earth Festival

The first “Middle Earth Festival” will be held in downtown Vacaville April 7-10 on Main Street in downtown Vacaville. The festival will be open from 4-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, 3:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be a costume ball on Saturday from 7-11:30 p.m. at the Vacaville Moose Lodge, for which there is a charge. All other activities are free.

Based on J.R.R. Tolkien’s tremendously popular “Lord of the Rings” trilogy, the festival will coincide with the 50th anniversary of Houghton Mifflin’s publication of “The Fellowship of the Ring.”

The Middle Earth festival is family oriented and features numerous old time demonstrations including: chain-mail making, calligraphy, spinning and weaving.

Artisans, crafters and food vendors will add to

Quiz show date changed

Due to requests from teams that participated the previous year, and a conflict with spring break, the Winters Friends of the Library has decided to change the date of the Quiz Show from Friday, April 1, to Friday, April 15.

The Quiz Show fund-raiser will begin at 7 p.m. at the Community Center on the new date, the 15th of April.

Questions from categories ranging from literature, Winters history, current events, sports, and pop culture will be asked by the Master of Ceremonies, Woody Fridae.

Teams of five will compete in three rounds of questions. The winning team will win \$300 prize money, and the team members’ names will be placed on the Quiz Show trophy.

Teams will pay \$100 to register. Forms and rules may be picked up at the Library. Deadline for registering is Wednesday, April 13th. The winning team from last year, the Super Terrific Happy Fun Trivia

Team, is ready to take on the challengers.

Interested participants, who aren’t part of a team, may register individually for \$20, and teams will be formed from these names. Teams may be sponsored by businesses, or organizations, or individuals who have smart friends. The first all-student team to register will be sponsored, free, by the Friends.

People who are interested in watching the event are invited to come and cheer on their friends. A \$2 donation will be collected at the door, and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Rebecca at 795-4600.

Burning Man introductory meeting planned

By GEORGE STRENG
Special to the Express

Do you like to spend your summers watching reruns on TV? Do you love the color beige? Are you fond of cubicles? If so, you will certainly not be interested in this event. On the other hand, if you are burdened with the desire of self-expression, you sigh with satisfaction at shaking the shackles of society, if you dream of a distant drumbeat that beckons you to adventure, then you are warmly invited to attend a local Burning Man Introductory Meeting in Woodland.

Come find out what Burning Man is all about, what local events are being planned, and how to prepare for the annual Burning Man festival. The meeting will be hosted by various “Burners” such as

Music Vixen, Neptune, Flywheel, and “Mike” (not his real name) who will ply you with refreshments and generous quantities of their own wit. They will tell you stories about the land far away that God abandoned (also known as Nevada), where the annual festival takes place the week before Labor Day.

Like Brigadoon, a magical city materializes out of the thin desert air and opens its gates to refugees from around the globe seeking asylum from the tyranny of conventional thinking, rules, and dress codes.

Creativity is the most highly valued asset in this community. One never knows when they may come across a parade of red-suited singing Santas, a giant white whale, a girl on stilts performing Japanese puppet theatre,

a building constructed entirely from prom dresses, motorized reclining armchairs, a three story human maze, a flying rhinoceros, a 19th century sailing vessel on wheels, or a full scale opera (performed at 2 a.m.).

Money has no value as all city services and products are gifted. Residents and businesses freely share food and drinks and all manner of services. Even the local library only fines patrons who actually return their books.

To learn more about Burning Man, stop by the meeting, which takes place at 235 Williams Street in Woodland on Friday, April 8, at 8 p.m. (who knows when it will end). For more information, send email to: solo@yolo.com or call 312-1091.

‘Once Upon A Mattress’ to reign at Opera House

The classic fable “The Princess and the Pea” comes to life as a stage musical in “Once Upon a Mattress”, opening April 8 and continuing through May 1 at Woodland Opera House.

In a small kingdom in medieval times, Prince Dauntless (Scott Martin) is looking for a bride. No one in the kingdom can marry until the Prince does. However, the Prince’s overbearing mother (Martha Kight) has no intention of sending her little boy for a walk down the aisle, so she imposes a gauntlet of impossible tests to which she subjects every potential bride. But, when Princess Winifred (Marcy Good-

now), nicknamed Fred, arrives in the kingdom, things begin to change - - and the fun begins!

Written by Richard Rodgers’ daughter, Mary, and her partner, Marshall Barer, the production first played on Broadway in 1959 with Carol Burnett in the role of Fred. Later, the show was adapted for television and again starred Burnett, airing in 1964 and 1972.

Bob Cooner, last seen on the Woodland Opera House stage in last Fall’s “Swinging On a Star”, makes his Sacramento region directorial debut with “Once Upon a Mattress.” Music direction is in the hands of Graham Sobelman, Jeff Kean

serves as technical director and Laurie Everly-Klassen has prepared a medieval wardrobe for the cast.

“Once Upon a Mattress” is presented in cooperation with the underwriting support of Woodlanders Mark and Karen Harrison and Woodland Healthcare.

Main floor tickets are available for all performances at \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and children. Balcony seating is just \$10 for all seats. To purchase, call 666-9617, send e-mail to opera-house@afes.com or, visit Woodland Opera House at 340 Second Street, Woodland.

More information is available at www.wohtheatre.org.

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Sports

Soccer players honored at annual banquet

By ERIC
AND LAURA LUCERO
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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.

Coach 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.



The girls soccer team finished the season in third place. Team members include, from left, (front) Elizabeth Burke, Teresita Curincita, Ari Hoover, Samantha Waldren, Lourdes Curincita, Cindy Houck and Andreina Uribe; (middle) Gaby Munoz, Aimee Reece, Rosie Lalicker, Karina Lavalle, Robyn Keller, Sara Cooper, Tiffany Mentch and Cara McCoy; (back) Julieta Garcia, Serena Boyco, Jill McDowell, Coach Donna Burnette, Arlett Chavez, Leslie Contreras and Quincey Sutherland.

Courtesy photo

Varsity girls lose two

By ERIC
AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School varsity softball team lost two games last week. Winters hosted the Willows Honkers on Thursday, March 24, and suffered a 0-14 loss in seven innings.

On Friday, March 25, the Warriors played in the River City tournament and lost a close game to Valley of Sacramento 2-5.

J.V. team looks impressive

By ERIC
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correspondents

The Winters High School J.V. baseball team has impressed their fans and their coaches with their aggressive style of play. On Tuesday, March 15, the Warriors played their first league game against the Wheatland Pirates and came back in extra innings to pick up a 6-4 victory. "We played a great game," said coach Jason Molina. "We faced a tough left handed pitcher for six innings."

Joe Fiori threw the first five innings for the Warriors giving up three runs, before being relieved by Kevin Rowell who threw three innings for the win. The Warriors took a 4-3 lead in the top of the seventh but the Pirates tied in the bottom of the innings to put the

game into an extra inning. Led by the hitting of Kaplan Smith and Cody Campos the Warriors scored two more runs in the eighth and held the Pirates scoreless for the victory.

On Thursday, March 24, the Warriors played the Willows Honkers at home. "We were a couple of base hits away from a win," Molina said. Winters lost a close game 5-7 but played a solid game against a very good team. "I told the team that Willows was the best team we will see all year," said Molina. "Manual Rakestraw, the coach of the Honkers has done a great job of preparing his team. They had back to back home runs late in the game and that was the difference in the game." Fiori and Smith each hit one off the fence that almost matched the two home runs from Willows.

New wrestling club coming together

A wrestling club is now being formed for next season. The first meeting was held March 23 at Cody's Deli. Executive Board of Directors Rory Linton, Jackie Monnin and Tim Hausler will be filing a non profit status and have elected Charles Gonzalez, Irene Tweedt and Dan Nicholas as board members. The club's proposed name will be Winters Jr. Warrior Wrestling. Their goals will be to start a children's folkstyle, freestyle and greco club as well as a middle

school folkstyle wrestling club for the 2005/06 season.

Tim Hausler has committed to being the head coach. Tim was an assistant coach at Vacaville High School with Dave Nelson for 3 years. He was head coach at Vaca Pena High School for 2 years and recently was assistant coach at W.C. Woods High School for 2 years.

The board discussed insurance, a mission statement, fund raising, tournaments and a budget for next year. They also discussed purchas-

ing 2 more mats.

The board would like anyone interested in being a part of Winters Jr. Warrior Wrestling to come to the meetings scheduled for the second Sunday of every month at 6 p.m. at Cody's Deli.

The next meeting will be April 10 at 6 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and announcements and changes will also be made public. Contact Rory Linton at 795-2283, or Jackie Monnin at 795-1020 for more information.

Warriors host tournament

The Winters High School boy's varsity baseball team will host their annual tournament this week starting on Thursday, March 31, and ending on Saturday, April 2.

The Pizza Factory Classic will feature eight teams with the Warriors playing their first game on Thursday, at noon against Esparto.

Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, April 3.
Set clocks ahead one hour.

Tryouts scheduled

Tryouts for the Junior Little League Baseball program for 13-14 year olds will be held Sunday, April 3 at the varsity baseball field at Winters High School. Tryouts start at 2 p.m.

Players will be able to register at the field if they come early. Registration forms may be picked up at City Hall. The registration fee is \$60 plus a \$40 refundable family volunteer fee. In addition, a birth certificate must be presented at sign up to verify birth date.

For more information, call Harold Anderson, 795-3351.

Bike race supports healthcare foundation

Starting early on Saturday, April 9, an ultra-distance bicycle race will be based at the Winters Community Center. Cyclists from throughout the Western U.S. will attempt to break records for the maximum distances possible in 12 and 24 hours.

This endurance time trial is being conducted by the Davis Bike Club, and will benefit the Winters Healthcare Foundation.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Keith Geerts



Keith Geerts, the four year starter for the Winters High School varsity basketball team capped off his successful high school career with an impressive performance in the North-South annual all star game at Pleasant Valley High School in Chico on Sunday, March 20.

Geerts, this week's athlete of the week led the south team in scoring with 15 points and led his team to a 98-95 victory. Geerts was also named to the first team Butte View All League team, first team Northern Section All Division IV, and third team All North Section.

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Dixon May Fair features corn dogs, carnival and crunch

It will be corn dogs, carnival and crunch time at the 130th annual Dixon May Fair: the Dixon May Fair's Demolition Derby is back this year, after a decade of absence.

The derby traditionally highlighted Mother's Day, the last day of the fair.

This year the Demolition Derby will take place at 7 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8, and feature a combined purse of \$6,000. Each night will include three heats, a B main event and a main event.

The winner of each main event will receive \$1,500. Main event prizes also include second place, \$800; third place, \$400; and fourth place, \$200. The winner of each heat will pocket \$100; second place, \$50, and third place, \$25. In addition, the crew showing the best looking car will receive \$75. There's also a mini class each night, with the winner taking home all the entry fees for that class. Veteran derby announcer Tim Gilbert of Roseville will call the shots.

The arena opens at 6 p.m., with grandstand and bleacher seating only. Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the 1960s, the local Cherokee Team, headed by "Wild Bill Hart" of Allendale dominated the derby. Joe Reyes of Stockton and his 99 Team proved to be a driving force in the 1970s. In the 1980s and 1990s, the force to be reckoned with was the 54 Team, led by the colorful "Doctor Derby" (Dave Emery of Willows). "Out of these teams came drivers that have dominated the sport, some that have won national events and events in Canada," Thompson noted.

This year as they did 10 years ago, the community and local sponsors are banding together to stage the event, derby officials said. Napa Auto Parts, Mike Lowery Trucking, and Dixon Tractor and Gravel are among assisting at this year's show.

The new rules will allow builders to produce some of the most competitive cars ever seen in Demolition Derby, Thompson said. Saturday will start with freshly built cars and Sunday will be a mix of fresh and used cars.

The derby will be similar to the Yolo County Fair Demolition Derby, which

is staged by a committee. The Dixon May Fair Demolition Derby Committee includes Tommy Thompson of Tommy Thompson MotorSports, Lonly Wunder, chief executive officer of the Yolo County Fair; Mike Reiff and the Yolo County "A" Team; Fred Wold, retired California Highway Patrol officer; derby veterans Mike Kett, Mike Doyle and Gary Moore Jr., Tommy Raycraft and Dennis Braga, all of Dixon; Donnie Huff-

man, president of the Friends of the Fair; Richard Hamilton of Rio Vista, member of the Dixon May Fair's 36th District Agricultural Association (fair board), and Mike Green, Dixon May Fair manager.

Rules and entry forms are available on the Web site. Questions on specific derby rules may be directed to Tommy Thompson at 335-3689 or e-mailing him at

kattom@citlink.net.

Derby tickets are \$22, which includes the \$10 general admission to the fair. Tickets, all general admission, are available through Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com or by telephoning (916) 649-TIXS (8497). Tickets are also available at the Dixon May Fairgrounds box office, 655 S. First St., Dixon, and at Tower Records.

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EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

Words of wisdom come from a multitude of sources. You can find them in books on quotations or in our own Winters Express. They are spoken by the mature and experienced as well as out of the mouths of babes. We may see or hear these words when we are diligently seeking them or when we least expect it. They can be expressed through serious or comedic language. Regardless, they ought to cause us to reflect on our and others' thoughts and actions.

As our school district strives to learn and grow from the opportunities and challenges facing us, the following words deserve all of our thoughtful consideration.

"Thou Shalt Remember That We're in It for the Children." From The Ten Commandments for Teaching: a teacher's view by Ray Reyes.

"The most important word: We." From A Short Course in Human Relations.

"The search for good schools is elusive and disappointing if by goodness we mean something close to perfection...Good schools reveal imperfections, uncertainties, and vulnerabilities...In fact, one could argue that a consciousness about imperfections, and the willingness to admit them and search for their origins and solutions is one of the important ingredients of goodness in schools." Sara Lawrence Lightfoot

"Speak less; listen more. There is much to be learned from the wisdom of others." From An Alphabet for Success.

"Ask for advice, and then use your brain." Norwegian Proverb

"Everything is in a state of flux, including the status quo."-Robert Byrne

"Listen—or your tongue will keep you deaf." - Cherokee Proverb

"The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials."- Chinese Proverb

"Courage is saying, 'Maybe what I am doing isn't working, maybe I should try something else.'" - Anna Lappe

"The chief obstacle to the progress of the human race is the human race." -Author Unknown

"Good is the enemy of great." - Jim Collins

"In the race for quality, there is no finish line." - Unknown.

Applications available for Latino summer leadership conference

Senator Michael Machado (D-Linden) has announced that applications for the 23rd Annual Chicano Latino Youth Summer Leadership Conference are available. Open to 140 current California high school sophomores and juniors, the week-long conference will take place at California State University, Sacramento from July 30 to Aug. 6.

Since 1982, the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project, Inc. (CLYLP) has successfully organized a week-long leadership training conference in Sacramento. The summer conference activities include a hands-on Legisla-

tive Day at the State Capitol, campaign-development workshops, a College Day and a College Fair. The conference also provides valuable information on Chicano Latino culture and history. Alumni of the CLYLP summer conference are leaders in both the public and private sectors, and have become successful professionals such as educators, business persons, doctors and attorneys.

"The Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project provides a tremendous opportunity for California students to participate in leadership training," Machado noted. "For

these young men and women, the summer training course is only a beginning. Years from now, in the Capitol and in communities across the state, Californians will come to rely on the contributions of these future leaders."

The CLYLP is a non-profit, non-partisan, volunteer organization, and participation in this conference is free of charge to all students. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, and are available on Senator Machado's Website, www.sen.ca.gov/machado, or can be downloaded on CLYLP's Website, www.clylp.com.

Weight Watchers program begins

Weight Watchers Program will be starting a new 10-week program at the Waggoner Elementary School library, located at 500 Edwards Street. The staff at Winters School District participate in the program, and would like to welcome the community to participate as well. The beginning registration date is April 5. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. Weigh In time is 3:45 p.m., and the meeting begins at 4:15 p.m..

The current price is \$11.95 per week. This is a prepaid program, therefore payment for a series of weeks is required prior

to the start of the series. The price for the full 10-week series is \$119.50 per person. A three-part payment option is available to anyone who joins the series by the second week. Three checks are written to the Weight Watchers representative at the first meeting. The first check will be deposited on week one. The second and third checks will be held for deposit by Weight Watchers and will be deposited on dates chosen, usually corresponding with members' paydays.

For more information, attend the first meeting on April 5.

Science scholarship offered

The Cache Creek Conservancy will again be offering a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to a graduating senior who is pursuing an education in an environmental/natural resource science related field at a 2 or 4 year college/university in the fall of 2005.

Applications have been sent to all high schools and alternative high schools within the county.

The deadline has been extended and completed

applications should be postmarked no later than April 15, for consideration.

Contact the Education Program Coordinator of the Cache Creek Conservancy at 661-1070 for further information about the scholarship.

Public hearing planned regarding textbooks

There will be a public hearing at the April 7 school board meeting, which will be held at school district office, 909 W. Grant Avenue at 6 p.m. The hearing will focus on the sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials.

The Williams Act mandates that school district governing boards certify compliance with Education Code Section 60119 by holding a public hearing stating that each pupil in district has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in specific subjects consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education.

Set clocks
ahead one
hour on
Sunday,
April 3.

Cheerleading classes offered

Youth between the ages of 12-18 and who are interested in learning more about cheerleading, or current cheerleader who are interested in improving their tumbling skills can sign up for the city of Davis Gymnastics program's teen cheerleading classes. City staff will work with participants on learning a variety of tumbling and stunting skills.

Classes are held on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$34 five classes, held from April 6 to May 4. To enroll, go online to www.cityofdavis.org/pcs/w ebreg, or come to the city of Davis Parks and Community Services office located at 23 Russell Boulevard in Davis.

For more information, call 757-5626.

Features

Aura heralds some migraines

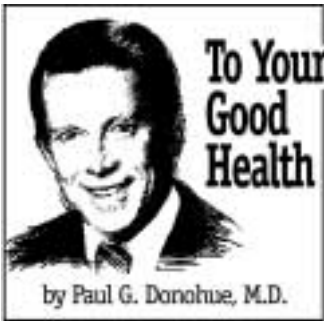
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My grandson has had severe migraine headaches since age 6. He is now 18. Two years ago, the doctor prescribed sumatriptan (Imitrex). My grandson knows a headache is about to start when he sees bright spots. He usually also throws up. Do you think a migraine condition should last for 12 years? Is sumatriptan safe? — J.S.

ANSWER: Close to 15 percent of the female population and 6 percent of the male population suffer from migraine headaches. They are severely painful, pulsating, one-sided headaches. Almost all migraine patients feel sick to their stomach when one comes on, and many throw up. Bright lights and loud sounds torment a person with a migraine. The headache lasts from four to 72 hours.

A few migraineurs, like your grandson, have an aura before the headache begins. One common kind of aura is an enlarging black spot with flashing edges. Other visual phenomena can occur.

Your grandson should look for migraine triggers. Alcohol (red wine in particular), luncheon meats like hot dogs, chocolate, aged cheeses, perfume and too little or too much sleep can bring on these headaches. Eliminating an identified trigger greatly lessens the frequency of these headaches.

Migraine treatment reached a milestone with the arrival of triptan medicines. Sumatriptan (Imitrex) was the first one of these wonder drugs to make it to the market. They are safe medicines that have been a boon for people whose lives have been devastated by migraine headaches. Long-term use is approved, but no headache medicine should be used on a daily basis. People with heart disease or a history of stroke cannot use them because they constrict blood vessels. Twelve years sounds like a



long time to have any condition, but many migraine patients have to contend with these headaches for life.

The headache booklet gives a bird's-eye view of the common kinds of headaches and their treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 901W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 U.S./\$6.50 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is it true that an egg eaten soon after it is laid has little cholesterol? While on this subject, how about telling me how many eggs a person can eat? I love them. — J.J.

ANSWER: As soon as it is laid, an egg has all the cholesterol it is ever going to have — 215 mg. It's advisable to keep the daily cholesterol limit at 300 mg. If a person is on a strict low-cholesterol diet, one or two eggs a week are enough. For most others, a daily egg doesn't raise their cholesterol levels so very much and is permitted. Fatty foods raise blood cholesterol more than do cholesterol-rich foods like eggs.

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. (c) 2005 North America Syndicate Inc. All Rights Reserved

Fond memories of a plucky pooch

Debra's columns about cats (they're good) vs. dogs (they're bad) have inspired me to present my own perspective.

Some people in the Yolo/Solano area may remember a news item from 1999. Police in Vacaville raided the home of a woman who was what health professionals refer to as an "animal hoarder". Living in her house were 76 toy poodles. ("Toy" refers to size — it's the second smallest poodle — larger than "teacup" but smaller than "miniature" and "standard.") The poodles had bred and re-bred until they were inbred and in various states of health. None had been, strictly speaking, abused, but it's impossible for one person to adequately care for so many animals. Some were so sick and neglected that they had to be put to sleep immediately. The rest were taken to the pound where they were cared for by the county until their owner's legal status was resolved. This took several months.

Apparently, though, all of the poodles which were still reasonably healthy eventually found homes. One of them ended up at our house on Central Lane.

Mickey Mo was at least 8 years old and had cataracts, so he was nearly blind. He had a bad knee, so when running he would often suddenly switch to three legs for a few seconds. He came with severe dental decay — we had to have all but eight of his teeth extracted. And he had as much heart and personality as any dog (or person) I've ever known. I'd never dreamed of having anything to do with a



poodle, but he knocked us out. He would run in the dirt and gravel (or mud) of Central Lane with us and our other dog, Cheppie, a lab mix. He'd follow us up and down through the tall grass in the hills, too, even though much of it was easily five times his height. Sometimes the only way to spot him was to stop, call him and watch for moving grass.

In the house, he and Cheppie had a running tug-of-war going with a rag toy. In this contest, one of the players weighed in at eight pounds and the other at 70. I can still see and hear Mickey Mo growling, teeth sunk in the rag, feet barely skimming the floor and Cheppie effortlessly whipping him around the house. Like any other disabled dog, he had no idea whatever that he had any disabilities. He just went with them.

My wife used to spend her time around the house with Mickey Mo on her shoulder. He was one of those pets who stole the show. Just about any visitors who didn't hate dogs would immediately fall for this guy. He spent a lot of time as the central object of a game called "Pass the Poodle, please". It helped that we groomed him simply by cutting his hair short, so he didn't have the classic poodle look. He looked like any other ordinary fuzzy eight pound middle aged, lame,

nearly blind and toothless pet. Perhaps my wife liked him because he reminded her of her husband.

One thing I haven't seen before or since: occasionally he would "scoot" in a circle — using one of his rear haunches as a pivot. Maybe it had something to do with his bad knee. Don't know, but we found it hilarious. TV reception was poor on Central Lane and we were easily entertained.

We lost him one summer night to a rattlesnake. He must have stumbled across it and alarmed it before he even saw it. It broke our hearts. I buried him in the yard with his ball.

I have heard that there's a southwest Native American myth about the origins of the special human/dog relationship. It goes something like this: in the beginning Man was at one with all animals. One day there was an earthquake and a split in the ground appeared. Man happened to be standing on one side and all the other animals were on the other side. The split grew wider and at the last possible moment, Dog jumped across. Ever since, Man and Dog have had a special bond.

I believe it. Cheppie came to New Zealand with us and we now have a Kiwi poodle who is bonded to my wife and tolerates me. But I still miss Mickey Mo.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

An unexpected problem should be handled as quickly as possible so that it doesn't cause too much of a delay. Someone who knows what you're facing could provide needed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unsettling situation seems to be taking forever to be resolved. Fortunately, your Bovine aptitude for patience is strong this week, so you'll be more than able to wait it out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a stand against an uncalled-for situation involving a friend or co-worker isn't easy, but somehow you'll rise to the challenge and do it. Rely on advice from someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There are still some questions on all sides that need to be dealt with in order to allow hurt feelings to heal. Get your workplace tasks done early so that you can devote more time to loved ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Consider a new spring makeover that will show all you Leos and Leonas in your best light. A new hairdo and some fashionable new clothes can help put a fresh glow on your image.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some stormy, emotional weather can blow up in the workplace when an irate co-worker has strong words for you. But if you believe right is on your side, you'll be able to ride it out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Creating more balance in your life is especially important now so that you're not distracted when you get into projects that will make demands on both your physical and mental energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As much as you enjoy being right when others are not, show your generous side by offering to use what you know to everyone's benefit. This way, you gain admirers and avoid resentment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week for the Archer to aim at healing relationships. Whether it's at home, at work or among your friends, get everyone to set things straight and make a fresh start.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you like things done your way, this is a good time to listen to ideas from others. You might even find yourself agreeing with one or more of their suggestions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor positive action to reclaim your ideas from someone who might want the glory without doing any of the work. Expect to find many people rallying to support you.

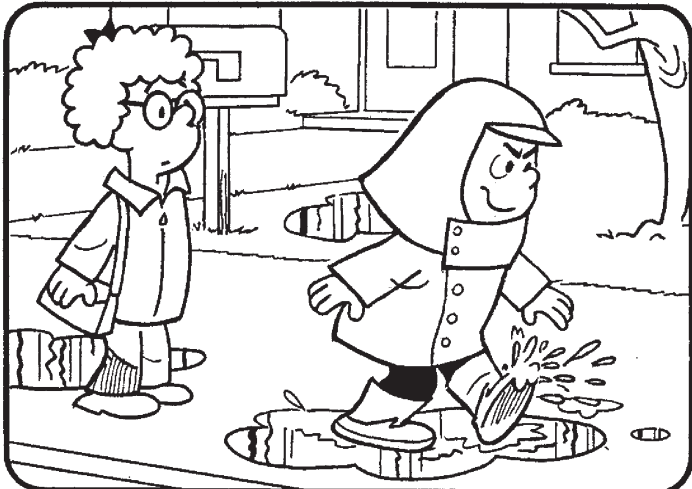
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel uneasy about taking that step forward at work or in your private life. But who knows better than you that while treading water keeps you afloat, it doesn't get you anywhere.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of creating positive attitudes and making people feel good about themselves.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Purse is missing. 2. Mailbox flag is missing. 3. Puddle is missing. 4. Pocket is missing. 5. Vistor is moved. 6. Arm is moved. 7. VIPs 8. Flightless bird 9. Illuminated 10. Expert 12. Photon 19 - polloi 21 - Tafari 23 Kreskin's claim 25 Possess, biblically 26 Old-time actor Jannings 27 Trumpeter's muffer 28 Construction piece 29 Florence's river 30 Kegler's targets 31 Greek consonants 35 Prized possession 38 Phony story 40 See 7-Across 42 Tend a turkey 45 Castle 47 Pleasant 48 Luminary 49 Pound of poetry 50 Kitten's comment 51 Simile center 52 Pitch 54 Ram's mate

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"A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools."

~ Douglas Adams

Pleased to meet you



Name: Gina Linville
Occupation: Co-owner of Valley Floors
Hobby: Gardening and being outdoors
What's best about living in Winters: "The family atmosphere; everyone knows you by name."
Fun fact: Just had first baby, Pierce Edward Linville, born Feb. 1, 2005.

King Crossword

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- McKinley's first lady
- Eastern potentate
- Oppositionist
- Guy's companion
- Jam ingredient?
- Evaluate
- Former talk-show bigwig
- Garden tool
- Willful harm
- Sanctifying ceremony
- Sea World attraction
- Actor La Salle
- Boxer
- "What time -?"
- Cancel
- Starbucks' home
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- Tobacco plug
- Actor
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- Bigfoot's cousin
- Peruke
- Leading man?
- "The Crucible" setting

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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ
EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

La muerte de Terri Schiavo

Nadie sabe, por suerte o por desgracia o porque, además, no importa, quién fue el primero que pensó en la vida y en la muerte. Debe haber sido hace mucho tiempo, cuando ni los meses ni los días tenían nombres y todo estaba por ocurrir.

Uno imagina el momento en que el primer ser humano se dio cuenta de que todo comienza y de que todo termina, y no puede evitar un estremecimiento al comprender que quizá esa noción de principio y fin es una clara señal de la propia pequeñez de nuestra especie.

Uno nace, uno vive, uno muere. En el trayecto uno pregunta aunque no siempre encuentre las respuestas que busca. Me pregunto cómo será la vida de Terri Schiavo. Me pregunto si sueña, si le dan ganas de hacer cosas, si se le antoja comer o beber algo. Me pregunto también si sabe lo que pasa, si recuerda otros tiempos, si espera que llegue un jueves o un domingo. Me pregunto qué diría si pudiera.

La ciencia, que es lo único que tenemos para responder a medias algunas de nuestras preguntas, dice que no, que no sueña ni le dan ganas de nada, ni tiene antojos ni sabe lo que pasa ni recuerda. La ciencia dice que la señora cuyos ojos nos miran sin ver ya no sabe que vive. Otros, entre ellos sus padres, dicen que no, que Terri Schiavo responde a estímulos, que ríe y que llora, que obedece órdenes simples, que trata de hablar, y sobre todo que puede llegar a recuperar las facultades que perdió el 25 de febrero de 1990, cuando tenía veintiséis años.

Desde entonces, Terri Schiavo está en estado vegetativo persistente, una condición que se define por la pérdida de las funciones neurológicas cognitivas y de la conciencia del ambiente, aunque el paciente conserve otras funciones y su organismo mantenga el ciclo vigilia-sueño.

Según la literatura médica disponible, las personas en este estado pueden experimentar movimientos espontáneos, y sus ojos se pueden abrir como consecuencia de estímulos externos, y pueden reír, hacer gestos o llorar, pero no son normales, y la esperanza de recuperación es mínima o

inexistente.

Hasta donde se sabe, esa fue la razón por la que el juez George Greer aceptó que Michael Schiavo, el esposo de Terri Schiavo, sólo quería que ella tuviera un final digno, y ordenó que dejaran de alimentarla para que la muerte le trajera el descanso. Y el viernes 18 de marzo, al cuarto para las dos de la tarde, las enfermeras del hospicio Suncoast de Florida retiraron el tubo por donde alimentaban a la paciente.

Y después lo que vino fue una batalla legal entre los padres de Terri y su esposo, lo más extraño de esto es que de repente hasta el presidente y el congreso se interesaron por este caso, que por cierto hay muchos más como este en este país. Muchos temen que esos actos marquen el principio de una intervención directa del gobierno y de los políticos en lo que de otro modo sería un drama personal o familiar, y advierten que el caso es, fue y será explotado por la derecha religiosa.

Lo que hace diferente a Terri Schiavo de las decenas de miles de personas en estado vegetativo que hay en Estados Unidos es el inusitado hecho de que el Congreso sesionó en un fin de semana y después de debatir su caso emitió una ley especial, y que el presidente la firmó a la una de la madrugada.

Pero además de despertar el miedo al fundamentalismo de las organizaciones religiosas estadounidenses, el caso también enfrentó a los tres poderes estadounidenses en una batalla que terminaron ganando los tribunales locales, estatales y federales.

Porque todos los tribunales locales, estatales y federales rechazaron la noción de que al permitir que Terri Schiavo muriera en paz la estaban condenando a sufrimientos terribles en el purgatorio, como sostienen los abogados que contrató la familia para oponerse a los deseos del esposo.

La Suprema Corte rechazó por segunda vez esos y otros argumentos y ni siquiera aceptó escuchar el caso. La Casa Blanca terminó por admitir que el presidente ya no puede hacer nada más. Terri Schiavo va a morir. Uno nace, uno vive, uno muere.

La separación de los poderes en la democracia

Los forjadores del estado americano lo concibieron sobre la base de tres poderes: el ejecutivo, el legislativo y el judicial. Cada uno de esos poderes es independiente uno del otro y a la vez, interdependiente. Es decir, tienen sus funciones específicas pero al mismo tiempo se relacionan uno con el otro al ejecutarlas. Los elaboradores de la constitución denominaron esto con lo que se conoce en inglés como "check and balance". No hay libertad absoluta de acción en cada poder. Se vigilan uno al otro.

Las leyes son aprobadas por el poder legislativo pero éstas no pueden ser llevadas a la práctica hasta que el poder ejecutivo no las autoriza con su firma. Una ley no es ley hasta que el presidente no autoriza su promulgación. También el presidente tiene el poder de vetarla, es decir, de no aprobarla y, por tanto, no se convierte en ley.

Al mismo tiempo, el presidente por sí mismo no puede hacer ley si no proviene del congreso o poder legislativo. De manera que, la ley para que sea ley necesita la concurrencia de esos dos poderes. Pero que resulta, el poder legislativo y el ejecutivo pueden hacer la ley pero el que determina su aplicabilidad es el poder judicial, que también tiene el poder de anular una ley si ésta no está alineada con los principios constitucionales. En este caso, los interpretadores de la Carta Magna, como se le llama a la constitución, son los jueces que integran el poder judicial. Entonces tenemos que la funcionalidad del sistema se debe a la integración de los tres poderes en el ejercicio de gobierno.

Durante toda la historia republicana de este país sus

gobernantes han sabido regir sus acciones dentro del marco de estos principios de gobierno. Esa es la razón por la cual, esta nación se ha convertido en un modelo en el ejercicio de lo que es la democracia.

El éxito de la larga experiencia histórica no sólo se debe atribuir a los gobernantes sino a la toma de conciencia por parte de la población sobre la funcionalidad del sistema. Es decir, hay una población que ha asimilado de una manera consciente los principios que dan base al ejercicio del poder. Eso ha dado lugar al surgimiento de sólidas instituciones, instauradas y basadas en los principios que dieron lugar al estado y no en el caprichoso personalismo o caudillismo de turno como ha sucedido en otras naciones.

La población está consciente que vive en un estado de derecho y eso es lo que da fortaleza a las instituciones que rigen el país y que el sistema funcione dentro de cierta credibilidad. Esa credibilidad en las instituciones es lo que ha permitido al proceso político sobrepasar las crisis que lo han afectado durante el largo proceso histórico.

Las crisis han sido muchas pero no han podido resquebrajar las bases institucionales del sistema. Los "Watergate", "Irangate", "Clinton Affaire" y "La crisis de las elecciones del 2000" entre otros, aunque crearon preocupaciones, ninguna de ellas pusieron en dudas la funcionalidad del sistema institucional, sino que por el contrario reafirmaron su credibilidad.

En ninguna de estas instancias se crearon conflictos institucionales en-

tre los poderes que manejan la crisis. Las decisiones de cada rama del estado fueron respetadas por su contraparte. En otras palabras, se respetó la institucionalidad y, por tanto, las reglas de juego que rigen el sistema.

Lo mismo ha sucedido con el caso de la señora en Florida, que un juez del estado ordenó quitar el tubo que la alimentaba. Una vez emitida la orden del juez, ésta fue cumplida a pie juntilla. Como se habían agotado las instancias de apelación del estado, los sectores políticos que soportaban la causa de la señora, apelaron al Congreso Nacional para que se legislara y se transfiriera la decisión del caso a un juez federal. Durante un fin de semana los representantes ante el Congreso permanecieron en Washington para tomar la decisión. Así se hizo y una vez el caso fue presentado ante un juez federal, éste ratificó la decisión que había tomado la corte estatal. Se acudió entonces a una corte de apelación federal y el caso no cambió de curso. El último recurso que le queda a los familiares de la señora, es apelar al Tribunal Supremo de la nación, es decir, a la Suprema Corte de Justicia.

Traigo como ejemplo esta situación, que está presente en la mente de todos, para mostrar cómo en un caso de no mucha trascendencia política se respetaron las normas institucionales y a nadie se le ocurrió, desde el Presidente hasta el Gobernador del estado, usar otras vías que no fueran las estipuladas por las normas constitucionales. En países sin esta tradición, el asunto hubiese sido resuelto de un plumazo por cualquier jefecito o mandamás a contrapelo de los mecanismos institucionales.

Cumbre para el olvido

Las expectativas ante la reciente cumbre de Waco, Texas, eran pocas, sin embargo, todavía alcanzó para defraudar, al sólo producir un acuerdo de seguridad para América del Norte. La reunión eludió la mayoría de los temas sociales y económicos que son clave para la región. La prioridad estadounidense de seguridad fue el único motivo del encuentro, dejando de lado los numerosos elementos que integran y presionan el pacto regional.

El tema migratorio, por ejemplo, fue uno de ellos en los que el presidente mexicano Vicente Fox no insistió y su colega George W. Bush le pasó elegantemente la responsabilidad del tema al Congreso. En realidad, es poco lo que Fox puede hacer para influir en la reforma migratoria estadounidense; mientras

que Bush carece del entusiasmo público sobre este tema espinoso para su partido.

Es necesario resaltar el contraste que se marcó entre el primer ministro canadiense Paul Martin y el presidente mexicano Vicente Fox. Martin llegó a la reunión con fuertes diferencias entre Canadá y Estados Unidos, precisamente en temas de seguridad, como con la defensa espacial. Al cabo de la reunión, las distancias entre las dos visiones perduran. En cambio, Fox dejó la impresión de acomodar su agenda para no incomodar la reunión. Esta actitud reafirmó en el exterior la imagen de debilidad de su presidencia que se viene reflejando en lo interno. La reunión de Waco quedará como una cumbre para el olvido.

Cambios en el distrito escolar

Seguramente usted se ha enterado de los cambios que el distrito escolar de Winters va a realizar para el próximo ciclo escolar, algunos de los muchos cambios serían mover el kinder a Waggoner y traer los estudiantes de Wolfskill al edificio del Kinder, recortar algunas posiciones de las ayudantes de maestras, mover tercer año a la escuela Shirley Rominger, todos estos cambios que se está proponiendo el consejo escolar nos tienen muy preocupados ya que los más afectados serían nuestros hijos en muchos aspectos.

Les invito a asistir a las siguientes reuniones que va a tener el Distrito escolar los días 5 y 19 de abril a las 6:00 P.M. en las oficinas del Distrito, 909 Grant Ave. Es muy importante asistir a estas reuniones ya que debemos expresar nuestra voz, y demostrar nuestro interés y preocupación por la educación de nuestros hijos

Tiempo de definiciones

Se acerca el momento en que los gobiernos de México y de Estados Unidos van a tener que plantearse definiciones muy precisas sobre el problema de la migración de indocumentados mexicanos a ese país. En México será necesario que se le dé una respuesta firme a lo señalado por el embajador de EU en México, Tony Garza, quien asumiendo una posición que no refleja lo que ha venido señalando el presidente George W. Bush ni los acontecimientos en su país, afirmó que la reforma migratoria, propuesta por su jefe, sólo será viable cuando el pueblo y los dirigentes de su país sientan la confianza de que la frontera es segura y de que México está haciendo todo lo posible para crear oportunidades económicas dentro de su propio territorio.

Tal afirmación implica tres cosas: la primera es que a su juicio la frontera no es segura; que México no está haciendo lo suficiente para crear oportunidades de trabajo, y, lo más grave, que la reforma migratoria no se materializará sino hasta que ya no sea necesaria.

Olvida Garza que esa reforma sería una importante contribución para que en México se resuelva gran parte del desequilibrio que existe entre las dos economías. Pero mucho más enterados que el embajador, y más realistas en torno de lo que sucede con México resultan muchos de los legisladores de EU, incluyendo una buena cantidad de representantes del partido Republicano, que reconocen una dependencia creciente de la economía de su país respecto de la mano de obra migratoria. Como lo señala el Washington Post, para 2008 en Estados Unidos habrá una demanda de 161

millones de empleos, pero sólo existirán 154 millones de personas para desempeñarlos.

Por ese motivo se van a presentar al Congreso de EU dos iniciativas para aceptar trabajadores huéspedes: una, del senador John McCain, republicano de Arizona, y del demócrata Edward M. Kennedy, y la otra del republicano Chuck Hagel, de Nebraska; ambas son mucho más amplias en su alcance de lo que propuso originalmente Bush.

El gobierno mexicano, por su parte, tiene que tomar medidas diplomáticas mucho más enérgicas en torno de la inminente entrada en acción de un grupo de vigilantes armados estadounidenses, que pretenden cazar indocumentados mexicanos dentro del proyecto Minute Man, que se está organizando en Arizona.

Hay que aprovechar en este sentido el pronunciamiento crítico formulado sobre este grupo por el presidente George W. Bush. Las autoridades mexicanas deben presentar una serie de quejas ante las instancias legales

dentro de Estados Unidos, así como ante organismos internacionales, para evitar que ocurra una tragedia. Es necesario lograr que todos los que estén prestos a agredir, incluso asesinar, a indocumentados mexicanos comprendan que tendrán que responder ante la justicia por esos actos.

También es necesario reconocer que la solución a fondo al problema migratorio deberá surgir de la moderación de los desequilibrios sociales y económicos entre ambos lados de la frontera. En ese aspecto es muy plausible el trabajo que aunque limitado lleva a cabo el gobierno mexicano de crear empleos para arraigar a jóvenes campesinos de 8 estados del país. Independientemente de la solución de los problemas de los indocumentados en EU, México tiene que revertir con programas efectivos el despoblamiento de muchas zonas rurales, donde la falta de ocupación remunerada ha causado que muchas comunidades se vuelvan más pobres.

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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER March 11, 2005

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK Kimberli Johnson, Deputy FBN NUMBER 2005-239

The following person(s) is/are doing business as:Saint Michael Antiques, 930 Clover Street, Woodland, CA. 95695 P.O. Box 352, Woodland, CA 95776

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Marcus A. Michel, 930 Clover Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

Lauren M. Michel, 930 Clover Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

This business classification is: Husband and wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on March 1, 2005

s/Marcus A. Michel, Lauren M. Michel I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certifi- cation is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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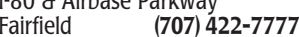
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