

Who is this?



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North area development to be studied

◆ North area study will include land controlled by Centex, Richland Communities

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Though residential development has taken center stage at city council and planning commission meetings over the past couple of years, the desire to bring high paying jobs to Winters has been voiced as a priority. To that end, City Manager John Donlevy brought forward several options for industrial development at the Tuesday, May 17, council meeting.

Donlevy noted that approximately 70 percent of Winters residents travel to other cities to work, and that few jobs in Winters would provide enough single-income for residents to afford a home in town.

“We know that we need jobs,” said Donlevy, “Industrial development [would be] a windfall for the community.”

He presented several scenarios for industrial development in addition to the land already zoned for that purpose in the General Plan, which was called Exhibit A. Exhibit A includes 80 acres north of Highway 128 and 55 acres south of Highway 128. According to Donlevy, there are several critical issues to consider with regard to development of the

land, including the relatively small size, the fact that it is unimproved and would create a large burden to anyone who wanted to develop it, and the fact that the entire area is encumbered as a FEMA flood zone.

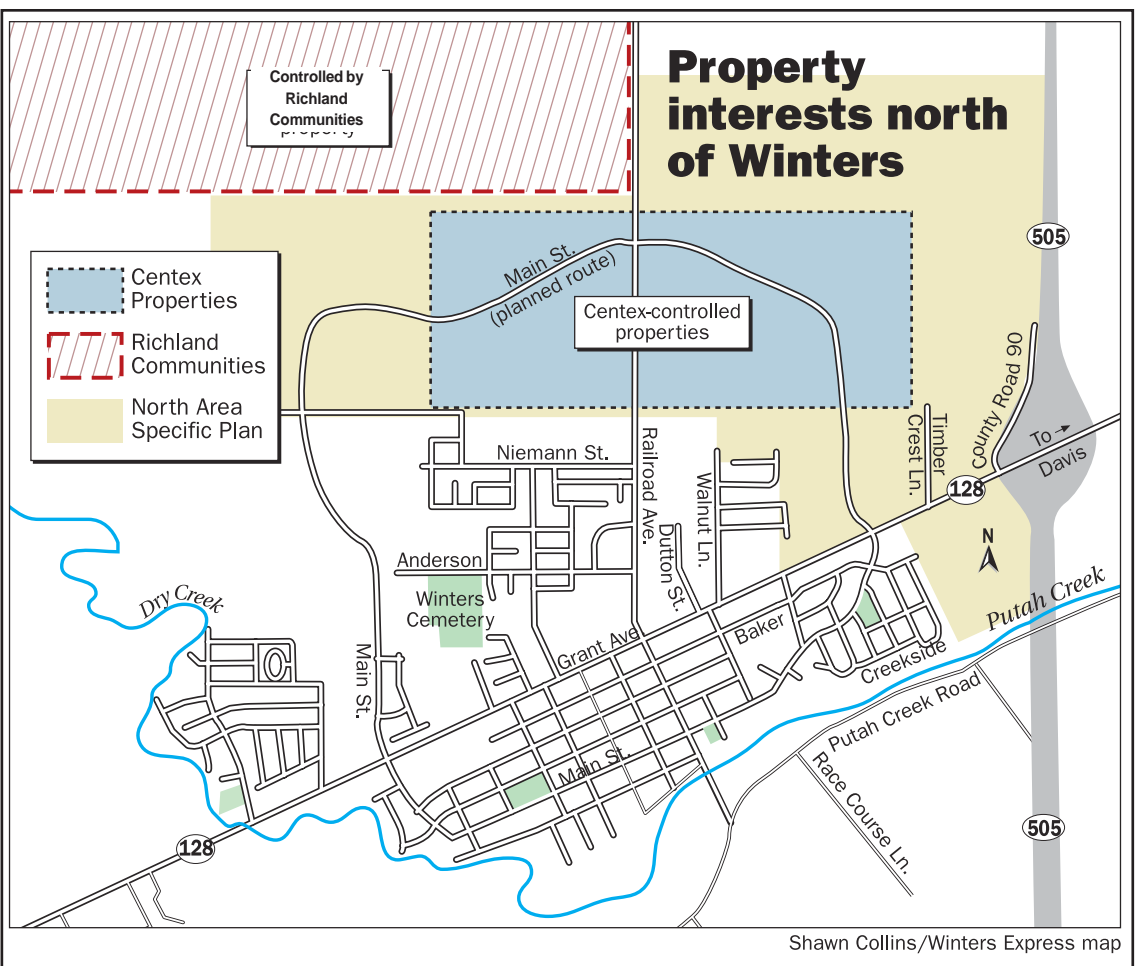
Without a flood solution for the entire area, Donlevy said, individual developers would have to build on-site detention ponds.

Options he asked the council to consider included non-action, which would probably result in piecemeal development of the area, relying on individual property owners to improve the land. The second option was to do a specific study of other properties, including land controlled by Centex, which is in the General Plan and the city’s sphere of influence, and Richland Communities, which is wholly outside of both.

“If Centex wanted to, they could submit a proposal,” said Donlevy. “Richland would require some kind of resolution even to submit a proposal.”

He told the council both Centex and Richland are interested in funding a “look” at property development issues north of Winters. He said allowing the two landholders to fund a study of the area would not necessarily result in entitlements and would probably include a full review of the General Plan.

Donlevy presented sev-



eral scenarios including Exhibit A, the existing zoned area; Exhibit B included land that has been referred to as the site of the North Area Specific Plan; Exhibit C showed the whole FEMA flood overlay area; Exhibit D showed land controlled by Centex; Exhibit E showed land controlled by Richland Communities; Exhibit F was called the “eastern expansion,” which would move the industrial area across Interstate 505 and out of the flood zone; Exhibit G, a property

north of Winters, chosen at random; Exhibit H delineated an area from Access Manufacturing east; Exhibit I combined Exhibit B with Exhibit H; Exhibit J included the Centex and Richland Communities land combined, and Exhibit K was called the urban study area, which covers the land outside the city’s urban limit line, including what was formerly called Las Lomas.

Looking at Exhibit F, council member Woody Fridae asked what would happen if the city decided

to develop industrial outside of the flood zone. Donlevy said that would lower development costs substantially.

Donlevy asked the council for some discussion and direction about which scenario they would like to pursue, if any.

Fridae wanted to know if the first step in the North Area Specific Plan would include a comprehensive study. Donlevy said the first step would probably be to come back

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Kinder program escapes move

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

In a four and a half-hour session dominated by budget-cutting discussions, Winters Joint Unified School District trustees on May 19 turned down a proposed cost-cutting move that would have relocated the district’s kindergarten program from John Clayton School to Waggoner Elementary School beginning with the 2006-07 school year.

The move, with associated administrative and staffing changes, would have saved the district an estimated \$70,000 annually and was recommended by district superintendent Dale Mitchell. In support of moving the kindergarten program, Mitchell said that the majority of the elements that contribute to the success of the kinder program — teachers, parents, learning environment, resources and safety — have nothing to do with physical location.

“It is an unrealistic expectation that the kinder program will remain unchanged by physically keeping it located at its present site,” Mitchell said. “Personnel and fund-

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FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

MACKENZIE ELIZABETH GODDEN is the new daughter and second child of Steven and Lisa Godden of Woodland. Born April 30, at 10:28 p.m. at Sutter Davis Hospital, she weighed nine pounds, ten ounces and was 22 inches long. She joins a brother, Hunter, age 2. Maternal grandparents are Dayle Brunson of Woodland, and John and Pegee Lauge-nour of Sacramento. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Debbie Godden of Winters. Paternal great-grandmothers are Margaurite Godden and Delberta Pinkston, both of Winters.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

The swimming pools at Winters High School were drained on Monday for repairs. The pools will open on Saturday, June 4.

Long-term future of swimming pools in question

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

The future of the Bobbie Greenwood Swimming Pool is uncertain, according to City Manager John Donlevy. He told the city council at the Tuesday, May 17, meeting that despite the investment of about \$72,000 into the pool over the past five years, it was once again leaking, would have to be drained in order to find the source of the problem.

Donlevy told the council the pool

was constructed in 1959, serving the school and community until 1991, when it was found to be leaking about 6,200 gallons of water per day. In 1993 the gymnasium floor buckled, and he noted that the leaking pool was blamed, though it was never proven to be the cause. In 1995 the city received approximately \$100,000 in grant funds to reline the pool.

Despite the fact that it had been drained and patched, the liner was separating again, losing about 1,800

gallons of water every 30 hours, according to Donlevy, at the time of the council meeting.

He told the council the city and school district needed to begin the process of finding a location for a new swim complex. Construction of a new pool would cost approximately \$1.5 million and would be a 24-36 month process.

Noting that there is an active swim program in Winters, he said

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OBITUARY

Joe Madrid Martin

Joe Madrid Martin was born on December 1, 1927 in Winters, to Frank and Amalia Martin. He passed away May 17, in his residence in Woodland with his family by his side.

Joe lived in Winters for 31 years until he moved to Arbuckle to farm and to raise his family. He lived in Arbuckle for 41 years until he retired to Woodland two years ago.



Joe began his farming career in Winters farming apricots and peaches. During the off season he worked as a field representative for Hunts and Spreckles and he also worked at the Army Communications Depot. After his move to Arbuckle, he farmed almonds and prunes in the Arbuckle and Dunnigan area until his retirement in 2003. Joe was a member of Saint Anthony's Church in Winters, Holy Cross Church in Arbuckle, and Holy Rosary Church in Woodland. He was also a member of Club Iberico de Espana. Joe served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1947 at Fort Lewis, Washington, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Joe lived his faith, with his family at the center of his world.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Anna Martin of Woodland. Sons Frank Martin and wife Janet, and John Martin and wife Marta, both live in Arbuckle. Daughters Anita Warmack and husband Mark of Sacramento, Alaina Stahlman and husband Mel of Shell Beach, California, Lisa Wilbur and husband Jeff of Tulare, will also miss Joe. He is also survived by brothers Tony Martin of Vacaville, and Frank Martin of Winters, and sister Madeline Jimenez of Winters. In addition, he is survived by eleven grandchildren, Mary, Susie, John, Sarah and Callie Martin, Daniel, Joseph and Marisa Vazquez, and Elizabeth, Sarah and Grace Wilbur, and one great grandchild, Elina Vazquez.

A funeral Mass was held on Monday, May 23, at the Holy Cross Church in Arbuckle. Memorial donations may be made in Joe's behalf to Yolo Hospice, P.O. Box 1014, Davis, 95617.

YESTERYEAR



~ File photo

In May, 1993, fifth grade Campfire Club members and chaperones visited with Congressman Vic Fazio on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. They are, from left, back row: Elliot Landes, Kathy Lester, Brian Chambers, Carolyn Chambers, Pam Scheeline, Gail Todd and Fazio; middle row: Rachel Sorenson, Shannon Halley, Hava Glick-Landes and Paloma Hesemeyer; front row: Mackenzie Todd, Catherine Chambers, Christine Lester, Heidi Scheeline, Danielle Delorefice and Andrea Mayes.

Support group offered for families of mentally ill

Families of the Mentally Ill, a counseling group for families of the chronically mentally ill, will begin a new series on Saturday, June 11, and continue weekly for eight weeks. This program is offered free of charge.

This group will offer participants the opportunity to explore and share the impact mental illness has on their family, other relationships, and personal well being. The focus of the group will be enhancing coping skills, self-care, and developing and maintaining support networks. Pre-registration is required. Call 662-2211 ext.

37 to register. This group is facilitated by Joanne Fuller, MFTI.

Founded in 1959, Yolo Family Service Agency is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening families in Yolo County by providing family-oriented counseling and psycho-educational services on an adjustable fee schedule. YFSA is an integral part of Yolo County's continuum of mental health services and is the primary referral mental health care provider for agencies serving families and individuals in Yolo County.

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.

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35 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1970

David Villalobos was named winner of the \$300 Doug Baldridge Memorial Scholarship at the high school graduation exercises held last Thursday evening.

The apricot shipping season locally passed the peak last week and shipments through May 31 from the area totaled the equivalent of 183 rail cars.

Five local students will receive degrees at Chico State College Saturday. They are: Dale Butler, Donald W. Crum, Joe A. Lopez, Claudia Meyer and Ronald D. Ramos.

Warner Bros. film "The All American Boy," starring Jon Voight, is slated to be in the Winters area around June 24 or 25, it was learned this week.

Congressman Robert L. Leggett was in Winters Saturday to award certificates of achievement to 28 families who have completed homes in Major Vista under the federal self-help housing program. The families included: Rudolfo Ramirez, Fred Rojo, Pedro Moreno, Randall Swink, Jack Queen, Marcus Carrasco, Charles Mathis, Lois Salazar, Jose Corrales, Myrna Kiefer, Victoriano Carros, Artemio Lopez, Edvigies Rodriquez, Gilberto Alarcon, Antonio Lopez, Busano Archuleta, Francisco Zaragosa, Concepcion Acosta, Adelaido Rodriquez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Benjamin Mendoza, Pedro Elizondo, Jose Rodarte, Jose Mora, Lorenzo Lopez and Luis Garcia.

50 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1955

The first car of 1955 apricots left Winters Monday night. It was an express car bound for Chicago, and was packed at the California Fruit Exchange.

Funeral services for Lester M. Ireland, 64, former mayor of Winters, were held Saturday afternoon at the McNary Funeral Home in Woodland. He died Friday morning in the Woodland Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud M. Kato of Winters are the parents of a girl, born May 31, 1955 in the Woodland Clinic.

Don Freeland, of Los Angeles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Freeland of Winters dropped out of the Indianapolis 500-mile race Monday after completing 178 laps.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell F. Flanery, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born at the Yolo General Hospital, in Woodland, May 28, 1955.

Some 60 members of the Winters 4-H Club will meet on Saturday, June 11, at Crowder's pool, Madison, in their annual swim and picnic.

Joint installation of officers will be held Tuesday by the Winters Post 242, American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. George Davidson will be installed as commander of the Legion, and his wife will be seated as Auxiliary president.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rice of Richmond and Capt. And Mrs. Albert Jacobs and family of Folsom visited during the weekend with Mrs. Daisy Chadwick.

65 YEARS AGO

May 31, 1940

Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, Engineer Oscar Holmes pulled the lever on the north trip, letting two panels down and 1400 second feet of water passed over the Winters dam and down stream.

Mrs. Henry Johnston directed a children's party Monday at her home in Buckeye, honoring her son Warren, who was observing his 7th birthday.

Graduates at Union School were Erelida Blanche Fawcett and Richard Elmer Rominger. Exercises were held Friday, May 24, directed by the instructor, Miss Sarah Trenchard.

More than half an inch rainfall was reported in town in yesterday's downpour, bringing the season's total to 30.10 inches.

Carl Franke has filed papers and will appear on the ballot as candidate for elementary school trustee. A. R. Gale whose term expires has declined to stand for re-election..

The California Fruit Exchange reports 50 cars of fruit dispatched to date. The Earl Fruit Company has shipped 8 cars.

Alan and Carol Furth were honored at a farewell progressive party by Davis friends Saturday night. Misses Barbara Eddy, Jane Dunshee and Annette Goss were hostesses.

100 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1905

The term of the Winters Joint Union High School just closed has been one of the most satisfactory in the school's history. There were no students graduated, but fine progress was made by the pupils.

The town trustees have ordered an electric light put on the pole on Abbey Street east of the Earl shipping sheds which will be a great convenience to dwellers in that locality.

Miss Mabel Sackett came up from San Francisco yesterday for a short visit with her parents.

Dick (W.P.) Rice and George Johnson left yesterday morning for Circle City, Alaska. Mr. Rice has been engaged to work for a friend there in the mining business and Mr. Johnson goes to try his luck in the frozen north.

Water is now running in the irrigation canal and there is more than enough for everybody.

Bro. Benjamin's show at the Opera House is drawing crowded houses and is voted one of the best shows that has visited us in a long time.

The Winters cannery is ready for business. Last Monday night the machinery was set in motion for the first time in the presence of a number of visitors and found to run like a clock.

Weekly police report

March 27-May 11

~ On the 800 block of Railroad Avenue, a fire was set to a structure causing smoke and minor fire damage.

May 14

~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, a counterfeit \$20 bill was used to obtain goods.

May 5-11

~ On the 900 block of Apricot Avenue, a residence was entered through an unknown point of entry and property was stolen.

May 17

~ David Eric Poteat, 25, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Davis Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence. Poteat was also arrested on an outstanding Solano County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charge of driving under the influence. Poteat was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

May 19

~ Matthew William Balogh, 18, of Winters was arrested for possessing a controlled substance, transporting a controlled substance, possessing controlled substance paraphernalia, driving under the influence of a controlled substance, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and speeding. Balogh was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ An officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff's deputy with a call of a possible burglary in progress. After arriving on the scene, the call was determined unfounded.

May 20

~ Moises Priego Bautista, 45, of Rancho Cordova was arrested for being an unlicensed driver, speeding and no proof of insurance. Bautista was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ On the 400 block of Baker Street, an officer responded to a residential alarm. The residence was found secure.

~ A 16-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, being an unlicensed driver and having music heard from the vehicle over 50 feet away. Blood alcohol content results: .06/.06. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.

~ Deeane Marie McNeal, 34, of Woodland was issued a notice to appear for driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license and failing to illuminate headlights during darkness.

~ An officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff's Deputy with a call of suspicious activity on Owings Drive.

May 21

~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for possessing controlled substance paraphernalia, riding a bicycle while intoxicated, possessing tobacco products, and riding a bicycle without wearing a bicycle helmet. Blood alcohol content results: 088/.087. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a

Winters

Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Students who worked on the Chamber's new Website were Ron Lewis (front) and, from left (back) Andrew Cliche and Jimi Guererro.

Chamber mixer planned

June's Chamber mixer will be hosted by Melia and Warren Jones, owners of Velo City Bicycle Center, which opens soon at 41 Main Street. The mixer takes place on Monday, June 13, 5:30-7 p.m. and provides an opportunity to welcome Winters' newest business to our community.

I expect you will be very impressed with the quality of the shop. This business is a great addition to our downtown and I hope you will join us to welcome them to town! FYI, the name of the business is pronounced "velo city," not "velocity" (there might be a prize for answering this correctly at the



Last month's Youth Day was terrific and was a major fundraiser for the Winters Chamber of Commerce. I again want to thank my volunteers, Linn and Paul Myer, Debbie LaShure, Nancy Meyer, Youth Day Grand Marshall Gloria Marion, Eric Doud, Dave Fleming, Kate Kelly, Dave Baxter, John Siracusa, Dave and Nanci Mills, and Steve Casselli, all of whom gave up a part of their Saturday to help staff the Chamber Booth. I would also like to thank Lynne Secrist and the Winters Music Boosters for allowing their booth to serve as the parents/kids "lost & found."

The Chamber website content will be brought live by the end of the school year. For those of you who don't know, the Chamber, through the generosity of Chamber board member Nancy Meyer, provided numerous licenses to the Dream Weaver software to the Winters High School. The content update and redesign became a project of three of Molly Goldbar's advanced computer students.

Ron Lewis, Jimi Guerrero and Andrew Cliche have done remarkably good work from a technical standpoint, but as importantly, showed a lot of ini-

tiative in adding elements they felt would be valuable content. On Friday, May 27, Shaun Chin, an application developer from Cal.Net and Websoft of Davis, will be at the class to provide training to Molly and her students on how to bring the newly developed content "live" on their server. I expect Shaun will also share some of his expertise with regard to Website design. I would like to thank CalNet/Websoft for donating Shaun's time and expertise to assist in this project. (Technically, the students are their "competitors.") I guess volunteerism isn't limited to Winters after all.

Another project that is coming "on line" with good results is the Yolo Visitors Bureau. Funded in part by the Winters Chamber and the City of Winters, June will include the release of several new tourism related pieces, specifically maps of area attractions and a new dining guide featuring several Winters restaurants. I know you will be pleased with the

great work they are doing.

If you read this in time, please consider attending the Downtown Master Plan Public meeting on Wednesday, May 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Winters City Council Chambers. I believe the development of the downtown master plan, which will help prioritize various objectives for the defined "downtown," is of interest to all of us. Our historic downtown is one of the treasures of Winters; we need as much community input in this process as possible.

A spelling correction from last month's Chamber column. My wife's new shop, opening in mid-June at 11 Main Street, is spelled Regalare, not Regalore. Regalare is Italian for "to give a gift". My bad, but how about that for a shameless free plug. It's good to be married to the Chamber's executive director if you're opening a new business.

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

Recent home sales

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| 1016 HEMENWAY ST | 2005-03-15 | ... | \$180,000 |
| 101 QUAIL CT | 2005-03-14 | | \$339,000 |
| 719 LUPINE WAY | 2005-03-11 | | \$244,754 |
| 105 RIVERVIEW CT | 2005-03-11 | | \$450,000 |
| 428 MAIN ST WINTERS, | 2005-03-10 | | \$380,000 |
| 1016 WASHINGTON AVE | 2005-03-08 | | \$296,000 |
| 207 SUFFOLK PL | 2005-03-04 | | \$162,000 |
| 432 EDWARDS ST | 2005-03-04 | | \$165,000 |
| 413 RUSSELL ST | 2005-03-04 | | \$371,000 |
| 318 NIEMANN ST | 2005-02-25 | | \$222,500 |
| 609 SNAPDRAGON ST | 2005-02-22 | .. | \$450,000 |
| 1030 KENNEDY DR | 2005-02-17 | | \$182,500 |
| 710 IVY CT | 2005-02-14 | | \$438,500 |

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

OKAY, THE NEXT PERSON who wistfully rolls her or his eyes and sighs, “But we need the rain” gets bitch-slapped. Let’s get this straight. We do not need this much rain. There’s a point where enough’s enough, and we shot past enough about two months ago. Besides serving as our town’s newspaper, the Express is also home of the official Winters weather station (a rain gauge and a thermometer), operated by our publisher emeritus, Newt Wallace, AKA the Guy (Who Is Occasionally) On Page Two. Although Newt is 80-something, he records the weather faithfully every day, and according to his calculations, this rainfall season is more than over.

According to Newt’s records, we soaked up 27.35 inches of rain through May 17. The normal rainfall to that date is 21.01 inches. Heck, the normal rainfall for an entire year is 22.82 inches. We’ve already got 6.34 inches in the bank for the next rainfall year (which begins on July 1), so it’s time to wrap up this winter-in-May nonsense and get on with summer.

Oops, you say, what about spring? Aren’t I getting ahead of myself? No, we had spring. It took place from 10:37 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. on Friday morning. Hope you didn’t miss it. By Sunday, we’d hit the 90s, and we’ve gone from thinking about lining the animals up two by two to cracking out the sun-tan lotion and backyard barbecues. Hallelujah. And the first person who complains about the heat is the next one to get bitch-slapped. The line forms on the right behind Wistful.

Yes, I’m cranky. I’m not a winter person, I’m not a rain person. I don’t do cold. I can take triple-dig-it heat all day long, no problem. But let the temperature drop below 65 and I’m reaching for a ski parka. Today (Wednesday of last week), I had to wear a raincoat to work. In May. That is so wrong.

Hey, Washington: somebody misplaced Seattle. It’s down here in California. Wanna come get it?

Even the star of the Patty Souza Weather Hour (which masquerades as the KCRA morning news) recently reported that we’re way above normal in both rainfall and snowpack, and we’re not out of the woods yet. There still may be more rain before the season’s over. Yosemite was awash in floodwater last week, we’ve had as many tornadoes in California this year as they had in Kansas and today, as I sit and write this column, it’s pouring rain and seven counties have been issued severe weather alerts.

All this wetness is wreaking havoc at the backyard level as well. I’ve seen only one or two butterflyflies all year, save for the flock that managed to migrate through the area between thunderstorms en route to warmer territory. At the other end of the spectrum, the snails are proliferating in numbers seen only in B-grade horror movies. They’re everywhere — slithering up walls, clinging to the undersides of lilies, devouring every tender green sprout as soon as it emerges, leaving their mucous-y little trails crisscrossed over everything like slimy lace. I came home from work late one night and flicked on the porch light and discovered them everywhere, like cockroaches, even sliding over the patio chairs. There’s no other way to say it: ick. Just ick.

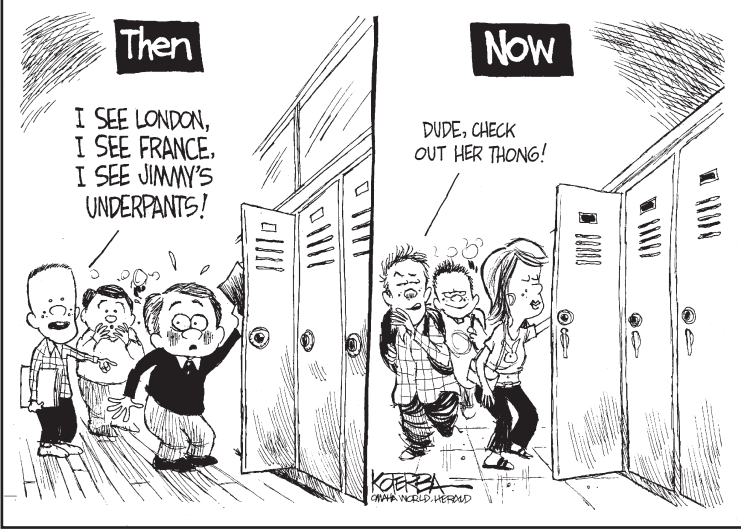
The only thing I like less than the snails themselves are the methods of eliminating them. Squishing them is just gross. And I don’t like the idea of saturating my yard in poison. However, I think I’ve devised the perfect solution.

You may remember my little issue with a neighboring dog that barks, day and night, at birds, bees, the breeze, and sometimes nothing at all, but *always* at me should I have the audacity to go sit quietly in my own back yard. It occurs to me that maybe he’s just bored. Maybe he’d like to play catch. *Heh heh heh*. If nothing else, maybe a fat tummy-ache will shut that pup up.

But, not all the snails will be snapped up as snacks. No, I’ll save a few for my other neighbor, who thinks he needs to water his lawn three times a day, seven days a week. Even when it rains! I’ve sloshed through the bog that was once my lawn many times to suggest to him that maybe, just maybe, if his perpetual watering creates standing water in my front yard that he could cut back a smidge. He just smiles and says I should dig a ditch.

Yes, he’ll be getting a few new pets.

See, I’m not just cranky, I’m evil. But that’s what happens when you spend too much time watching raindrops slide down the windowpane. Besides, a little neighborly retribution never hurt anyone.



LETTERS

Thanks for your hard work

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my appreciation and thanks to the board of trustees and superintendent of our school district for their hard work and commitment in trying to resolve the school restructuring issues that have been before them in recent months.

It is clear to anyone who has attended a board meeting that the issues are extremely complex and that none of the proposals or potential solutions could not possibly please everyone. There truly is no good solution to the problem our district faces, short of a large mon-

etary donation or immediate reversal of our governor’s decisions surrounding public school funding.

It is also clear that the board members and superintendent have honestly struggled with the decisions that they have had to make. They have had a monumentally difficult and thankless job to do. I commend them on their continued effort, time, and dedication to the quality education of our children and the success of our school district and want to say thank you to each of them for their work.

REBECCA BRESNICK HOLMES

Appreciates kinder support

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to take the time to thank all of the school board members for taking the time to listen to all of us over the past few months. There were a lot of different opinions, and everyone thinking theirs was the best.

I know the decision was not an easy one to make,

but it meant so much to many families that the Kinder School is staying.

I did look beyond the emotional side and still could not find a good reason to move Wolfskill to Kinder.

Again, many thanks from many people.

LAURA RAY

Thank you for careful thought

Dear Editor,

As a parent of kindergarten students past, present and future, I would like to express my thanks to all of the school board members for their careful thoughts on the restructuring of the school district.

I realize that the decisions made on May 19 were not easy to come to, but feel that the majority vote did put the best interests of the children in our district first in choosing to

keep kinder at its current location instead of seeing just financial savings. I also understand that making the financial cuts needed is not an easy task and commend all of you for the difficult jobs you have.

I have confidence that our district will triumph as long as we continue to put the safety and well being of every student first. Keep up the great work!

AMY SHAW

Cooperation makes it all work

Dear Editor,

Another school term is coming to a close and I would like to thank all the drivers who come across Hemenway and Anderson for cooperating and using their signal lights. (For those who didn’t, please try harder next term.) Also, I’d like to thank you for all the warm smiles and friendly waves.

I’d also like to thank the school children for wait-

ing for me to cross them instead of crossing randomly and tying up traffic. Also, congratulations to the 8th grade graduates. Good luck in high school. I’ll miss you. I’m looking forward to meeting a new group of children next term.

Wishing all of you a great summer.

HELGA MCMENOMEY

Crossing guard
Hemenway and Anderson



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

A LOT OF SMILING FACES. Graduation ceremonies must be one of the happiest times in peoples lives. Every father in the crowd has a smile on his face, and even some of the mothers. The fathers are thinking about the money, while the mothers seem to be worried about their child’s future. The graduates themselves look a little worried, but in general, appear to be in good spirits. It could be that they were up all night partying, but there are a few who look like they had a good night’s sleep, and are enjoying the moment.

My last temporary tenant graduated from Chico on Sunday, and is heading for Boise, Idaho on his next adventure. He has about 3 weeks to pack up everything he owns and report to work at Micron. He’s not sure what he will be doing, but he says he’s ready to move on with his life.

I told him the best part of working is that when he gets his first paycheck, he only has to wait a couple of weeks, and he’ll get another one. I gave him my advice on spending (don’t), and wished him well.

In a few weeks, we’ll be helping him load up his pick-up, my van, and a trailer, and head for Boise. I like Boise, and I hope Robert does to. He’s at least moving when the roads are clean and the weather is near perfect. I’ve never spent a winter in the snow, but it can’t be that much fun. He likes to ski so that will help.

Robert told me he will be working 12 hour shifts, 3 on, 4 off, then 4 on, 3 off. He’s all excited about the amount of time he’ll have off. If you wonder why businesses are fleeing California, having the government regulate when your employees can work is one reason. Try working 12 hour shifts in California and you’d have a riot on your hands. Not from your employees, but from some union or a state bureaucrat.

As my wife and I were driving back from Chico, the talk turned to vacations and Boise. I explained that all road trips could pass through Boise without much effort. She mentioned the Grand Canyon. I mentioned the Black Hills and Chicago. It will be interesting to see how far it is from Winters to the Grand Canyon, via Boise. Can’t be more than 1,200 miles. Perfect for a long weekend.

For all those who have children graduating from high school or college, you have my congratulations and best wishes. If the one graduating is your last, keep smiling. Life should only get better from here.

Have a good week.

Glad to find Express online

Dear Editor,

Whoopieee!!! So glad to have finally found you online. What took you so long? Congratulations! This will be one of my favorite sites to visit, now that I’ve found you.

It is such a pleasure to glimpse names of the few who are left with whom I graduated in 1960. I see many familiar names in the paper, but they must be children and grandchildren now of “olden-days-pals” of long ago. (Very difficult to realize that mine has now replaced that description of “the older generation.”)

It’s good to see Winters progressing, I always felt like it was almost not a part of the earth as it so much “stayed the same.”

Wonderful to see you online. I love it. Keep up the good work, and reporting. Best wishes, from a former Winters-ite.

ELIZABETH WRIGHT HARRIS Corning

(Editor’s note: Anyone else who would like to discover the joys of the Winters Express online can go to www.wintersexpress.com. Complete online subscriptions of the Express are available for \$20 per year.)

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Living Will or Advance Health Care Directive — which should you choose?

By **RAPHAEL MOORE, J.D.**
Special to the Express

Living Will or Advance Health Care Directive — which is which? It’s unfortunate that even law professors perpetuate the confusion. Technically speaking, a “living will” is a document that governs the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment from an individual in the event of an incurable or irreversible condition that will cause death within a relatively short time (when such person is no longer able to make decision regarding his or her own medical treatment). The concept is permitted by

statute in most states. It doesn’t appoint anyone to make decisions on your behalf. It doesn’t list what our choices are in a variety of cases. It just handles this one “type” of decision. Simply stated, it is an expression of our intent.

In California, rather than having a separate “living will,” the legislature has authorized the concept of “Advance Health Care Directive” in Probate code Sections 4670-4701. This gives a person the ability to appoint someone else to make health care decisions on their behalf if that person lacks the capacity to do so for themselves. Within the various decisions we can make,

the “living will” type of decision can also be made. That is, in an Advance Health Care Directive not only do we appoint an agent, and make various decisions, we can also specifically decide the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment among other things.

From my standpoint, it is wrong to use the terms “living will” and “Advance Health Care Directive” interchangeably. They are not the same, and the word “living will” should be stricken from all end of life decision-making discussions in California. Indeed, a person can have an “Advance Health Care Directive” without allowing the

withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment. It truly is for the individual to state “their” end of life wishes, whether that be active treatment right up to the end of their life or comfort care until death.

In 2000, California replaced “Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care” with “Advance Health Care Directive” and perhaps it can be used interchangeably. But legally speaking, the “Advance Health Care Directive,” is the correct term to use, since California code specifically provides for it and defines how it should be written and signed. If you say “Power of Attorney for Health Care,” it real-

ly is only the appointment of an agent (that is giving a “power of attorney” to someone) and does not reflect that fact that a person can also make many choices on their own behalf and require their agent to follow them (i.e. “Directive”).

(Raphael S. Moore, J.D. LL.M., is a Davis attorney and has provided legal review of Yolo Hospice’s Advance Health Care Directive, which can be read or downloaded from their website, www.yolohospice.org, or call Yolo Hospice, 758-5566, for an appointment or information on Advance Health Care Planning. Ask for Patty Zavala, RN. Group or individual sessions are available at no charge.)

Consider “dos and don’ts” of summer doggie etiquette

By LESLIE SCHNUR
Guest columnist

Good dog behavior is important all year round, but becomes critical in the warm weather when dogs are off their leashes and people, as usual, are off their rockers. When canines and humans are sharing lawn, beach, Frisbees and hiking trails, worlds collide. I will scream if I see one more Rottweiler allowed to roam around unfettered simply because it is a sunny day. And I like dogs. It's their owners who make them look bad. So, owners, here are my rules of summer etiquette for your dogs and mine.

1. Do not let your dog pee on your neighbor's hydrangeas. Your neighbor has spent a lot of time and effort to make her garden bloom and dog urine is not what she meant when she said the flowers needed watering today.
2. Do not let your dog poop on the lawn at the park. (Do I need to say that all dog poop must always get picked up, unless you live in the wilds of Alaska? As Americans you do enjoy the

- freedom to let dog poop fertilize your own backyard, but then, I don't want to know you.) During the summer, park lawns are used for picnics, ball playing and general lolling about. The last thing one wants to find on oneself after lolling about on the lawn is some unidentifiable, or worse, some very identifiable and smelly substance.
3. Do not let your dog drool on another dog or on your friend's new Pumas. It's not nice and it's disgusting. (Though one could argue that \$100 tennis shoes deserve a little drool) And besides, drooling is often a symptom of thirst, so be sure your dog is getting enough water. Maybe he's just one of those dogs who slobbers a lot. In either case it is your job to wipe the drool away before he has the chance to drown a Bichon.
4. Do let your dog enjoy a swim in a pool, but only if you're there to watch for his safety, the pool is your own, you clean up his hairs and you do not allow him to participate in a chicken fight, especially if he's got you on his shoulders.
5. Do take your dog to the

- beach but do not let her poop and then cover it with sand. Do not let her run over towels sending sand into faces. Do not let her swim and then shake herself off near sunbathers. Do take your dog a hundred yards down the beach and let her surf to her heart's content.
6. Do not let your dog swim in a pond you are not familiar with. It could carry bacteria or disease. Not to mention an alligator like the one that was found recently in Central Park's Harlem Meer, a popular spot for dog bathing. So before you let your dog swim in an unknown pond, you swim there first to be sure it's okay.
7. Do travel with your dog but do not assume that just because a hotel allows dogs, that everybody at the hotel is a dog person. In fact, assume nobody is a dog person, and you may be allowed back. Try to keep the barking to a minimum (your dog's too), always keep your dog on a leash, walk her frequently, and tip generously.
8. Do take your dog on hikes but keep your dog on a leash so he doesn't get lost and doesn't trip a fellow hiker. It's a long

- plunge from the top of Yosemite Falls.
9. Do not take your dog to a pool party or a barbecue without asking the host first. Just because it's summer and it seems mean to leave her home on such a beautiful day, do not take your dog with you everywhere you go. You can't leave her in the car (it gets way too hot), and you can't leave her on the sidewalk tied to a pole (the yelping and crying disturbs the peace, not to mention your "Pookie" could get stolen). Do leave your dog at home if you aren't going somewhere appropriate for dogs. She won't be lonely. She'll be grateful. She won't have to make small talk.
10. Do not shear your dog's hair because you think he's too hot. That's called anthropomorphizing, which is a certain kind of doggie torture that includes but is not limited to making him wear a raincoat and booties. A dog's hair keeps it cool on hot days and warm on cool ones. (If you don't know this, please go quickly to your local bookstore and get yourself a dog care primer, along with my new book, "The Dog Walker"!)

Tour features roses for the central valley

Growing roses in the Central Valley doesn't have to require lots of time or chemical sprays. Most roses are drought tolerant and well suited for the local climate. Arboretum docents Pam Kazmierczak and Rebecca Morrison will show roses chosen for central valley gardens and discuss the best ways to grow roses in this area during a public tour of the rose collection at the UC Davis Arboretum on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m. Participants will learn about the antique roses of the Storer Garden, as well as the popular David Austin roses and some hybrid teas. The tour will leave at 11 a.m. from the Arboretum Gazebo, on Garrod Drive on the UC Davis campus. There is no charge for the tour, and parking is free on weekends. For more information, call 752-4880 or go online to: arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

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CITY

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, submissions for next week’s Express are due at noon on Friday

NORTH

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to the city council with an outline of the entire process. He noted that it would probably include a comprehensive General Plan review, with fiscal, flood and environmental impact studies at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

“Right now we’ve got some people who are willing to finance this thing with no guarantee of entitlements,” said Donlevy.

However, he did acknowledge that those willing to fund the study are developers.

“I’m sure they’re not going to want to plant corn out there,” he said.

Council member Harold Anderson pointed out that the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) designated the land to the north of Winters to be included in the flood study area. He also wanted to make sure that as the council decides which way to move with industrial development, that they include community input and smart growth ideas and codes. He wanted to see an integrated approach “not a bunch of houses and a few factories.”

Fridae agreed that the jobs/housing balance in Winters has “gone backwards.”

He welcomed the opportunity to look at bringing more jobs to Winters, noting that the cost to the city for residential development is much higher than that of industrial development, which can bring a net gain to the city financially.

He said he would like to see the city aggressively market the existing industrial area, while acknowledging that Donlevy is already doing so. He also asked the staff to initiate discussion with the county about developing Exhibit F, the eastern expansion plan. He suggested that looking at developing outside the flood area would be the “best investment for the midterm.” In addition, he said, “we already service Yolo Housing,” so it would make sense.

Fridae also wanted to move forward with a specific study, not a specific plan, of the north area as outlined in Exhibit J, making it clear “that there are no promises.” He was interested in the potential for developing open space, as outlined in the General Plan, much of which is in the north area. He wanted to see what plans might come out of the study, having heard rumors of anywhere from 700 to 3,200 homes planned for the north area.

“I think if we’re going to look at it, we ought to look at the whole thing,” said Fridae.

Council member Tom Stone wanted to be more cautious about discussing development of the north area.

“The more you discuss it the more people get used to it,” he said.

Anderson cautioned that the city’s services are already stretched and

wasn’t too supportive of the idea unless there were limits on the expansion, with definite agricultural buffers. He said it might be growth-inducing to cross the freeway as shown in the eastern expansion scenario.

Anderson wanted to make sure that if the council was looking at the north area, they were seriously looking at the plan and not just looking to disprove something.

Fridae stated that he wasn’t trying to disprove anything, he just wanted to look at the whole picture.

Anderson said the study should be focused on what the city wanted to see, and not just be a reaction to plans brought forward by developers.

Mayor Dan Martinez pointed out that the land currently in the industrial zone is “just not enough.”

He also questioned building in a flood zone.

“No matter how you look at it, you’re still in a flood zone,” he said, noting that the flood overlay area calls for a solution to a 100-year flood event.

“What if there’s a 200 year flood?” he asked.

Noting that the encumbrances on the existing industrial zone make the land difficult to develop, he said “I like the idea of looking outside the flood zone.”

Martinez noted that the idea would necessitate having a “candid conversation” with the county and LAFCO early on.

As the council discussed how to pursue a study, Stone suggested that smart growth ideas are very applicable to development along Railroad Avenue and in the downtown, but wasn’t sure they would apply to an area zoned for industrial use. He also suggested rethinking the green space in the north area, saying the industrial zones may need to be closer together to be financially feasible.

Fridae disagreed.

He did agree with Anderson that any plan should include a consensus of the community.

During the public comment period, Gunther Boccia, Director of Community Development for the Sacramento Region of Centex, addressed the council. He said Centex has contractual obligations on 400 acres designated in Exhibit D and that Centex was interested in participating in the visioning, discussion and all the way through the implementation process of a study. With regard to a housing development, he said for Centex to come forward with an application now would be foolish because it would indeed be piecemeal.

He told the council Centex had already done an “opportunities and constraints” analysis on the property, which included legal, environmental, storm drainage and jobs/housing issues. He said that it had become clear that a comprehensive analysis would be needed. Boccia asked for the process to be initiated, noting that whatever the

outcome of the study, “we would have answers.”

Boccia said Centex was “willing to finance a larger look at the area,” which would include a review of the 1992 General Plan, and a review of the jobs/housing balance issues. He said if the council wanted to look at a larger study area, then that would be O.K.

He told the council the community should be encouraged to participate in the process, to provide a greater degree of clarity and that Centex believes whatever answers the council comes up with “will help us.”

Boccia told the council Centex was offering “to be a partner with you as part of the public hearing process,” and to be “actively involved.”

He did not offer suggestions for industrial development.

“We are a home builder,” said Boccia, “We don’t have offices and industry.”

He acknowledged that impacts created by development of the Centex property would have to be mitigated, but claimed they could cover it.

“We would more than pay for the impacts that we would create,” he stated.

Fridae asked Boccia if Centex had authorized a recent phone survey of the community. Boccia said yes.

Fridae asked why they didn’t alert the council that they were doing the survey. Boccia said Centex didn’t want to create a controversy, but admitted they probably had. He said they thought anonymity would help ensure the intensity and objectivity of resident’s responses.

Fridae asked if Centex would share the results of the survey with the council.

“Absolutely,” said Boccia, who said Donlevy and city staff had already received the results.

Stone asked if questions had been asked about individuals, such as council members and city staff. When Boccia said yes, Stone said “that seems more subjective than objective.”

Boccia said it was a “name recognition thing,” just to see who is looked and listened to in town.

Stone noted that “it appeared to us that [you] were trying to determine who was more influential than others,” and who might be running for reelection. Boccia said it was not the intention, but Stone argued that it gave that impression.

Martinez wanted to see a copy of the unabridged version of the survey. Donlevy told Boccia that the city had not received anything.

Donlevy was directed to come back with an outline of the process that would be required to study the north area and industrial development, to actively market the existing industrial land and to explore moving the industrial zone outside of the flood zone, possibly across Interstate 505.

KINDER

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ing changes do impact the program.”

He added that the cost-cutting alternatives to relocating the kinder program would have a much more profound and adverse impact to district programs and services than relocating the kinder students.

Despite the superintendent’s recommendation, the board in a 3-4 vote decided to keep the kindergarten program at John Clayton. The proposed move had been overwhelmingly opposed by the community during two public hearings on budget reductions and during public input sessions at previous board meetings. Trustees Jay Shepherd, Mary Jo Rodolfa and Rick Romney voted for the move; trustees Kathy McIntire, Rodney Orosco, Tom Harding and Russ Lester voted against it.

Lester argued that the same savings could be realized by moving the Wolfskill Continuation High School and Independent Study programs to the Winters High School ag site and closing the current Wolfskill site. However, an estimated \$398,000 in facility costs that would be associated with such a move kept trustees from reaching consensus on whether the move should happen. The district does have money for facilities, but Romney wanted to know how spending it to move the Wolfskill and Independent Study programs to the ag site would impact other facility needs in the district. Shepherd also said he wanted to be clear where the facilities money was coming from before such a move was made.

The decision not to move the kinder program and the impasse on what to do with the Wolfskill program left trustees approximately \$32,000 short of their cost-cutting goal for the 2006-07 school year. Earlier in the evening, they unanimously approved a \$160,800 cost-cutting package recommended by Mitchell for the 2005-06 school year. Those cuts would:

- ~ Make \$107,000 budgeted for the district’s early retirement program available for other purposes;

- ~ Save \$82,000 in the district’s 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;

- ~ Change 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.

- ~ Eliminate one districtwide classified employee substitute position, a \$20,000 savings;

- ~ Reduce custodial time

at Shirley Rominger by one hour a day, a \$3,800 savings.

The recommendations approved for 2005-06 also included some budget increases: reinstating \$30,000 in ongoing funding for technology replacement, \$15,000 for equipment and vehicle replacement, and \$22,000 for funding a support psychologist intern position. They also included addressing concerns regarding the educational program for 6th grade students at Winters Middle School, exploring energy cost savings and procedures for conference attendance and substitutes, and pursuing ways to increase district income through community fundraising, a parcel tax and grants. No monetary amounts were tied to these actions.

By rejecting the superintendent’s recommendations that were to be implemented beginning with the 2006-07 school year, trustees were left with the challenge of making piecemeal cuts to come up with \$118,000 in reductions that Mitchell says are necessary to keep the district fiscally sound while maximizing benefits to students. By the end of the evening, they fell \$32,000 short of that goal and will consider further cuts, including the fate of the Wolfskill program, at their June 16 meeting. They did however, trim \$86,517 from various programs and positions, including:

- ~ Incorporating student government responsibilities into a redesigned assistant principal position at Winters Middle School, a \$6,424 savings;

- ~ Reducing library technician positions at Waggoner Elementary School, Shirley Rominger Intermediate School and Winters Middle School, a \$13,493 savings;

- ~ Limiting attendance at the Annual School Boards Association con-

ference to the superintendent and one board member, a \$5,000 savings;

- ~ Making administrative and classified adjustments at John Clayton School that redefine the district’s director of curriculum position and include supervision of kindergarten and preschool programs as supplemental responsibilities for the position, eliminate one secretary II position, and revise a curriculum administrative technician position, for a savings of \$50,600;

- ~ Eliminating a half-time farm aide position at the high school ag site and replacing it with 1.5 hours a day of custodial time, a \$11,000 savings.

Options to trim \$22,400 by reducing a counseling position at Winters Middle School and \$12,712 by changing the library position at Winters High School from a certificated to classified position were discussed but not implemented. A majority of the board members agreed that extracurricular stipends should be on the table for discussion, and Mitchell said that will be part of the work for the next school year. Meanwhile, trustees approved extra-duty stipends ranging from \$400 to \$2,284 for 12 individuals to cover leadership team, yearbook advisor, journalism advisor, cheerleader advisor and track coach responsibilities.

In other action, the trustees hired Amanda Johnson, effective Aug. 15, to teach art at Winters High School and accepted the resignations of Waggoner Elementary teacher Peggy Graham and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School principal Maren Rocca Hunt.

The trustees also approved hiring part-time employees Cecilia Chavez, food services kitchen aide; Christina

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Community

Sponsor of Woodland tennis tournament is Winters native

By DAVID WADE
Special to the Express

David Snow's office strikes the viewer at first glance like an art museum. Large-framed works by black and white photographer Ansel Adams and a multitude of framed original watercolor works depicting homes constructed by his company reflect Snow's interest in fine art.

While Adams' vision and equipment captured breath-taking photographs of western landscapes, Snow envisions good things coming out of an upcoming professional tennis tournament sponsored by his company. The \$15,000 DAS Homes Futures Tennis Tournament, taking place at Woodland's Country Oaks Racquet Club, will run from June 2-12.

As the tournament's title sponsor, the 43-year-old California-born tennis enthusiast, born in Fairfield and raised in Winters, believes he plays at a 3.5 to 4.0 level. Snow's interest in tennis is tied to his own tennis-playing father, who became a pretty high state-ranked player on an amateur level.

"While residing in Winters, we'd all gather at the tennis court and he'd give free lessons," said Snow.

Motivated far less by the advertising perspective as title sponsor, Snow says he's "doing it for the community; to give the kids in the community a good look at high-quality tennis; to show how cool it is."

He's further interested in putting tennis in a good light. From Snow's point of view, the Futures tournaments played annually across the country repre-

sent "the minor leagues of tennis." Area adults, too, he adds, "will enjoy watching local, high-quality tennis."

Many of the tournament's tennis players are already established money-winners throughout the Futures circuit.

"They're coming to play," Snow says. "Their ultimate goal, I think, is to get to the next level of professional tennis, namely to the major events held annually throughout the tennis world."

When tennis great Andre Agassi, according to Snow, "went through a tailspin with his game, he dropped back into these leagues and had to work his way to the top. Many currently high-ranked tennis players, Snow says, have come through these ranks.

From the perspective of Northern California, the Woodland Futures Tournament is one of five stops that are in close proximity, says Snow. The five Northern California Pro Circuit tournaments include Sacramento, Chico, Woodland, Yuba City and Auburn. Some of those tournaments, Snow goes on, pay out as much as \$50,000 in prize money.

"If ours gets built to \$50,000, you could have minor league tennis players competing in five tournaments in a row, resulting in opportunities to bring the best players."

Participating players, Snow points out, stay with host members.

"You get to invite them into your homes, which should be a good experience for families, I would think, to talk to a professional tennis athlete."



DAVID SNOW

Snow and his wife Candis themselves plan to host two or three players. Sacramento resident Sam Warburg, currently ranked among the country's top college tennis players, will play in the Futures Tournament at Country Oaks. Snow, along with other community businesses and individuals donating to worthy causes, supports local high school sports. As the tournament's title sponsor, he insists, "I'm really not doing it for any other reason than for the community to enjoy and for the professional players to enjoy. That's my reward."

The Country Oaks Futures Tournament will showcase 32 players in the main singles draw and 16 teams in doubles. Admission is \$5 for an all-day pass for the main tournament from June 7-12. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Country Oaks or at the gate. More information is available by calling Tournament Director Glenn Davis, 666-2444.

Memorial Day services planned

Services honoring deceased American soldiers will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30, at the Winters Cemetery. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11091 will sponsor the event and the Winters High School band and chorus will provide music, led by Lynne Secrist. An invocation will be made by Reverend Al Calderone, and the guest speaker will be Chief Master Sergeant Bryan D. Burns who gave an inspirational talk in a previous ceremony.

Everyone is invited to attend, and it is suggested that those who cannot stand during the event bring a chair.

In addition to the Winters services, the Yolo County Veterans Coalition will hold Memorial Day services at every public cemetery in the county. The following services are planned:

~ Woodland Cemetery, 10 a.m., sponsored by American Legion Post 77 Woodland.

~ Davis Cemetery, 10 a.m., Sponsored by VFW Post 6949 Davis.

~ Cottonwood Cemetery, 1 p.m., sponsored by VFW Post 11091 Winters.

~ Monument Hill Cemetery, 2 p.m., sponsored by VFW Post 1985 Woodland

Everyone is invited to attend and pay their respects to America's fallen heroes.

City of Fairfield seeks artists for mural project

The city of Fairfield is revitalizing its downtown to attract tourists and shoppers. As part of the revitalization efforts, a Fairfield Mural Project (FMP) committee has been established to oversee the painting of murals on downtown buildings. Funds have been raised by the Fairfield/Suisun Rotary, Advocates for the Arts (AFTA), the city of Fairfield and the Fairfield Downtown Association to implement an inaugural mural. The FMP committee is seeking 10-12 volunteer artists who are interested in assisting the master muralist in installing a mural on the side of Pepper Belly's. Applications are due

by Friday, June 24.

Volunteer artists must be current residents of Solano County. They will work under the direction of the master muralist to help complete a "mural in a day project," which will take place on Oct. 8 during the Fairfield Candy Festival. Artists must be available for two orientation meetings with the master muralist to get ready for the painting event and may need to do some prep work in advance of the Oct. 8 event.

Detailed information about the selection process is available by contacting Cynthia Garcia, (707) 428-7041 or Gayle Fraser, (707) 428-7624.



JOEL BARNAT

Barnat graduates from basic training

Joel Barnat graduated from Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas on Friday, May 13.

He is now attending Tech School at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas and will be training for his job in the Air Force in the Intelligence Division.

Joel was six months old when he moved to Winters with his family in 1986. He graduated from Winters High School in 2004.

His mother, Beth Barnat and sister Bethany, live in Winters. His father, Daniel Barnat, lives in Oroville.

Fair catalogs available

Yolo County Fair exhibitor catalogs are available in the following locations:

~ Woodland: Yolo County Fair Office, Woodland Library.

~ Davis: Big-O Tire, Davis Library.

~ West Sacramento: Chamber of Commerce Office, West Sacramento Library.

~ Winters: Winters Express, Winters Library.

~ Guinda: General Store.

~ Esparto: Esparto Library.

~ Yolo: Yolo Library.

~ Knights Landing: Knights Landing Library.

~ Zamora: Zamora Post Office.

~ Dunnigan: Dunnigan Post Office.

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.

Support group addresses separation, divorce

Yolo Family Service Agency will offer a Divorce Support Group in Davis in June. The group is appropriate for any adult who has been separated or divorced and is looking for support through shared experience. The group will be open to men and women. Separated or divorced partners will not participate in the same group.

For more information, contact Erin Brown, ASW, at 662-2211, extension 35.

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POOLS

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the goal is “to leave the swim program going even if we have to dump money into (the pool).”

The council agreed to look at financing alternatives for a new complex and to fix the existing pool, with Fridae calling it a “no-brainer.”

One resident asked what would happen to the high school swim program if it took 24-36 months to build a new swim complex. Stone said it is impossible to say for sure.

Martinez noted that the consensus is to “try to do what we can during the interim.”

As of Tuesday, May 23, the pool had been drained, and plans were underway to have it repaired and reopened on June 4, for summer swim programs.

- Other items**
- In other agenda items, the council took the following action:

 - ~ Held the second reading and approved adoption of the Creekside Estates subdivision development agreement.
 - ~ Approved an amendment to the EIR consultant services agreement with Ted Winfield, the city’s consultant for the Winters Highlands targeted Environmental Impact Report.
 - ~ Approved a revised budget sheet for the Railroad Trestle Bridge improvements to \$618,531, and awarded the contract to Young Construction.
 - ~ Met in executive session with the city manager to discuss real estate pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code regarding Real Estate: 318 First Street APN 003-201, 003-201-14, 111 Main Street-APN 003-2011-5, 115 Main Street-APN 003-201-15, 13 Main Street-APN 003-204-9, 41 Main Street-APN 003-

KINDER

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Lanzaro, library clerk at Winters High School; and William Smith, Jr., Winters High School workability student. They accepted the resignation of Susan Donaldson, student supervision aide at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School and crossing guard, and rehired her at a slightly increased time percentage in the student supervision aide position. They also accepted the resignation of Enrique Perez, Jr., John Clayton School custodian, and approved short term service agreements with Robyn Braun and JoAnn Meraz and approved hiring on-call classified employee substitute Linda Welter.

High school seniors Nicolas Tovar and Abel Aguilera were recognized for their academic accomplishments. Trustees also recognized several district employees for their service and dedication to the district’s staff and students: secretary Claudette Adams; teachers Danielle Bertrand, Tom Crisp, Dianne Grimard, Gloria McCreary, Pat Scholl, Laura Springer and Matt Yamamoto; crossing guards Susan Donaldson, Kathy Quiroz and Nancy Sorenson; kitchen manager Linda Guerrero and kitchen aide Dawn Manas; and student supervision aide Colleen Tufts.

Employees Sue Harris, special education instructional aid at Winters High School, and Ed Scianna, custodian at Waggoner Elementary School, were recognized for 25 years of service to the district.

Winters Middle School students Taylor Brickey and Robby Emery updated board members on activities at their school.

The next regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, at the district office.

POLICE

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tice to appear.

~ On the 400 block of Edwards Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

May 22

~ Fidel Ramirez Jr., 25, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and on the wrong side of the roadway. Blood alcohol content results: .15/.14. Ramirez was booked at the

Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

- May 22-23**
- ~ On the first block of East Main Street, forcible entry was gained to a vehicle. The suspect attempted to remove the stereo but was unsuccessful.

May 23

~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

Food, clothing closet hours

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

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

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

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

Wild horses and burros up for adoption in Vallejo

Fresh from the range and ready to train, wild horses and burros are headed for the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, where the Bureau of Land Management will offer them for public adoption.

The adoption event runs Friday through Sunday, June 3-5. A preview of the 60 mustangs and 20 burros begins at 2 p.m. Friday. Adoption gates will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

An hour of silent, competitive bidding will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, to give people the chance to compete for the animals of their choice. After bidding, remaining animals will be available for BLM's \$125 per animal adoption fee.

"Mustangs coming to Vallejo were gathered from wild herds in North-eastern California. The burros come from South-ern California deserts," said Pardee Bardwell of the BLM. "They have received vaccinations and boosters, including shots for West Nile virus and rabies, and de-worming treatments. The animals are healthy and ready to train."

Bardwell said the

mares, geldings and year-lings range in age from un-der two to about five.

They were gathered from the Ravendale, Devil's Garden and Twin Peaks herd management areas, all known for pro-ducting good-sized horses. Bardwell said horses from these herds range from 14 hands tall to more than 15 hands.

To qualify, adopters must be at least 18 and have no convictions for in-humane treatment of ami-nals. BLM staff members will interview all prospec-tive adopters to be sure they meet the BLM adop-tion requirements.

Newly adopted horses and burros must be kept in corrals with at least 400 square feet of space per animal (20 by 20 feet), sur-rounded by a fence built of pipe or boards. Six-foot fences are required for adult horses. Horses un-der 18 months old can be kept in corrals with five-foot fences, and four-and-a-half foot fences are al-lowed for burros. Adopters must provide a two-sided, roofed shelter to provide protection from extreme weather.

"Adopted animals should be kept in this cor-al until they can be ap-

proached, handled, hal-tered and led," Bardwell explained. "Un-gentled animals should not be placed in large, open pas-tures."

Adopted animals must be taken from the fair-grounds by Sunday. Adopters must provide a halter and lead rope. BLM wranglers will halter and load adopted animals. Adult horses must be transported in stock trail-ers with side-swinging gates.

Title to adopted wild horses and burros re-mains with the federal government for one year. After providing a year of good care, adopters can receive title. The BLM, or a representative, will check on the condition of the animal during the one-year adoption period.

"Wild horses are strong, loyal, intelligent and highly trainable," Bard-well said. "Adopters find they are excellent for pleasure riding and trail riding, back country pack-ing, ranch work and com-petition, such as en-durance riding. People train burros for back country packing, pulling carts, and riding."

Wild horses and burros are protected by a federal

law, the Wild and Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act. The law recognizes the animals as "living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the west," and requires the BLM to manage the wild herds. The BLM periodi-cally gathers horses and burros to control herd populations on ranges shared with wildlife and domestic livestock. Herd sizes are controlled to en-sure there is sufficient feed and water for all range users.

There are about 38,000 wild horses and burros roaming on public range-lands in the western states. More than 200,000 animals have been placed in private care since the BLM's Adopt a Horse or Burro Program began in the early 1970s.

For additional infor-mation on the adoption event or wild horse manage-ment, contact the BLM toll free at 1-866-4MUS-TANGS, or in Ukiah at (707) 468-4055. Informa-tion is also available on-line at www.wildhorse-andburro.blm.gov (follow links to the U.S. Depart-ment of the Interior's web-site).

Support group offered for grandparents, family caregivers of children

Grandparents and other family caregivers raising children face many challenges. Yolo Family Service Agency offers the Kinship Caregiver Support Group to help these families cope with the challenges of family caregiving. Group topics include emotional support, shared experiences, parenting education, and referrals to other social services and legal resources.

The group meets every Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m. at YFSA's office, 455 First Street in Woodland. Pre-registration is not required. The group is led by Edie Dornbush, MFTI. For more information about the Kinship Caregiver Support Group, contact Dornbush, 662-2211, extension 33.

County fair to sponsor quilt block contest

Sewing enthusiasts 18 years and older will have a unique opportunity to show "Olive" their skill in this year's Yolo County Fair Quilt Block Contest. Quilt blocks should be based on this year's theme, "See Olive You At The Yolo County Fair"

To enter, Make a quilt block of contemporary or traditional design using any technique or pattern of your choice, based on the theme. The finished design portion of your quilt block must measure 12"x12" plus a 1/4" raw edge on each of the four (4) sides to be eligible for competition. Blocks that do not square up to 12 1/2" will be disqualified. Blocks must be made from 100 percent cotton fabric and be completely wash-able and quiltable. Do not pre-quilt or back the block.

Deliver your quilt block to the Home Arts Building from 1-8 p.m. on Wednes-day, Aug. 10, or Monday, Aug. 15. Have your name, address and telephone number on a piece of cloth-tape sewn into the edge of the 1/4" edging on the back of the block.

Quilt blocks will be on display for the run of the Yolo County Fair. The en-tries will not be returned. A quilt top consisting of these blocks will be quilt-ed, displayed and a draw-ing will be held at next year's fair.

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded. Additional prizes are at the discre-tion of the sponsors. Deci-sions of the judges will be final.

For more information, call Rita Moore at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 662-5393.

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Q: My 15-year-old son will soon be driving. I'm worried about his safety. Can you tell me more about risks of teens driving?

A: Unfortunately, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for American teenagers. Young people age 15-20 make up 6.7 percent of the total driving population in this country but are involved in 14 percent of all fatal crashes. In 1997, over 60 percent of youth (16-20) who died in passenger vehicle crashes were not wearing seat belts, 21 percent had been drinking and almost 25 percent were speed-related. Sixty-five percent of teen passenger deaths occur when another teenager is driving and 13 percent of teens' fatal crashes occur between midnight and 5a.m. Two out of three teenagers killed in motor vehicle crashes are males.

Q: What is a graduated driver license?

A: After July 1998, there was a reduction in teen motor vehicle deaths due to a new system to obtain a driver permit and license in California called the graduated driver licensing program. Beginning drivers ease into potentially dangerous driving situations as they mature and develop greater driving skills. Teens must hold an instructional permit for six months and log 50 hours of adult-supervised driving practice, including 10 hours of night driving, before applying for a provisional license. At 16 years old, they can take a behind-the-wheel driving test. Once a provisional license is issued, no passengers under age 20 are allowed unless a licensed driver age 25 or older is present and written permission may be given for younger siblings. No driving between midnight and 5 a.m. is allowed.

There is a new bill pending in the state legislature that proposes further tightening the standards including banning cell phone use, taking young drivers off the road earlier, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., and extending the ban on transporting people 25 years and younger from six months to one-year.

Q: What can I do to encourage safety?

A: You can obtain excellent and detailed safety recommendations in the National Safety Council's Family Guide to Teen Driver Safety available on their website: www.nsc.org

Some of the key messages focus on well-known safety behaviors such as extensive, adult-supervised practice in various driving situations; following the rules of the provisional license; wearing seat belts; no alcohol or drugs; no distractions such as cell phones and no speeding. Parental involvement is vital in developing a Family Plan for safety.

Annual memorial service planned by Public Guardian

Every year for the past 10 years or so, the office of the Public Guardian/Administrator has held a memorial service in the Woodland City Cemetery. The annual memorial service will take place in front of the monument in conjunction with the Memorial Day holiday. This year, the service is scheduled for Friday, May 27, at 11 a.m.

The purpose of the memorial service is to recognize the people who have died in the past year who were served by this office. This includes conservatees who are well known to us, as well as those not known to us at all, but who died indigent. A person qualifies as indigent if they die with less than \$2000 in assets.

The county provides cremation or burial for Yolo County residents who die and cannot afford the cost of burial arrangements. Sometimes the family assists, but when they are unable to or when the person has no one to make decisions for the final arrangements, then the county may help.

The Public Administra-

tor's office also coordinates with the Yolo Veteran Affairs office to ensure that an eligible Vet gets any burial benefits due to him or her. This coordinated effort has recently been boosted by the local Veterans Coalition who cover some of the additional cemetery related expenses. Many of the people without family get cremated and their ashes are placed in the county's columbarium, a marble monument located in the southwest corner of the city cemetery in Woodland. Planning for a new monument has now started, as the original is nearly full.

Cass Sylvia, the Yolo County Public Guardian will open the service with retired minister of the Woodland United Methodist Church, Rev. John Sublett and assistant CAO, John Clark speaking briefly to those gathered. The service is open to the public and a special invitation is extended to the families and friends of the deceased to share in the recognition of these community members who have passed away.

Regional farmers' market opens in Capay Valley

The Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market, "Burst on the First," takes place every first Saturday of the month through December, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Esparto Park. Now entering its second season, the market offers this season's finest farm fresh goods and prepared products.

"Farmers' markets have a long tradition of creating a community gathering place along with increasing access to local foods. This market is doing just that," said Market

Manager, Temra Costa. With all of the farms along the Hwy 16 corridor, and a year-long harvest season, the availability of products is truly astounding. Unfortunately, most of the goods are bound for the Bay Area and hardly make it into the pantries of local residents. This market has started to address this issue."

To participate in the market, or for more information, contact Market Manager, Temra Costa by phone, 756-8518, extension 18, or sent email to temra@caff.org.

Entertainment

Event to raise breast cancer walk funds

A concert will be held on Saturday, May 28, at noon in Rotary Park to raise funds for Winters resident Sarah Wallis, who plans to participate in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on July 9 in San Francisco. The event features live music by Music Matt and the Whole 9 Yards, described as a family rock band with “clean lyrics and lots of fun for young and old alike.”

There will also be food available, as well as information on breast cancer and a “banner of love,” where anyone who has been touched by breast cancer in any way can leave a message or memorandum.

The Avon Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) public charity.



Courtesy photo
Music Matt & The Whole 9 Yards will provide the music at the fund-raiser to be held at Rotary Park, Saturday, May 28.

Monthly Art Walks planned

Winters Art Walks take place on the first Saturday of every month, all day through December. All Winters art galleries, artist studios and antiques galleries are participating in an organized public tour to view art in

Winters. All Winters artists are invited to participate. Publicity and signage is provided.

Call Diana Childress at Blue Hills Gallery for more information, 795-9535; or go online to www.bluehillsgallery.com

Slow Food Yolo presents ‘An Evening Under the Apricots’

Slow Food Yolo and Edible Sacramento will present “An Evening Under the Apricots,” featuring dinner and an auction for the Good Humus Farm Preservation Project, on Sunday, June 5, 5-9 p.m. at the Good Humus Farm, located at 12255 County Road 84A in Capay.

The event includes appetizers, wine and an elegant five-course dinner served al fresco in the Jeff and Annie Main’s Heirloom apricot orchards. Dinner will be followed by a live auction of unique food and farmstead events, such as a backyard pig roast, cooking classes and dinner parties.

Tickets are \$100 per person, and sponsorships of the event are available for \$500 (includes one ticket) or \$1,000 (includes two tickets). Make checks

payable to Equity Trust Inc., and mail to: Slow Food Yolo, 1436 Pinnacles Street, Davis, CA 95616

A portion of the price of the ticket is tax-deductible and goes toward preserving this precious 20-acre piece of Yolo County farmland. Good Humus is a 20-acre diversified farm that supports three families and produces mixed fruits and vegetables, herbs, flowers and value-added agricultural products year-round.

Good Humus is in the process of a Farm Preservation Campaign, trying to raise \$300,000 to purchase their agricultural land easement.

Directions to the event: take Highway 16 West (to Esparto), turn on County Road 85 in the town of Ca-

pay, take the first left turn onto County Road 15B. Go about one mile, turn right onto County Road 84A. The farm is on the northeast corner of County Roads 15B and 84A.

Slow Food Yolo is a local convivium of Slow Food USA, an educational organization dedicated to stewardship of the land and ecologically sound food production; to the revival of the kitchen and the table as centers of pleasure, culture, and community; to the invigoration and proliferation of regional, seasonal culinary traditions; and to living a slower and more harmonious rhythm of life.

For more information visit www.slowfoodyolo.com or call Nicole Starsinic, 574-1937 or slowfoodyolo@yahoo.com

Volunteers needed

The Winters Participation Gallery, located at 31 Main Street, is seeking volunteers to keep the gallery open on Thursday and Friday evenings, as well as from 3-9 p.m. on Saturday.

No experience is necessary. For more information, call 795-2009.

Solano theater group to hold auditions in June

The Fairfield Daily Republic’s “Arty Awards” and the Missouri Street Theatrical Group are co-sponsoring general auditions for actors of all ages on June 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Harbor Theater, 720 Main Street in Suisun City.

An accompanist will be provided. Actors should be prepared to bring multiple headshots and resumes and prepare a two-minute monologue (or monologue and song). Reservations are required.

Companies from throughout Solano

County and beyond will audition, including Solano College Theatre, Darkroom Productions, Solano Repertory Company, Vallejo Music Theatre, Mira Theater Guild, Benicia Old Town Theatre Group and more.

For reservations and/or more information, call (707) 422-1598 or (preferably) e-mail stproductions@sbcglobal.net. Theater companies interested in auditioning can call 425-4646 ext. 359 or e-mail joneill@dailyrepublic.net for further information.

Things to do near Winters

Through June 26: The Bug Zone arrives. Enter the Bug Zone at the Sacramento Zoo where little things are a big thing! The Bug Zone opens Friday, April 1 and continues daily through June 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inside the festively decorated bug tent meet more than 20 live species of insects and arthropods eye-to-eye. Enjoy interactive stations and take your child’s photograph behind a bug or butterfly cutout. For more information, call (916)264-5888 or visit the zoo’s web site at www.saczoo.com.

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Coming up

Thursday, June 2- The Austin Lounge Lizards

Saturday, June 4- Shana Morrison & Caledonia

Tuesday, June 14- Tab Benoit
June 18- Jennifer Berezan

Conservation reserve program agreement extended

The current California North Central Valley Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) agreement has been extended through December 31, 2007. Sign-ups are now being taken in Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Yuba and Yolo counties for 2006 contracts.

All offers will be ranked on June 15, 2005 by the State Ranking committee; only the highest ranked offers will be approved. After approval, conservation plans will be developed and approved by the applicable FSA County Committee (COC) before the anticipated effective date of October 1, 2005.

Eligibility criteria:

- ~ All irrigated land up to the 100 foot contour in Solano County is eligible for entry into the program, within the approximate boundaries of Putah Creek Road to the north, Mace Boulevard to the east, following Liberty Island Road to Highway 12 on the south, to Denverton Road, Creed Road and north on Meridian Road to Leisure Town Road, and Tubbs Road back to Putah Creek Road.
- ~ All submitted land must be owned 12 months before submitting the offer.
- ~ Irrigated land planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity during four of the six crop years from 1996 through 2001.
- ~ Rental rates for CREP in Solano county is \$100/acre, with a maintenance rate of \$5/acre

Sign-ups for 2006 CREP will be taken by appointment only. Call (707) 678-1931, extension 2.

Yolo, Solano listed as ag disaster areas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated the following California counties as primary disaster areas due to drought that occurred from Jan. 1, 2004 and continuing: Alpine, Kings, Mendocino, Nevada, Santa Barbara, Tulare, Amador, Lake, Mono, Orange, Santa Clara, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Lassen, Monterey, Plumas, Sierra, Yolo, Inyo, Mariposa, Napa, San Benito, Sonoma, and Yuba.

Also eligible because they are contiguous are: Alameda, Glenn, Marin, Sacramento, San Mateo, Sutter, Butte, Humboldt, Merced, San Bernardino, Santa Cruz, Tehama, Colusa, Kern, Modoc, San Diego, Shasta, Trinity, El Dorado, Los Angeles, Placer, San Joaquin, Solano, Ventura, Fresno, Madera, Riverside, San Luis Obispo, and Stanislaus.

All qualified farm operators are eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency provided eligibility requirements are met.

Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Applications being taken for ag advisory committee

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that nominations to the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers are being accepted until June 17. The 20-member committee advises the secretary of agriculture on ways to encourage federal and state programs to provide joint financing to beginning farmers and ranchers as well as methods of maximizing new opportunities created through federal and state programs.

About one-third of the existing 20-member Committee will be replaced this year when the charter is renewed in August 2005. Appointments are for a two-year term. Re-appointments are made to assure effectiveness and continuity of operations. No member, other than a federal employee, can serve for more than six consecutive years. Members are not paid; however, they are

reimbursed for travel expenses to attend meetings, which are generally held annually.

To qualify, members must belong to any of the following groups:

- ~ USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA);
- ~ State beginning farmer programs; commercial lenders;
- ~ Private nonprofit organizations with active beginning farmer or rancher programs;
- ~ The Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service;
- ~ Community colleges or other educational institutions with demonstrated experience in training beginning farmers or ranchers;
- ~ Other entities or persons providing lending or technical assistance to qualified beginning farmers or ranchers.

In addition, farmers

and ranchers are eligible for nomination.

Form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information," must be completed by those interested in serving on the committee. Submission of this form constitutes a nomination, and eligible people may nominate themselves. Letters of recommendation may be submitted.

For a copy of the form, and to submit nominations or for more information, contact Mark Falcone, federal official for the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, (202) 720-1632, or e-mail at mark.falcone@usda.gov. Falcone's address is: USDA-FSA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 0522, Washington, D.C., 20250-0522; Fax is (202) 690-1117. The form can also be downloaded from: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/downloads/ad755.pdf>.

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Sports

Cooley, Ramos claim track titles

By JAY SHUTTLEWORTH
Special to the Express

In the Division-II North Section track and field championships held at Yuba College on Friday, May 20, Winters High athletes recorded some memorable performances. Among those athletes were senior Nick Ramos and junior Natalie Cooley, both of whom qualified for the North Section finals this Friday at West Valley High School.

Ramos won the 110 high hurdles (16.3) and 300 intermediate hurdles (41.2). Ramos will opt out of the 110 hurdles so he can concentrate on his specialty, the 300 hurdles, an event which he finished 19th among all high school athletes last year at the California state championships. Ramos also ran anchor leg for the second place 4x100 relay team with Robert Warren, Cameron Lovell and Josh Sorvari (45.2) and the second place 4x400 relay team of the same composition (3:38.9). Both marks are believed to be school records.

Not to be outdone, Cooley arguably ran the best race of her young career with a victory in the 800 meters and bettered the ten-school field by more than five seconds (2:30.4). Absent from the race was Orland's top-ranked Ally Scheer, who had been withheld from the meet for violating team policies earlier in the week. However, Cooley's time tipped Scheer's league-winning mark by a second in a race that Cooley ran virtually unchallenged throughout. Cooley holds the Winters High School record in this event, and she also ran lead-off for the second-place 4x400 relay with teammates Sara Bean-Duncan, Sophie Sears and Courtney Carner.

Sophomore Lauren Yehle won the 100 hurdles in a school record time of 16.2. Her mark was just one-tenth of a second behind the North Section's all-time JV record for that event. Yehle finished this season undefeated in the 100 hurdles. Despite falling at the finish, Yehle also finished second in the 300 hurdles (50.6). Yehle also finished third in the discus, an event she won at last week's BVL championships.

The JV mile relay of Mat Catalan, Curtis Holabird, Cory Haraga and Alvaro Zaragoza notched an impressive victory with a seven-second lead (3:47.9) over their nearest rival, Oroville. This was the second consecutive time that a WHS JV mile relay has captured the D-II North Section title. The team of Catalan, Zaragoza, Warren and Ivan Villa won it last year in a school record of 3:43.0.

Zaragoza also placed second in the mile (4:53.0) and the 800 (2:09.1) and was third in the long jump (18-4.5). Catalan was fourth in the mile in a season-best of 5:04.5 and he placed fourth in the long jump (18-1.5).



Courtesy photo
Nick Ramos (top photo, right) and Lauren Yehle (bottom photo) both fared well at the Division II North Section Championships.

Freshman Carlos Figueroa placed second in the two-mile in 11:21.4, an improvement on his JV school record. Zaragoza's mark in the mile shaved .2 off his existing JV record.

Senior Piedad Junez was second in the 800 (2:07.9) and dropped a tremendous effort in his third-place finish in the 1600 (4:48.4) a mark which beat Ryan Davis' 1999 school record. Richard Anstead was fourth in the 800 in a season-best of 2:17.9, and Sorvari wrapped up a fine season in the 400 with a fourth-place finish (52.9).

For the varsity girls, Sophie Sears placed third in the 100 hurdles (17.8) and Courtney Carner placed third in the 400 (1:05.2). Mayte Herrera placed third in the shot put (28-0).

For the JV girls, Amy Purvis matched her school

record and finished fourth in the 1600 (6:36.0) and she was fifth in the 800 (3:01.9). Julia Millon had a season-best effort with her fifth-place finish in the 1600 (6:48.0).

Overall, the varsity boys finished third in the section behind Durham and Live Oak. The varsity girls placed fifth, the JV girls were fourth and remarkably, despite going winless in the BVL regular season, the JV boys finished fourth, topping league rivals Wheatland and Sutter.

Cooley and Ramos race this Friday at West Valley High School. Cooley's 800 meters will be at 7:15 p. m., and Ramos' 300 hurdles will be at 7:40 p. m. To advance to next weekend's state championships in Sacramento, competitors must finish first in their event.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Alex Thompson (shown above at the plate) pitched two relief innings for the Warriors on May 20.

Campos' homer not enough for championship

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity baseball team traveled to Corning on Friday, May 20, to take on the Cardinals in the Division II section championship game. Unfortunately for the Warriors, the end result wasn't what Coach Jeff Ingles is used to, as the Warriors suffered a 10-3 loss. Since taking over the baseball program in 1988 Ingles has won nine section titles as the Warriors head coach, including a string of four consecutive from 2000 to 2003.

It was a good defensive battle in the first two innings before Danny Campos put the Warriors on the board with a two-run homerun over the left field fence in the top of the third.

"It was a shot," said

coach Jeff Ingles. "I guess it takes us playing against Corning before Danny hits any home-runs."

Campos's last home-run was against Corning in last year's playoff game.

The Warriors then gave up their lead from costly mistakes as they allowed the Cardinals to score two of their own in the bottom of the inning to even the score. The floodgates opened on the Warriors in the bottom of the fourth when the Cardinals scored eight runs mostly coming from errors.

"We just gave up too many errors," said coach Ingles. "Today we played up to our age. We really struggled to play catch today and we gave them a lot of unearned runs. Eventually it was going to catch up to us."

Jacob Thorne threw

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Swimmers compete at sections

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School swim team sent six swimmers to the Sac-San Joaquin section meet on May 12, through May 14. Swimmers Amy and Tyler Cross, Maraka Bouwens, Jordan Shugart, Richard Ather-ton and Mario Guerrero all had an impressive showing for the Warriors team.

"The team did great," said coach Kevin Chester. "Everyone had their best times for the most part."

Competing against the best swimmers in the Sacramento and Stockton areas with up to 50 competitors in each event was a little different than what the Warriors are used to but they represented the Warriors well.

Bouwens placed 11th out of 40 swimmers in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:02.98 and placed 26th out of 43 in the 50 free with a time of 26.41.

Tyler Cross placed 13th out of 35 swimmers in the 100 breast stroke with a time of 1:03.03. Freshman Amy Cross placed 36th out of 41 swimmers in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:11.72.

On the boys relay team Cross teamed up with Atherton, Shugart and Guerrero in the 400 free and placed 30th out of 44 teams with a time of 3:48.85.

Statistics for the swim competition can be found on the internet at www.cifsjs.org.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Natalie Cooley



Natalie Cooley, a junior on the Winters High School track team, is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week.

On Friday, May 20, at Yuba College Coolie not only won the 800 meters, she broke her own

school record with the time of 2:30.4. Cooley beat a field of 10 schools with the next best time five seconds behind.

Cooley also ran the leadoff leg of the varsity girls' 4x400 relay team that placed second. 0

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Swim Team Schedule

Sign ups and try outs for all new swimmers will be held at the pool on Saturday, June 4, at 9 a.m. Former swim team members should report to the pool Saturday, June 4 between 9 and 11 a.m. for sign ups, schedules and bathing suits.

Practice schedule is as follows:

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| 8 to 9:30 a.m. | ~ |
| 11 to 18 years | |
| 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. | ~ |
| 9 to 10 years | |
| 10:30 to 11 a.m. | ~ |
| 6,7 and 8 years | |
| 11 to 11:30 a.m. | ~ |
| 7 and 8 years | |
| 11:30 to noon | ~ |

new swimmers.

Super swimmers



Photo by Eric Lucero
Tyler Cross (front) showed perfect form at a swim meet held in Winters early in the season. He was among the six swimmers who competed at the Sac-San Joaquin section meet on May 12. Look for swim stats at www.cifsjs.org.

Wrestlers win state championships

It was an exciting day for Winters youth at the recent Greco State Championships, held in Turlock. Chris Hurst, Chris Reneaux, Zachary Linton and Cody Linton all placed. In the School Boy 85-pound division, Hurst placed fourth.

“I am really proud of Chris’s achievement this weekend,” said coach Rod Johnson. “He has worked hard and deserves the medal.”

Reneaux placed third in the Novice 100-pound division.

“Chris has put a lot of

time in to end his season with a third in State. He is a great wrestler,” said coach Troy Fry.

Zach Linton took home second place in the Bantam 65-pound division. At every tournament, Zach has improved and is looking forward to next year. In the 140-pound Novice division, Cody Linton won the Championship, taking home the Golden Bear Trophy. Cody placed first in 3 State Folkstyle, first in Greco State, first in 2 Regional Championships and third in Freestyle State.

Bobbie Greenwoodl Swimming Pool schedule: summer 2005

The Bobbie Greenwood Swimming Pool at Winters High School opens on Saturday, June 4, the schedule follows:

Water aerobics
~ \$40.00 a session or \$4 as a drop in.
~ Monday ~ Thursday 7-8 p.m.
~ Session One: June 6 – 30.
~ Session Two: July 5 – 28.
~ Session Three: August 1 - 11.

Swim Team
~ Weekdays 8 a.m. - noon

Swim Lessons
~ Weekdays 12:30 ~ 1 p.m. and 1:15 ~ 1:45 p.m.
~ Session One: June 13 – June 24
~ Session Two: June 27 – July 8
~ Session Three: July 11 – July 22
~ Session Four : July 25 – Aug. 5

Lessons will be American Red Cross Standards swim lessons. Parents and Tots, Kinder, Beginner I, Beginner II, Beginner

III, Advanced Beginner and Intermediate Lessons will meeting five day a week for a two week session with a total of five hours of instruction. Cost per child per session is \$25. Register and pay for swim lessons at City Hall, City Clerk side, prior to each session. Call 795-4233, ext. 102 for additional information.

Recreation swim: Bobbie Greenwood Pool will open for the public June 4 through Aug. 13. There has been a change in time for the recreation swim:

The pool is open daily from 2-6 p.m. The cost is \$1.25 for adults, teens and children. Season passes are \$30, \$10 for each additional person. A family pass is \$60 for a family of four, \$10 for each additional person.

Season passes must be paid for at City Hall.

The adult lap swim will be held Monday-Friday from 6-7 p.m. Season passes count. The pool will close on Aug. 13.

For more information, call City Hall, 795-4233 ext. 102.

Sacramento Zoo open daily, animal talks, encounters offered

The Sacramento Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Animal talks and encounters are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting.

Weekday zoo admission is \$6.25 for adults and \$4 for children, ages three to 12. Weekend zoo admission is \$6.75 for adults and \$4.50 for children, ages three to 12. Children two and under are admitted free.

The Sacramento Zoo is located in William Land Park on the corner of Sutterville Road and Land Park Drive. For more information, visit the zoo's Website or call the zoo at (916) 264-5888.

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the first four innings for Winters as he gave up nine hits and five earned runs.

“Jacob battled out there today,” said Ingles. “He fell behind in a lot of counts against batters in the bottom of the order, but we really didn’t make a whole lot of plays behind him either. We just didn’t play championship caliber baseball.”

Alex Thomson pitched the last two innings for the Warriors and collected

four strikeouts. The Warriors scored one more run in the sixth when Thorne drove in Brenden Benson to make it a 10-3 ball game but that’s as close as the Warriors would get.

Thorne led the Warriors at the plate as he batted 2 for 4 with an RBI. Campos batted 1 for 3 with a home-run, two RBI and a run scored, while Benson batted 1 for 4 and scored two runs for the Warriors.

Winters ended their season with a 16-8 record, a much improved team from where they started. After starting the season with a

3-6 record it seemed like the Warriors’ dynasty was coming to an end. Winters turned things around, though, winning 13 of their last 15 games.

“I think in a lot of people’s minds, we exceeded expectations,” Ingles said.

Ingles won’t have to guess what he will have next season, since he will only be losing one starting senior, catcher Kannon Smith. Pitcher Felipe Alarcon and outfielder Matt Hayes are the only other two seniors on the team.

Find it in the Express Classifieds.

Only six days left until summer vacation for students.

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Schools

Traveling through time



Photo by Woody Fridae

Visitors from 1863 spoke to students at Shirley Rominger School recently about the life of that period of history and the struggles of the North and South. Mary Chestnut was a personal secretary of Jefferson Davis and spoke of the trying times for the families during the war. Robert E. Lee told of his devotion to his homeland, Virginia. William Tecumseh Sherman spoke of how it was his march through the south that crippled the southern war effort, while Abraham Lincoln told how it was his wish to bring the north and south back to a united country once again. From left are (back) Abraham Lincoln, (Richard Rominger). William Tecumseh Sherman (John Donlevy), Mary Chestnut (Liz Siracusa) and Robert E. Lee (Michael Barbour). In the front row are student soldiers who memorized the Gettysburg Address, as they prepare for this year's Living History trip to Angel Island. From left are Cienna Rominger, Austin Brickey, Jacob Lucero, Eric Oates and Rosemary Davies.

Strike up the band



Courtesy photo

Representing Winters in the California Music Educator's All State Festival Band in March were Gabrielle Boisrame on clarinet and Ron Lewis on bass trombone. The three day event in Los Angeles brought together the best musicians from across the state to give them an opportunity to work with a leading conductor on very difficult music. Both of these students are section leaders in the high school band.

Volunteers needed to work at Grad Nite

It is almost time for the Winters High School safe and sober graduation celebration, "Grad Nite."

This is a year end celebration for the seniors of Winters High School. It is an all-night party with a lot of food, games and activities. It takes a lot of adults to make this event a success and volunteers are needed.

Anyone interested in helping can contact Sharon Anstead 795-2381.

Come on out and help our graduates stay safe and sober.

Group focuses on children's social skills

Yolo Family Service Agency is accepting reservations for a Children's Social Skills group designed for 6-10 year olds. The group will focus on communication and interaction through age-appropriate play, art, and games. The goal is to improve a child's interpersonal relationships with adults and other children.

For more information, contact Erin Brown, ASW, 662-2211, extension 35.

Winters students represented at Solano Community College graduation

Solano Community College planned its graduation ceremony for Wednesday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the college gymnasium. Eight hundred eighty one students who completed the required coursework during the previous summer, fall and spring semesters received degrees and certificates.

Annemarie Villar, a 25-year-old graduating student, delivered the commencement speech. Villar was born deaf and in spite of this obstacle, started playing piano 14 years ago. She has been taking classes at SCC for six years and plans to continue her education in business office technology at Sacramento State University. Anne Bevilacqua, SCC sociology teacher, assisted Villar

by interpreting her speech for the public.

A reception for the 2005 graduates, their families and friends was held following the ceremony in the Student Center.

This year's graduates include Winters residents Michelle M. Creamer, A.A., liberal arts; Kathleen C. Davis, Certificate in computer and information science — microcomputer applications; Paul L. Gilpin, A.A., liberal arts; Gina N. Kato, certificate in office technology — administrative assistant; Robert W. Reed, certificate in fire technology — hazardous substances and waste handling technology; Moureena S. Wais, A.A., liberal arts and mathematics; Dennis P. Young, certificate in fire science.

Poster contest celebrates clean air, children's ideas

Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade throughout the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's service area still have the opportunity to participate in an art and air quality awareness competition held during May, nationally recognized as Clean Air Month. Each student is eligible to win \$50 for their entry by creating a picture that positively addresses one or more ways to keep the air we breathe clean.

The district's board of directors, elected officials from both counties and the seven cities in the air district, will judge the entries. Grading criteria is based on the artwork's message, content, design and degree of creativity. Se-

lected work will be reproduced for the 2006 Air Quality Calendar. Twelve entries are selected each year with each student receiving \$50 and a certificate presented by the Yolo-Solano AQMD board of directors.

Entries must be received by June 1, and should be sent or delivered to the Yolo-Solano AQMD office at 1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103, Davis, CA 95616.

For more information and entry forms, go to www.ysaqmd.org or call 757-3657 or (800) 287-3650. The Yolo-Solano AQMD is a public health agency responsible for protecting human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution.

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YFSA offers workshops

Yolo Family Service Agency is offering a series of psycho-educational group workshops for families experiencing separation or divorce called Kids' Turn. The Kids' Turn curriculum is designed to help parents and children learn how to effectively manage the divorce transition by providing support and teaching new coping, problem-solving and communication skills. Additional seminars will be offered to provide support and information for step-parents.

Kids' Turn is one of several programs in Passages. The programs in Passages are designed to facilitate better understanding and reduce stress in families that have recently experienced separation or divorce and to provide additional help for parents and children who have been negatively affected by post-divorce issues for a longer period of time.

For information and help about this program or any other programs, please contact Yolo Family Service Agency at (530) 662-2211 or (916) 375-1254. Fees are determined on a sliding scale.

Winters High School will celebrate commencement exercises
Friday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at Dr. Seller's Field.



In The Spotlight

Elianna attends Winters Community Christian School and is in the 6th grade. She enjoys horseback riding, playing with her friends and reading (she can always be found with a book in her hand!) Her favorite part of school is reading.

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Overactive thyroid races body motor

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Last week my doctor told me I had hyperthyroidism. He wants to wait another six months before he prescribes anything for me. He did not tell me what or what not to do. I am 72. I would like to help myself now and not wait six months. How? — R.G.

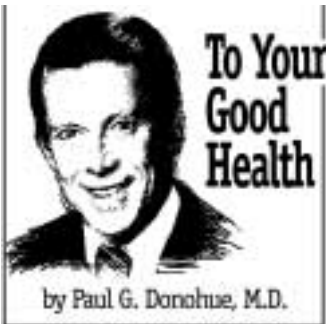
ANSWER: Thyroid hormone keeps the body running at peak performance and at the proper speed. Too much of it — hyperthyroidism — races the body motor far past the legal speed limit. People become hyperactive. Their hearts beat fast. When they are in a room whose temperature is comfortable for everyone else, they feel hot. They sweat easily and profusely. Their hands often tremble. They are weak and pooped out. They lose weight in the face of a hearty appetite and increased food consumption. Frequently they have a swelling in the lower neck known as a goiter — an enlarged thyroid gland.

Many times, older people with hyperthyroidism do not have all of the above florid signs and symptoms. They often have what's known as apathetic hyperthyroidism — too much thyroid hormone with only subtle symptoms of an excess. Fatigue and weight loss might be their only manifestations.

I am sorry to disappoint you, but there isn't a whole lot people can do on their own to correct a runaway thyroid gland. Treatment options for such people include medicine, radioactive iodine and surgery. None of those falls into the self-help category.

Hyperthyroid symptoms usually get worse without treatment. Perhaps your symptoms are so mild and your degree of hyperthyroidism so minimal that your doctor is waiting to see if things will straighten out on their own. Mild hyperthyroidism sometimes does.

The thyroid gland booklet goes into all aspects of treat-



ment for over- and underactive glands. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 401W, 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 am 83 and have had mumps three times. The last time was a year ago. I have three dogs and wonder if I could be getting it from them. — M.R.

ANSWER: Mumps is usually a one-time affair. Having the infection once usually bestows lifelong immunity.

I'm not so sure that what you had was mumps. Swollen salivary glands, the hallmark of mumps, can come from many other causes, like a stone blocking the salivary duct. Such stones can free themselves, and the swelling goes down. Next time you believe you have mumps, get to an ear, nose and throat doctor and then write me back.

You're not getting mumps from your dogs. Humans are the only reservoir for the mumps virus.

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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This isn't John Wayne's military

Almost every day we hear about a new "problem" in the US military: Two weeks ago it was desecration of the sacred Koran at Guantanamo Detention Center, a report which failed to stir up a rebuttal from the Pentagon for 11 days until 15 people had been killed in protest rioting in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. A week later the International Red Cross reaffirmed that that Muslim Holy book had indeed been treated with disrespect at Guantanamo.

Then last week, news comes out about two Afghans dying in custody at Bagram Airbase in Afghanistan after repeated beatings by US guards, an issue that President Karzai calls terrible and unacceptable. Now at the time of writing, the UK public is treated to humiliating photographs of Saddam Hussein in his underwear — images smuggled out of a secret US prison in Iraq. Every one of these incidents is against the Geneva Convention signed by Washington.

Our military views these sorts of incidents as perpetrated by "a few bad apples" and after considerable delays, holds a military tribunal or inquiry into the atrocity. These tribunals are bad publicity for an army that used to pride itself on being squeaky clean. But far worse than that is the regular whitewash of everyone from top brass to lowly private — the army defendants are usually deemed innocent of the charges when military officials sift through the evidence in secret hearings.

Take the soldiers at the checkpoint who killed the Italian secret service agent as he was herding a captured Italian hostage from her captors to an awaiting getaway plane. Having riddled the Italian car with bullets, the U.S. soldiers are pronounced innocent of any wrongdoing. Naturally, the Italians



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are protesting it.

Or what about the U.S. soldiers who shot an injured Iraqi in a Fellujah mosque? It was deemed OK — just consistent with standard army dogma.

Now it seems that Lindy England did not know what she was doing when she led Iraqi prisoners around on a leash in Abu Ghraib Prison, and posed for photos laughing and pointing at the genitals of naked hooded Iraqi prisoners. Why is she serving in the army if she is not responsible for her actions? All in all, only six individuals have been sentenced for the Abu Ghraib nightmare so far.

Going up the ranks, the former US commander of troops in Iraq, Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, has been cleared of all abuses at Abu Ghraib, and Donald Rumsfeld is, as always, still at the helm. The only senior people who seem to have done anything out of the ordinary are Brigadier General Janis Karpinski now demoted to Colonel, and Colonel Thomas Pappas in charge of military intelligence personnel at Abu Ghraib — guilty on two counts of dereliction of duty and fined a whopping \$8,000. The message is clear to army personnel — anything goes.

The figure of \$8,000 is intriguing. It is the exact figure that military recruiting officers are paid to persuade a potential enlistee to join the military. But nowadays this does not seem to be enough cash. Recruitment is at an all time low, recruiters are suffering from great stress, even committing suicide in some instances. Now the whole recruitment process has been put on hold, subject to — you guessed it — a military in-



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like some people's idea of a surprise. But you could be in for a pleasant shock when someone finally sends a reply to a request you made so long ago that you almost forgot about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a time to expect the unexpected. So don't be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rankle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate with a fun-filled weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you're in a high positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you'll soon forget your own discomfort.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) It's a good time for you social Lion to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. A colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a little breathing space, and you'd be wise to take it. Close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It's a good time to look into that training program or college course you've been considering. You might have a good place to use those sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out those summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember: It's always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

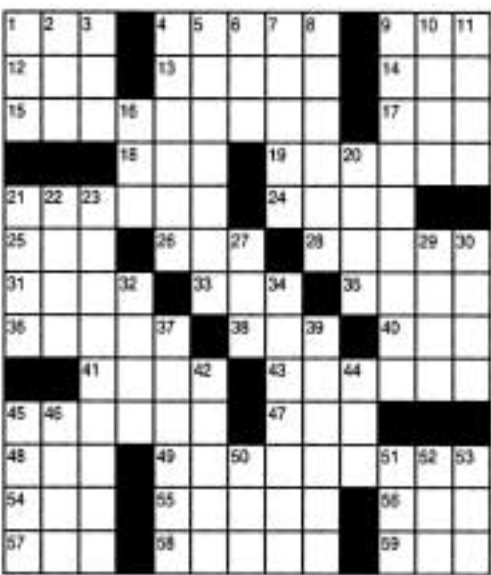
BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Agent, for short
- 4 Cattail territory
- 9 Bankroll
- 12 Improve, as wine
- 13 Wahine's welcome
- 14 Lemieux milieu
- 15 First-rate
- 17 Article
- 18 Energy
- 19 Sagittarius, e.g.
- 21 Author Gordimer
- 24 Comestibles
- 25 Mess up
- 26 Oklahoma city
- 28 Lyricist's output
- 31 Unescorted
- 33 Cleo's slayer
- 35 Rue of "Less Than Perfect"
- 36 Clinch
- 38 Scuttle
- 40 "The Dog"
- 41 The gang
- 43 Vitamin C source
- 45 "Yay!"
- 47 Terhune dog
- 48 Squirrel's hideout
- 49 Show-down asset
- 54 The girl



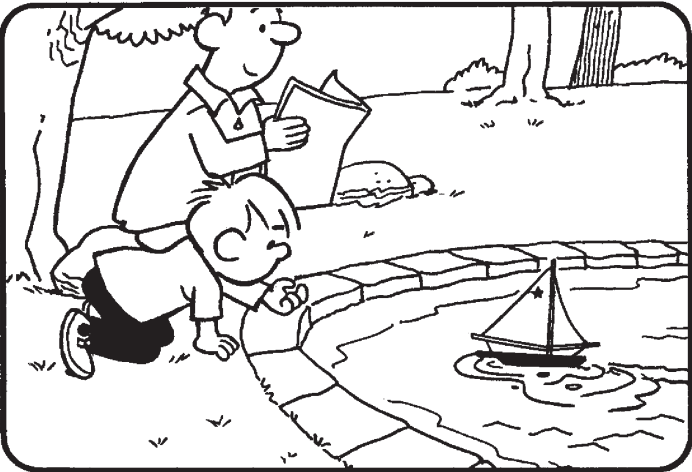
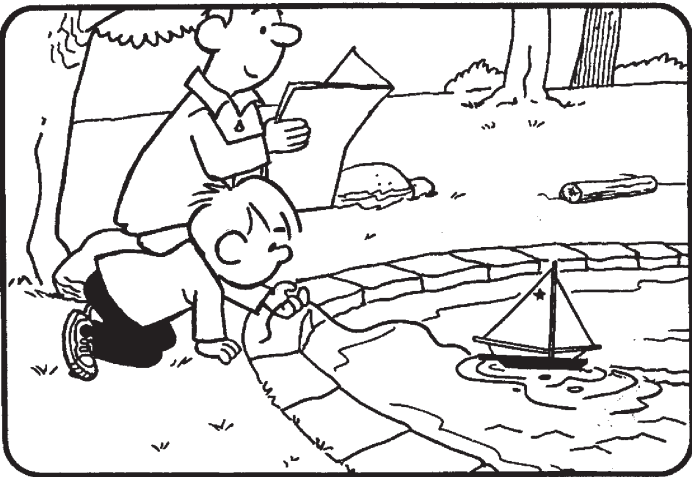
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- 3 Kind of talk or rally
- 4 Docking site
- 5 Tree-lined walk
- 6 Tier
- 7 Grain bundle
- 8 Elon rival
- 9 Introverted
- 10 Rue the run
- 11 Antelope's playmate
- 16 XLVI times XI
- 20 Pigeon vocabulary
- 21 Capone foe
- 22 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- 23 Gambling game
- 27 Tray contents
- 29 Wind resistance
- 30 Judicious
- 32 In the bag (abbr.)
- 34 "The Color of Money" prop
- 37 Award for a dentist?
- 39 Male fowl
- 42 Avoids
- 44 Put into the mix
- 45 "Bonanza" son
- 46 Pearl Harbor locale
- 50 Picks from a lineup
- 51 Director Reiner
- 52 Rushmore figure
- 53 Triumph

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Smaller. 4. String is missing. 5. Sail is different. 6. Log is missing. 7. Paper is smaller. 8. String is missing. 9. Sail is different. 10. Paper is smaller.

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Name: Dave Mills
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Hobby: Boating and flying
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Otra esperanza para las licencias

El nuevo proyecto de ley presentado por el senador Gil Cedillo abre una oportunidad para que los indocumentados puedan obtener una licencia de conducir, aunque esta versión no es la más adecuada porque permite reconocer la situación migratoria irregular del portador. En el pasado había oposición a un documento que señalara que el portador era indocumentado, pero según las circunstancias, es mejor tener una opción que no tener ninguna. Esperamos que esta medida avance y cuente con el respaldo del gobernador Arnold Schwarzenegger ya que cumple requisitos adicionales exigidos por el jefe de gobierno de California.

La medida de Cedillo, SB60, está adaptada para otorgar un documento cuyo único y exclusivo propósito es autorizar a conducir. Éste no podrá ser usado en ningún lugar como prueba de identificación. Este permiso está autorizado dentro de la nueva Ley REAL ID que prohibió entregar a los indocumentados la licencia regular de conducir, pero autorizó el permiso con la restricción en su uso. Varios estados de la Unión Americana ya usan el permiso de manera regular. En Tennessee, por ejemplo, se han entregado “certificados para conducir” a 22 mil personas en los 10 meses que lleva de funcionamiento. No debería existir

motivo alguno para que esto no se pueda realizar en California.

Nos preocupa que las autoridades puedan reconocer la condición de indocumentado del portador a través del documento. La policía en la actualidad no realiza funciones de agente migratorio, pero existe en Washington un gran interés para que lo hagan. El pleno de la Cámara Baja, por ejemplo, acaba de aceptar dos enmiendas que permiten y financian que las policías local y estatal apliquen leyes de inmigración a los indocumentados. Esta posibilidad ya es alarmante por sí misma y, en mayor medida, si el permiso de conducir denuncia a quien no tiene documentos. Sin embargo, todo esto hoy no es más que una especulación, sin ninguna base a excepción de la activa antipatía de algunos legisladores hacia los indocumentados.

Es muy importante que exista la opción para que los indocumentados puedan trabajar de una manera digna y obtener el permiso si así lo desean. El gobernador dijo en repetidas ocasiones que esperaba que en Washington se resolviese el tema de las licencias de conducir. Para bien y para mal la Ley REAL ID ya parece haberlo hecho y dentro de ella irónicamente hay una luz de esperanza. El gobernador debe dejar que ilumine.

Problema migratorio: seguridad y terrorismo

A raíz de los acontecimientos del 11 de septiembre, supimos que las acciones que se iban a tomar por parte del gobierno iban a traer problemas para la población inmigrante de este país, tanto legal como ilegal, más ésta última que la anterior. Las razones se centraron en el hecho de que la grave agresión terrorista iba a obligar al estado a tomar medidas sin precedente para evitar que una acción semejante volviera a repetirse.

Al mismo tiempo dichos acontecimientos, darían impulso a fuerzas políticas de ciertos sectores de la población que en el pasado habían asumido posiciones contrarias a la inmigración de extranjeros. En otras palabras, los actos terroristas le abrieron las puertas para facilitar sus políticas anti-inmigrante. Y que como los actos terroristas fueron llevados a cabo por extranjeros, también impactarían políticamente a sectores que hasta ese momento se mantenían indiferentes a la presencia de extranjeros en el territorio, debido a la efervescencia nacionalista que siempre despierta este tipo de actos.

El tiempo ha dado la razón. Hoy nos encontramos ante un flujo de legislaciones, tanto a nivel federal como estatal, y regulaciones de gobiernos locales, tendientes no sólo a restringir la presencia y el movimiento de inmigrantes indocumentados, sino también el ingreso de extranjeros al territorio.

Las propuestas y contrapropuestas han sido tantas que hoy nos encontramos en un estado de confusión, indicativo de que no hay una idea clara de lo que se quiere. En la pasada campaña electoral, el Presidente Bush, entonces candidato, prometió la introducción de una especie de ley de amnistía para que los indocumentados pudieran legalizar su status. El tiempo luego dio la razón a aquellos que consideraron que la propuesta no fue más que un globo de ensayo político para ganar votos, sobre todo de los his-

panos. La propuesta se archivo y murió de inanición.

Recientemente, se pasó como un contrabando, ya que se empaquetó junto al presupuesto de guerra para Iraq y Afganistán, lo que se denominó el “ID Act”, donde se establecen fuertes medidas para evitar que los indocumentados obtengan identificación para operar en la sociedad. Muchos se sorprendieron que la administración Bush, que antes había hablado de amnistía y de buscar facilidades para que los inmigrantes ilegales pudieran realizar su trabajo, diera aprobación inmediata a tal propuesta.

A pesar de las claras exigencias del “ID Act” para obtener identificación, crea confusión ya que, contempla el establecimiento de un documento provisional y limitativo para los inmigrantes indocumentados. En ese sentido, no queda claro si se quiere o no proveer identificación al indocumentado y cuál es el propósito real de la ley. Por un lado se dice que no se le debe proveer documentación al ilegal y por otro se aprueba concederle uno provisional.

Después de la aprobación del “ID Act” han surgido otras propuestas parlamentarias que coinciden y difieren en parte con la anterior. La más divulgadas de éstas es la que apadrinan los Senadores John McCain y Edward Kennedy. Estos buscan una reforma migratoria que vaya más allá de regular una identificación. En ese sentido, presentan una propuesta más comprensiva del problema.

Ellos proponen el establecimiento de un programa de trabajadores por invitación, o sea, estableciendo cuotas de acuerdo a disponibilidades de trabajo. Los trabajadores deben pasar por un chequeo de seguridad en su país de origen, examen médico y pagar US\$500.00 por una visa. Se establece un tope inicial de 400,000 de estas visas.

La visa podrá ser renova-

da una vez y será válida por 3 años. Después de estos tres años el trabajador podrá retornar a su país o podrá aplicar para obtener su status de residente legal. Para los que ya residen aquí, el camino para obtener status legal requerirá la prueba de que poseen trabajo para el futuro, someterse a chequeo de seguridad, pagar US\$2,000.00 o más por adulto, hablar inglés y tener conocimiento de los deberes cívicos.

Sectores del campo de los negocios, grupos en pro de los derechos de los hispanos y diversas asociaciones cívicas han dado su voto favorable a este proyecto. Como se ve propuestas no faltan. A nuestro modo de ver, el problema que tienen la mayoría de estas propuestas y parte de las que ya se han aprobado, es que quieren resolver la situación de una manera unilateral, es decir, sin tomar en consideración la posición del estado mexicano donde provienen la mayoría de los inmigrantes. El problema migratorio solamente podrá resolverse si se tratan de buscar soluciones conjuntas con el gobierno mexicano.

El unilateralismo que propone hacer murallas, promover el vigilantismo de civiles, las redadas policiales y la persecución indiscriminada de inmigrantes no resolverán el problema. También es errado ver el problema de los inmigrantes únicamente bajo la perspectiva de la seguridad y el contraterrorismo. Hacerlo así, es padecer de miopía política. Mientras haya un sector económico que para subsistir necesita la mano de obra barata de inmigrantes y mientras haya hombres y mujeres inmigrantes que para subsistir necesitan ese trabajo, el problema del trasiego de inmigrante continuará. La necesidad es la madre de todas las aventuras. El hambre y la miseria rompen fronteras y esto se ha hecho desde tiempos inmemorables, por tanto, la respuesta del problema no es tan simple.

Malos entendidos

Los desacuerdos y malos entendidos que se han dado en las últimas semanas entre los gobiernos de México y Estados Unidos demuestran una vez más que, pese a sus esfuerzos de acercamiento, ambos siguen siendo vecinos distantes. Históricamente, las relaciones entre los dos países han sido difíciles por el hecho de tener que compartir una frontera de más de dos mil millas que — dadas sus abismales diferencias en términos económicos, culturales y político s— es fuente continua de conflictos.

En el contexto actual, las diferencias en cuanto a las prioridades de los dos gobiernos están más que claras y parecen irreconciliables. Fox está frustrado por la imposibilidad de llegar a un acuerdo migratorio con EU y a este país le preocupa, más que nada, el supuesto peligro que representa para su seguridad interna la frontera con México.

La reciente aprobación del Senado de EU de la medida Real ID — que México ha visto con mezcla de impotencia y amargura — responde justamente a ese temor. Entre otras disposiciones, esa iniciativa exige la residencia legal a quienes soliciten licencia de manejo y autoriza la ampliación de una barda de tres mil-

las a lo largo de la frontera entre San Diego y Tijuana.

Con igual impotencia, el gobierno foxista ha sido testigo del despliegue en Arizona del grupo de cazaindocumentados Minuteman y de las declaraciones del gobernador de California Arnold Schwarzenegger, en el sentido de que hay que redoblar la vigilancia en la frontera con México. Por si fuera poco, ha tenido que aguantar las duras críticas del embajador de EU en México, Tony Garza, quien en varias ocasiones ha dicho que las autoridades mexicanas han perdido la batalla contra el narcotráfico. Y no conforme con ello, Garza ha criticado la falta de reformas estructurales en México, así como el absurdo de una política económica que sólo basa sus ingresos en las remesas de los migrantes y en los altos precios del petróleo.

Ante esta serie de embates, que reflejan por parte de Washington poca disposición al diálogo y a buscar soluciones conjuntas, el gobierno mexicano ha reaccionado de manera torpe, por decir lo menos.

El reciente comentario del presidente Fox en el sentido de que los mexicanos realizan en Estados Unidos trabajos que “ni siquiera los negros

quieren hacer” se inscribe dentro de los esfuerzos contraproducentes de Los Pinos para defender a los indocumentados y lograr un acuerdo migratorio. Como era de esperarse, las declaraciones de Fox — reflejo de su falta de tino político, pero no de mala fe — despertaron fuertes críticas de este lado de la frontera, especialmente dentro de la comunidad afroamericana. Para limar asperezas, como es bien sabido, el presidente invitó el pasado martes al reverendo Jesse Jackson a Los Pinos.

Finalmente, todo indica que el enredo tuvo un desenlace feliz. Luego del encuentro, Fox y Jackson quedaron como grandes amigos y acordaron trabajar juntos por los derechos humanos de las comunidades mexicana y afroamericana en Estados Unidos.

El hecho, si bien puso al descubierto la falta de sensibilidad política de Fox y su desconocimiento de la realidad estadounidense, demostró que cuando hay realmente voluntad de diálogo y de cooperación, cualquier malentendido puede superarse. Esta es una lección invaluable que debería tenerse en cuenta para el futuro de las relaciones entre México y EU.

Nueva guía para inmigrantes

Por primera vez el gobierno de Estados Unidos lanza una guía oficial para los nuevos inmigrantes que contiene información práctica de uso diario, que va desde cómo hallar su camino durante los primeros días en este país hasta cómo echar raíces comprando casa propia. Esta publicación oficial se llama Bienvenidos a Estados Unidos: Una Guía Para el Nuevo Inmigrante y pretende ser el libro más importante en los hogares de los “inmigrantes legales” después de la Biblia, como dijo Dan Kane, portavoz del Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración (CIS) de Estados Unidos.

“Este libro es muy importante porque señala los derechos y responsabilidades de los nuevos inmigrantes legales. Explica el proceso de trabajo, de educación, de ayuda médica y hasta qué hacer en caso de discriminación,” explicó el portavoz gubernamental. Hasta ahora, los nuevos inmigrantes debían aprender cómo se hacen las cosas en este país por medio de familiares y amigos, y muchas veces hasta han sido víctimas de fraude por carecer de la información adecuada.

Según la ley de Seguridad Nacional de 2002, el CIS tiene la tarea de divulgar instrucciones y promover entrenamiento sobre los derechos y las responsabilidades de la ciudadanía, para ayudar a los inmigrantes a adaptarse a su nueva vida.

La guía para inmigrantes cumple estos objetivos al dividirse en dos secciones, dijo Kane. La primera sección está dirigida a cómo integrarse en la sociedad cuando se hacen residentes permanentes, mientras que la segunda parte se enfoca en explicar el proceso de naturalización; es decir, cómo hacerse ciudadanos de Estados Unidos.

Otro de los puntos claves que se informan en la nueva guía es cómo mantener

el estatus de residente

permanente. Al respecto, la recomendación principal es que no se debe abandonar el país por más de 12 meses y que si por algún motivo tiene que residir fuera de Estados Unidos por un tiempo, se debe llenar el formulario I-131. Esta solicitud, que debe ser enviada al servicio de inmigración antes de salir del país, le permite al inmigrante estar fuera del país por dos años consecutivos. Debe llevarla consigo cuando regrese a Estados Unidos, para la eventualidad de que el funcionario de migración la requiera.

Además se hace hincapié en la declaración de impuestos como método para comprobar la contribución del inmigrante a la sociedad. “Si usted no declara sus impuestos cuando esté residiendo afuera del país por cualquier período de tiempo, o si llena su declaración como ‘no-inmigrante’, el gobierno de Estados Unidos puede decir que usted ya renunció a su estatus de residente permanente”, consta en la

guía.

Otro tema que genera confusión entre los nuevos inmigrantes es la forma en que opera el gobierno federal, el Congreso y la rama judicial. En ese sentido, Bienvenidos a Estados Unidos: Una Guía Para el Nuevo Inmigrante explica en un lenguaje sencillo lo básico para entender el sistema de gobierno en este país. Finalmente, debido a que muchos residentes permanentes son reacios a convertirse en ciudadanos estadounidenses, la guía explica los variados beneficios, como por ejemplo, reclamar a los padres o hermanos.

Esta guía puede ser adquirida a partir del 7 de junio llamando al 1 (866) 512-1800. El precio que incluye el envío por correo es de \$9.50. Las instituciones pueden adquirir 100 libros por \$171. También puede bajarla gratuitamente de la página de Internet <http://uscis.gov/graphics/citizenship/index.htm>.

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'84 18' Galaxy. Open bow ski. New OD, new int. & carpet, exc. cond., must see! \$4K. 707/695-1020

'91 Ford XLT Lariat F250 super cab, loaded, w/en-closed util. trailer. \$5900. (707)432-0755

'99 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad cab, shortbed P/U, 2WD, SLT, V8, 5.9L, 76K mi. Exc. cond., fully loaded, lthr. int., \$10,000 obo or take over pymts. to qualified buyer (\$199/mo. 48 months remaining). (707)422-1374; 208-5402

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Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Winters will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 to consider an annual levy of assessment for the City-Wide Maintenance Assessment District.

The revenues provide funding for maintenance of parks and electricity for street lighting.

The intention is to not increase the existing assessments adopted for fiscal years 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, 2004-2005. The Winters electorate approved assessments for a City-Wide Maintenance Assessment District on June 3, 1997. The annual assessments are \$82.50 per dwelling unit and \$26.25 for improved non-residential lots.

All interested persons are invited to and be heard at the time of hearing. Those unable to attend may submit written comments to the City Clerk, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694. Written comments will be received at or prior to the public hearing.

Information regarding this matter may be obtained at the City Clerk's office at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays or by calling the City of Winters at (530) 795-4910 ext 101.

Published May 26, 2005

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
May 11, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-543

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Regalar, 11 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694.

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Julie Ann Fuller, 414 Edwards Street, Winters, CA 95694.

Lanette McClure, 70 Barber Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960..

This business classification is: A Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on May 11, 2005.

s/Julie Ann Fuller

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Fictitious Business Name

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Kimberli Johnson, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-540

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Rumsey Canyon Inn B&B, 2996 Rumsey Canyon Road, Rumsey, CA 95679-0066.

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Sylvia B. Post, 2996 Rumsey Canyon Road, Rumsey, CA 95679-0066.

This business classification is: An individual.

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

s/Sylvia B. Post

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May 10, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-537

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Bijou, 126 Colby Lane, Winters, CA 95694

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Joan Wilkening, 126 Colby Lane, Winters CA 95694.

This business classification is:An individual.

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

s/Joan Wilkening

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FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
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May 19,26, June 2, 9

Legal Notice

The Winters Joint Unified School District's proposed 2005-2006 budget will be available for public inspection at the District Office, 909 West Grant Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, June 14 through June 16, 2005, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 4:30p.m. A public hearing will be held on the proposed 2005-2006 budget on June 16, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 909 West Grant Avenue, Winters, CA 95694.

May 26

NOTICE OF PETITION

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of Naum Jeffrey Freeman a.k.a. Naum Jeffrey Phleger
Filed Yolo County Superior Courts
May 12, 2005
Case # PB-05-96

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Naum Jeffrey Freeman a.k.a Naum Jeffrey Phleger, deceased.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Karen Schall in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kyle Freeman be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 15, 2005, 8:30 a.m. Dept. 11, 812 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A request for Special Notice from is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner
Kyle Freeman
3665 Lakeview Court
Santa Maria, California 93455

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Fictitious Business Name

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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

Advertisement for bids

**SECTION 00020
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, **ESPARTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**, of the County of Yolo, State of California, will receive up to and no later than **3:00 p.m., June 9, 2005**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for the furnishing of all labor, materials, transportation and services required for the **Construction of a Covered Colonnade at Esparto Middle School on 26058 County Road 21A, Esparto, California 95627** and such bids shall be received at the District Office, **6675 Plainfield St., Esparto, California 95627**, and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above place and after receipt of all completed Bid packets.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation and the Contract Documents. Copies are on file and open to public inspection at the Office of the District and may be obtained upon **deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$ 50.00) per set** from the Office of the Architect,

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This deposit will be refunded in whole if the holder has submitted a bid and if the set or sets delivered are returned in good condition **within ten (10) days after the bid opening**. Request for sets of plans in excess of two (2) sets shall be considered purchased and not be refundable.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond made in favor of the Board of Trustees, **Esparto Unified School District, Esparto, California**, executed by the bidder as principal and a satisfactory surety company as surety, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder shall execute the Contract if it be awarded to him in conformity with the Contract Documents and shall provide the surety bond as specified therein within ten (10) days after notification of the award of the contract of the bidder.

It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom a contract is awarded, and upon all subcontractors under him, to pay not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages to all workmen in the execution of the contract. Pursuant to the provisions of the California State Labor Code, and local laws thereto applicable, the said Board of Trustees has ascertained the prevailing rate of wages in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft and/or type of workman or mechanic needed to perform this contract. General Prevailing Wage Rates shall be those rates pertaining to the county in which the work is being performed as published by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California State Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 1770, 1773 and 1773.1.

The Bid Bond, Faithful Performance Bond and the Labor and Material Bond must be issued by an Admitted Surety, an Insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of insurance in the State of California during this calendar year. Failure to meet this requirement on one or more of the required bonds will result in the rejection of the bid.

Copies of the Prevailing Wage Schedules are available for public review in the County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse, in the county in which the work is being performed. The General Prevailing Wage Determinations and the General Prevailing Wage Apprentice Schedules made by the Director of Industrial Relations are available on the **INTERNET** at www.dir.ca.gov.

No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of Sixty (60) calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Esparto Unified School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any defect or irregularity in bidding.

ESPARTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Dr. Tom Michaelson
Superintendent

May 26, June 2, 10

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