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"Gateway to the Monticello Dam"

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Thought for food



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters postal carrier Johnny Guster hopes to collect a little more food than this on Saturday, May 14, when the Winters Post Office participates in the Stamp Out Hunger food drive. The event is cosponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers, the United States Postal Service, the United Way and private businesses. To participate, place non-perishable food items in a bag near your mailbox the morning of May 14. Postal carriers will pick up the bags that day and deliver them to local food banks.

Pool, bridge on next city council agenda

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Second reading and approval of ordinance adopting the Creekside Estates development agreement.
- ~ Approval of amendment to Environmental Impact Report (EIR) consultant services agreement with Ted Winfield Associates for Winters Highlands EIR.
- ~ Industrial area development options.
- ~ City/school district swimming pool; discussion of necessary repairs to high school swimming pool.
- ~ Approval of revised project budget sheet for railroad trestle bridge improvements, and award of construction contract to William P. Young Construction.
- ~ Closed session to meeting with city manager to discuss city manager evaluation.

Waste Management contract discussed

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Discussion over implementation of a new single-stream recycling program led the city council, at its Tuesday, May 3 meeting, to debate extending the city's contract with Waste Management.

Last year the city council approved a pilot program for single-stream recycling in selected neighborhoods. At that time residents objected to including a program that would require them to place green waste in containers, rather than on

the street to be swept up on Fridays. Because of that resistance, the pilot program only included recycling, which allows residents to place items, including paper, cardboard, several grades of plastic and glass, into one recycling bin.

According to a report from Waste Management, 90 percent of residents not in the pilot program areas who responded to a survey were in favor of single-stream recycling; 99 percent of those in the pilot program area who responded to the survey were in favor of single-stream recycling. After receiving that information, the city council in

March asked Waste Management to come up with a proposal to implement single-stream recycling. Waste Management Recycling Education Coordinator Marissa Juhler presented the proposal, which would provide each residential customer in Winters with two carts for waste disposal. One would be a trash cart, another, with a blue lid, would be used for recycling, with the list of recyclable items being greatly expanded.

Residents would receive a 64-gallon recycling cart and would have a

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Cliche honored for Eagle Scout project

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Winters High School senior and new Eagle Scout, Andrew Cliche, was recognized with a proclamation in his honor at the Tuesday, May 3, city council meeting. As part of his Eagle Scout requirement, Cliche constructed a memorial at Blue Oak Park to honor veterans. He is the first Winters scout to reach the rank of Eagle in 28 years.

"There are times when we really get to recognize excellence and tonight is one of those nights," said City Manager John Donlevy.

Donlevy went on to describe Cliche's many activities, including being a member of the community jazz band, a member of the Winters High School marching band, pep band and concert band, photographer for the Winters Junior Warrior football teams and recent Rotary Club student of the month.

"He really is a young man of quite a bit of accomplishment," said Donlevy.

Mayor Dan Martinez read the proclamation into the record before congratulating Cliche for his achievements.

The memorial, which stands at the entrance to Blue Oak Park, is a stone monument containing a



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Andrew Cliche constructed this veterans memorial at Blue Oak Park as part of his Eagle Scout requirement.

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Clayton, Wolfskill issues stall budget cuts

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

What to do about John Clayton Kinder School and Wolfskill Continuation High School are proving to be the "hot buttons" in discussions by school district trustees on how to trim approximately

\$260,000 in ongoing costs from the district's operating budget over the next two years.

Trustees meeting on May 5 found it relatively easy to agree on cuts recommended by district superintendent Dale Mitchell to trim at least \$157,000 from the district's

budget for the 2005-06 school year, but they are far from reaching consensus for an additional \$110,000 that Mitchell says needs to be cut for 2006-07. The second wave of cuts involve recommendations that the kindergarten program be moved to Waggoner Elementary School

and that the Wolfskill and independent study programs be moved to John Clayton, which currently houses the kindergarten and preschool programs.

Opinions expressed at two public meetings and a previous school board

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Trustees approve controversial calendar

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Winters Joint Unified School District trustees unanimously approved school calendars for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years at their May 5 meeting. The calendars include a longer winter break created by incorporating the observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday and Martin Luther King's birthday into the break. They also include week-long Thanksgiving and spring breaks.

Trustee Kathy McIntire cast the dissenting vote in a 5-1 board decision to move the two holidays, a

prerequisite to approving the calendars. (Trustee Tom Harding was not present.) Two parents also addressed the board in opposition to moving the holiday observances, saying that the move would increase daycare costs for parents, take away the three-day weekends, and take away curriculum opportunities for students to learn about the holidays.

Trustee Mary Rodolfa, who was on the calendar negotiating team, explained that lengthening the winter break to three weeks in two neighboring districts has been successful in increasing student attendance following the

break. The calendars adopted for Winters schools are two days short of three weeks during the winter break.

"We need to give it a chance," Rodolfa said, acknowledging, however, that if she were "calendar queen" she would do it differently. She said that the school calendar is a product of negotiation among the district's three employee unions, the board of trustees and administration.

For 2006-07, school will start on Aug. 15 and end on May 31. For 2007-08, school will start on Aug. 14 and

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FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

***JOHN RUTGER ROMINGER** is the new son and first child of Bruce and Robyn (Rutger) Rominger of Winters. He was born on May 2, and weighed 8 pounds even and was 20 inches long. He has a brother, Justin Rominger, 14, also of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Evelyn Rominger of Winters. Maternal grandparents are Neil and Peg Rutger of Woodland and Stuttgart, Arkansas.

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OBITUARIES

Howard Halley

Howard Theodore Keith Halley was born May 25, 1903, in Delamar. He died on May 7 in Auburn, at age 101. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Inga Halley, his sisters Mabel, Edith, Helen and Hazel, and brothers, Stanley, Robert and Norman Halley, of Winters. He is also survived by his wife of 55 years, Lucile Halley of Auburn, their two children, Edward Halley and wife, Laura, of Fountain Valley, Ruth Halley and husband Duncan Pherigo, of Sacramento. Mr. Halley had four grandchildren, Rachel, Jeremiah, Micah and Tirzah, and two step-grandchildren, Jessica and Sabrina. He also had four step-great grandchildren, Domenico, Danilo, Drake and Savannah.

Mr. Halley grew up on a farm in Cogswell, North Dakota. His family returned to California in 1919 in a new Oldsmobile car, with Howard driving, at age 15. He graduated from Winters High School in 1925 and had a variety of jobs in his life. In the 1920's while working on airplanes in southern California he did some repairs on Amelia Earhart's airplane. He also did body and fender work on automobiles in the 1920's. During World War II Mr. Halley served in the Army Air Corp working on recruitment. He was stationed at Mather Field in Sacramento. In the early 1950's he trained as an accountant and worked at C. Norman Peterson Construction Company (later Dillingham) in Berkeley, retiring after 18 years in 1970.

While living in the Bay Area, Howard and Lucile were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley where they enjoyed many years of fellowship and bringing up their children in the Christian faith. After living many years in Oakland, the Halleys enjoyed a long retirement together in Auburn.

A funeral service will take place on Thursday, May 12 at 1 p.m. at Chapel of the Hills, 1331 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Interment will follow at the New Auburn Cemetery.

Mark Andrew Gale

Mark Andrew Gale died at Sierra Convalescent Home in Davis on May 5, after a brave and courageous struggle with cancer and failing health.

Born October 21, 1957 in Woodland he was the son of Robert and Annette Gale.

Mark was preceded in death by his mother in February, 2003. He is survived by his loving father, Robert Gale of Davis, sisters Laura Gale of Winters and Robin Gale of West Sacramento, and brother Allen Gale of Davis, aunts and uncles Bud and Laura Manger of Davis, Elizabeth Struss of Pleasanton, Gerald and Louise Gale of Woodland and Gene and Betty Gale of Winters. He is also survived by numerous cousins.

A private gathering to honor and remember Mark will be held at a later date.

YESTERYEAR



~ File photo

In April, 1991, as an Earth Day project, The Winters P.T.A. donated two 15-gallon trees to the Winters Middle School. Helping PTA member Carol Scianna dig the hole and plant the trees were the school's student council: Left to right, Megan Pedersen, vice president; Jessie Farias, president; Scianna; Maria Ochoa, secretary, and Joe Scheeline, treasurer.

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YEARS AGO

May 21, 1970

Mervin Kato, student body president at Winters High School, has been selected as valedictorian of the graduating class of 1970, and Cathy Gardner has been named salutatorian. The 74th annual commencement exercises will be held Thursday, May 28, at the athletic field.

The annual eighth grade graduation exercises of Waggoner School will be held at the high school athletic field Wednesday, May 27, with Joseph Rominger as valedictorian and Rene Mayes as salutatorian.

Don Young's "Big Bertha", representing the Winters District Chamber of Commerce in the Angels Camp Jumping Frog Jubilee, won the Chamber of Commerce Jump Saturday with a leap of 13 feet, two inches, and Agapito Aguirre's "Old Max" copped first place in the International Jump for Frogs representing foreign countries.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock this morning in the Pioneer Presbyterian Church for former Winters mayor, Charles Perry Culton, 83, who passed away in the Davis Community Hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raul Valdez, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born May 14, 1970 in the Davis Community Hospital.

Apricot shipping began this week in Winters, with a truck loaded with 1350 boxes of cots leaving from the California Fruit Exchange, headed for New York.

Taxable retail sales in Winters during 1969 totaled \$3,068,000 according to State Board of Equalization member Paul Leake, of Woodland.

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YEARS AGO

May 19, 1955

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is making a new study of the feasibility of utilizing the head created by Monticello Dam for power purposes.

Barry Bellport, son of Mr. B. P. Bellport and the late Mrs. Bellport, has been named valedictorian of the Winters High School graduating class of 1955.

Mrs. George Davidson was elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 242, at the annual election of officers held Tuesday night.

The Winters Merchants baseball team lost the first game of the season at the high school field Sunday, by a score of 15 to 5, to the Woodland Moose. Hugh Randolph and Phil Snow pitched for Winters.

At the P.G. & E. service badge award dinner at the Nut Tree this evening, Leroy Freeman and Glenn C. Kidder will each receive 30 year badges, and Hardin G. Reddick will receive a five year badge.

Parents of boys enrolled in the agricultural courses at Winters High School were guests at the first parent and son banquet, sponsored by the Winters Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, held at the high school last Thursday evening.

Leo Blaylock served as master of ceremonies and J.L. McClish and Howard Hansen were made honorary members of the FFA.

Eighth grade graduates from Wolfskill School will be Richard Crites, Loretta Harris, Walter Halley, Valerie Morse, Howard Draper, Hazel How and Connie Carpenter. Graduation exercises will be held June 2.

Lake rises
.11 of a foot

With water pouring over the spillway, rains raised the level of Lake Berryessa by .11 of a foot during the past week, adding 2,124 acre feet of water to temporary storage, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 440.15 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,605,179 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 320 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 93 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 135 acre feet of water per day during the week.

AA meeting
held weekly

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

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YEARS AGO

May 19, 1905

Dr. and Mrs. M.O. Wyatt and Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Wyatt are in San Francisco this week attending the banker's convention. They will return tomorrow night.

The first box of apricots, shipped by L.A. Sackett, May 9, was sold in New York the 16th for \$8.75.

The Producers Fruit Co. sent out the first refrigerator car Monday with a partial load, stopping it at Vacaville where the load was completed with cherries.

The Winters Board of Trade held a meeting Monday night to make plans for welcoming the University Farm Commission, due here tomorrow.

Members of the Current Topic Club will take notice that the next and last meeting of the season will be held at the home of J.W. Lamme next Thursday evening, May 25, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. F.W. Willis returned home from a two weeks' visit with her sister Mrs. Leroy Scribner at Monticello.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dafoe have been stopping at the residence of D.O. Judy the past week and will leave soon for Geyserville, Sonoma County, where they have purchased a hotel.

Samuel Springs, the popular resort for this part of the Sacramento Valley, has been reopened by W.E. Meagher, who conducted the place last year.

Weekly police report

April 28

~ On the 600 block of First Street, a tire was stolen from a vehicle. Loss: \$58.

~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, juveniles were detained, investigated and released after a report of suspicious activity.

May 2

~ Cesar Garcia, 26, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on a previous charge of driving under the influence causing bodily injury. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Thong Chanthaboualy, 49, of Sacramento was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Blood alcohol content results: .14/.14. Chanthaboualy was booked at

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

May 3

~ Serafin Gomez Chavez, 51, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for having false evidence of registration on a vehicle license plate, failing to dim high beams to an oncoming vehicle and no proof of insurance.

~ On the 1000 block of Kennedy Drive, an officer responded to a residential alarm. It was determined the alarm was activated accidentally.

May 4

~ Ryan Gary Gonnella, 18, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Solano County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on a previous charge of possessing less than an

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Weekly fire department report

May 4

~ Vehicle accident, I 505 and highway 128, non-injury.

May 5

~ Medical aid, 400 block of Morgan Street, flu-like symptoms.

~ Medical aid, Solano County, 4600 block, Campos Lane, difficulty breathing.

May 6

~ Medical aid, I 505 and Russell Boulevard, unknown medical problem.

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Wildrose Lane, victim of an assault.

May 7

~ Vehicle accident, highway 128 at the dam, Napa County, person flown by Reach 6 helicopter to U.C. Davis Medical Center.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

AS WE DISCUSSED LAST WEEK, our government is concerned about downsizing. Our bodies, that is. You'd think the government has bigger things to fret about, like the war, skyrocketing gas prices and an economy poised on the precipice of ruin, but no, the Feds are worried about how we'll look in our low-rise Hollister jeans this summer. (Bad. The answer is bad. Unless you have ironing board abs. And if you do, I hate you.)

The Department of Agriculture poured \$2.5 million into solving our weighty problem and came up with — *tada* — a new food pyramid. And, to no one's amazement, it's not only incomprehensible, but pretty much useless.

Our old food pyramid really wasn't so bad. It just needed a little tweak, like flip-flopping the grains/cereals step with the fruits/vegetables step, specifying that meat and dairy should be low or non fat, and warning us to avoid white stuff: sugar and white flour.

I did that in about three seconds. I could've saved the government some serious bank. But no, they went with a committee. Had to be. The new pyramid has "committee" written all over it. Go online to www.mypyramid.gov and see for yourself.

First off, the graphics are disturbing. I need horizontal steps on my pyramid. These are vertical. My brain is unable to grasp vertical food groups. Should you want to make sense of this sideways pyramid, you click on the video presentation and, surprise, surprise, it doesn't work. I tried it on a Mac and a PC, and it bombed both times.

Clicking on "My Pyramid Plan," you enter your age, sex and the amount of activity you get in addition to your normal daily routine. Again, we have a problem. An hour of exercise is my normal daily routine, so I have to log in as a couch potato. However, I played with the age and activity levels, and they all said the same: consume 2,000 calories or less. Very fishy.

On to the advanced method, "My Pyramid Tracker." You enter all your food intake and physical activity for 24 hours. Entering food was tricky. It didn't recognize some foods I eat, like basmati rice or red bell peppers. Ditto for the activity tracker, which doesn't recognize Pilates or Tae Bo. However, some of the activities that did qualify as "exercise" were a riot.

For example, "religious activity." A little vigorous Bible-thumping can really tone that tummy! "Self-care" also makes the list, but I've yet to break a sweat painting my toenails. Then there's "light inactivity" and "quiet inactivity." If you're twiddling your thumbs, which is it? Light or quiet? But the exercise category that topped them all is "eating." How about some aerobic pizza consumption to whittle that waistline!

I tried to fill in My Pyramid Tracker as best I could, but it's full of snags. For example, I ate three olives. But it only measures olives in cups or ounces. Ditto for a tablespoon of sunflower seeds sprinkled over salad. At the final calculation, the Tracker said I'm consuming a whopping 5,000 calories a day and only burning 2,150. By this calculation, I should weigh about 785 pounds. Thankfully, I'm a little shy of that. The Tracker also told me I'm eating too many vegetables and not enough meat.

Two and a half million dollars, and I'm being cautioned to cut back on all that spinach and do a little more aerobic nail-filing. My personalized food pyramid also advised me to get in 30 minutes of exercise per day — half of what I'm already getting. Something tells me this plan won't have me bikini-slim by summer.

Did the USDA seriously think this new food pyramid would make us fit and trim? Maybe not. I suspect there were ulterior motives. At the bottom of the homepage, I noticed a link to the USDA anti-discrimination policy. All you Bible-thumpers get ready to burn off your morning muffin! It says "The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, *sexual orientation*, and marital or family status." (Emphasis mine). Aha! It's just like SpongeBob Squarepants! This new food pyramid promotes the gay agenda! No wonder it's colored like a rainbow!

So, my friends, there you have it: the new food pyramid is gay. But I could've told you that.



LETTERS

Brother's remains coming home

Dear Editor,

I would like to share with you the wonderful news that my family received this week. After 37 years the Department of Defense has reaffirmed what I have heard for many years from many families: we don't leave our men behind.

My brother, Lance Corporal Thomas W. Fritsch (Tommy to family and friends) was Killed in Action in South Vietnam on May 10, 1968, at the battle of Kham Duc-Ngoc Tavak. The Marine Corps Casualty Office from the Department of Defense has contacted my family to let us know that the son and brother we lost on Mother's Day in 1968 has been identified and will be returned home so that he may be buried on USA soil, where he belongs.

We all remember Tom as a bright and vibrant soul. He was a volunteer fireman. He was a Boy Scout and stayed active in scouting. He loved his family and had a passion for cooking and creating gourmet meals. He served as camp cook at summer Boy Scout activities and events. For many years he pursued his dream of becoming a professional chef. He had been accept-

ed in the Culinary Art Institute in Connecticut to start that dream in earnest. Sadly, he was never able to see the dream come true. Instead, through an annual event, scholarships are given in his name for other young men and women to complete that dream for him.

My brother leaves behind his parents, Bill and Mary Fritsch of Cromwell, Connecticut; siblings Gloria Fritsch Thomas, married to Dean Thomas of Winters; Patricia Fritsch of Colchester, Connecticut; William and Bonnie Fritsch of Waxahachie, Texas; Steven and Kim Fritsch of Cromwell, Connecticut; nephew Shawn and Wendy DeFelice of Marlborough, Connecticut; and nieces Lauren and Chelsey Fritsch of Cromwell, Connecticut.

After so many years, the tears now shed are those of joy for Tom's return and of appreciation to the United States Marine Corp for making sure that No Man is Left Behind.

Finally, we proudly say Welcome Home Marine. Semper Fi, Tom. We love you.

**GLORIA FRITSCH
THOMAS
Proud American**

Thank them for their hard work

Dear Editor,

May 15-21 is Classified School Employee Week. Classified employees keep the schools running by turning on the heat in the morning, driving students to school, serving lunches, providing instructional assistance in the classroom and providing maintenance to our schools and school grounds.

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guards. They keep the lights on, the students fed, the buses safe and create the environment so students can learn. They do all of these jobs with pride and dedication.

If you know a person employed by our school district as a classified employee, thank them for taking care of the students and our schools.

Classified School Employee Week began in 1986 when it was approved by the California legislature. This official week is an important part of giving classified school employees the recognition they deserve.

SUSAN SOUTHWORTH

Concerned about rubble on road

Dear Editor,

I consider myself an honorary Winters resident because my in-laws have lived in Winters for ages and I have attended many local functions such as Youth Day. Moreover, I have read every Winters Express since June 1981, so I have a pretty good idea of local affairs.

Over the years, Winters has become more environmentally conscious - witness the intense current efforts to revitalize Putah Creek. Consequently, it seems quite strange that no one has written - including the usually untimid editor of the Winters Express - about the horrible blight caused by a pile of rubble along highway 128 west of Winters where the road abruptly curves from straight to head

south.

Formerly, the view at that turn of an oak covered hillside was about the best Winters had to offer, now it looks terrible. The rubble seems to have come from the demolition and rebuilding of the Dry Creek bridge. As it accumulated, I thought it must be just a temporary storage pile, but there the rubble remains years after the job finished.

Why was it never removed? Who is responsible? What can be done to have this rubble disposed of properly to restore the view? Mobilize Winters!

EDWARD M. DICKSON

(Editor's note: Because the rubble is outside city limits, it falls under the jurisdiction of Yolo County.)



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

BIRTHDAYS ABOUND. It was a busy weekend. I was invited to a couple of birthday parties. One for my great nephew who lives in Mountain View. Billy turned the big one, and his parents threw him quite the barbecue party at their local park.

The talk about a real regional park in Winters makes me look differently at parks when I'm attending functions. I notice the nice lawns, picnic tables, raised barbecues and clean bathrooms. When we get around to building new parks, those are amenities we should try to emulate.

There is something about a one year old's party. Everyone is in a good mood, while small children play with each other and eye the new toys as they're unwrapped. When someone mentions that one of the children is getting a little red, out comes a big bottle of sun screen. When cake and cupcakes arrive, the adults wait their turn before grabbing a fork and napkin. Everyone leaves smiling and promises to stay in touch. If everyone could just remember those moments when the kids turn 14.

That evening I ended up at the Community Center to watch Dan Maguire almost turn 51. I won't get into why he waited until the eve of his 51st birthday to have a party, but it was well attended by his family and friends. With a Hawaiian theme, I didn't have to change from the lunch time barbecue. Dan didn't look as good as my great nephew Billy, but he looked like he was enjoying his party just the same.

A GREAT MEETING. I've been to more than my share of meetings, but one last week with city staff and a bunch of people concerned about Putah Creek was one of the best. It took place about a mile down the creek on private property. The property owner, along with the folks from the Putah Creek Council, had built a weir across the creek. The owner had originally built a small dam-like structure that served as a rough road to an island in the middle of the creek. Over the years he had some engineering help to build the weir.

A weir is like an angled rock wall with holes in it. It raises and diverts the water to the center of the creek. This weir was shaped like a W creating two channels in the creek. It looked and sounded great. The engineers at the meeting talked about fish habitat and how the weir helped keep the banks from eroding, both above and below the weir. There is aquatic life (bugs) which attracts fish, with is also a plus.

Why was I invited to the meeting? I've expressed a desire in the past to replace the percolation dam with something that would raise the water of Putah Creek enough to allow canoes and the like to be launched from the Community Center. We have pictures taken in the early 1900s of people boating and enjoying their summers along the banks of Putah Creek. I'd like to recreate those days by cleaning up the creek, which is happening, and raising the level of the creek a few feet. Seeing this W weir just down the creek from us was a site to behold.

When I asked about replacing the perc dam with this type of weir, City Manager John Donlevy was way ahead of me. There has been some preliminary budgeting and cost analysis of replacing the dam and between the city and the Putah Creek Council, I think they are moving forward. I just wanted to know when. They smiled and looked at John Donlevy. John has accomplished several projects since he became our city manager, and if he can pull this off, he's got my support for employee of the year.

Can't you imagine the improved habitat and the salmon jumping over the weir on their way upstream to spawn. I remember taking my son down to the creek to teach him how to fish. My father's voice came to me about not bringing any fish home that we caught below the perc dam. That is where the sewer ponds were. Right in the middle of the creek. Every winter the high water would clean out the ponds and come spring, city employees would take a tractor down and reform the ponds for another year.

The perc dam was the dividing line between the fish you could keep and those you had to release. The problem was the fish below the dam were bigger.

Think positive thoughts about a new dam, and have a good week.

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What's up with all those florists?

Dear Editor,

Just a comment on Chris' Florist. Like you, I have also wondered why florists name their shops/stores as a person rather than something more fitting to describe their business.

Many years ago I owned a flower shop which I named "El Sobrante Floral" as "floral" is supposed to mean the "house

of the florist." After I sold the business, the first thing that the new owners did was to change the name to "El Sobrante Florist."

Do you think Charley would ever consider changing the name of the Winters Express to Winters Publisher? Just wondering.

MARIE DANIELS

"If everything's under control, you're going too slow."
~ Mario Andretti

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"My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I am right." ~ Ashleigh Brilliant

Tough to live with perfect people

By CAROL BRYDOLF
Guest columnist

Ten years ago, when my husband and I decided to move the family north from the Bay Area, I knew I wanted to live in Davis. With its rich intellectual community, progressive political atmosphere, mall-free downtown, excellent schools, I couldn't imagine a nicer place to raise our children, who were then ages 7 and 9. That was before I realized how hard it can be to live in a town where everyone — except me — seems perfect.

The summer we arrived, I was ecstatic: the city's summer recreation program at the shady park just down the street was affordable and staffed by wholesome college students; the multi-pool complex where the kids took swimming lessons was a five-minute bike ride from our house, as was the quiet, air conditioned county library. But sometimes the town seemed a bit Stepford-like in its perfection.

I began to understand why one young Davis transplant, a refugee from a crowded Oakland neighborhood, complained that she was coming down with "park sickness" after her parents dragged her to yet-another sensibly designed public playground. I did not develop park sickness. I did, however, get sick of people who were so loudly and proudly well educated.

One day, as I was sitting in the sandbox with my kids at one of the many perfectly manicured parks in my neighborhood, a toddler playing nearby dropped his plastic toy. "Here's your fish," I said, handing it over. Apparently panicked that the subject might come up as a trick question on some future test for admission to the Gifted and Talented program, his father was quick to interrupt: "Actually, Aaron, this is a dolphin," he corrected; in a superior and reproachful tone. "Dolphins and whales are mammals."

I wanted to slap him. (Don't call Children's Protective Services — I meant the father, not the toddler). More than a decade later, the memory still stings.

Since I happened to be between jobs during my

first year in Davis, I briefly attempted to devote myself to home-making. But it was soon publicly obvious that ours was a household that resisted reform. I got warning notes from the city about the placement of my curbside lawn-clipping piles and improperly sorted recycling. Ours was invariably the last household on the block to get the empty garbage cans back in the side yard. Sometimes, we just left them out all week. That way, we'd be ready when the next trash day rolled around.

I lived in dread of receiving a neighborhood petition begging us to do something about our unkempt, pine-needle-filled front yard or to get rid of the 1951 Mercury left to us by my father-in-law that moldered in our driveway for years.

Our experiences with the city's outstanding public schools was most disappointing of all. Davis schools have great facilities, caring and talented teachers, enlightened administrators, (frighteningly) involved parents; in short, everything I wanted for my kids.

That first September, I brought my second- and fourth-grader to school for their first day. The talk during the welcome reception for parents that morning was all about the GATE program and strategies for swinging the best classroom assignments (in Davis, parents aren't allowed to request specific teachers, for fear the competition would get excessive.). I heard about volunteer opportunities, after-school enrichment and service commitments. Women more toned and tan than I spoke proudly of their children's summer achievements, both athletic and academic.

It seemed that every kid in Davis hankered for accelerated learning opportunities, excelled at team and individual sports, did their household chores without complaint and played at least one musical instrument at an advanced level. Their parents helped in the library, tabulated book counts for read-athons, participated in family math sessions after school, coached soccer or Little League, sewed cos-

tumes and built sets for school drama productions, in which their children invariably played leading roles. I couldn't help but notice that I was the only one asking around for the names of good therapists.

I did my best to drag my children into fast-track learning. That first year, I worked in both kids' classrooms and drove on every field trip. I devoted myself to keeping track of homework and browbeat my after-school slackers. But it soon became clear that if I kept trying to remake my kids so they could succeed in Davis schools, our relationship would soon consist solely of arguments about homework.

My children were, as my mother once said of me and my sisters, "at least average" when it came to smarts. They certainly had the advantage of educated and motivated parents who had resources to pay for tutoring and extra support. Why, then, did I feel like the only parent in Davis who wanted the schools to ask less of me and my children?

During the middle-school years things got so bad that we put both children in a private school, that, unlike the rest of the state's public schools, had the luxury of letting kids learn at their own speed. By high school, their confidence restored, my children were ready for the rigorous Davis curriculum.

After my youngest graduated from high school last June, I sold my fancy Davis house, which, thanks to Davis' great reputation, was worth considerably more than it was 10 years ago. Now I live in downtown Winters, where friends drop by without calling first, and I can walk to the Putah Creek Cafe for breakfast.

When I mention my old home, folks in Winters roll their eyes and shake their heads sadly. But I simply smile, and hold my tongue. I am proud that I once lived in Davis, where parents know that dolphins, even though they look like fish, are actually mammals.

Women and spirituality focus of May study

During the month of May the Yolo County Church of Religious Science is exploring the theme of "Consciousness: The Ground of All Being". In this service the feminine principle in the universe and its continuous act of bringing into expression the highest of what humanity can conceive will be explored. We will honor our mothers, all women and the

feminine face of God.
The Yolo County Church of Religious Science is a trans-denominational New Thought, ancient wisdom church.
"We teach the truth wherever it may be found, whether in religion, philosophy or science," says a church spokesperson.
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Most entries close on June 24. Exhibitors may send in their form at any time.
Call the fair office, 662-5393, if you have any questions. Entry department hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

POLICE

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

~ On the 1000 block of Suffolk Court, an officer responded to a residential alarm. It was determined the alarm was activated accidentally.

~ On the 800 block of West Grant Avenue, a vehicle was stolen. Loss: \$1,500. On May 7, the vehicle was recovered by Yolo County Sheriff Deputy.

May 5

~ On the 200 block of First Street, during a property check, an officer found an open door to a business. The building was cleared and the door secured.

May 6

~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue and the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, newspaper machines were vandalized.

~ An officer assisted the Solano California Highway Patrol with a call of a reckless driver who stopped in the fast lane on Interstate 505. The officer detained the subject until-CHP arrived on scene.

~ On Wild Rose Lane and Manzanita Way, three juveniles, ages 9, 11 and 14, were involved in a physical altercation.

~ A victim's credit account and personal identification were used to make purchases.

May 7

~ James Robert Mariano, 33, of Fairfield was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stop at a stop sign. Blood alcohol content results: .12/.11. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

May 8

~ Loren Chris Jensen, 21, of Ben Lomond was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

~ On the 400 block of East Main Street, an officer responded to a call of a fallen tree that landed on a parked vehicle and was blocking the roadway. Public Works arrived on scene to clear the roadway.

~ On the first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm and a gate was found open. The business was cleared and the gate was secured.

May 9

~ Francisco Paul Fernandez, 50, of Winters surrendered himself on an outstanding Solano County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charge of driving under the influence. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Winters musicians featured at Performers Circle

Village Homes Performers Circle will meet on Monday, May 23, from 7:15 to 9 p.m. in Davis.

This free event is for performers of all levels and listeners. It is usually held the fourth Monday of each month. It is the third Monday this month to allow for Memorial Day

Performances by signed up artists are from 7:15 to 8:15 followed by a short break. Featured acts per-

form from 8:30 – 9 p.m.

Singer song-writer Cedar Seeger of Winters is the featured performer for May. Seeger will provide us with portraits of life seen from unusual portals. He performs in his own unique style built on decades of playing bluegrass, folk, rock, blues, pop and original music.

He alternately touches the heart, or makes us laugh

at ourselves and our lives. He is currently considered one of the Top 25,000 Guitarists in the Davis area. Seeger will be accompanied by Winters musician, Dwight Howard, on the string bass.

Seeger likes to say his songs have “no commercial value” but this is a rare showcase nonetheless, especially since it's free. Everyone is welcome

to come and sing along with “Famous in Davis.”

Performers Circle is held at the Village Homes Community Center at 2661 Portage Bay, Davis. Directions: follow Russell Blvd. to Portage Bay. Turn right into the parking lot at 2661 Portage Bay. Park and follow the sign to the sidewalk to the Community Center.

For more information call 756-3484.

Photos taken by Express staff and published in the Winters Express are available for purchase. Call 795-4551 for more information

Community



JENNIFER EHNAT and TODD GOODMAN

Ehnat, Goodman to marry

Tom and Elizabeth Ehnat announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Beth Ehnat to Todd Goodman at, a party on March 13 in their Winters home.

Jenne is a 1997 Winters High School graduate. She earned a B.A. in 2001, and an M.A. in 2003 in speech pathology from CSU, Chico. She is currently employed as a speech therapist at Elkhorn Village Elementary School in the Washington Unified School District in West Sacramento.

Todd graduated from Pierce High School in 1985 and attended Cuesta Junior College and Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. He has been employed at John Taylor Fertilizer of Dixon for ten years.

The bride-to-be's grandparents are Vernon and Vera Bruhn and Joseph (deceased) and Bernice Ehnat. She has a brother , Stephen, and his wife, Kristin, and sisters, Denise and Amanda Ehnat. Her nephew is Nicholas Ehnat.

Nancy and “Shorty” McCullough and the late James Goodman of Mineral, are the groom-to-be's parents. His grandparents are Kelsey Hatcher and Betty Ann Jack (deceased), and “Buck” (deceased) and Elizabeth (deceased) Goodman. His brothers and sisters and their spouses include Linda and Frank Aulgur, Steve and Susie McCullough, and Doug Goodman. Nephews and nieces include Sam and Jake Aulgur, Hattie, Minda and Mitch McCullough and Ryan Goodman.

A summer wedding is planned for July 30, 2005 at Saint Anthony's Catholic Church in Winters.

Annual picnic raises memorial funds

The third annual Picnic in the Park, a benefit for the Timothy Casson Memorial Scholarship Fund, takes place on Sunday, May 15, at Creekside Country Club, 4513 Putah Creek Road in Winters. The event starts at 1 p.m. and will continue throughout the afternoon.

Tickets are \$20 and include a chicken and tri-tip barbecue, a raffle and drawing for a handmade quilt. Quilt tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. Participation in a horseshoe tournament is also included for those who want to play. For children under 10, the ticket price is \$10 and includes the barbecue only.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Timothy Casson Memorial Scholarship Fund of Yolo Community Foundation and will be used provide a scholarship

for a Winters High School graduate who plans to enter a trade school. As the endowment grows, a scholarship for a Davis High School graduate will be added.

The benefit was established to honor the memory of Winters resident Timothy Casson who was killed in a car accident in August, 2002. He was a partner with his father, Paul, in Casson and Son Carpet Cleaning, a family-owned business. His sister, Tiffany, is also a partner.

Contributions can be sent to the Timothy Casson Memorial Scholarship Fund at Yolo Community Foundation, PO Box 1264, Woodland, CA 95776. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

For information about quilt tickets or picnic tickets, call 308-8463.

Solano SPCA needs donations

Donations of gently used household items are needed for the Solano County SPCA's second annual No-Fleas Market, to be held May 14 and 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Solano County SPCA shelter. Visitors to the sale may find treasures at garage sale prices or their next best friend.

For more information, visit solanospca.com or call (707) 448-7722.



Courtesy photo

Tiffany Casson holds the quilt made by her mother, Gail, that will be the drawing prize at the 3rd annual Picnic in the Park on Sunday, May 15 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include a barbecue, raffle and horseshoe tournament. Children under 10 are \$10 and include dinner only. The event will be held at Creekside Country Club, 4513 Putah Creek Road. Tickets for the quilt are \$1 each or six for \$5.

White goods to be picked up Saturday

The City of Winters will collect white goods on Saturday, May 14. Items that may be placed curbside include large appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, microwave ovens and air conditioning units. Appliances must be placed curbside by 6 a.m. to be picked up, and must not be placed curbside before 4 p.m. on Friday.

Items that will not be picked up include barbecues, televisions and computers. There is a limit of two appliances per household.

Getting married?
Had a baby?
Announce it in
the Winters Express.

Put local events on cable bulletin board

The city of Winters Bulletin Board is available on cable Channel 20 for publicizing City of Winters information, events and programs. The city exercises exclusive control over the use of Channel 20 in accordance with Section 611 of the Federal Cable Communication Police Act of 1984. All messages aired must be directly related to city operations. The Bulletin Board is

broadcast 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except when Channel 20 is airing city meetings or city-sponsored videotapes. City council meetings will be broadcast live at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Planning commission meetings will be broadcast live at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Council meetings will be replayed at 10 a.m. on

the Wednesday following the meeting. Yolo County Board of Supervisors meetings are broadcast at 2 p.m. on the Tuesday following the meeting. All tapes are available for checkout at the Winters Yolo County Library. The Bulletin Board will be updated weekly on Thursdays. Each message will run approximately 15 seconds, and the entire system repeats approximately every eight minutes.

Attend a Chamber meeting

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

Avenue. Anyone may attend Chamber meetings to find out more about how to get involved. For more information, call 795-2329.

Happy 50th



Marty Willard

ISSUES

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meeting overwhelmingly supported keeping the kindergarten program at John Clayton School and offered suggestions for Wolfskill that ranged from closing the program to leaving it where it is or moving it to Winters High School. Trustees also have received two petitions, one in English with 360 signatures and another in Spanish with more than 30 signatures, requesting that the kindergarten program stay at the John Clayton site.

Moving the kindergarten program and staff changes associated with the move would save the district an estimated \$70,000 annually. Mitchell challenged the trustees to identify where cuts should be made if they want to keep the kindergarten program at John Clayton School.

Trustees Rodney Orosco and Russ Lester were the strongest supporters of keeping the kindergarten program at its current site. Orosco suggested that the district's reserve funds should be on the table for discussion. Lester said that the district should explore reductions in extracurricular programs, including athletics, and consider moving the Wolfskill program to the Winters High School site. He also suggested looking at extra-duty stipends paid to staff.

Trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa supported moving the kindergarten program.

"No matter what we do, it isn't going to be popular. We need to do what is educationally and fiscally responsible," she said.

Trustees are scheduled to vote on how they are going to trim the district's general fund budget at their May 19 meeting.

Cuts recommended by Mitchell for the 2005-06 school year include:

- ~ Eliminating the district's early retirement incentive program, a sav-

ings of \$107,000;

- ~ Saving \$82,000 in the special education program by cutting half a resource teaching position each at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School and Waggoner Elementary School, eliminating a 0.75 percent services position for a special needs student who has left the district, and eliminating two part-time special education health aide positions;
- ~ Reclassifying the principal's position at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School to a lower pay rate because of fewer students and grades at that school, a \$15,000 savings.
- ~ Eliminating one districtwide classified employee substitute position, a \$20,000 savings;
- ~ Reducing custodial time at Shirley Rominger by one hour a day, a \$3,800 savings;
- ~ Changing the funding source for a psychologist position, a \$22,000 savings.

Mitchell's recommendations also include some increased costs: reinstating ongoing funding for the district's technology replacement (\$30,000) and equipment and vehicle replacement (\$15,000). Other 2005-06 recommendations by Mitchell that have no savings or costs attributed to them include addressing concerns regarding the educational program for sixth grade students at Winters Middle School and enhancing revenue through grants, a potential parcel tax, and community contributions.

Trustees will continue discussion of, and are scheduled to vote on, these and other cost-cutting options, including the future of the kindergarten and Wolfskill programs, at their May 19 meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. at Winters High School.

The school district is projected to end this school year with a general fund deficit of \$233,422, the third year out the last four that it has had a deficit.

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The family of December Eddy would like to thank all of you for your concern and prayers during her recent stay in the hospital.



You may recall that December's parents are Pastor David and Sunshine Eddy who were associate pastors at Gateway Chapel. We know the value of prayer and how God's hand was on December as many of you and the area churches took the time for special prayer. Many of you have asked if you could help financially with December's medical expenses. An account has been opened in the name of "December's Medical Expense Fund" at First Northern Bank. Thank you all and may God bless you.

The family of December Eddy.



CLICHE

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plaque engraved with the following statement: "This monument and the Ash tree that shades it are a standing memorial to those who put their lives on the line for the freedom of our country." In a later interview, Cliche talked about the project, which took over 75 hours to plan and 150 hours to construct. "I grew up in a very patriotic family," he said, noting that his father is an Air Force veteran. After growing up hearing his father's stories and learning the role of veterans, he decided that

a worthy project would be to honor such men. "I'd come to respect the war veterans a lot, and I wanted to show my respect and reverence for them," he said. Cliche has been active in Boy Scouts for 10 years. He explained that as he worked his way up through the ranks he started out with simple tasks, such as learning to sharpen a knife, read a compass and orient a map. He then began performing more difficult tasks and was required to earn at least 21 merit badges to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. In addition, he was required to perform a number of hours of

community service and complete a project that would benefit either the community or a local church or other community group. Cliche described the Eagle Scout project as a leadership project, which requires organizational skills in the planning and leadership skills in gathering and supervising work parties. In addition to designing the monument, Cliche and his work parties constructed it and reinforced the cement on which it stands. The project was constructed shortly after Thanksgiving and Cliche has now earned 22 merit badges, as well as his new

rank. After graduating, Cliche plans to attend Solano Community College to complete his general education requirements. While there, he hopes to play with the Solano College Jazz Band. Afterwards, he plans to attend the Oregon Institute of Technology and earn a degree in computer science. He would also like to study photography, and possibly become a professional photographer. Cliche lives in Winters with his parents, David and Leslie, and his brothers and sister, Austin, Dylan and Sarena.

CALENDAR

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end on May 29.

Other actions
Trustees accepted the resignations of Shirley Rominger Intermediate School teacher Barbara Nichols (retirement), Winters Middle School assistant principal Cindy Moody-Perkins, and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School student supervision aide Susan Camarena Martinez. They hired Gloria Alarcon as a child care provider and

Cheryle Roberts as a classified employee substitute. Trustees recognized John Clayton Kinder School students Luciano Arce, Omar Garnica, Fallon Griffin, Wilfredo Maldonado, Juan Marquez, Andrea Santos, and Trinidad Santos for their perfect school attendance records. They also recognized kindergarten parents Laura Ray and Amy Shaw for their contributions to John Clayton School's garden program. Winters Middle School student Holly Valenzuela reported on activities at her school.

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Entertainment

Studio C Dancers to present ‘Twelve Dancing Princesses’

By PATTY ROMINGER
Special to the Express

Dancers ages 3-20 from the Winter’s Studio C Dance Company will present “Twelve Dancing Princesses” on the week-end of May 21 and 22. Based upon Grimm’s Fairytale, “Twelve Dancing Princesses,” this production is sure to delight everyone who attends with its fun storyline, colorful costumes and fancy foot-work.

This is the first time Studio C dancers have performed this story. One highlight is that Meghan Stone, a Winters High School senior, is coordinating all of the music to fit each dance number to fulfill her senior project. Stone has done a wonderful job in selecting music that is both pleasant to the ear and complimentary to the different dance styles presented.

The production will take place at the Winters Community Center. Two performances will be held on Saturday, May 21, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A special gala performance will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets can be purchased in advance from Studio C Dancers. Pre-sale tickets for the two Saturday performances are \$6 for children 12 and younger and \$8 for 13 and up. Tickets purchased at the door on May 21 are \$8 for children and \$10 for adults.

Pre-sale tickets for the gala performance on Sunday, May 22, are \$8 for children 12 and younger and \$10 for 13 and up. Gala tickets sold at the door are \$10 for children and \$12 for adults. The doors will be open early for the gala performance so the audience can enjoy delicious desserts and homemade goodies.

For more information, call Tara Manners, 795-1900.

Free production of ‘Much Ado About Nothing’ offered

ACME Theatre Company is pleased to announce its production of Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare. The performances are scheduled for May 27-30 at 8 p.m. at the Davis Art Center outdoor pavillion, northeast corner of Community Park, located at 1919 F Street in Davis. There will be dining al fresco on the grass in the hours leading up to show time. Admission is free.

For more information call director David Burmester at (530) 304-8089, or email david-burmester@onemain.com.

Coming soon to The Palms



Courtesy photo

Celebrate Friday the 13th with Celtic all-star Grateful Dead jam band “Wake The Dead,” at The Palms. Blending Celtic music and songs of the Grateful Dead, they will delight fans with rock grooves, hot Irish reels, haunting airs and melodies. The Palms is located at the Winters Opera House, 13 Main Street. Tickets are\$15 at the door. The show begins at 8:30 p.m. and the dance floor will be open.

Chinese opera presents ‘Macbeth’ interpretation

Local audiences will have the chance to see one of the most exotic productions of William Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” imaginable when Contemporary Legend Theatre of Taiwan brings “Kingdom of Desire” to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis at 8 p.m. on May 26.

The production, which recasts Macbeth as a traditional Chinese opera, will feature the unique singing, movement, dialogue, martial arts and music of Chinese opera, together with modern theatrical techniques and a live orchestra.

Macbeth has been staged innumerable ways in the four centuries since Shakespeare penned the tale, but few adaptations can compare to the inventiveness of Kingdom of Desire. The production takes the original story of Macbeth and sets it in China during the Warring States period (which ran from approximately 500 B.C. until the country was unified in 221 A.D.).

Where Shakespeare’s play told the story of an ambitious Scottish general who, encouraged by his wife and inspired by the prophecy of three witches, murders his king and ascends the throne, Kingdom of Desire tells the story of Au-Shu, who receives a prophecy from the “Ghost in the Mountains” and, similarly encouraged by his wife, murders Lord Chancellor Wei Lie-Bo. In both versions, the protagonist’s actions let loose a tragic series of events including deception, violence, madness and death.

Founded in 1986 by current Artistic Director Wu Hsing-Kuo and a group of enthusiastic friends, Contemporary Legend Theatre took on the task of adapting Western classical plays to the styles and techniques of Peking Opera acting.

Tickets are \$36/31/26 for adults; 18/15.50/13 for students and children. For tickets or more information, call 754-ARTS (2787) or (866) 754-ARTS (toll-free), or go online to www.MondaviArts.org.



Coming up

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CONTRACT

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choice of which size trash cart they would like to receive. The charge for a 35-gallon cart would be \$21/month; the charge for a 64-gallon cart would be \$23/month and the charge for a 96-gallon cart would be \$25/month. Customers would also be able to request a second recycling cart at no extra charge. Green waste would continue to be collected in the streets on Fridays.

Annual recycling events would be consolidated and white goods collection would limit households to two appliances per year. Additional appliances would be collected at a cost of \$40 each. Changes would also be implemented for commercial customers, with two, three, four or six-yard recycling bins available for \$25 per month.

Juhler told the council that Waste Management is requesting a 10-year contract extension in order to amortize the cost of the new recycling carts and to purchase new street sweeping equipment.

During discussion, council member Woody Fridae asked whether it is true that the state will require all green waste to be collected in containers in communities at certain population levels.

Juhler said currently the level is set at 50,000 population, but in the next couple of years the state is expected to change it to 10,000.

Fridae expressed concern that the city might approve a contract that would include purchasing new street sweeping equipment, when they may have to change to containerized green waste in a matter of a couple of years.

Council member Tom Stone said he has heard from residents and believed “there is significant sentiment in the community to keep it the way it is.”

It was suggested that if residents would keep their green waste at least 18 inches from the curb it would help keep pesticides out of the storm drains, which is a major environmental concern and the reason for the state mandates.

Council member Harold Anderson asked why the

city doesn't already have a new street sweeper. Juhler said the old one is from the old contract and she saw this as an opportunity to purchase new equipment.

Anderson asked how many times the contract with Waste Management has been extended. Juhler wasn't sure, but said it had been done several times.

“Is the [current] equipment not working properly?” asked Anderson. “Or is there new technology?”

Juhler responded that there is new equipment and new technology available that makes street sweeping better and does not negatively impact the air quality.

Winters resident Sally Brown spoke in favor of the single-stream recycling program. A member of the pilot program, Brown said she currently puts out a single, tall kitchen trash bag full of refuse each week because she recycles so much. Brown encouraged a higher price differential between the 35-gallon and 96-gallon trash carts in order to encourage residents to recycle more.

Mary Highland also spoke in favor of single-stream recycling. She was also in favor of making it cheaper for residents to recycle. She had mixed feelings about containerized green waste, saying many residents trim their trees and the clippings would not fit in a container.

Butch Branscum said he was against extending the contract by 10-years, giving Waste Management a monopoly. He encouraged the council to “go out to bid and let other people tell you what they can do for you.”

Branscum suggested that there are other recycling services available, such as collection of restaurant scrap waste, that the city is not being offered.

“There's more than one company out there that might want to show what they can do,” he said.

City of Winters Recycling Coordinator Carol Scianna encouraged the council to move forward with the program, and read a letter into the record from Ida Wallace, who was in support of continuing with Waste Management.

In response to earlier comments that the city doesn't get credit if resi-

dents take their recyclables elsewhere, City Manager John Donlevy said the city does get credit if items are dropped off at an active center. He said those centers are required to fill out reports saying where items came from.

Fridae suggested that there should be some flexibility built into the contract in order to allow for new recyclable items and programs, new equipment and technology.

Anderson wanted to know where the data was that stated it would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to go out to bid. Donlevy said it might not cost hundreds of thousands “but it will cost us.” He suggested it could cost as much as \$50,000.

Anderson was not in favor of extending the contract.

“Let the market tell us what's out there,” he said. “This is a cash cow for anybody who has this contract because every month the bill is paid.”

Donlevy said staff was simply looking for direction, not necessarily asking the council to approve anything. He did note that once Waste Management has shown its proposal, it is easier for competitors to stand up and say “I can beat that.”

Fridae was impressed that the rates would stay pretty much the same despite rising gas and landfill costs. However, he asked to see more rate comparisons that would include other waste dis-

posal companies.

Mayor Dan Martinez and Stone both expressed reservations about extending the contract for 10 years.

However, Stone said he knows that those who want single-stream recycling “want it ASAP.”

The council requested further information to be brought back at a future council meeting.

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

~ Approved the second reading of Ordinance 2005-04 rezoning APNs 003-430-12 and 04 to single family residential 7,000 square foot minimum average and Planned Development Overlay (R-1/PD); continued second reading of Ordinance 2005-03 adopting the Creekside Estates Development Agreement to the next meeting.

~ As the Community Development Agency approved Resolution 2005-19 acknowledging support for the development of a multi-family affordable housing complex on East Baker Street for farmworker households proposed by Community Housing Opportunities Corporation.

~ Approved the design concept for improvements to Main Street and Railroad Avenue by a three to one vote with Fridae voting no.

~ Approved a consultant services agreement for the water tower logo.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.



Black

Cyan

Magenta

Yellow



Sports



Photo by Eric Lucero

Nick Hedrick scored the winning run to give the Warriors the championship in the Pizza Factory Tournament in April. The Warriors continued their winning ways on Friday, May 6, to advance in the playoffs.

Warriors find way to win in playoffs

By ERIC
AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School varsity baseball team erased a two-run deficit in the top of the seventh inning to come back and beat the Butte View League champion Gridley Bulldogs 9-6 in Gridley on Friday, May 6, a game that had very few mistakes up to the sixth inning seemed to unravel with both teams making critical errors.

The Warriors took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Alex Thomson led off with a single then scored on the next at bat when Nathanael Lucero hit a triple. Gridley came back to take a 3-1 lead in the fourth but the Warriors countered with three more runs to go up 4-3. Unfortunately for pitcher Jacob Thorne, he had to persevere through the bottom of the sixth inning when the Warriors had two costly errors that led to the Bulldogs taking a 6-4 lead over the Warriors. The Warriors got out of the inning without giving up anymore runs and knew what they had to do.

Thomson once again

led off, this time hitting a high bouncing grounder to the first baseman, who was unable to make the play. Two batters later, Alex Jurado hit a ball to the third baseman, who was unable to make the play. Brenden Benson then hit a ball by the third baseman that the shortstop was able to get to but not able to make a play. Danny Campos then hit another hard shot to the third baseman that was bobbed and scored.

Thomson made it a 5-6 Gridley lead with one out. Thorne then helped himself out with a hard shot up the middle to score Jurado for the tying run. Sebastian Salas then scored Campos with another infield hit for the go ahead run. Nick Hedrick walked, Kannon Smith got on with another infield error by the Bulldogs, and then Thomson walked with the bases loaded for the Warriors final run. Good pitching by Thorne and good defense by the Warriors got Winters out of the seventh without giving up a run as the Warriors came home ready for round two of the playoffs.

"We got a lot of lucky bounces in that seventh

inning," said coach Jeff Ingles. "Even though we were in a hole going into the seventh, I was still very confident. We just put the ball in play. We battled and kept our heads up the whole way."

Thorne threw a complete game for the Warriors as he added another victory on the mound.

"Thorne has put up some pretty decent games lately," Ingles said. "He has established himself as a guy who will battle."

Thorne also led the Warriors at the plate, batting 2 for 4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Thomson also batted 2 for 4 with two runs scored and a double. Campos had three walks and two runs scored. Lucero batted 2 for 5 with a triple and an RBI. Brock Neil batted 1 for 2 with a run scored. Benson batted 1 for 3 with an RBI. Hedrick batted 1 for 4 with two RBI; Smith batted 1 for 5, while Salas had a run scored and an RBI for the Warriors.

Winters will take on Anderson at home on Wednesday, May 11, at 3:30 p.m in game two of the North Section Division II playoffs.

Track team jogs forward

By JAY SHUTTLEWORTH
Special to the Express

The Winters High School track and field team competed in a non-scoring double-dual meet with Oroville and Wheatland here on Wednesday, May 4. With athletes able to focus on their specialty events, some outstanding performances unfolded.

All five Winters athletes competing in the 800 meters recorded personal bests. Junior Natalie Cooley won the event going away in a school-record time of 2:35.2. The mark was more than six seconds faster than her time recorded at Butte College two weeks ago. Teammate Eleni Valencia recorded a personal best in 3:17.0, and fresh-

man Krista Blandin (3:03.3) led Julia Millon (3:26.7) in the JV race. Sophomore Alvaro Zaragoza won the JV boys race in 2:08.2. His time was 1.5 seconds off Jim McCuthen's 1965 JV school record. Senior Piedad Junez won the varsity 800 in a season-best 2:09.1.

For the varsity boys, senior Nick Ramos recovered from wisdom teeth extractions to easily win the 110 high hurdles (16.3). Senior Josh Sorvari led teammate Richard Anstead in a 1-2 finish in the 400. Sorvari also ran a 53.6 leg with his victorious 1600 relay-mates of Robert Warren, and Cameron Lovell (3:42.6). Warren won the 200 in a season best 24.8;



PIEDAD JUNEZ

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Linton places third in State

Cody Linton placed third in the recent 140 pound novice Kids USA Freestyle State Championship. His bracket of fourteen opponents was split into A and B. Cody was in the B bracket and drew the first place champion for his first match. Cody was ahead in the first period 7 to 1, with his opponent coming back to beat him by decision in the final seconds. With that match at a loss Cody was unable to get second place. Wrestling

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jacob Thorne



Jacob Thorne, a junior pitcher and shortstop for the Winters High School varsity baseball team, is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week.

Thorne not only improved his record to 4-2 on the mound with his third straight victory, he also helped himself out at the plate. Thorne batted 2 for 4 with an RBI and two runs scored, and drove in the go-ahead run in

the top of the seventh inning to help give the Warriors a 9-6 victory over the Gridley Bulldogs in the first round of the Northern Section Division II playoffs on Friday, May 6.

"Jacob played a good game," said coach Jeff Ingles. "He kept us in the game with a solid job on the mound."

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9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at Winters
High School.

Schools

Benson in line for award

A private Bay Area foundation has named local teacher, Kent Benson among 15 state finalists for a cash award.

Winters High School teacher Kent Benson was nominated for the Carlston Family Foundation Outstanding Teachers Award by former students who said their success stemmed from Benson's commitment and confidence in them.

Five of the 15 finalists will be chosen to receive a cash award of \$15,000 and \$5,000 for his or her school.

"These teachers not only turn lives around, they build lifelong relationships with the young people they serve," said foundation executive director Michele Samuels.

Bunko raises funds for Music Boosters

Enjoy an evening of Bunko and help support the Winters Music Boosters on Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

No experience is necessary to enjoy this game. Cash prizes will be awarded; snacks and drinks will be provided.

Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at Kimes Ace Hardware, Winters High School and from Winters Music Boosters board members.



Courtesy photo
Art students Rodrigo Lopez, Gabrielle Boisrame, Amy Purvis and Vasey Coman brought home awards for their art, which was displayed at the Dixon May Fair.

Winters art students bring home awards from Dixon May Fair

Winters High School artists won 36 first place awards, 30 second place, six third place, seven special awards, three Best of Division and a Best of Show in this year's Dixon May Fair. Pieces done by Gabrielle Boisrame and Vasey Coman featured "considerable digital input" and won top prizes. The students used PhotoShop to create many layers in their work.

Many Art I students did well this year, bringing home 12 first place awards. In addition, Danelle McGee won a first place and a special award, Fabiola Hernandez won a first place and special award, and Rodrigo Lopez won a first place and Best of Division.

First place award winners included Sachi Abe

(2), Amy Purvis, Nicole Saenz (2), Helen Millon, Maria Reyes (2), Kim Rolls (2), Noelle Mandolfo (2), Richard Diaz, Danelle Magee (2), Caitlin Jensen, Ari Hoover, Isaias Gomez, Gabrielle Boisrame, Matthew Andrade, Katherine Rominger, Fabiola Hernandez, Tiffany Toulze, Jessica Jordan, and Linsey Berg.

Second place award winners included Erica Jordan, Tiffany Toulze, Patrick Schwent, Maraka Bouwens (3), Angie Griffin, Linda Lopez, Stefan Vallecillo, Jessica Jordan, Brenden Benson, Isaias Gomez (2), Justin Johnson, Natalie Cooley, Nicole Saenz, Jaclyn Stocking, Ari Hoover (2), Fabiola Hernandez, Alyssa Younan (2), Eric Guzman, Caitlin Jensen, Hope

Wittman, Matthew Andrade, Yenivel Valdez, Courtney Stocking, Brandon Clark and Carlos Munoz.

Third place award winners included Eleni Valencia, Erica Jordan, Maria Reyes, Keith Caskey, Jose Herrera and Maraka Bouwens.

First place/special award winners included Gabrielle Boisrame, Danelle Magee, Jaclyn Stocking and Fabiola Hernandez.

Amy Purvis won first place and best of division awards. Rodrigo Lopez won first place, best of division and a special award. Gabrielle Boisrame won first place, best of show and a special award. Vasey Coman won first place and best of division.

Parents of Twins Club to meet in Davis this Saturday

The Yolo Parents of Twins Club's Monthly Moms Coffee (and breakfast) will be from 8-9:30 on Saturday, May 14. This month's Coffee is at Crepeville, located in down-

town Davis. All moms of multiples are invited to stop by to for coffee, breakfast, or to just chat. For information, call Fran Leistikow at 848-6311 or by email at

frwany@hotmail.com.

The goal of Yolo Parents of Twins Club is to provide support and education for parents of twins or higher order multiples.

Purvis receives AFS scholarship

Winters High School student Amy Purvis has been awarded an AFS Awards for Excellence scholarship, a distinction shared by only 118 students nationwide. More than 1,500 students were nominated for this prestigious, merit-based program that awards scholarships for students to study abroad.

The scholarships are awarded based upon leadership skills, service to the community, and academic excellence, and reflect the AFS Intercultural Programs/USA commitment to making its student exchange programs available to the best and the brightest students, irrespective of financial ability.

Purvis will use her scholarship to study with AFS in Chile where she will gain firsthand knowledge of what it's like to live as a member of a family, school and community. She was awarded the scholarship for her work as a summer camp counselor and her participation in 4-H, as well as her academic achievements. She was nominated for this award through her high school.

This year's Awards for Excellence scholarships,

totaling nearly \$200,000, provide the recipients with the opportunity to study abroad in more than 40 countries around the world, such as Japan, Chile, Belgium, and Turkey. This scholarship program, in its seventh year, is designed to increase awareness of the importance of student exchange and intercultural skills as part of a sound secondary education. Nominations for the 2006 AFS Awards for Excellence scholarship program are currently being accepted for programs departing summer 2006 and winter 2007.

Each year, AFS awards more than \$1 million in scholarships and financial aid to help make it possible for students to study abroad. AFS also makes it possible for all kinds of families in the United States to have international experiences by hosting outstanding students and teachers from abroad.

For more information about AFS scholarships, financial aid, study abroad programs or how you can host an AFS student from another country, call (800) AFS-INFO or visit www.afs.org/usa.

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Spring showing



Courtesy photo
Winters students who did well at the recent 4-H Spring Show included Brenden Benson, who had the champion lamb; Jacob Thorne, who had the champion steer; and Danny Campos, who had the champion hog. (Not pictured, Hannah Manas, who had the champion baby beef calf.)

Jr. Warrior signups scheduled

The Winters Jr. Warriors will hold football and cheerleading signups for the 2005 season at Cody's Deli on Saturday, May 14, 12-4 p.m. The registration fees for playing football this year are:
~ Early sign ups through May 14, \$160.
~ First late sign up, June 11, \$175.

~ Last late sign up July 9, \$190. (This fee will apply until the first day of practice).
This is the last month to sign up before the price increases. The Jr. Warriors will hold sign ups every month through July 9 at Cody's Deli on the second Saturday of each month.

The fee for cheerleaders is \$350. The last official sign up for cheerleading will be May 14. Uniform fittings will take place on Saturday, June 4.
The first day of practice will be July 25 at Winters Middle School. For more information, call Jackie Monnin, 795-1020.

TRACK

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Lovell was second in 25.3. Senior Nico Acevedo ran a season-best to win the 100 (12.2).
For the JV girls, sophomore Lauren Yehle tuned up with wins in four events. Yehle won the 100 hurdles (16.4), the discus (78-7), the 300 hurdles (53.3), and the 100 (13.8). Her time in the 100 broke the tie she had with teammate Leslie Contreras for the school record (13.9). Yehle is currently ranked first in the North Section for the JV girls 100 hurdles.
Other highlights for the JV girls included Purvis' first-place effort of 6:48.3 in the JV mile — a 10-second improvement on her school mark.
For the varsity girls, junior Courtney Carner placed third in the 400 (66.0) despite being sick, and junior throws specialist Sierra Thomas placed second in the two-mile (14:13.8). In the 300 hurdles, senior Sophie Sears won in 56.9, while teammates Cara McCoy (57.8) and Gabrielle Boisrame (58.8) finished second and third, respectively, and also recorded personal bests for the event.
For the JV boys, sophomore Mat Catalan placed second in the 1600 in a season-best 5:07.2. Freshman Jayson Garcia clocked 6:03.7. In the 400, sophomore Curtis Holabird won in 60.9, and Cory Haraga was third in 61.3.

Results for the shot put and discus were not available at press time. However, the varsity boys' contingent of Jesse Adams, Jerry Feltis, Jesse Beckett and David Damon occupy three of the top six spots in the discus and shot put as the BVL finals approach. This Friday, the WHS track and field team returns to Yuba College for the finals of the Butte View League Championships. The top three finishers in each event will advance to next Friday's Division II championship.

LINTON

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five more opponents, Cody pinned them all to get third place in State.
Also going to the USA Freestyle State Championship were Chris Reneaux, Chris Hurst and Zachary Linton. Chris Reneaux had two wins and two losses in the 100 pound novice division, Chris

Hurst had no wins and two losses in the 90 pound School Boy division and Zachary, in his first time at State went one win and two losses in the 65 pound Bantam division. State is a very tough tournament and all these kids wrestled very well.
They all will be off to USA Greco Roman State Championship May 20-22 in Turlock.

Features

Heart attack symptoms often baffling

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband died of a heart attack at age 42. I cannot stop blaming myself for what happened. He said he felt very tired, and he went to sleep in a recliner chair. I went to wake him for dinner, but he did not respond. He had died. I can't forgive myself for letting this happen. How could I have known he was having a heart attack? — R.R.

ANSWER: You couldn't have known. Highly trained medical personnel might not have recognized what was happening. Your husband's death was a tragedy that was not preventable. You have my condolences.

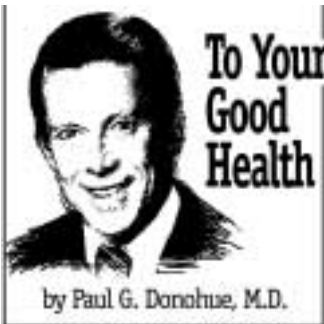
Vague, nonspecific symptoms can herald a heart attack. A doctor friend recounted his heart attack symptoms to me. He was sitting at his desk and found he couldn't keep his head up because he was so weary. He had to rest it on the desk. He had no pain at all. For at least half an hour he didn't realize what was happening, and he was trained in these matters. How could you be responsible for not recognizing symptoms that a doctor did not recognize in himself?

The overwhelming fatigue that a heart attack can usher in comes from the sudden decrease in the heart's pumping action. There's a drop-off in circulating blood that saps a person's energy.

Other so-called atypical heart attack symptoms include dizziness, breaking out in a cold, drenching sweat, or an attack of nausea and vomiting. The sudden onset of breathlessness is another tip that a heart attack could be occurring.

If a person experiences these symptoms without chest pain and has reason to believe they might be heart attack symptoms, then a 911 call should be made, and that person, if there are no contraindications, should chew a full-strength, 325-mg aspirin.

The heart attack booklet



discusses all aspects of heart attacks. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 U.S./\$6.50 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I need more fiber in my diet. I heard that dry beans have more fiber in them than do canned beans. But who eats dry beans? Some nutrition labels are confusing. Does half a cup of canned beans have as much fiber as half a cup of cooked beans? Or should we consume dry beans like vitamins? — J.H.

ANSWER: Anyone who suggests that you eat uncooked beans for their fiber advantage should be looked at with alarm. When fiber content is given, it is given for cooked or canned beans, unless otherwise specified, and I have never seen it specified otherwise. Don't eat dry beans.

Half a cup of canned baked beans has 9 grams of fibers; of kidney beans, 7 grams; and of lima beans, 5 grams.

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

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Viva Mexico, Zaragoza rides again

Sometimes one action alone can illustrate the entire macrocosm of deficiencies in the governance of public (read government/union) schools. One such action was unanimously approved at the school board meeting Thursday night, May 5. With less than 10 minutes of discussion, no formal public input and no supporting evidence empirical or otherwise, this oligarchy of administrators and unions forsook history, leadership, nationalism and most sadly, education for the convenience of a few at the expense of many. The historical significance of Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King was not deemed worthy enough to even merit discussion but rather to be used only as a bargaining tool for a more convenient vacation period.

There are perhaps two scenarios in play. Both show blatant disregard for education and the taxpayers who support it monetarily and by commitment. The only reason stated for the decision to add Lincoln's and King's birthday observance to the Christmas vacation (words "winter break" purposely omitted) was to accommodate late returnees from Mexico. Could there be another reason also? Is it too cynical to consider that the union leadership and the rubber stamp board members are simply using the cultural habit of a minority as camouflage for their own designs on vacation time?

There was no evidence to suggest that extending the time would solve the problem. No data from other school districts that had changed their calendars was presented. The superintendent chose not to even respond to my questions regarding this item a few days prior to the meeting. Amazingly he shed tears over the potential loss of one gardening position during the budget discussions but shared not one scintilla of concern for the disrespect of arguably one of the greatest men to have ever lived. I have never witnessed a more dismal display of



leadership. Not even one member cast a dissenting vote. Is it any wonder that our schools are failing? How are students supposed to be inspired by the leadership, enduring patience and self-sacrifice of great men like Lincoln and King when the very people entrusted to educate them consider the dates of their birth as mere fodder for a collective bargaining agreement?

If the calendar committee put forth this action because of the funding losses due to the truancy of those who choose to stay in Mexico, then we should be all the more incredulous. Is there any example anywhere in man or beast that shows that rewarding bad behavior yields a change for the good? I can think of no better example of the utter vacancy of liberal thought than this. It is simply mindless. Precisely the opposite should be done.

If the district loses money due to truancy then the truancy should pay. Simply put, fine them. Unexcused absences should be punished and fines paid to make up for the loss. Do this and you'll solve the problem. The board's action also shows an extreme lack of understanding of the migrant. Their return is not based on a precise calendar day but more so on seasonal job availability due to weather. Two days more won't mean a thing in the larger picture of employment.

Instead of working harder to extol the value of education among these families, this board's decision perpetuates the concept of putting the priority of education somewhere below vacation and fun. This is only harming those most in need of better learning. Instead of elevating them to do better we are only accepting mediocrity and relegating them as another



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of that irresistible Aries charm.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Going to new places and meeting new people appeals to both the Taurean's romantic and practical side. After all, you never can tell where those new contacts can take you. Right?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That career-change opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and should act accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There could be some tensions in relationships — domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise the anger levels and a frank discussion will soon resolve the problem.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) It's a good idea to begin preparing for that career change you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your background to be ready when it calls.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Bless that Virgo skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Traveling and career are strong in your aspect. Perhaps your job will take you to some place exotic. Or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Someone might use deception to try to push you into making a decision you're not fully comfortable with. But those keen Scorpio senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Romance dominates this week when Cupid spears the Archer; for a change. Positive things are also happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat — whether it involves a personal or a professional matter — will learn a painful lesson. Others will also benefit from the Goat's strong example.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Congratulations. With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic schedule for some well-earned fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 21) Your sharp Piscean intuition should be able to uncover the true agendas of those who might be trying to catch the Fish in one of their schemes.

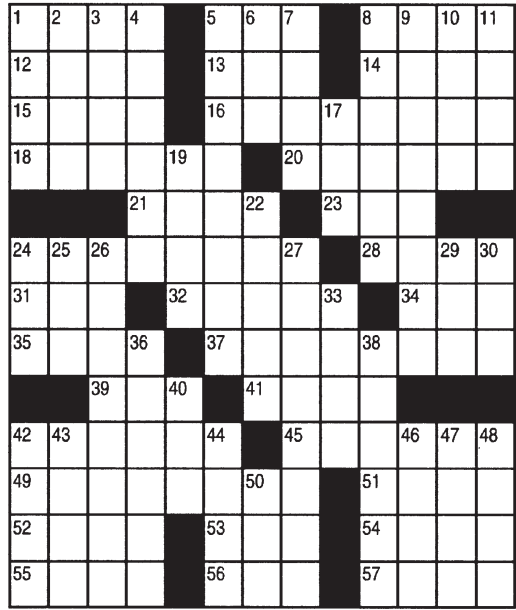
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King Crossword

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- 5 Affront (Sl.)
- 8 To a degree
- 12 Judy's daughter
- 13 Fly-by-night character?
- 14 Claim
- 15 Uncontrollable
- 16 Vulcanization pioneer
- 18 Old Russian council
- 20 Scottish children
- 21 Require
- 23 Blow-up cause?
- 24 Regan's pop
- 28 React in horror
- 31 Historic period
- 32 Soda-shop need



- 34 Mauna -
- 35 Maestro's stick
- 37 Maximum efficiency
- 39 Tease
- 41 Indigo source
- 42 Whine nasally
- 45 Ms. Earhart
- 49 1991 Scorsese movie
- 51 Standard
- 52 Cupid's specialty
- 53 Big bother
- 54 Capitol cap
- 55 Old Oldsmobiles

- 56 Islamabad's land (abbr.)
- 57 Have - to grind

DOWN

- 1 "Woe is me!"
- 2 Wheels of fortune?
- 3 Black Sea gulf
- 4 Croupier's task
- 5 Canines
- 6 Jima preceder
- 7 Unkempt one
- 8 Proverb
- 9 Pass
- 10 Contemptible

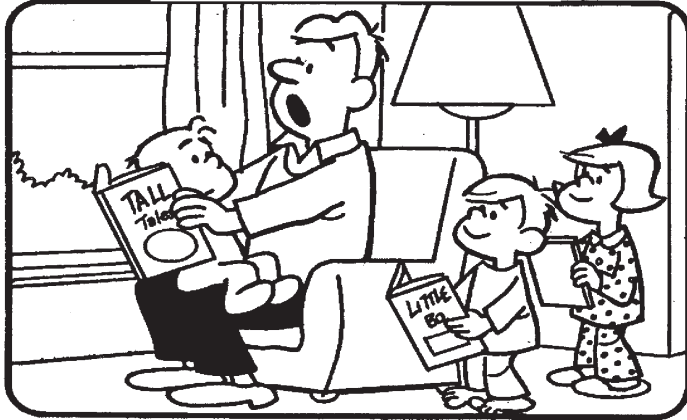
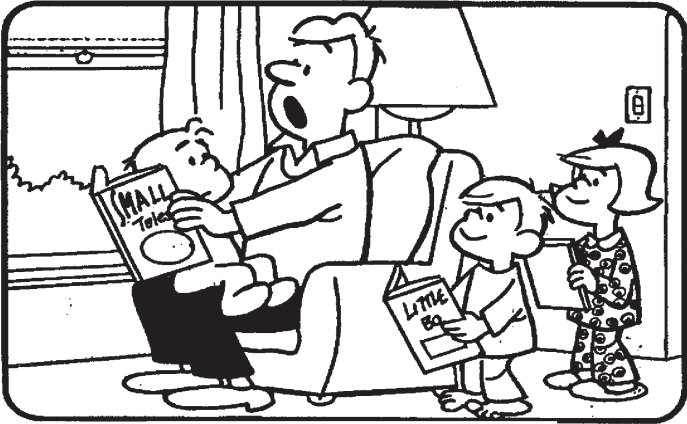
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- 29 Armageddon
- 29 Columbus' venue
- 30 Links stat
- 33 Caprice
- 36 Frogmen

- 38 Actress Jackson
- 40 3, on the phone
- 42 "Lion King" villain
- 43 Driver's license datum
- 44 Bound
- 46 Symbol of craziness
- 47 "My Friend -"
- 48 NYSE counterpart
- 50 Oklahoma city

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Shade is missing. 2. Switch is missing. 3. Palamas are different. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Shading is missing. 6. Lamp is moved.

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Pleased to meet you



Name: Tiffany Casson
Occupation: Self-employed carpet cleaner for Casson and Son.
Hobby: Camping.
What's best about living in Winters: "The friendliness of the people."
Fun fact: I used to do western jumping and barrel racing on horseback.

King Crossword Answers

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Nuestras Noticias

Si Fox hubiera sido priísta

Los políticos siempre tienen más de una opción para actuar, mientras más se preparan van afinando los criterios para poder hacerlo y que sus decisiones sean más efectivas. Cuando un político es inexperto tiende a cometer errores porque no ha alcanzado el nivel en el que se aprende a “leer” la intención de los contrarios y a ocultar las intenciones propias. La formación del político le permite evadir los engaños, no meterse en situaciones comprometidas y, por encima de todo, aprender el valor de la negociación, de saber cuándo retirarse a tiempo y de hasta dónde se puede avanzar.

Los viejos priístas subían lentamente, aprendían el oficio, y cuando llegaban a los altos niveles de dirección política eran habilidosos; esto no quiere decir que siempre fueran éticos, honestos y hasta decentes, pero hay partes de la política, que por desgracia ya no están en el nivel de la consideración moralina.

Los panistas en encontraron con el poder sin entender lo que implica mandar, sin saber gobernar y pensaron que era la imposición de estilos personales que atropellan a los de los demás. El caso que los puso a prueba fue el intento de destruir al jefe de gobierno del Distrito Federal Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO). Los panistas confundieron transparencia con confesión religiosa. La torpe admisión de los diputados de que consultaron con el ministerio público antes de pagar la fianza de AMLO demuestra que en efecto toda la maniobra se coordina desde la oficina del procurador.

No solamente eliminar adversarios es antidemocrático, sino que en este caso, el embate representa una feroz pugna ideológica, donde la derecha panista trata de liquidar a la izquierda. No es solamente el temor que al llegar al poder intenten limpiar la casa de las su-

ciedades, abusos e infamias políticas del pasado, cosa que el Partido Acción Nacional (PAN) ni pudo ni quiso hacer, sino que ahora ya le pertenecen a la derecha; ante el juicio de la historia, el PAN ha sido cómplice de algunas de las peores canalladas: el Fobaproa, ese rescate bancario que le ha costado al país mas de 100,000 millones de dólares y el fraude electoral de Salinas, el PAN aceptó incinerar las boletas electorales.

En la política, las pugnas ideológico-políticas son comunes y se resuelven de distinta manera, con el PAN ha entrado en una fase de turbulencia que amenaza con perturbar un proceso de cambio que había sido muy terso. El descarilamiento del mismo será totalmente responsabilidad de Vicente Fox. Pero si Fox hubiera sido priísta este asunto hubiera sido muy distinto.

En primer lugar, hubiera intentado comprar a López Obrador. Los priístas están convencidos que todos tienen su precio y éste no siempre es en metálico. No es seguro que AMLO hubiera aceptado una negociación de ese tipo pero de existir hubiera lanzado el conflicto a otra dimensión. Hay quien piensa que un priísta ni siquiera se hubiera metido al problema y si de enviarlo a la cárcel se tratara ya estaría adentro hace tiempo porque no lo hubieran dejado crecer.

En segundo lugar, si el problema hubiera crecido demasiado el Presidente hubiera encontrado una salida política. Los errores se concentraron en la Procuraduría y ésta era el chivo expiatorio. Había

fuertes bases para que la maniobra contra AMLO fuera efectiva pero la institución en este gobierno no sirve para nada.

Una vez más un expediente se consigna con errores y fallas evitando el buen avance de la justicia. Tantas casualidades implican solamente dos cosas: el personal de la Procuraduría es una bola de incompetentes, o el procurador maneja caprichosamente las averiguaciones con el fin de que los casos se caigan cuando así conviene.

Lo que fue un típico “sabadazo” para impactar a la marcha del domingo resultó un revés contra la Procuraduría. Es impresionante que un juez que pidió 10 días de plazo para revisar 10 mil hojas en sólo dos haya logrado encontrar los errores. El juez es cercano al procurador y podemos pensar que responde a sus consignas. El día era crucial, había un día de por medio para desanimar a la gente de marchar porque el líder, según ellos ya no podría jugar al mártir y se desinflaría la marcha. No sucedió nada de lo previsto. Por lo pronto el asunto se congela y más de uno se tiene que tragar sus palabras.

El procurador ha actuado con tanta torpeza que se convirtió en el eslabón más débil y ni la interpretación de la ley justifica sus acciones. El presidente priísta en este momento sacrifica a su peón mandando al procurador a la casa y trae a uno que determine que el caso ya no camina.

Cada uno se queda con su golpe y el país se ocupa de otras cosas. Fuera de partidismos, un residente sensato no puede permitir que ningún tema consuma la atención y las energías del país y mucho menos que las pugnas internas aumenten la vulnerabilidad nacional.

INMIGRACIÓN: Un momento agitado

Ya que no se sabe nada de Ben Laden, el desorden reina en Irak, el precio del petróleo sigue subiendo, y sobre todo, las encuestas no favorecen al gobernador, en el ámbito local, y al Presidente, en el ámbito nacional, el interés público se canalizó durante el mes de abril hacia el debate del tema migratorio. En Washington, los líderes de varios grupos antiinmigrantes cabildearon al más alto nivel para impedir cualquier iniciativa que pretenda beneficiar a los indocumentados; y, a favor de la aprobación de ley Real ID, incluido en el del financiamiento de operaciones militares en Irak y Afganistán, que entre otras cosas, restringiría el otorgamiento y uso de las licencias de conducir y daría mayores facultades a los jueces en los casos de asilo político.

Por su parte, el señor Presidente, una vez más, se olvidó aquello de “mi casa es su casa”, y pidió a los senadores de su partido que no olviden incluir las normas antiinmigrantes del proyecto Real ID, en la Ley de Presupuesto Militar Especial final. En Arizona, los Minutemen, terminaron su “patrullaje patriótico” para denunciar a los indocumentados que pretenden cruzar ilícitamente la frontera.

En California, dos hechos hicieron noticia, las declaraciones del gobernador Arnold Schwarzenegger, aprobando la gestión de los Minutemen y despotricando en contra de los inmigrantes; y, la colocación de vallas publicitarias por parte de la estación de televisión KRCA, canal 62, en las que aparece escrito “Los Ángeles, CA, México”,

pero con la sigla CA marcada con una cruz, dando a entender que Los Ángeles no pertenece a California, Estados Unidos de América, sino a México. Obviamente estos hechos han dado pie para que los grupos antiinmigrantes, así como los grupos proinmigrantes peguen el grito al cielo, pero con el acostumbrado discurso cansino. Por una parte, odio disfrazado de patriotismo, y por otra parte, la acostumbrada denuncia de racismo acompañada de su correspondiente porción de inercia política.

Lo del proyecto de ley Real ID es desde el inicio immoral, la finalidad es limitar la capacidad de acción de los inmigrantes indocumentados, con la falsa esperanza de que las cada vez más asiduas trabas a las que se tienen que enfrentar los haga desistir de la idea de quedarse o de venir a este país. Es inmoral, en primer lugar porque se pretenden justificar estas medidas en nombre de la seguridad nacional, cuando está claro que el efecto es exactamente el contrario, al continuar más de 10 millones de personas en las sombras; y, porque se lo agregó, a través de una sucia maniobra política, al proyecto de ley de operaciones militares en Irak y Afganistán para asegurar su aprobación.

Mientras tanto, nuestra comunidad sigue padeciendo de inercia política, la prueba es simple, en una conversación de la senadora Feinstein con cabilderos de la comunidad hispana, la representante estatal hizo notar a sus interlocutores que había recibido 400 mensajes de residentes

de California apoyando el proyecto de ley Real ID, y apenas 25 oponiéndose a éste. Señores, quejarse no es suficiente. En lo que respecta a los “patriotas” del proyecto Minutemen, la buena noticia es que su labor fue un fracaso, prometieron colocar miles de voluntarios en las fronteras y apenas si alcanzaron un par de cientos, lo que podría significar que están fuera de sintonía con el sentir general de la población estadounidense; la mala noticia es que la actitud permisiva del gobierno federal abre las puertas a la posibilidad de que cualquier particular se sienta asistido por el derecho de tomar la justicia en sus manos.

Lo de Arnold no debe sorprendernos, él sabe bien que atacar a los inmigrantes y especialmente a los indocumentados otorga puntos. Lo realmente penoso no es que pida que se cierren las fronteras, porque aunque no lo queramos reconocer públicamente, todos debemos estar conscientes que la forma desordenada e inhumana en que se realiza el cruce migratorio en la actualidad debe detenerse, pero con leyes que beneficien a este país mientras otorga oportunidades a los que vienen con buenas intenciones. Lo grave es que no le importe, por ganarse un par de puntos, hacer declaraciones incendiarias e irresponsables, y apoyar a grupos que están abiertamente fuera de la ley, especialmente en momentos en que el entorno existente puede crear un divisionismo de magnitudes impredecibles.



El caso de Schwarzenegger

Tal y como lo vaticinaron muchos hace más de un año, el capital político del actual gobernador de California se está agotando rápidamente. Y era de esperarse... California está enamorada de los actores de cine. Su popularidad crea una especie de halo a su alrededor que nos atrae y en cierta forma estamos convencidos que, por ser invencibles en las películas o ser los amantes perfectos en sus actuaciones para el cine, lo son en realidad. Y en muy contados casos eso resulta cierto.

Para una “celebridad” —y nuestro “gober” lo está dejando de ser— existe una justa medida para hablar y exhibirse en público. Si es poco es malo porque lo olvidan, si es demasiado, cansa. Guardar el equilibrio y un justo medio en el aprovechamiento de la fama es casi imposible para un artista que está acostumbrado a ser el centro de admiración, el héroe macho y violento y siempre ganador en las películas y que se siente adorado por los fans.

Y Schwarzenegger está perdiendo el atractivo de estrella. La admiración está dejando lugar a la realidad: o no es un buen gobernador o los problemas de California son de tal magnitud, que son más grandes que él. Sea lo que sea, lo está colocando en una situación incómoda. Lo que lo llevó al poder fue ser un popular artista de cine. No era político y no lo es. Lo que le está restando poder es no haber aprendido a ser político.

Se le olvida a Schwarzenegger que él ha inmigrado y se vuelve un antiinmigrante. Claro, la cuña para que apriete tiene que ser del mismo palo. Pero ¡jojo!

Hollywood es un imán para ciertas gentes, como California lo es para los latinos que cruzan la frontera sin documentos. Hollywood atrae inmigrantes de todas partes del mundo que vienen con la ilusión de llegar a ser artistas de cine. Muchos de ellos, eso supongo, llegan sin tener sus papeles de trabajo en regla. Y si triunfan los arreglan, si no, quizás estén por ahí como ilegales, trabajando en lo que puedan, pero pasan desapercibidos porque no son como los morenitos nuestros, ni se les considera como una especie de invasores.

Muchos dicen que nuestro actual gobernador entró al país como turista, permaneció aquí en forma ilegal como body builder y arregló sus papeles posteriormente. Mi curiosidad me pica. ¿Podría el señor gobernador decirnos si lo que se dice es cierto?

No es que tenga importancia, pero sería bueno que lo aclarara porque ese resentimiento antiinmigrante no deja de extrañarme.

Para mí, el único que no debería ser agresivo con los inmigrantes es el que vino como inmigrante. Y él, de quien se dice que incluso cree poder llegar a la Casa Blanca, si cambian la Constitución, debe cuidar su actitud ante los inmigrantes más que ningún otro.

Parece de cuento pero en California cada vez que un gobernador está en aprietos, ataca o se queja de los indocumentados. Algo debe andar mal en el actual gobierno cuando recurre a ese argumento.

Claro, atacar a los indocumentados pobres tiene una gran ventaja: no pueden defenderse. Sólo que muchos de los miles de indocumentados que

hay, tarde o temprano se convierten en residentes permanentes y más tarde en ciudadanos y en votantes. Y esto es un proceso que ha venido ocurriendo por años y miles de ciudadanos actuales pasaron por ese camino.

Y ahora votan y resienten esa innecesaria fobia. Le aclaramos al “gober”, que ilegal no es necesariamente el que cruza la frontera a escondidas, sino también el que entra al país como turista y permanece más tiempo del que su visa le permite. Pero esos, según una investigación que hice hace muchos años, son generalmente europeos, cuya presencia no molesta y de quienes nadie se queja, porque no son los humildes indocumentados morenitos que preocupan tanto al gobernador.

Quisiera creer que los Minutemen a los que alabó recientemente nuestro gobernador no son fascistas, aunque actúan como si lo fueran. Así empezaron los “camisas café” de Hitler para cuidar al país del peligro bolchevique, que las autoridades de la República de Weimar, no controlaban. Cuando el amigo Wilson era gobernador y, como ahora, usaba a los indocumentados para desviar la atención de sus problemas de gobierno, hubo civiles que le creyeron y se dedicaron a vigilar por su cuenta en el aeropuerto de San Diego. En algunas gasolineras en que intentaban detener, con derecho ciudadano (eso decían), a todos aquellos morenitos que les parecía podían ser inmigrantes indeseables o que hablaban español y los denunciaban a la patrulla fronteriza. Eso acabó cuando hubo ciudadanos estadounidenses, que también los hay morenitos, que fueron interceptados por esos “Minuteman” de entonces, lo cual causó airadas protestas.

California es un estado liberal gobernado por un artista inmigrante, estrella republicana, que confunde, como muchos de nosotros, las actuaciones en el celuloide con la vida real.

El problema de la inmigración indocumentada se puede resolver de dos maneras: una, que se creen suficientes empleos en México y Centroamérica, cosa muy difícil. Dos, que no los necesitemos aquí, cosa más difícil aún, porque llenan un vacío.

Mientras California los necesite no van a dejar de venir y para mí está claro que la agricultura californiana y las industrias de servicio colapsan sin esos morenitos que, por poco sueldo, producimos mucho.

Los políticos que hablan en contra de esa migración lo hacen por demagogos, porque si de veras quisieran hacer algo, obligarían a los negocios a que no contrataran a ningún indocumentado y eso, por el resultado económico que tendría, por el aumento del costo de la vida en California, le costaría el puesto al político que realmente lo hiciera cumplir.

Así que mientras los necesitemos no nos quejemos de que estén aquí. Yo tengo la vaga sospecha de que los políticos muy pronto van a necesitar los votos latinos y no hay muchos artistas de cine en las planillas y el que está, pues me parece que ya está muy visto. Que tengan una buena semana.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Winters Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: 101 EAST GRANT AVENUE, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 003-350-06.

APPLICATION TYPE: The Planning Commission is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments regarding the proposed Site Plan (Design Review) for construction of a parking lot to serve a medical office (Winters Eye Care Office) that will be located at 101 East Grant Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proponents, Edward and Janet Anderson, plan to construct a seven-space parking lot on the west side of the parcel (APN 003-350-06) located at 101 East Grant Avenue (northeast corner of the East Grant and Walnut Lane intersection); the entrance and exit from the parking lot will be located on Walnut Lane. The parking lot will include one handicap accessible (van accessible) space. The Andersons recently purchased the property at 101 East Grant and will be converting the existing single-family residence on the east side of the property into a medical office for the Winters Eye Care Office. The parcel is approximately 30,492 square feet in size property and has a General Plan land use designation of Central Business District and is zoned Central Business District (CBD). This project will require Site Plan (Design Review) approval from the Planning Commission.

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

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO APPEAR AT THE MEETING DATE(S) IDENTIFIED ABOVE AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO COMMENT. COPIES OF ALL THE ABOVE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS, PLANS AND THE COMPLETE FILE, CAN BE VIEWED AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 318 FIRST STREET, CITY HALL, AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING, OR CALL THE STAFF CONTACT PERSON AT (530) 795-4910, EXTENSION 112. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HEARING AND EXPRESS THEIR COMMENTS. WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO, AT, AND DURING THE HEARING. ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

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Dan Sokolow – Community Development Director
May 12, 2005

Public Workshop Notice

IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 656, SHER 2003

On June 1, 2005, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) staff will hold a workshop to discuss the implementation of Senate Bill 656, Sher 2003 (SB656). SB656 was enacted by Legislature to reduce public exposure to particulate matter (PM), specifically particles less than 10 microns in size (PM10) and particles less than 2.5 microns in size (PM2.5). The California Air Resources Board (CARB), adopted a list of the most readily available, feasible, and cost-effective control measures that could be adopted to reduce PM10 and PM2.5. Measures included on the list are residential wood burning, non-agricultural open burning, fugitive dust, stationary combustion, leaks and storage facilities, product manufacturing, solvents and coatings, fleet rules, transportation related programs, and incentive programs. The District is now required to review the list and adopt an implementation schedule for measures appropriate to the District by July 31, 2005. The implementation schedule will identify the selected subset of measures, and the dates for final adoption, implementation, and sequencing of selected control measures. The objective is to make progress toward attainment of State and National PM10 and PM2.5 standards.

The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Wednesday, June 1, 2005
2:00 p.m.
Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District
1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103
Davis, California 95616

The public is invited to attend this meeting. A more comprehensive list of measures will be discussed at the meeting, and is available on the District's website (www.ysaqmd.org) under the Permits/ Rules link. Written comments are encouraged to be submitted to the District prior to the workshop. Please contact Paul Hensleigh at (530) 757-3665 if you need additional information.

May 12, 2005

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PROJECT LOCATION: 204 ABBEY STREET, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 003-193-13.

APPLICATION TYPE: The Planning Commission is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments on an Interpretation/Variance application submitted for the setbacks of an addition project planned for the existing residence located at 204 Abbey Street (APN 003-193-13, southwest corner of Abbey and Second Streets intersection).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project applicants, Tom and Carol McMasters-Stone, plan to construct a two-story addition of approximately 900 square feet on the Abbey Street frontage, construct a new garage beneath the two-story addition, and convert the existing garage to livable space at their existing single-story, single-family residence located at 204 Abbey Street (APN 003-193-13). In order for the applicants to proceed with the addition project, the Planning Commission must approve either an Interpretation that the Second Street frontage of the property serves as the front yard or approve a variance of 15-feet on the rear yard setback if Abbey Street is considered the front yard. The parcel is approximately 8250 square feet in size and has a General Plan land use designation of Low Density Residential and is zoned Single-Family Residential, 7,000 Square Foot Average Minimum.

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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER April 18, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-444

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Realty World-Camelot Winters, Inc. 37 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694.

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Sandra T. Vickrey 37 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694.

This business classification is: A corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on April 1, 1994.

s/Sandra T. Vickrey Realty World-Camelot, Winters, owner. I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
May 5, 12, 19, 26

Winters business becomes newest corporate donor

Casson and Son Carpet Care, a family-owned business based in Winters, has become the newest member of the Yolo Community Foundation's (YCF) Founders' Circle according to Margaret Burns, president of the YCF board of directors.

"We are so pleased to have Casson and Son Carpet Care join First Northern Bank as a corporate sponsor, said Burns. "One of the reasons why this most generous donation is important is because it speaks to the very reason for Community Foundations.

"This gift is from a small business that has the good of the entire community in its heart. This is not a donation from a 'rich dead man' but a gift from a family-run enterprise that wishes to better the local community forever by supporting the Yolo Community Foundation."

The Founders' Circle was created to provide working capital for oper-

ating expenses until the Community Foundation's operating fund endowment becomes large enough to be self-sustaining. Businesses and individuals are invited to become part of this special 20 member group by committing \$5,000 annually for three years. All contributions are tax-deductible.

One of more than 600 community foundations in the United States, Yolo Community Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization formed in 2002. It is a vehicle for community philanthropy that enables individuals of both modest means and significant wealth to contribute to a permanent endowment for the people of Yolo County.

In addition to their contribution as founders, the Casson family has established the Timothy Casson Memorial Scholarship Fund at YCF to honor their son and brother who was killed in an automobile accident in August

2002.

"Tim would have loved the idea of giving grants, scholarships and a helping hand to graduating high school seniors who want to learn a trade and to someday start their own small business in Yolo county," said company president Paul Casson. "Now with the help of Yolo Community Foundation we will be able to build a fund that will live in Tim's name and the name of the business he started for decades to come."

The third annual Picnic in the Park, a fundraiser for the Timothy Casson Memorial Scholarship Fund, will be held Sunday, May 15, at Creekside Country Club in Winters. For information, contact Tiffany Casson, 308-8463. MORE-

To learn more about Yolo Community Foundation or about becoming a member of the Founders' Circle, go to www.yolocf.org or call 312-0593.

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SPEAKING

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lessly pursues political correctness over true learning, union appeasement over efficiency and wanton disregard for the language, culture and borders of one great American nation.

Ironic it is that this action was taken on the 5th of

May, hence the title above. Ironic too that though Mexico won a great battle on this date in 1862, they lost the war. For three more years the Mexican government supported by Abraham Lincoln was itself in bondage to the French. After our own civil war concluded and with our help, the Mexicans gained their independence. This school board action may also

seem a victory to some but if like minds prevail much longer this war too will be lost. And to those who fear any housing development will create a Dixon or Susun-like city out of your beloved Town of Winters you need not worry. With decisions like this coupled with a no-growth attitude you can probably expect an appearance more closely resembling Tijuana.