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The hometown paper of Nanette and Greg Hanson

Grants will protect land along creek

By DON DRYSDALE
California Department of Conservation
Special to the Express

SACRAMENTO — With grants from the California Department of Conservation and the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Solano Land Trust has permanently shielded from development 283 acres of outstanding farmland near Winters.

"We're very pleased to help ensure that the Putah Creek Ranch will always remain in agricultural use," said California Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman, himself a rancher. "As the state's population continues to grow, it becomes increasingly important to preserve our top-quality farmland."

Putah Creek Ranch is located along a 1.2-mile frontage of the south bank of Putah Creek between Winters and Davis, in an area designated by the

Solano Land Trust as a high-priority preservation area. Organic walnut orchards, grape rootstock and field crops such as sunflowers occupy the acreage. The ranch also is used as a demonstration farm for innovative practices, such as riparian plant restoration and a "tailwater" pond that prevents excessive silt and nutrients from entering the creek.

"We teach primarily high school students about sustainable agriculture practices," ranch owner Craig McNamara said. "They are our future community leaders, and most of them have very little introduction into the process of how food gets on the table, let alone sustainable practices. We help them fill their educational toolbox with environmentally sound ideas."

"As we looked at our piece of land, we realized that while we could proba-

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Four trustee seats to expire in December

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Looking for a position with responsibility, challenge and leadership opportunities?

Are you willing to make tough decisions regarding personnel, budget issues, collective bargaining, growth (or lack thereof), student conduct, facilities and myriad other responsibilities that come with the job?

If the answer to these questions is an unequivocal yes, you might be just the candidate for one of four such jobs that will be

available in the Winters area later this year. The terms of four members—Russell Lester, Rodney Orosco, Mary Jo Rodolfa and Jay Shepherd—on the seven-member Board of Trustees for Winters Joint Unified School District, will expire on Dec. 2.

An election to fill the four seats for a four-year term will be held in the district on Nov. 8. Three of the seats will be filled by candidates from the school district's rural areas, and one will be filled by a candidate living with-

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Ooh, aah!

Photos by Debra Lo Guercio

There were fireworks enjoyed on both grand and small scales on July 4. Dr. Sellers Field was packed, as were many parking lots and side streets, as people gathered to see \$6,500 go up in smoke at the annual fireworks display (right).

Smaller sparks flew in neighborhoods throughout town, including White Oak Lane, where Taylor Whyte, 3, (above) played with a sparkler, under the watchful eyes of her parents.



Several projects approved

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

The Winters Planning Commission approved a variety of small projects at the Tuesday, June 28, meeting, including plans for a small office building to be located north of Winters Self Storage, at 807 Railroad Avenue.

According to Community Development Director Dan Sokolow, the applicant, John Simmons will construct two 6,848 square foot buildings that would be rented out to contractors, such as drywall or painters. Each building would be divided into four suites, which will include office space, warehouse space and a bathroom.

The application included a landscaping plan, a parking plan, site plan and a lot line adjustment. After a brief discussion, the planners approved the application unanimously.

Other items

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

~ Heard a status report on traffic issues from City Engineer Nick Ponticello, including plans for a study in the Walnut Lane, East Street and Dutton Street intersections onto Grant Avenue (Highway 128).

~ Held a public hearing and approved a site plan review for a 747 square foot shade cover for a photovoltaic electrical system at 312 Railroad Avenue. The applicant was Charles Wallace.

~ Held a public hearing and approved a Conditional Use Permit to add six antennas to the existing cell tower located at 201 East Street, including construction of four equipment cabinets. Landscaping and fencing was also required. The applicant was Metro PCS.

~ Heard an update on the Downtown Master Plan and Rotary Park parking lot projects from Redevelopment Manager Cas Ellena.

Planning commissioner Ed Ross was not present at the meeting.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
June 29		86	55
June 30		88	60
July 1		101	63
July 2		103	59
July 3		97	58
July 4		95	61
July 5		99	62

Rain for week: 0

Season's Total: 0



Photo by McNaughton Newspapers staff
Reknowned cartoonist Bob Armstrong now calls Winters home.

Artist inspires children to create their own cartoons

By CLAIRE ST. JOHN
McNaughton Newspapers

Robert Armstrong is modest.

When teaching cartooning to 8-14 year-olds after school in Davis, Dixon, Vacaville and Fairfield, he never mentions a host of Web sites calling him one of America's best underground cartoonists. He demonstrates proportion with sketches of Superman, not characters he

penned and gave fame to in comic books that sold like crazy in the 1970s and '80s.

And in his mind, there's no reason to mention he's worked with Harvey Pekar, writer of "American Splendor" and the subject of a recent film by the same name, or that he's released three jazzy, Hawaiian, ragtime albums with famed cartoonist

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OBITUARIES

Daisy Marie Pierce (Mermod)

Daisy Marie Pierce (Mermod) passed away on June 28, 2005. She was born on Aug. 9, 1919 and was married for 60 years to Jack Pierce. She was the daughter of Horace and Rosa Mermod. Daisy worked for the federal government for over 50 years, retiring in 1983. She graduated from Winters High School in 1937 and Western Business School. She is survived by her brother, Jack Mermod; her sister, Mae Dickens; also by her nieces and nephews Renee Borenstein, Bruce Kalin, Michele Zemech, Denise Rainey and Jack K. Mermod, plus many grand-nieces and nephews, and six great-grand nieces and nephews. Cremation will be held at the Winters Cemetery at a later date. No services will be held.

Robert J. Pendergast

Robert J. Pendergast passed away on June 30, 2005. A native of Truckee and a lifetime resident of Sacramento, he was 87 years old. He retired from the S.P.R.R. as the General Yard Master, where he worked for 35 years. He was also a Captain in the United States Army stationed at Stanford University as a Special Training Officer from 1940 to 1945. He was the beloved husband of Dorothy; father of Colleen Tufts and her husband, Stan, of Winters, Kerry Anne Pendergast and friend, Miguel, of Lake Tahoe; the late Robert “Bobby” Pendergast and Patrick James Pendergast, brother of the late Gladys Lehtola, Eleanor Matthews, and Edward Pendergast; grandfather of Christine Maligad, Merry Iseley, Robert E. Pendergast, Jr., Patrick Robert Ehrman and Tyler Tufts, also five great grandchildren and he was predeceased by one great granddaughter. Friends were invited to attend a burial mass for the repose of his soul at St. Joseph’s Chapel, inside St. Mary’s Cemetery, 6700 21st Avenue on Wednesday, July 6 at 10 a.m. Interment was held at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Remembrances may be made in his name to the Sacramento Food Bank, 3333 Third Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817, or to the charity of the donor’s choice. W.E. Gormley & Sons Funeral Directors assisted the family.

Winters weekly fire report

- June 27**
~ Vehicle accident at Interstate 505 and State Highway 128, SUV and travel trailer overturned.

June 28
~ Medical aid at north-bound Interstate 505 and County Road 31, patient with back pain.

June 30
~ Investigation in the corner of Manzanita Way and Maple Lane, minor playing with fireworks.
~ Mutual aid to the West Plainfield fire department for fire alarm.
~ Medical aid in the 200 block of Railroad Avenue, patient with difficulty breathing.
- July 1**
~ Medical aid in the 300 block of First Street, patient with difficulty breathing.

July 2
~ Medical aid in the 800 block of Valley Oak Drive, lethargic male.
~ Medical aid in the 300 block of Niemann Street, head injury.
~ Vehicle accident at County Road 86 and State Highway 128, head-on collision.

July 3
~ Vehicle accident at County Road 31 east of County Road 89, overturned vehicle.
~ Fire call on State Highway 128, grass fire.

Berryessa drops .43 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .43 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 8,235 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District. He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 438.32 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,570,012 acre feet of water. The SID is diverting 640 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 43 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 291 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Drivers needed for meals program

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver meals to the homes of local house-bound seniors. The program, Meals on Wheels, is sponsored by the Elderly Nutrition Program. The program will provide a vehicle for delivery, so drivers do not need to have their own cars. Drivers deliver approximately 16 hot and cold food packets, Monday through Friday. The delivery takes about one hour, from 11 a.m. to noon. Drivers can work as much as one day per week, several times per month or as little as one day per month. They can work alone or two friends could share the delivery trip, one as a driver and the other to deliver the meal. For more information, contact Sherry Del Toro, 795-4241, or Christina Mendoza, 662-7035.

YESTERYEAR



File photo Pictured above are the principals in the groundbreaking on August 17, 1970 of the new Winters Fire District building on Abbey Street. Left to right in the foreground are W.W. Wilson, the building contractor; Vernon Bruhn, fire chief; Francis “Pat” McGarr (holding shovel), retired fire chief; J. R. Chapman, chairman of the fire commissioners, and Wayne Sawyer, manager of the Winters branch, First National Bank of Dixon, which is financing the new building. In the background are members of the Winters Fire Department. Wilson’s successful bid for constructing the 60 by 70 foot building was \$28,675.

35 YEARS AGO

July 16, 1970
Vacaville Fire Chief Warren Hughes said this week that a sky rocket caused the 400 acre fire near the Monticello Dam July 4. The fire took three days to contain and 47 pieces of fire fighting equipment was called out. Bill Shafer won the second annual Western Auto model car contest, according to results announced this week by Gerry Neil, owner of the local store. Other winners were Brad Lorenzo, second; David Maier, third; Philippe Maxim, fourth and Leonard Morales, fifth. Bondee Low has purchased the large building at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Russell Street, formerly housing Krisor Chevrolet-Buick agency. Rudy George, local manager for Brinleys’ Real estate handled the sale and transfer taxes paid indicated the sale at around \$12,500.

Carl Holmes, Winters rancher who has been a Solano County Fair director for the past 13 years, last week announced his retirement from the board. The trustees of the Winters Cemetery District, meeting last Friday in the cemetery office building, adopted a budget of \$26,485 for the 1970-71 fiscal year. This is up \$305 from last year’s budget. Dudley Sparks, of San Paulo, Brazil, and his young daughter, are spending several weeks at his place west of Winters. Mrs. Mary Cangelli returned home Saturday after a month visiting relatives in Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Don Lund and their daughter, Kathy, arrived home Saturday from an 8-day trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

50 YEARS AGO

July 14, 1955
The Winters Elementary School District has purchased 10 acres from Mrs. J. S. Waggoner for \$21,000 as the site for the new elementary school. Governor Goodwin J. Knight last week killed a state park in Putah Canyon by refusing to sign a legislative bill appropriating \$500,000 for such a park. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has rejected all bids for buildings on the former Harry Palmer ranch in Putah Canyon, according to B.P. Bellport, construction engineer. B. R. Snow, principal of the Winters High School, said this week that Art Chaboya has been named head coach at Winters High, succeeding Jack Mermod, who resigned to take a position at Hayward.

Thirty-six new homes will be built in the near future in Major Vista subdivision, west of Winters, according to Roy Orr, manager of the subdivision. Dr. Corbin A. Young is attending the Boy Scout encampment at Echo Lake this week, where he is serving as physical and medical director. Melvin Hudson, who taught the combination seventh and eighth grade class at Winters Elementary School last year, has been named vice principal, and will teach the eighth grade class. Ray Miller, vice principal for the past several years, will be the principal at Cotati. Tech. Sgt. Robert Thompson arrived on leave from Salina, Kansas, last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Thompson. His next assignment will be at Casablanca, Morocco. A total of 275 persons were served at the annual family picnic and barbecue held by the Winters District Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at Big Rock Park.

65 YEARS AGO

July 12, 1940
According to Frank Douglass, census supervisor for this area, the population of Winters in the recent decennial census is 1133, a gain of 287 over ten years ago. Woodland has a population of 6929, and Davis 1668. R. C. Snodgrass, proprietor of the Main Street Economy Garage for 15 years has moved his business to his own property on West Abbey Street. The residence property of Mrs. Dollie Ossenbruggen at the corner of Wolfskill and Second Streets was sold last week to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Armstrong of Wolfskill district. Mrs. Ossenbruggen has moved to her ranch in Apricot district. A local group of 25 or 30 went to Woodland Sunday when Winters Day was observed by the Woodland Oaks, honoring manager John Graf. They saw Woodland win 2 to 1 over the Marysville Giants. Born Saturday, July 6, in Woodland to Mr. and Mrs. Raines Griffin, a daughter, Nancy Ellen. Cecil Maxwell secured employment at Vallejo and went to work Monday morning. He was granted a 60 day leave of absence from his duties of town service and John Edison is taking his place during that time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stark and sons, Daryl and Wayne visited last week at Treasure Island. Mrs. R. F. Reasoner, daughter Miss Jennie and Miss May Elzy were holiday visitors with Mrs. A. Shell in Guinda.

Reminder...

The deadline for turning in press releases, news items, Letters to the Editor and photos for publication in the Express will be Mondays at noon for publication that week. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be held for publication the following week. Press releases, news items, letters and photos may be mailed or hand delivered to the Winters Express office, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694. Photos may be black and white or color. We reserve the right to edit or reject any press release or news item and to crop or reject any photo. Press releases, news items and Letters to the Editor may also be emailed to news@wintersexpress.com. Classified ads must be turned in by noon on Tuesday for publication that week.

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100 YEARS AGO

July 14, 1905
G. W. Scott sold on last Thursday to Swanson & Co., of Sacramento 69 head of fine beef cattle. The high school trustees have decided to add French to the language studies and free hand and mechanical drawing will be taught. The teachers will be Prof. J. R. Grinstead, principal, Miss Allen and Miss Gertrude Smith. The Winters Vaudeville and Comedy Company is the title of an erstwhile Winters organization which will make its first appearance at the dancing platform Saturday evening. At the meeting of the town trustees Tuesday night, an anti-gambling ordinance was passed, prohibiting gambling, wagering or betting in Winters. All six pupils in the graduation class at Wolfskill school, taught by Miss Blanche McNeal, have passed the examinations successfully. They are Marion Graham, Emma and Lillian Johnson, Virgil Gannon and Herbert and Lillian Cooper. Miss Lulu B. Wyatt expects to leave Monday for the north. Miss Wyatt will be absent six weeks or more. R. W. Putzker has gone to San Francisco and will probably be gone until about the first of the month. Miss Lena Bryce is substituting temporarily in the telephone office during his absence.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO

BECAUSE I SAY SO

IN A FEW VERY SHORT MONTHS we will be losing one of our town's most precious landmarks — our flashing red light at Railroad and Grant. In the interest of progress (and mostly because most people refuse to ride their bikes) we will be movin' on up to a full-fledged big city stoplight sometime in October, complete with three colors. Gaw-lee, Paw, let's load up the chillun in the pick'em up truck and head down to the corner and watch the purdy lights!

Me, I've been against this "improvement" from day one, mainly because our high school students can't seem to master crossing the street safely, as evidenced by the way they meander mindlessly out into traffic on Grant Avenue before and after school and during breaks. Mark my words, some out-of-town yahoo in a hurry to get his boat into Lake Berryessa is gonna blow through that stoplight as he tries to beat the yellow light, and will plow over one or more of our kids like pheasants on a back road. Maybe it's how Mother Nature intended — natural selection in action. If kids can't master crossing the street by the time they're 15 or 16 years old, maybe they should be eliminated from the gene pool. Besides, if you aren't smart enough to cross the street in Winters, you probably won't survive long in the big bad world anyway.

And, before anyone gives me flak about wishing calamity on our youth, let me reiterate: I was opposed to the light from the start. I'd rather have our not-so-bright kids wandering around the streets alive than save some speedster a few seconds waiting his turn at our flashing red light. The really sad part is that after some teenager gets injured or killed after some idiot runs the stoplight, people will be screaming about how the city could have let this happen.

So, maybe we should try to do something about it. Be proactive rather than reactive. School will be back in session in August, which gives us a couple months to work with before the stoplight goes in. At the beginning of this school year, the high school should hold mandatory street-crossing trainings for all students. Of course, some folks will grumble that parents should be teaching these things to their kids, but obviously many haven't. Let's not split hairs, we're trying to save lives here, not point fingers. Forget who was supposed to teach our kids to cross the street, and review what they all should have learned in kindergarten so none of them ends up as street pizza.

As for the stoplight itself, there should be some sort of community event planned in its honor when it comes down. Maybe the high school band and choir could perform at the corner (looking both ways, waiting for traffic to pass and crossing safely at the crosswalk before doing so, of course). The guy over there on the other side of this page tells me there was a community celebration when the light went up, so it seems only fitting there should be one when it comes down.

How about a funeral for the stoplight? A 21-gun salute? Testimonials from residents about their fond memories of our good ole flashing red light? Send in your ideas for a fitting community celebration as we watch our beloved stoplight make its final flash. If the Chamber of Commerce can set up its beer booth on the corner, I'm sure the rest will evolve naturally. "Pour it and they will come..."

SPEAKING OF CELEBRATIONS: Our city is letting big bucks slip through its fingers on the Fourth of July. Once again, our little town was inundated last weekend with visitors hoping to catch the free fireworks display. How 'bout setting up a toll booth at all the entrances to town on July 4? Or using some of the vacant lots near Town & Country Market and Subway as temporary parking lots, and charging \$5 to park? That might raise some funds for our hard-working fire department, who ironically end up stamping out fires set by fireworks, for no extra pay. Or maybe hire a few extra city employees to clean up the piles of trash left behind by all these visitors?

Another revenue idea: fund a few extra police officers on the Fourth, who will hopefully arrest all these folks blowing off illegal fireworks. I can't believe how many bottle rockets were going off on my side of town. As I walked over to take photos of the fireworks, there was some melonhead by the sidewalk on East Baker, right across from the lawn of an apartment complex lined with children watching fireworks, launching bottle rockets into the air. Even worse, he was doing so while standing in between two cars. Unbelievable. Where's Mother Nature when a little natural selection is obviously in order.



The government took Susette Kelo's home: is yours next?

By NICOLE SCHIERECK
Pacific Legal Foundation
Special to the Express

Last week, the US Supreme Court handed down a decision that gives local governments unlimited power to take homes and businesses and give the land to private developers for their own private profit. In *Kelo v. City of New London*, the court allowed the city of New London, Connecticut to take the homes of Susette Kelo and several other city residents, and give their land to a private company to build a commercial center, even though the federal Constitution only allows government to condemn property for "public use."

None of the homes taken by the city were an eyesore or in severe disrepair. They were condemned simply because they were located in an area where the city wanted to see more development. City officials reasoned that more development would generate more tax revenue for the city.

City officials invoked the power of eminent domain, a legal term meaning the government's authority to force people to sell their homes for a price the government decides is "fair," and ordered Ms. Kelo and her neighbors, several of whom have lived in their homes for nearly 60 years, to give up their land.

What happened to Ms. Kelo and her neighbors in Connecticut is currently happening across the country. Both local and state governments are increasingly using the power of eminent domain to create opportunities for private developers, oftentimes with complete disregard for the concerns of homeowners and small business owners. From Ohio to California, governments have decided that a private developer, not a homeowner, can create the "best" use of a property. Governments then use the power of eminent domain to complete the transfer of property from one private landowner to another, essentially stripping homeowners of any legal right to keep their property, and granting the new owner a giant financial windfall.

In a 5-4 decision, the court held that cities across America can take private property from one person and give it to another in the name of "economic development." But if you think about it, nearly every imaginable project a city could undertake could be plausibly described as economic development. A city can designate a neighborhood as a development area, take the homes and hand the land over to a private developer. In a few years, a fancy hotel, a new business park, even a manufacturing plant could be sitting where your home used to be based on the court's extreme theory.

Some cases of "economic development" are truly absurd. The city of Las Vegas recently condemned a clean, privately owned shopping center to build a parking lot for the "Fremont Street Experience," which includes topless bars and casinos. An Arizona city tried to take a small brake-repair shop to give the land to a hardware store instead. And in Merriam, Kansas, city officials condemned a Toyota dealership to transfer the property to a BMW dealer, to give the town a more fashionable image.

But even though the Constitution states that property may only be taken for "public use," and not for a private use at all, the Supreme Court held that these kinds of condemnations are perfectly okay.

So much for "a man's home is his castle." After last week's decision, even if you have lived in your home for 30 years, the government can condemn your property and let Costco build a store on it. If the government decides a Wal-Mart's parking lot would bring in more tax revenues than your home, you had better start packing your things.

How do we stop this abuse?

The Supreme Court acknowledged in *Kelo* that state governments can enact more restrictive measures to limit the eminent domain power each state can wield. California, for example, already has a law that only allows cities to take land for economic development purposes if the area has been designated as blighted. But because the term "blighted" is not defined, it is all too easy for cities to declare that even clean and productive land is "blighted."

After the *Kelo* decision, only state law can protect homeowners and small business owners from the abuse of eminent domain. Without the protection of a state law that says "public use" actually means use by the public, your home may be next.



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

WHERE ARE WE HEADED? I haven't been to Placerville in several years, so when I received a post card about an art show by Oran Miller, I was on my way.

Oran worked for the Express when he was in high school, years ago, and has always been artistic. He has kept in touch and stops by the office from time to time. I talked to him on the phone last December when his father passed away, and I looked forward to maybe seeing him during his show "Windows & Doorways" which runs through July 14 at the Trilogy Gallery, 420 Main Street, Placerville.

This isn't one of those artsy showroom type places, but a bunch of real artist studios. It is in the upstairs of an old hotel, and from the looks of it, some of the artist have taken up residency.

Sherri and I took a road trip on the Harley to Placerville just to ride somewhere. It isn't as far as I remember and the traffic on that Saturday didn't slow down more than a couple of times. By the time we reached Placerville we were cruising at 78 and getting passed on both sides.

The Chamber of Commerce did a great job with the weather and getting tourists to walk around downtown Placerville. The coffee shops were busy and we stopped for lunch in a local diner, and walked a few more blocks before stopping for dessert.

We browsed through a few galleries and Sherri liked an abstract painting, and I joked that it wouldn't travel well on the motorcycle. She asked the clerk about shipping cost. So much for the idea of not buying anything because you have limited space.

We made our way to the Trilogy Gallery and went upstairs. Oran has been painting, engraving and carving for years and had plenty of different media on display. His charcoal prints and his pen and inks were my favorite, but his etching were interesting. He even had some multi-color prints made from linoleum blocks. How he registered the colors from block to block is beyond me. He used an old proof press to add dimension to some of this work. All in all a great show.

I hadn't called ahead to talk to Oran, and when I asked if he was around, the manager told me that he was in and out. I left my card and was walking down the stairs when I met Oran and his mother opening the door for us. He looked great, told me he is getting married and planning on moving to Santa Barbara to get a masters. We stood on the sidewalk chatting about tourists and how successful Placerville has been at keeping their downtown healthy.

There were wheelbarrows in front of a lot of the stores. Not regular wheelbarrows, but works of art. They all were different and portrayed a message about Placerville's past. It seems that a young John Studebaker, an employee at a local blacksmith shop, was so successful at making wheelbarrows that he saved enough money to return home to invest in the Studebaker Wagon Company in 1858.

GRAND OPENINGS. This Saturday a group of new businesses are having their grand openings. There are eight, counting the re-opening of Berryessa Gap Vineyards. When was the last time Winters had eight of anything opening? Take a few hours from your busy schedule and walk around our downtown. You might be pleasantly surprised.

There have been a few comments about the way the city is spending money on the downtown, either with public projects, loans to local merchants or flat out gifts of money if building owners are willing to fix up their storefronts. We are spending millions getting a new stop sign that changes color and fixing up the train bridge for pedestrians and bicycles. Ten years from now we will be getting a new Putah Creek Bridge and hopefully a new weir in the creek that will add fishing access and recreation along the creek.

It may seem like a lot of money down the rat hole, when the police and fire departments are struggling to keep up and city budget projections are turning red, but without a viable downtown, you might as well live Nebraska. The reality is that the city has a separate fund for redevelopment and that fund is flush with cash. They can't just transfer the money from one account to another, or you'll be seeing them on 60 Minutes.

When we add a few more homes and get our growth rate established, we won't be having this discussion. We might be arguing about something else, but not about spending money on downtown infrastructure.

Like it or not, tourism has become a big part of Winters, whether it's hosting sporting events or catering to people heading to the lake. We have a lot of restaurants in town and they are here because of tourists. A lot of people who work in Winters serve the tourist industry, like it or not. I like tourists. They come, visit, and leave with their wallets a little lighter.

Winters doesn't change very fast, if at all. If you read about Winters in the 1890s, they built the Buckhorn building to host tourists passing through town. If we can only get a hotel in town, we'd be almost back to the good old days.

Have a good week.

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The Winters Express encourages readers to submit letters of general interest to the Winters community. We will accept letters of thanks naming individuals and local Winters businesses.

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We will also accept letters by e-mail. Our e-mail address is news@wintersexpress.com

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

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



"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

~ Helen Keller

Community

Senior Citizens Club welcomes new members

By MARGE SEBASTIAN
Special to the Express

Are you 50 or older? Are you home during the day and sometimes get bored and have nothing to do? There is a perfect solution.

Come join the Senior Citizens Club. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Community Center and there is always a delicious potluck. Meetings are kept short so the members can enjoy lunch and visiting with each other.

There are times after the potluck when the group plays Bingo at no cost, playing for what are called brown bag prizes. Prizes are in brown bags and the winners don't know what they have won until they open the bag. The prizes are useful gifts and the members always have a lot of fun seeing what they have won.

For the holidays, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day and Easter, there is a special potluck with ap-

propriate entrees, and each member brings a dish to go with that entrée. Also, at the December meeting, Santa makes a special trip from the North Pole to be with the group and he gives everyone a candy cane and they can have their picture taken with him at no cost.

There is no meeting in the months of July, August and September, so the next meeting will be in October. Meetings start at 11:30 a.m., watch for a reminder article the week before the meeting.

Unfortunately, the group has lost many of their members this year due to illness that does not permit them to come anymore and some have been lost due to death. The group will always recognize new members, so think about it this summer and hopefully we will see you in October. If you are unable to bring a dish, no problem, but the group does ask for a small donation. Dues are \$5 a year, payable in January.

Free transit rides offered on “Spare the Air” days

On “Spare the Air” days, anyone can ride Yolo County transit systems for free. YOLOBUS and Unitrans, the two transit systems serving Yolo County, have announced a continued program to help reduce summertime ozone. On days that are declared “Spare the Air Day” by air quality control officials, the public can ride YOLOBUS and Unitrans free of charge through Aug. 31.

The program is intended to get commuters and others traveling within, to or from Yolo County to try transit to reduce air pollution during the summer season when air quality is at its worst. The program is funded by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The grant to YOLOBUS of \$62,290 will cover up to 24 free-ride days over two years and is part of an effort by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the Yolo County Transportation District, and the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District to help the region avoid violating clean-air standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Here is how it works. The air districts in the re-

gion declare a Spare the Air day when air quality index is expected to exceed 127, which typically occurs on hot, windless days according to air district officials. Based on historical data, there could be anywhere from eight to 20 such “Spare the Air” days declared this summer.

Five-day forecasts for ozone are available through www.sparetheair.com and Spare the Air days are determined a day in advance which helps people plan their commute. Residents can also receive personal notification through Air Alert, a free service available by signing up at www.myaialert.net. On declared “Spare the Air” days anyone can ride YOLOBUS and Unitrans for free.

“We encourage drivers to leave their cars at home and try transit, especially on “Spare the Air” days. There's no better time than when gas prices are high, air quality is impacted and it's free,” said Christopher Cabaldon, chair of the Yolo County Transportation District. “Leaving your car at home can make a significant positive impact on the environment.”

About 70 percent of the Sacramento region's air pollution is caused by emissions from internal combustion engines, so the fewer miles vehicles are driven, especially in the summer, the less polluted air people will need to contend with. It's that simple. Over the last two years, Sacramento region drivers reduced 1.8 tons of ozone precursors per Spare The Air day by delaying trips, working at home, carpooling, using transit, biking and walking.

YOLOBUS serves Woodland, West Sacramento, Davis, UC Davis, Winters, Sacramento International Airport, downtown Sacramento, Madison, Esparto, Capay, Cache Creek Resort and Casino, Dunnigan, Yolo and Knights Landing. The program applies to both YOLOBUS fixed route buses and

YOLOBUS smaller buses that serve the disabled. The YOLOBUS fare each way is normally \$1.50 on non-express buses and \$2 each way on express buses. Unitrans, which serves the city of Davis and UC Davis, has been offering free fares on summer Spare-the-Air days since 2001.

All large buses operated by YOLOBUS throughout the year and Unitrans during the summer run on clean-burning compressed natural gas (CNG). Combined, YOLOBUS and Unitrans provide some 4,000 miles of service each weekday, so there will be lots of service that the public can ride for free on “Spare the Air” days.

Bus schedules are available by contacting YOLOBUS, 666-2877 or www.yolobus.com, or UNITRANS, 752-2877 or www.Unitrans.com.

Meals, activities offered for seniors at Elderly Nutrition Program

Seniors: are you tired of cooking and/or eating by yourself? Not eating healthy or only snacking throughout the day? Are you interested in meeting new people or trying a new activity?

We've got the answer for you! Come join the folks at the Elderly Nutrition Pro-

gram who offer a well balanced, hot, complete lunchtime meal each weekday at 11:45 a.m. at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Ave. There is a varied menu available for review to meet many tastes and health requirements. Sample menu: roast pork,

sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, butterscotch pudding and milk.

Come every day or only certain days. Activities such as Bingo and crafts/sewing are available after meals on certain days.

Come visit or make a

reservation a day in advance with our Site Manager, Sherry Del Toro by calling 795-4241.

For a suggested donation of \$2.50 a meal, you can get out of the house, avoid cooking a full meal, socialize with new friends and stay healthy.

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CREEK

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bly sell several estate properties for a million dollars each, it was important to keep it in agricultural production as well as having the educational program. That's why we decided to pursue an agricultural conservation easement."

Both the state and federal government contributed \$425,000 toward the purchase of the easement.

The state money came from the California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP). Administered by the Department of Conservation's Division of Land Resource Protection, the CFCP is designed to ensure that the state's most valuable farmland will not be developed. Through the program, local governments and non-profit organizations can receive grants to purchase development rights from willing landowners, thus creating permanent conservation easements.

To date, the CFCP has provided more than \$40 million in grant funding for more than 90 agricultural easements comprising over 26,000 acres of productive farmland.

The federal funding came from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP). The FRPP provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and ranchland in agriculture. Working through existing programs, NRCS partners

with state, tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations to acquire conservation easements or other interests in land from landowners. NRCS provides up to 50 percent of the fair market easement value of the conservation easement.

"Protecting agricultural land by helping landowners stop the conversion of land to non-agricultural uses helps keep the landscape healthy, wildlife habitat available, and our economy viable," said Ed Burton, Acting NRCS State Conservationist in California. "The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program helps safeguard prime farmland, protecting our ability to produce food and fiber."

Founded in 1986, the non-profit Solano Land Trust (www.solanolandtrust.org) seeks to preserve and protect farmlands and open spaces throughout Solano County. From its Fairfield office, the SLT owns more than 10,300 acres of farmlands, ranchlands, wetlands, and open spaces with a value in excess of \$15.4 million. Almost all of these lands are in agricultural production. The trust also holds easements on eleven properties totaling 5,000 acres and valued in excess of \$5.8 million.

"Solano Land Trust's mission includes protection of both agricultural lands and natural resources such as wetlands, so we are particularly pleased to create a conservation easement that protects both prime farmland and a significant riparian corridor, Putah

Creek," Solano Land Trust President Sean Quinn said. "This agricultural conservation easement is also a logical extension of the sustainable farming practices that Craig and Julie McNamara have promoted for years on their farm through the Center for Land-Based Learning. Craig is a remarkable leader in the agricultural community and we're proud to work with him on this project."

California's agricultural production totaled nearly \$33 billion in 2003, by far the most in the nation. However, land is being urbanized throughout the state at an ever-increasing rate. According to the most recent Farmland Conversion Report, 91,000 acres — 27 percent of it irrigated farmland — were urbanized between 1998 and 2000.

"Through our grants program, we're helping the state balance the needs of a growing population with those of the traditional agricultural economy," said Chuck Tyson, who manages the California Farmland Conservancy Program.

CFCP funds remain for new grant proposals. Landowners and trusts are encouraged to contact the Department of Conservation/Division of Land Resource Protection for information on the program and potential grant funding. The division's Web address is www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp.

DOC also offers programs — the Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zones — that provide financial incentives to keep land in agricultural use for periods of 10 and 20 years.

Yolo Hospice seeks Winters volunteers

Yolo Hospice is sponsoring a training program for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer. Volunteers from the Winters area are needed. The four-day training will be held in Davis on Fridays and Saturdays, July 8, 9, 15 and 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hospice patient care volunteers spend an average of four hours per week

Course features international cooking

International House-Davis (I-House) is offering international cooking classes in August, every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The price is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. There will be demonstrations, and hands-on when possible. Lunch is included. Written recipes will be provided. The course schedule is as follows:

~ Aug. 2, Chef Casey Dow of Tucos Wine Market et Café, Italian cooking, gnocchi and pesto.

~ Aug. 9, Marlene Bloomberg, French cooking, Oeufs brouilles, omelette l'oseille, salade verte, Cripes dentelle.

~ Aug. 16, Marlene Haneshe, American cooking, "An American Lunch."

~ Aug. 23, Swedish Monitor Lodge of Sacramento, Scandinavian cooking, rye bread and coffee braids.

~ Aug. 30, Mary Philip, Indian cooking, mung bean soup, chicken curry, rice, spiced potatoes, and a vegetable dish.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call I-House, 753-5007.

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providing companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their families. Yolo Hospice serves families in Yolo County and surrounding areas.

The training cost is \$35. Advance registration is required as space is limited.

To register, or for more information, call Margaret Grayden, Volunteer

Services Manager for Yolo Hospice, 758-5566, or go online to www.yolohospice.org to download a registration form.

Yolo Hospice is a member of the Sacramento Hospice Consortium, a group of nonprofit hospice organizations that sponsor trainings throughout the year in the greater Sacramento area.

SEATS

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in Winters city limits. However, voters are not limited by area and will vote on all candidates.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for school board, you can file your candidacy with the Yolo County Elections Office in Woodland between July 18 and Aug. 12. You must appear in person at the elections office to handle the paperwork.

Key responsibilities as a school board member include providing community leadership in establishing goals and setting direction and basic organizational structure for the district, evaluating and updating policies, adopting curriculum, adopting a fiscally sound budget, keeping the schools safe and conducive to a good educational environment, evaluating the district superintendent, approving bargaining agreements

with the district's three employee organizations, and being an advocate for public education. Maintaining these responsibilities usually involves two public board meetings a month (one in July), special board meetings as needed to deal with student and personnel issues, a variety of committee assignments, and attendance at various educational and community meetings.

In return for their service, board members receive \$240 a month if they attend both public meetings (half of that amount if they only attend one meeting, nothing if they attend neither public meeting) during the month. Trustees also may participate in the benefits program provided to district employees, but they must pay the full cost of premiums.

Successful candidates will take office on Dec. 2.

ARTIST

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Robert Crumb or even that he played the musical saw in the opening and closing credits of the 1975 film "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

"Kids have their own things they like, it's hard to turn them on to the old stuff that they probably don't have any contact with," Armstrong said.

True enough.

But when Armstrong holds up pictures of Popeye or Betty Boop characters who haven't seen new celluloid in decades the kids don't miss a beat before calling out their names. So maybe it's not completely hopeless.

Armstrong, a Winters resident, has been teaching cartooning since 1976, likes to give his students a lot of time to draw and find their own inspiration. But while he's demonstrating the day's lesson, he drops in dribs and drabs of cartooning history while drawing.

During a session on facial expressions, for example, Armstrong sketched a face with a stretched scream and bulging eyes. While he drew, he talked about Graham Engles, a 1950s artist who penned some of the best frightened faces.

The Comics Code Authority, with a list of regulations longer than Mr. Fantastic's stretchy arm put an end to the era's horror comics, he explained to the class.

"I'm just in love with American culture and history and sometimes I can't contain my enthusiasm and I want to share it," Armstrong said.

Cartooning classes span six weeks and in that time, Armstrong teaches the basics — proportion, expression, movement — and then oversees as students create an eight-panel page of their own.

"The cartoon class is really a stealthy way for me to teach the nuts and bolts of drawing," he said.

Armstrong collects the pages, collates them and turns them into a class comic book.

"I go to a copy shop and make a book for the kids, kind of a class anthology," he said. "I just want to show them how simple it is just to knock something together."

During a recent Dixon class, he mentions offhandedly that a friend of his (Robert Crumb) used to make comic books with his brother and sell them door to door out of a wagon.

"The kids kind of go, 'Oh hey, that's a cool idea,'" Armstrong said.

Most students fill their first panel with a title, such as "The Chemical," "The Magic Box" and "The Wrong Choice." None of the characters are especially superhero-like, except perhaps Hannah Cunningham's invisible character, depicted by glasses, tie, hat, boots, gloves and the inside of a mouth, visible when the character talks.

Miles Mistler's "The

Wrong Choice" starts by introducing a group of friends. The second panel says, "Robert was the only non-weird one. And he was suspicious..."

Who could resist reading on?

"It really combines writing skill and composition," Armstrong said of cartooning. "They get to invent their own scenarios, their own world, their own reality. Which is better than watching someone else's imagination on television.

"I'm competing with video games, TV shows. Anything they can do on their own, just to get them started, build a fire under them and hope that they can continue doing it."

Armstrong's daughter, Claire Armstrong, who wasn't interested in learning the fine points of drawing, fell in love with computer animation after visiting PDI, a Palo Alto computer animation studio that worked on the "Shrek" and "Antz" films. Now she's studying to do similar work.

But, again, Armstrong doesn't ramble on about how he's influencing younger generations. Instead, he talks about how they've helped him.

"I love getting these kids who take my class because they just love to draw," he said. "It's really gratifying. I think that's why I've stayed with the teaching thing."



Support group offered for caregivers

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.

The Kinship Caregiver Support Group is offered every Thursday from 9-10:30 a.m. at YFSA's office at 455 First Street in Woodland. Pre-registration is not required. Interested caregivers may drop in at their convenience.

The group is led by Edie Dornbush, MFTI. For more information about the Kinship Caregiver Support Group, contact Dornbush, 662-2211 extension 33.

The Kinship Caregiver Support Group focuses on the challenges incurred by grandparents and other family caregivers raising children. Topics include emotional support, shared experiences, parenting education, and referrals to other social services and legal resources.

Winters Senior Citizens Club news: June

By MARGE SEBASTIAN
Special to the Express

The June meeting/potluck was held on Wednesday, June 8, at 11:30 in the Community Center.

The group wants to thank all of those who brought food. There were a wide variety of dishes and everything was just great, including desserts. Thanks to Ursula Navarro, who made lapel

pins for everyone and to Lillie Branscum and Sheri Del Toro for their donation for the drawing gifts.

Joe Mazzola received a gift for being the oldest father present at 92. Fred Ransdell was the youngest father and also the father with the most children.

Just a reminder to everyone that there will be no meeting/potluck for the months of July,

August and September. Watch for an article in October to see when the next meeting will be held. The group wishes its members a happy and fun summer.

We also want to thank the Winters Express for printing the Senior Citizens Club news articles every month, to remind members of our meeting dates. It has been very helpful.

Alcoholic Anonymous meets weekly

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



Entertainment

Music Circus announces 2005 season

California Musical Theatre announced its summer line-up of shows for its 2005 Music Circus season. This season marks the 55th season of musicals at Music Circus and the third in the Wells Fargo Pavilion.

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" opens the season July 5-17 and will be offered at half-price for children under 12 years old. This is the Music Circus premiere of the Disney classic featuring such songs as "Belle," "Be Our Guest" and "Gaston."

Next will be "West Side Story," July 19-24. Conceived by Jerome Robbins with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, this musical adaptation of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" is a story of two rival street gangs in New York and young, explosive and forbidden love.

Ever Since its Music Circus premiere in 1998 the George and Ira Gershwin hit "Crazy For You" has become one of the most requested productions from Sacramento audiences. It now returns July 26-31 with unforgettable hits like "Someone to Watch Over Me," "I Got Rhythm" and "Embraceable You."

Another Music Circus premiere makes its way to the round stage when "Once on the Island" comes Aug. 2-7. Nominated for eight Tony Awards in 1991, this musical is a joyous and bittersweet Broadway folk tale by "Ragtime" songwriters Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

From Aug. 9-14, the Kander and Ebb classic "Cabaret" takes us back to Berlin in 1930. With well-known songs "Wilkommen," "Money" and "Cabaret," this show is a wry look at a world on the edge of chaos.

"Grease" returns to Music Circus for the first time in 12 years Aug. 16-21, as the students of Rydell High show why the stage show launched the most successful movie musical ever. Includes the hits "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightnin'," "Beauty School Dropout" and "We Go Together."

"The King and I" closes the 2005 summer season Aug. 23-28. One of the most popular shows in Music Circus history, the Rodgers and Hammerstein favorite returns for the 12th time.

Season tickets are can be purchased at the Wells Fargo Pavilion box office at 1419 H Street or by calling (916) 557-1999. Subscriptions for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings and Saturday matinees are \$264. Thursday matinees are priced at \$197 and Friday and Saturday evenings \$281. Three-show Mini-Series will go on sale on Monday, April 18, and single tickets will go on sale Monday, May 16.

Things to do

July 22-Aug. 6: The Barnyard Theatre, located at 35125 County Road 31, presents "The Sterling Affair." A murder mystery in a glamorous 1930s nightclub, this original musical provides a new spin on the film noir genre. Tickets are \$7-\$10 pre-sale; \$10-\$13 at the door and may be purchased by calling 756-7464.

July 23-24: The largest cactus and succulent show in Northern California at the San Francisco County Fair Building, at 9th and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sweet summer sounds



Courtesy photo

The Loose Acoustic Trio will play a free outdoor concert at the Rotary Park gazebo in Winters on Thursday, July 7, at 7 p.m. The Trio, based in Sacramento, combines the musical talents of Ken Cooper (six-string banjo, mandolin), Richie Lawrence (accordion), and Kenny Rabirot (stand-up bass). Their sound mixes folk, blues, old time country, and Cajun to create a good time gumbo that's guaranteed to make you smile. The concert is sponsored by Winters Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be for sale and all proceeds benefit the library. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. The park is located on Main Street just east of Railroad Avenue. For more information, call 795-3173.

'Nunsense' to open at Woodland Opera House

The Woodland Opera House Theatre Company presents the comedy musical "Nunsense" on July 15-31. The Little Sisters of Hoboken need fast cash. Due to an unfortunate culinary error, four sisters are stashed in the freezer awaiting burial. So, they produce a show for the Parish school stage (outfitted for the 8th grade production of "Grease"). Although show business isn't among the convent's usual pursuits, hidden talents surface, making this a hilarious evening of entertainment and bad "nun puns".

Playwright Dan Goggin, a Michigan native, based

the musical on his own greeting card concept that poked fun at nuns. A cabaret version of "Nunsense" debuted in 1983, followed by an off-Broadway opening in 1985. An audience favorite, the musical has been performed thousands of times worldwide, and has spawned a website and licensed products sought by devoted fans.

"Nunsense" features veteran WOH performers Nancy Agee ("Quilters", "Ragtime"), Kelly Daniells ("Cinderella", "Quilters"), Elizabeth Nilsen ("Ragtime", "Eleanor") Jinn Schroeder ("Footloose", "Annie")

and newcomer Robin Hushbeck. Jeff Kean ("Ragtime", "Eleanor") directs and Pamela K. Lourentzos ("A Chorus Line", "My Fair Lady", "The King and I") choreographs.

The show performs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 adults, \$14 seniors and \$8 for ages 17 and under.

Call 666-9617 or visit the box office at 340 Second Street to purchase tickets. Go to www.wohtheatre.org for more information regarding "Nunsense" or the Woodland Opera House.

Gallery to host Chamber mixer

July's Chamber mixer will be hosted by the Winters Participation Gallery at 31 Main Street. The gallery opens its annual Potpourri Show on Saturday, July 9, so the mixer on Monday, July 11, from 5:30-7 offers an early opportunity

to see the works of many talented artists. The gallery has undergone extensive freshening up, including new paint, carpeting and lighting fixtures. Everyone is welcome to attend Chamber mixers.



Coming up

Friday, July 8, The Websters
Saturday, July 9, Billy C. Farlow and Rich Kirch Band
Thursday, July 14, Karan Casey
Friday July 15, Dan Hicks & the Hot Licks

Planning a community event? The Express can help non-profit organizations with publicity.
Call 795-4551 for more information

Sports

Gamblers clinch league title

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Tri-County Gamblers clinched the North Bay Joe DiMaggio Summer League baseball championship by beating the Will C. Wood II team on Wednesday, June 23, then swept Vanden in a three game series over the weekend. The Gamblers improved their league record to 15-0 as they start to prepare for the playoffs. Against the Wood II team, Nathanael Lucero got the win on the mound for the Gamblers and had plenty of help from the offensive side as the Gamblers beat the Wildcats 14-4.

Scott Thur led the Gamblers at the plate batting 3 for 4 with a homerun and three RBI. Kannon Smith batted 2 for 3 with a double, while Lucero and Nick Hedrick both went 2 for 4 with a RBI. Alex Thomson, Jared Enos, Norm Halley and Joe Fleming each had one hit for the Gamblers.

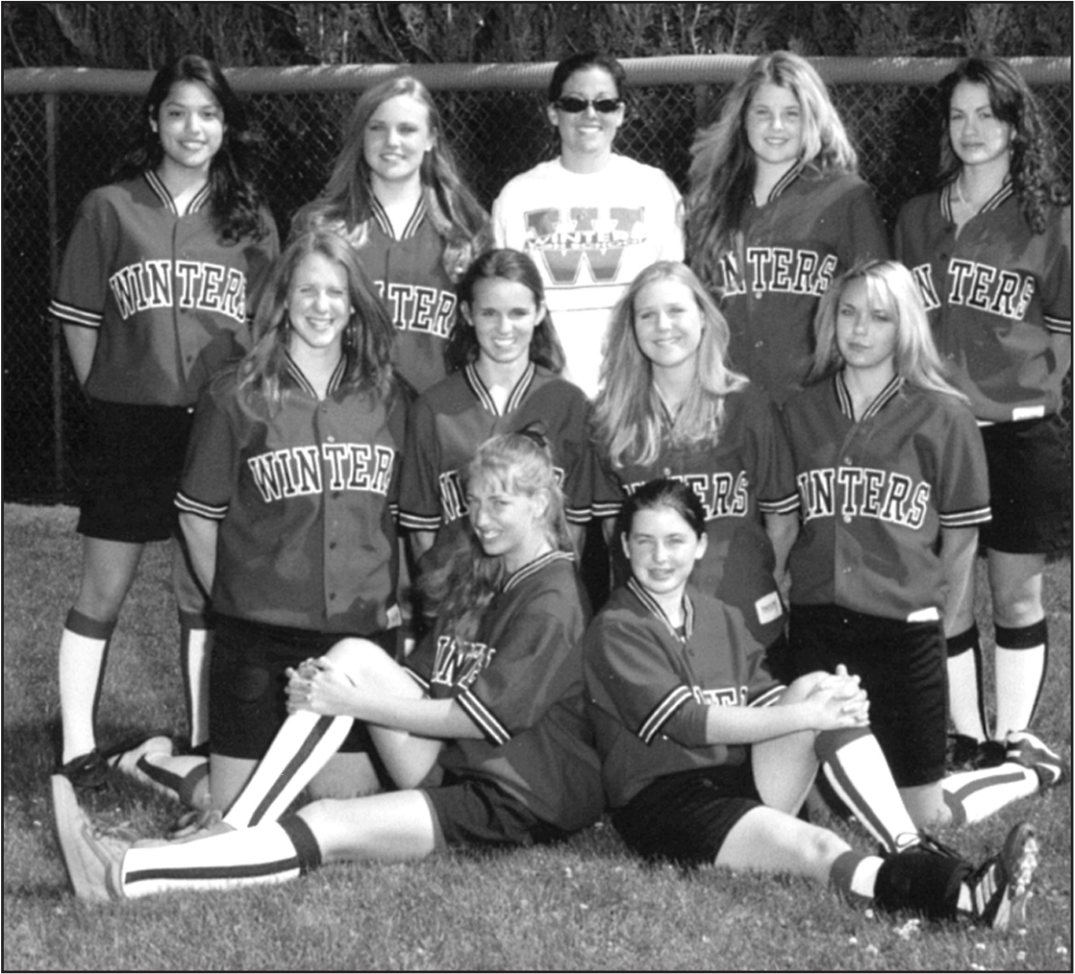
On Saturday, June 25, the Gamblers beat the Vanden Vikings in a double header with Enos getting the win for the Gamblers in game one as he struck out six batters and allowed just five hits in a complete game. The Gamblers beat the Vikings 8-0. Enos helped himself out at the plate as he batted 4 for 4 with two RBI. Karl Olsen batted 2 for 3 with a double, while Smith had a hit and three RBI. Thomson, Thur, Michael Gleason, Halley and Kevin Lohse each had one hit for the Gamblers as they scored five runs in the fifth inning to put the game away.

In game two on Saturday, the Gamblers beat Vanden 3-0 making it their 70th straight inning without an opponent scoring against them on there home field. Gleason was one out away from throwing a no-hitter as the Vikings were able to put one in play with two outs in the seventh inning. Gleason ended up striking out 11 batters in a complete game. The Gamblers only had two hits of their own but got a big one from Thur as he hit his second homerun of the week and had two RBI. Lohse had the Gamblers only other hit.

On Sunday, the Gamblers traveled to Vanden for game three and came home with a 10-4 victory over the Vikings. Thur threw six and a third innings for the Gamblers to pick up another win and caused most of the damage at the plate as well. Thur batted 3 for 3, hit his third homerun of the week, hit a triple and had three RBI. Lucero and Enos both had two hits, while Olsen,

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JV girls win awards



Courtesy photo

At the annual softball banquet held at the Creekside Country Club on Sunday, May 22, Kelsey Fox was named the Best Defensive Player of the year. Kayla Hartwell was named the Best Offensive Player of the year and Noelle Mandolfo was given the Sportsmanship award. The 2005 Winters High School JV softball team included, from left, (back) Melissa Arellano, Lindsey Mayhew-Hughes, coach Melissa Romero, Savanna Waldron and Noelle Mandolfo; (middle) Megan Colagrossi, Kelsey Fox, Kayla Hartwell and Tiffany Walker; (front) Mattielyn Long and Jessica Fowles. (Not pictured, Ashley Kraintz.)

Last Jr. Warrior signup planned

The Winters Jr. Warriors will hold their last football signups for the 2005 season at Cody's Deli on Saturday, July 9, from 12-4 p.m. The registration fee is \$190.

The first day of practice will be July 25 at Winters Middle School at 4:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to help make decisions about the

football or cheerleading programs is invited to join the Winters Junior Warrior board. The board meets at Cody's Deli every 2nd Thursday after the second Monday of each month.

For more information about signups, call Jackie Monnin, 795-1020, Susan Watkins, 787-3526.

Crisis lines need volunteers

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

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

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Campos, Jurado lead Aces with bats

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Tri-County Baseball teams finally met up on Tuesday, June 28, in Wilows with the Gamblers getting the win 14-3 over the Aces. The Gamblers had 10 hits in the game. Willow's Michael Gleason led the Gamblers with two home runs, a double and drove in three runs. Alex Thomson went 3 for 4, while Jared Enos, Norm Halley, Kannon Smith and Sebastian Salas had one hit each. Smith's hit was a double with two RBI. Salas also had two RBI.

The Aces Cody Campos had a double and two RBI, while Alex Jurado and Alex Galvan had one hit each. The Gamblers pitched Nathanael Lucero, Halley and Salas for a combined three hits.

The Aces continued their busy schedule playing three games against Vacaville Wood over the weekend. On Saturday, June 25, the Aces defeated Wood 9-7. Matt Roak led the Aces going 3 for 5 at the plate with a triple. Galvan and Thomas Fleming had some solid hitting as they went 2 for 5 with doubles. Campos went 3 for 4, Hunter Stillwell had a triple and Kaplan Smith had a hit. Jurado got the win on the mound for the Aces.

The Aces scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to pull out a 12-11 victory in game two. Roak led all hitters batting 4 for 4 with two double

and a triple. Stillwell and Campos both had two hits and two doubles, while Jurado, Jorge Huizar, Galvan, Alex Huizar and Smith all had one hit apiece.

On Sunday, June 26, the Aces lost a close 6-8 ball game to Wood. Campos and Jurado both had two hits, while Roak, Fleming, Jorge Huizar and Smith each had one hit for the Aces.

On the previous Wednesday, on June 22, the Aces lost a close one to Vanden with a score of 6-8. Jorge Huizar led the Aces at the plate batting 4 for 5. Jurado had three hits. Roak had two hits, while Fleming, Stillwell, Smith and Galvan all had one.

On Saturday, June 18, the Aces played a double header against Middletown. The Aces fell 3-4 in game one. Fleming led the Aces with three RBI. Iain Mistrot, Roak, Stillwell, Galvan and Brock Neil each had one hit for the Aces.

In game two the Aces lost another close one as they were defeated 8-9. At the plate Mistrot led the Aces with three hits. Stillwell had two hits with a double and two RBI. Galvan had a triple, while Roak, Campos, Smith and Neil each had one hit.

On Sunday, June 19, the Aces lost 4-7 to Middletown with Jurado getting Tri-Counties only two hits. The Aces then played a game against Wood and lost 3-13. Campos and Jurado had two hits, while Fleming and Roak each had one.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

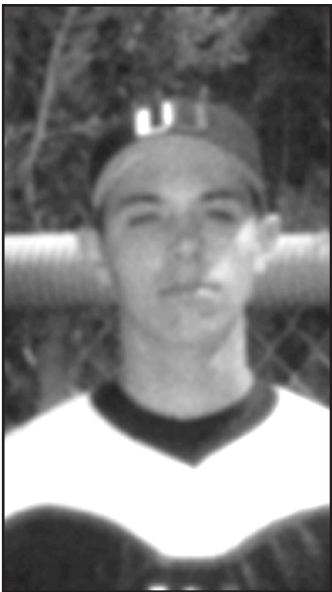
Alex Jurado

Alex Jurado of the Tri-County Aces is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week.

In the last week and a half, the Aces played six games in which

Jurado picked up 12 hits.

Jurado also threw a complete game for a 9-7 victory over the Vacaville Will C. Wood team.



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Commission changes name

By JUDITH BRUNO
Special to the Express

“First 5 Yolo” is now the official name for the Yolo County Children and Families Commission (YCCFC). The new name signifies the importance of the first five years of life, the period of time during which a child’s brain develops most dramatically. First 5 Yolo will serve as an easily identifiable name for all the programs and services implemented by YCCFC under Proposition 10, the 50-cents-per-pack cigarette tax adopted by voters in 1998.

“Experiences children have in their early years profoundly affect the way they grow and develop, and also establish a foundation for future performance in school and life,” said Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thompson, Commission chair. “The name First 5 Yolo emphasizes our purpose; funding programs to help give parents and caregivers the necessary tools to provide positive experiences during children’s first five years that will meaningfully impact them for a lifetime.”

The First 5 Yolo name and updated logo will be used in all future Commission efforts.

Some of the many services supported by First 5 Yolo include home visitation programs, which use trained staff to provide parenting support for families in the comfort of their own homes; a mobile outreach program that promotes early literacy and links families to local services and resources; a childcare provider quality enhancement program; and a universal health care program to give families with children ages 0-5 access to comprehensive, high quality health services. Community and childcare mini-grants also are awarded to smaller programs and businesses engaged in services benefiting younger children.

“By adopting the First 5 name, we identify with other counties commissions and the State commission in the continuing commitment of creating an integrated approach to supporting early childhood development,” said Julie Gallelo, executive director of First 5 Yolo. “We are here to assist our community in raising children who are healthy and ready to learn.”

In November 1998, California voters passed a statewide ballot initiative to add a 50-cent-per-pack tax on cigarettes. The funds collected are utilized to fund education, health and childcare programs that promote early childhood development from prenatal to age 5.

For more information about First 5 Yolo, go online to www.yolochildren.org.

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Gleason and Halley each had one hit apiece.

The Gamblers scored most of the runs off aggressive base running with second string coach Phil Thomson filling in for John Saragosa as the third base coach. Thomson sent runners every chance he had and made the Vikings make plays.

Red Cross offers safety tips for cyclists

The weather is great for bike riding, but the American Red Cross encourages everyone to follow some simple rules for bike safety to help maintain a safer environment for family and friends.

When riding on a bike, adults and children should wear a helmet at all times. There are many injuries that may be prevented just by wearing a bike helmet and following these tips:

~ Be sure that helmets

meet standards. Look for a label or a sticker on the box or inside the helmet indicating that it meets the standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

~ Know how to fit a helmet. Always wear a correctly fitting helmet when riding.

~ Wear closed shoes when riding a bike.

~ Make sure your bike and your child’s bike have good brakes, a front light and effective reflecting material.

~ Ride only in safe areas and at safe times.

~ Make sure bikes are the correct size for the rider.

~ Learn about bicycle etiquette, laws, and safe riding practices and teach your children about them.

Please contact the American Red Cross of Yolo County at 662-4669 for further information. The American Red Cross encourages everyone to be educated in CPR and first aid classes.

Alcohol, crowding contribute to boating accidents

Officials from the Department of Boating and Waterways say there are many dangers to consider while boating.

“Crowded waterways and alcohol are two important contributing factors in holiday boating accidents,” said department director Chuck Raysbrook. “When everyone around you is in a holiday frame of mind, maintaining a proper lookout is absolutely essential.”

Many of those accidents will occur between 2-4 p.m. These are the hours when fatigue, combined with marine stressors such as wind, engine vibration, wave action, noise, sunlight, temperature and glare, have the greatest effect on boaters. Add alcohol to the mix and conditions become even more dangerous.

Accident program analyst Amy Rigby says alcohol can affect the ability to detect the relative motion of other boats. Perhaps surprisingly, it can also either heighten or reduce the ability to concentrate.

“The more you drink, the more it disrupts your concentration,” said Rigby. “But recent studies have found that when you’re mildly intoxicated, your ability to concentrate can actually be enhanced, so that, for example, you focus on a boat

ahead of you, and fail to see the one coming from the side.”

Designating a sober operator may not be enough. “We’ve seen cases where a passenger fell overboard and was too intoxicated for self-rescue,” says Rigby, and the other boat passengers weren’t sober enough to help the victim in time.”

If the weather is warm, the beaches will be crowded, too. Parents should keep a watchful eye on children playing in or around the water.

“We advise parents to put life jackets on little ones when they’re wading as an added safety measure,” said Rigby.

California’s rivers and lakes have rocky bottoms and sudden drop-offs, a combination that has led to children drowning in as little as four feet of water.

“You can be wading, walking on slippery rocks, and suddenly the river or lake bottom gets deeper,” says Ripley. “You slip off a rock into water over your head, and your foot is caught between two rocks.”

River currents are another danger. Rigby says that people tend to panic when they are caught in a current.

“The thing to do is to float with the current on your back, feet-first, to fend off ob-

stacles, until the current weakens and you can swim to shore,” she advised.

When boating, children under the age of seven must wear their life jackets when aboard a boat 26 feet long or smaller, when the vessel is underway.

Cal Boating accident studies show another scenario which presents danger to children. An adult intending to give a ride to a young child on a personal watercraft (commonly known as a “jet ski”) puts the child on the craft first. The child grasps the handlebars, where the throttle is located, causing it to accelerate. Before the adult can mount the craft, it takes off with the child on board.

“We’ve seen cases where children were seriously injured because of this, so we recommend that young children not be given rides on these crafts,” said Rigby.

Operator inexperience is one of the leading causes of boating accidents. Rigby recommends that anyone operating a boat for the first time take the time to become familiar with its operation.

Operator inattention is another leading accident cause.

“People forget to look where they’re going, and heavy boat traffic only makes the situation worse,” said Rigby.

Oil disposal available in town

Winters residents may dispose of motor oil, providing it is not “polluted” with other liquids such as anti-freeze or other chemical-bearing substances,

at Pisani’s Service on Mondays-Fridays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sundays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

To dispose of oil, ask a

Pisani’s employee to unlock the disposal tank. There is no limit on the amount that may be disposed.

Oil filters may also be discarded at Pisani’s. Filters must have been drained for 24 hours before disposal.

Pisani’s Service is located at the corner of Railroad and Grant Avenue.

Schools & Youth



DALE MITCHELL, Ed.D

EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

While there is certainly not the same level of activity and intensity as during the regular school year when all students and staff are present, summer is also a busy time for the school district. Most of the activity occurs in three primary areas: recruiting and selecting new employees, cleaning and improving facilities, and closing and opening budgets.

There has been more personnel activity than usual this summer. We have had three administrators promoted to new positions in other districts. We have teachers who are either changing careers or seeking employment elsewhere due to personal interests. Additionally, expenditure reductions that impact the number of employees, their work day, or work year continue to occur. Adding to these factors is our expectation that employees will perform at an “A” or “B” level if they are to continue to work in our district. Our students deserve nothing less than this level of performance and support.

Summer time is a busy time for facilities. Two major projects that highlight our activities include modernization at Winters Middle School and an expanded kitchen at Waggoner Elementary School. Once complete, WMS modernization will result in the two main buildings having a new roof, new carpeting, and upgraded walls. The library is being relocated within the administrative building and expanded in size so that it more effectively supports student learning. The expanded and remodeled kitchen at Waggoner means that we will be able to improve our food preparation capabilities and service to students.

Other facilities activities this summer include the installation of a fence along Hemenway adjacent to the high school baseball field, completion of the landscaping at the WHS parking lot, improvements in the landscaping at Waggoner, development of a plan for the creation of two new softball fields at Rominger Intermediate School, and thoroughly cleaning all of our classrooms and office space.

Business Services is very busy during the summer. Activities include closing the books for the fiscal year that ends June 30th, ensuring that budgeting accounts are established and being properly used for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, adjusting payroll to accommodate new and departing employees, and supporting the acquisition of supplies and equipment in time for the opening of school in August.

Staff at our schools and the district are busy implementing a variety of activities to help make the 2005-2006 school year a successful one. As you can see, summer provides us with valuable time to accomplish many important activities.

Fireworks and fun



Photo by Debra LoGuercio

Ireland Kelly (left) and her dad, Tim, celebrated the Fourth of July holiday by lighting some sparklers. The celebration culminated with the annual fireworks display at the high school.

Crocker offers free public hours every Sunday

The Crocker Art Museum doors are open and admission is free to the public every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Regular admission is \$6 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 students, and free to ages 6 and under. Public hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays-Sundays, and Thursdays until 9 p.m.

Spanning from the 15th century to contemporary periods, the Crocker's collection includes works from Europe, North America and Asia. In addition, the Crocker offers special exhibitions, programs and events.

For more information about exhibitions and events call (916) 264-5423 or visit their website at www.crockerartmuseum.org

Many animals need homes

The Yolo County Animal Shelter seeks homes for an over abundance of dogs, cats, kittens and rabbits. Many are already spayed or neutered and ready to go home today.

If you have been considering adding a “fur person” to your family, make a difference in the life of a homeless pet at the Yolo County Animal Services Shelter, located at 2640 East Gibson Road in Woodland. The shelter is open Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed for lunch from 1-2 p.m. daily.

Shelter adoption policies require that you:

~ Must be at least 18

years of age or accompanied by your parent(s) in order to take home a pet;

~ If you rent your home you must have prior permission from your landlord and the name and phone number of landlord or rental agreement indicating permission for a pet or a letter on letterhead from the landlord.

~ If you have children, bring them to meet the potential pet at the shelter before you take her/him home for the first time.

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Saint James School looking for alumni, parents

Saint James School in Davis will host its 40th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Oct. 9, at the school campus, 1215 B Street. The school is

looking for former students and their parents who live in Winters.

Call the school at 753-1827 or email sjdavisalumni@aol.com with names

and addresses.

Event organizers are seeking students who attended the school in the 1960s, 1970s and early 1980s.

Davis High School Class of 1985 plans 20 year reunion

The Davis High School Class of 1985 will hold its 20 year reunion on Friday, Aug. 12, through Saturday, Aug. 13, nearby Davis. On Friday, there will be a social mixer at The Graduate Bar and Grill, 825 Russell Boulevard in Davis, from 8-10 p.m. On Saturday, a picnic will be held at Davis Central Park, 401 C Street in Davis from 10 a.m. to noon. Admission to these events is free.

The main event includes dinner, a formal presentation and a social mixer on Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Cantina Del Cabo Restaurant and Grill at 139 G Street in Davis. Admission charge for this event is \$45 per person and \$80 per couple.

Send payment for tickets to Karen Mattis, 1500 Shasta Drive, Davis, CA 95616-6666. For more information and also to view the missing graduate list (and to provide leads as to the whereabouts of missing graduates) log on to the following websites: <http://www.classreport.com> and <http://www.classmates.com> (free online group registration required to access). The reunion committee can also be contacted directly via e-mail at dhsclassof85@comcast.net for event inquiries.

Features

Fiber can fix constipation

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have terrible constipation. I eat eight to 10 prunes daily, and they help. But if I miss a day, I am constipated again. I don't eat breakfast. For lunch, it's toast with jam. Dinner is soup with crackers or meat with potatoes and a vegetable, and then a dish of yogurt. I snack on crackers. Any help you can give will be appreciated. — J.M.

ANSWER: Your diet has very little fiber, and fiber is often the answer to constipation. Fiber is the indigestible part of food. It holds water in undigested food as it passes through the intestines. That keeps the food residue bulky and moist and easy to evacuate.

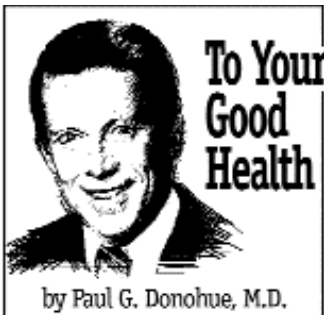
People should get around 25 grams of fiber a day. I'll give you the fiber content of some foods, and you can start including them in your diet as you slowly make your way to the 25-gram goal. An apple, a pear, a baked potato with skin, half a cup of cooked green peas, half a cup of cooked baked beans and a cup of cooked brown rice have 4 grams of fiber each. Half a cup of cooked brussels sprouts has 2; a cup of strawberries has 3; half a cup of cooked pinto beans has 7.

Don't skip breakfast. Eat a high-fiber cereal. Some have as much as 14 grams of fiber in half a cup. You can get half your daily requirement right there.

You can always add bran to any food. You can buy bran in health-food stores. One tablespoon has 1.6 grams of fiber. It's tasteless, so it won't affect the taste of any food you sprinkle it on. And stick with your prunes. Three prunes have about 2 grams of fiber; and, in addition, they contain a substance that has a laxative effect. You can eat them every day.

Increase your fluid intake when you increase fiber intake.

Not everyone agrees



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

about fiber's value.

The booklet on constipation and laxatives provides more information on this subject. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 504W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I eat a banana every other day. The amount of potassium in it stops me from having leg cramps. I just started the Atkins Diet, and bananas are too high in carbohydrates for me to eat now. How many milligrams of potassium must I consume in a supplement to equal the amount in a banana? — R.H.

ANSWER: One medium banana has 450 mg of potassium. That's really not a whole lot of potassium. New guidelines tell us to eat 4,700 mg of potassium every day.

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. Readers may also order health newsletters online from www.rbmamall.com.

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Will Downing Street Memo be Iraq tipping point?

If you listen carefully, we are getting a lot of "mixed signals" about our war in Iraq. First there was the reason for going to war with Saddam Hussein. Remember Colin Powell's famous United Nations address where he told the world about weapons of mass destruction and those mobile trailers that could be erected anywhere. More famously, no WMDs have ever been found since the day that US forces stepped onto Iraqi soil.

Simple mistake, perhaps? Or at least faulty intelligence, and George Tenet, head of the CIA, has politely stepped down in the interim. But things now seem a little more insidious that just misreading intelligence reports. We now have the Downing Street Memo published by the Sunday Times of London — a memo dated 23 July 2002 by Matthew Rycroft, a former Downing Street foreign policy aide. In the memo, UK Foreign Secretary Jack Straw is quoted as saying US President George Bush had "made up his mind to take military action even if the timing was not yet decided. But the case was thin." It adds "Saddam was not threatening his neighbors, and his WMD capability was less than that of Libya, North Korea or Iran". Thus, eight months before the US went to war, plans had already been made in Washington and London to launch a war. This is strong stuff that cannot be swept under the carpet because the US Constitution demands that presidents who abuse their power or engage in misconduct should be impeached. That's right, impeached.

Then there's the "Coalition of the Willing." Not many left now. Bulgaria is pulling its troops out of Iraq; Ukraine, and Poland are reducing their commitment; Japan is planning the same; Spain and the Philippines have already gone. Even if you add up all the small countries left, 95 percent of the troops on the ground are



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OUTSIDE THE BOX

US or UK forces with the US doing all the heavy lifting. Coalition of the Willing — ah, English is such a wonderful, subtle language expressing so many shades of irony and innuendo.

Just last week we had another mixed signal. According to Dick Cheney, the insurgency in Iraq is on its last legs. But listen to the military commanders, those right at the top of the chain of command, and the story is not quite so optimistic. They say that there are more foreign fighters in Iraq now than ever before, and while not daring to contradict the Vice-President directly, are characterizing the situation as being very difficult. Five car bombs every day, Baghdad Airport closed, and hundreds killed each week doesn't square as a motley crew on its last legs.

Very recently Bush told visiting Iraqi Prime Minister, Ibrahim Jaafari, that the "violent and ruthless" insurgency in Iraq will be defeated, but three days later Donald Rumsfeld revealed that the US military is talking to the Sunni insurgents behind closed doors. Rumour has it that all the insurgents are demanding is a US timetable for its withdrawal from Iraq — precisely the issue that our Commander-in-Chief told us not to expect in his national address from Fort Bragg.

Something is going on here. Those on the right would call it mixed messages. Those in the center: disorganized government. Those on the left: lying. It doesn't really matter where you stand, the government is not leveling with us. We went into Iraq with no plan for waging peace, and no exit strategy. They said that we would be welcomed as lib-

erators and everything would work out fine. No planning at all — it was all shock and awe.

Now we, and the world, have a very difficult situation on our hands and this government shows every sign of not knowing how to deal with it. They cannot control the insurgency. They cannot leave Iraq or the uprising could degenerate into outright civil war. And now the US public wants out, with 51 percent of voters saying that the decision to invade Iraq two years ago was a mistake. And even Republican and Democratic members of Congress are calling for a timeline for troop withdrawal — yet another thing for this government to worry about with 2006 elections on the horizon.

For bleeding heart liberals, it isn't responsible for them to point their fingers at the Bush, Cheney, Wolfowitz, Rumsfeld cabal saying "You got us into it, now you get us out of it". Don't they see? Our elected leaders don't know how to get us out of it. They are in over their heads. A heady brew of miscalculations, arrogance towards the UN, and an overconfident military, baked together in an oven of fire-brand conservatism produces a rancid dish, and it is called inept foreign policy.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Rory Linton
Occupation: Owner of Cody's Deli & Catering;
Hobby: Volunteering for kids wrestling program
What's best about living in Winters: The friendly people.
Fun fact: Is an excellent dancer — taught foxtrot, swing and two-step

— King Crossword — Answers

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Fallen god

5 Brita

8 "Brian's Song" star

12 "Green Mansions" girl

13 Commotion

14 Hecho or Hechoso

15 Stanch

16 Black mark

18 Poured the tea

20 Prepares for painting

21 Census statistics

23 "Teachers' org.

24 Bleating

25 Impete

31 Peat

32 One of Donald's nephews

34 Inexpensive

35 Information

37 Bill Clinton, e.g.

39 Too tully

41 Water-control structure

42 Actress

43 Blavatska

45 Barge, for one

46 Put one's foot down

51 All (Sp.)

52 Congregation's call

53 "I Got a Secret"

54 Director

DOWN

1 Family-biz abbr.

2 Stuffer

3 Cupid's forte

4 Potential pupae

5 Turned blue?

6 Praise in verse

7 "— and Circumstances"

8 Donatello's case

9 Pissar employ-

10 Initial chip

11 Capone foe

17 Sea eagle

19 "Zouave"

22 Emulated Johnny Appleseed

24 Margery of nursery-rhyme note

25 Swelled head

26 Philosopher

27 Sting around your finger

28 Literary collection

30 Viceroy

33 Julian's step-mom

36 Pour

38 Heart

40 Diarist Anne

42 Leading man?

43 Tony of golf lore

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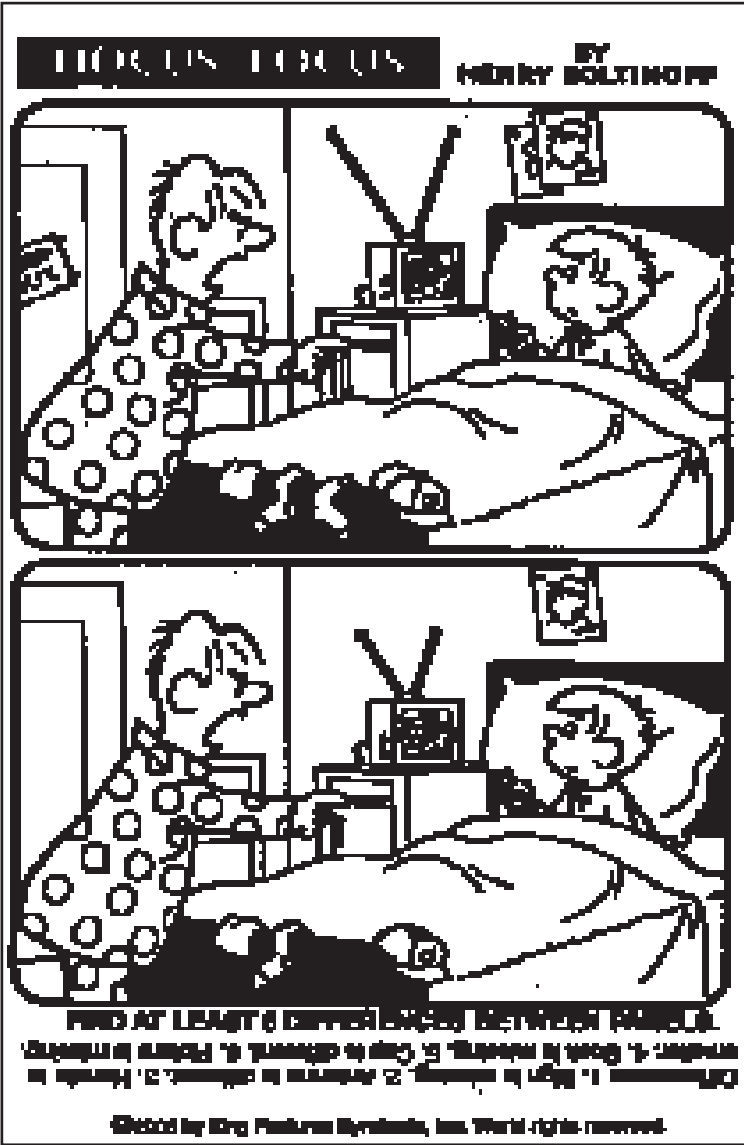
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48 Castle surroundings

50 Spacewalk acronym

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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Algo es algo

No es todo lo que queríamos los mexicanos que vivimos en Estados Unidos pero algo es algo. La posibilidad de votar en las próximas elecciones presidenciales es, efectivamente, un hecho “histórico”, como dijo el primer mandatario, Vicente Fox. Sin embargo, al aprobar la medida el congreso mexicano se quedó corto, muy corto. Demostró, otra vez, su incapacidad para hacer las cosas bien y a tiempo.

Una amplísima mayoría de los miembros de la cámara de diputados -455- aprobó el voto de los mexicanos en el exterior a través del correo para las próximas elecciones presidenciales del 2 de julio del 2006. El senado mexicano ya había hecho lo mismo y Fox la firmó el jueves pasado. Termina así una lucha de casi dos décadas en que millones de mexicanos fueron tratados como ciudadanos de segunda.

A veces parecía que nadie quería que dicho voto se materializara. Hace 6 años fue el senado mexicano, dominado por el Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI), quien mató una propuesta que hubiera hecho posible el voto de los mexicanos en el exterior para las elecciones del 2000. El PRI tenía miedo que los mexicanos que dejaron el país (por la corrupción, pobreza y asesinatos que caracterizaron las siete décadas de presidentes priistas) fueran a votar contra ellos. Igual perdió el PRI; los que se quedaron estaban tan molestos como los que se fueron.

Y esta vez, las propuestas que hubieran permitido que votaran todos los 11 millones de mexicanos, nacidos en México pero que vivimos en el exterior, fueron aniquiladas una a una. Al final, y ya con muy poco tiempo en el calendario electoral, salió adelante un flaco proyecto que solo le permitiría votar a unos cuatro millones de mexicanos que viven fuera, a aquellos que cuenten con credencial de elector. Claro, no está mal para ellos. Pero ¿qué pasa con los otros mexicanos, que queremos votar pero que no tenemos una credencial de elector? Otra vez, nos han hecho a un lado y nos hacen la vida de cuadritos.

La ineficacia de la cámara de diputados y del senado llegó a su máxima expresión con este proyecto. Tuviron, no uno, sino varios años para aprobar los cambios al Código Federal de Instituciones y Procedimientos Electorales (Cofipe) que permitirían votar a los mexicanos en el extranjero.

Pero los diputados se esperaron hasta el último día, de la última sesión extraordinaria, del último año del calendario legislativo antes de las elecciones, para hacer algo.

Al final, es cierto, lo aprobaron. Pero el trabajo del congreso fue malo y a destiempo. ¿Por qué no discutieron exactamente lo mismo hace uno, dos o tres años? Además, como lo hicieron todo a las carreras y al aventón, complicaron mucho las cosas. El voto será por correo, con un montón de reglas y fechas límite, y no en persona en una urna como lo harán el día de la votación los mexicanos en México. Esto pudiera reducir el número real de votantes en el exterior a solo unos 400 mil. Y dejaron volando muchas cosas. Por ejemplo ¿Cómo van a hacer campaña los candidatos en el extranjero? Hasta el momento nadie lo sabe.

Si los congresistas trabajaran para una compañía privada ya los hubieran corrido hace mucho tiempo por no hacer bien su trabajo. Es fácil imaginarse lo que ocurriría si un empleado no cumple con prontitud con los requerimientos de su trabajo: lo despiden. No dura en su puesto un trabajador que, pudiendo hacer un proyecto en un año, se tarda cinco y, además, lo entrega incompleto. Pero como a estos congresistas no se les puede correr por incompetentes, quienes sufren son los mexicanos. Todos. Y ahora nos tocó el palo a quienes vivimos del otro lado de la frontera. ¿Y cuál es la pobre explicación de los congresistas? Ni modo, es lo único que pudimos hacer. Pues bien poco que fue.

Se les olvida a los diputados y senadores que son servidores públicos y que los ciudadanos mexicanos somos sus jefes, no al revés. Los peores estereotipos que pueden existir sobre los mexicanos -que lo hacemos todo tarde y a medias- quedaron corroborados en esta última sesión del congreso mexicano. Es la mediocridad legislativa.

La alegría, sin duda, de saber que millones de mexicanos podrán enviar su voto -y no solo sus dólares- a México está empañada por la frustración de otros tantos que no lo podrán hacer. Es un triunfo bien merecido y logrado en lo que muchas veces parecía, no nuestro país, sino territorio enemigo. Algo es algo. Pero mientras unos celebran, otros tendrán que esperar seis años más para ver si los congresistas se dignan a hacer bien su chamba.

Basta de excusas para las licencias

La larga discusión sobre las licencias de conducir para los indocumentados se caracteriza por la perseverancia del senador estatal Gil Cedillo y el empecinamiento del gobernador Arnold Schwarzenegger. Algunas personas argumentarán que los adjetivos “perseverancia” y “empecinamiento” pueden ser intercambiables, pero no la dinámica que estos políticos mantienen con el tema. La posición del legislador ha ido acercándose a la del gobernador a lo largo del tiempo, mientras que Schwarzenegger a su vez se está alejando de sus propias propuestas ofrecidas en el pasado.

Las excusas del gobernador para oponerse se están gastando y cada vez es más difícil comprender su negativa sin pensar en politiquería o en simple xenofobia. El nuevo proyecto de ley propuesto por Cedillo contiene cláusulas controversiales,

al permitir que el documento sea físicamente diferente a la licencia de conducir normal. Además, éste sería un permiso de conducir, según las normas permitidas por la ley federal REAL ID, que no sirve para ningún propósito de identificación personal. Estos aspectos, que cumplen con las exigencias pasadas del gobernador para otorgar el documento, no impidieron que surjan nuevos motivos para que Schwarzenegger se oponga.

El problema es que las explicaciones son cada vez más ilógicas y absurdas. El subdirector estatal de Seguridad Interna, por ejemplo, asegura que todavía no hay regulaciones para la nueva ley federal; sin embargo, varios estados no encuentran los inconvenientes que ve Schwarzenegger para otorgar el permiso. El segundo motivo alegado es una supuesta interferen-

cia con el proceso de identificar a los extranjeros que quieren ingresar al país; aunque no se explica cuál es la relación entre el trámite del Departamento de Vehículos estatal y el proceso en sedes diplomáticas en el exterior.

Hay quienes se oponen al permiso, como el senador Tom McClintock, por imaginar que el único fin es ser un Caballo de Troya para la legalización, mientras que otros lo ven como una recompensa para el ingreso ilegal al país. Es hora de dejar la fantasía de un lado y ver con objetividad que el propósito exclusivo del documento es ni más ni menos que autorizar a conducir. Lo demás es ciencia ficción basada en prejuicios tan fuertes como para ser contrarios a la seguridad nacional, ya que impiden el registro voluntario de indocumentados.

El Seguro Social y los latinos

La campaña del presidente George W. Bush para reformar el sistema del Seguro Social todavía no ha recibido un eco popular positivo, pese a todo el esfuerzo y energía que la Casa Blanca pone con esa intención. No cabe dudas de que es necesario hacer reformas ante las transformaciones demográficas que reducen la cantidad de contribuyentes al fondo en relación con la mayor cantidad de beneficiarios que retiran la jubilación. Sin embargo, estos cambios deben mantener la integridad del sistema. Ésa es la mejor alternativa para la comunidad latina.

El estudio del Center for Budget Priorities y la Universidad de California en Los Ángeles (UCLA) dado a conocer muestra con claridad el impacto que tienen los beneficios del Seguro Social, que sirven de único ingreso a más de la mitad de los jubilados hispanos. La idea de una privatización parcial tendrá un impacto negativo al

cambiar la base de un sistema que hoy sirve a los latinos en mayor medida que a cualquier otro sector demográfico.

El sistema actual de Seguro Social es indudablemente conveniente para los latinos. Estos trabajadores son los principales beneficiados del sistema actual de retiro que garantiza un ingreso mensual.

Uno de los principales inconvenientes de la oferta de la Casa Blanca para los hispanos es usar un argumento que no toma en cuenta las peculiaridades de la comunidad. Otro análisis, en este caso del Consejo Nacional de La Raza, publicado un tiempo atrás, presenta una detallada radiografía de una población con una mayor expectativa de vida que otros trabajadores, de tasas más altas de discapacidad laboral por tomar empleos más riesgosos. Al mismo tiempo, esta comunidad recibe ingresos mucho menores que el resto, lo que le difi-

culta el ahorro individual y la hace más dependiente en la tercera edad de la jubilación oficial.

Existen serios problemas para la solvencia futura del sistema pero ésta no es la situación más grave y urgente que el Seguro Social ha enfrentado en sus 70 años de historia. La premura de la Casa Blanca para reformar el sistema está más ligada a transformar las bases de un exitoso programa gubernamental bajo el control político republicano, que en buscar consensos realistas para continuar el contrato social vigente.

La Administración parece estar más interesada en estimular a Wall Street con una inyección de miles de millones de dólares que garantizar a los futuros jubilados que estarán protegidos de la extrema pobreza, como ocurre hoy. La base de la reforma debe ser la seguridad real para los jubilados del mañana y no la promesa de riquezas futuras.

Un honor equivocado

La controversia sobre la caricatura mexicana Memín Pingüín es un desencuentro de culturas y de épocas muy difícil de resolver. Eso no justifica el desatino del gobierno mexicano de usarlo en un sello que viajará por todo el mundo y será material de coleccionistas.

Por otra parte, es comprensible que el dibujo de un niño de raza negra con las características físicas estereotipadas del llamado Sambo despierte indignación aquí en este país. Ese mismo retrato es la imagen cultural usada en

un pasado no muy lejano para entretenir a una mayoría blanca humillando a los afroamericanos. Hoy eso no debe

ser una gracia alentada por ningún gobierno.

La ridiculización de características raciales es ofensiva en cualquier contexto, peor aún ante los recientes comentarios del presidente Fox sobre los afroamericanos. La falta de sensibilidad en ambos casos refleja la naturaleza de discriminación racial en México, como en otros países latinoameri-

canos, que le cuesta identificarla entre lo que define como costumbre o tradición.

Muchas generaciones a lo largo de seis décadas crecieron con las aventuras de Memín Pingüín y sus amigos; sin embargo, esto no justifica la emisión de un sello postal en 2005. Hay muchas maneras de honrar al dibujo y ésta fue una equivocada.

Food, clothing closet hours

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

For more information about the St. Anthony's food and clothing closet, or to make a monetary or other donation, call Dawn at the St. Anthony office,

795-2230. The closet does not accept large furniture or appliances.

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

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINTERS AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF WINTERS ON THE SALE OR LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO A PROPOSED DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF WINTERS AND COMMUNITY HOUSING OPPORTUNITY CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Winters (the "City Council") and the Community Development Agency of the City of Winters (the "CDA") will hold a joint public hearing on July 19, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 318 First Street, Winters, California, to consider and act upon the sale or lease and development of certain real property pursuant to a proposed Disposition and Development Agreement (the "DDA") between the CDA and Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (the "Redeveloper").

The proposed DDA between the CDA and the Redeveloper provides for the sale or lease and development of certain real property (the "Site") located within the boundaries of the Community Development Project Area. The Site (Assessor's Parcel Number 003-370-015) is approximately 1.71-acres and is located near the southeast corner of the East Baker Street and East Street intersection, directly west of the Winters Apartments complex. A more detailed description of the Site is contained in the proposed DDA. The terms of the sale of the Site are set forth in the proposed DDA. The CDA has prepared a report in connection with the project, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33433, containing a copy of the DDA and a summary describing the cost of the DDA to the CDA, the value of the property interest to be conveyed and other information required by said Section 33433.

Copies of the proposed DDA and the CDA's report are on file for public inspection and copying for the cost of duplication at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 318 First Street, California, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays.

Interested persons may submit written comments addressed to the Community Development Agency of the City of Winters, 318 First Street, California 95694, prior to the hour of 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2005.

At the time and place noted above, all persons interested in the above matters may appear and be heard.
DATED: June 30, 2005
CITY OF WINTERS
s/City Clerk
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF WINTERS
s/Secretary
Publish: June 30, July 7, 2005

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER June 3, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-616
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Solano Construction, 112 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, DeVries Construction Inc., 112 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 January 1, 2005.

s/Jeanette DeVries
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State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder - s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2005

FBNS Abandonment

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER June 13, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-643
The following person(s) have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Barney's Good Time Music, 15 W. Main Woodland, CA 95695.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Ronald V. Giese, 15 W. Main St. Woodland, CA 95695.
This business classification is: An individual.
s/Ronald V. Giese
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State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder - s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk
June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2005

s/Gail A. Moss
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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGE IN YOLOBUS FARE STRUCTURE

At 7:15 p.m. Monday, July 11, 2005, the Yolo County Transportation District Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing regarding a proposed change in the YOLOBUS fare structure. The hearing will take place at the Woodland City Council Meeting Chambers, located on the second floor at 300 First Street, Woodland, California, 95695.

Because Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) adopted a revised fare structure on June 27, 2005, it will be necessary for YCTD to modify its fare structure for those who either use RT's passes or transfer to their system. **Proposed fare changes become effective September 1, 2005:**

Existing Proposed Seniors & Disabled	
Cash Fare	\$0.60
	\$0.60
Express Fare	\$1.00
	\$1.00
Transfer to RT	\$0.15
	\$0.25
Daily Pass	\$1.75
	\$2.25
	set by RT

RT 1/2 Month Pass **n/a**
\$20.00
set by RT

RT Monthly Pass **\$30.00**
\$40.00
set by RT

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not required
not required

Students (ages 5-17)	
Cash Fare	\$0.75
	\$0.75
Express Fare	\$1.00
	\$1.00
Transfer to RT	Free
	\$0.25
Daily Pass	\$1.75
	\$2.25
	set by RT

RT 1/2 Month Pass **\$7.50**
\$12.00
set by RT

RT Monthly Pass **\$15.00**
\$24.00

set by RT
YOLOBUS Express Sticker
\$20.00
\$20.00

Regular.
Cash Fare \$1.50
Express Fare \$2.00
Transfer to RT Free
\$0.50

Daily Pass **\$3.50**
\$4.50
set by RT

RT 1/2 Month Pass **n/a**
\$40.00
set by RT

RT Monthly Pass **\$60.00**
\$80.00
set by RT

YOLOBUS Express Sticker
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\$20.00

YOLOBUS Only Monthly Pass*
\$60.00
\$60.00

*Currently, no discounts offered on YOLOBUS Only Monthly Pass. For discount monthly pass, an eligible senior, disabled person, or student must buy an RT monthly pass, which will be accepted on YOLOBUS.

Those wishing to provide input at the hearing are encouraged to attend. Those who cannot attend the public hearing may write to the Transportation District with their suggestions and comments. The mailing address is: Yolo County Transportation District, 350 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776 (or email to ksouza@yctd.org). Phone calls to the Transportation District at (530) 661-0816 may also be placed.

Published July 7, 2005

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER June 20, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-659
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Cocina Maya, 353 Suite E. W. Main St. Woodland, CA 95695.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Robert Borges, 1390 Colfax Pl. Woodland, CA 95776.
This business classification is: An individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on June 20, 2005.

s/Robert Borges
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State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder - s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk
July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2005

Notice of Petition of Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KAREN ANNE GALWAY aka KAREN A. GALWAY
Case# PB05-134.

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both, of KAREN ANNE GALWAY aka KAREN A. GALWAY
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: Debra M. Galway in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DEBRA M. GALWAY be appointed as special representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests the 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 August 23, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, 812 Court Street, Woodland, CA

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 form is available from the Court Clerk.
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
Gary G. Perry
2251 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 916-649-0742

July 7, 14, 21

Michael Bartolomucci
**Winters - (530) 795-3940**
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER June 24, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kim Weisenburg, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-680
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Global Products, 308 Main St. Winters, CA 95694.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Liam Trujillo, 308 Main St. 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 June 24, 2005.

s/Liam Trujillo
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/Kim Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk
June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2005

Notice to Creditors

YOLO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF YOLO BRIGGS SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF YOLO, YOLO COUNTY CASE# P205-126

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Yolo County Superior Court, at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, and mail a copy to Harold R. Anderson, Attorney for the trustee of the trust dated December 27, 1993, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 752, Winters, CA 95604, within the later of four months after Thursday, June 30, 2005, (the date of the first publication date of notice to creditors, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you.
A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with the return receipt requested.
HAROLD R. ANDERSON
Attorney for the Trustee
Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21

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2001 Extended cab, 2500 HD Duramax Diesel, 56,900 mi. Hookups for RV. \$22,500. 795-3025. 22-2tp

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