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Planning commission application period extended

The application period for four vacant planning commission seats has been extended until Aug. 19. The terms of service of commissioners Joe McCabe, Joe Tramontana, Al Vallecillo and Cecelia Curry ended on July 1.

City Council members Tom Stone and Harold Anderson will conduct interviews with applicants. The goal is to make their recommendations at the first council meeting in September, with the chosen commissioners to be sworn in at the September planning commission meeting.

Residents of Winters who are interested in applying may go into the city clerk's office on the first floor at City Hall, 318 First Street, to pick up an application. A resume may be attached to the application. Planning commission terms are four years long. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and reside in the city of Winters. For more information, call 795-4910, ext. 101.

Welcome to Winters



Photo by Debra Lo Guerccio

If the gap in the blue hills doesn't let you know you're back home, the newly painted water tower on the east side of town will. The project, which was overseen by the city's Master Plan Committee, was completed on Thursday, July 21, at a cost of \$7,300. The job was done by MG Painting of Davis, which submitted the best bid.

North area study process outlined

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Only two potential developers spoke at the city council meeting on Tuesday, July 19, with regard to a north area study process. However, judging from the way council chambers emptied at the end of the discussion, there were many more interested parties in the audience.

City Manager John Donlevy told the council he was returning with a response to direction given to him at the May 17 council meeting, to come back with an overview of how a study might be carried out.

With an eye toward possible industrial development and job growth, the council had agreed to look at a process that would study the north area, including land currently zoned for industrial development in the General Plan. That land is encumbered in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood zone, making it difficult to develop without some sort of flood plan. In addition, the size of the site has raised some issues with regard to the type of industrial development the city would like to attract.

Also part of any north area study would be property controlled by Centex, approximately 400 acres located north of Moody Slough Road, east and west of County Road 89 (Railroad Avenue). That land is also in the flood zone, and is included in the city's General Plan and sphere of influence. The study area could also include land controlled by Richland Communities,

The Aug. 2 city council meeting has been cancelled. The council will meet next on Tuesday, Aug. 16.

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
July 20		101	63
July 21	T	102	67
July 22		95	63
July 23		96	65
July 24		105	65
July 25		106	62
July 26		101	64

Rain for week: trace
Season's total: trace

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Department of Conservation celebrates Williamson Act

By DON DRYSDALE
California Department of Conservation
Special to the Express

Californians who enjoy the bounty of the state's farms and ranches, who appreciate open countryside, and who believe it's important to both accommodate growth and preserve the traditional agricultural economy should celebrate: July 16 was the 40th anniversary of the California Land Conservation Act, better known as the Williamson Act.

"The landscape throughout Cali-

fornia would look dramatically different without the Williamson Act," said California Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman, a rancher who has property enrolled in the program. "The Williamson Act has proven to be a tremendous deterrent to leapfrog development and poorly planned growth, and is a boon to agriculture."

The California Legislature passed the Williamson Act in 1965 to balance the pressures of urban growth on agricultural land by pro-

viding an incentive for farmers and ranchers to remain in agriculture. When land is enrolled in a Williamson Act contract, the landowner is taxed at a rate based on the actual use of the land for agricultural purposes, as opposed to its Proposition 13 or unrestricted market value. The program is estimated to save agricultural landowners from 20 to 99 percent in property tax liability each year. In return, the

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Council adopts permit amnesty program

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

With a unanimous vote on Tuesday, July 19, the Winters City Council adopted Resolution 2005-30, for the Building Permit Amnesty Program, which will be in effect until June 31, 2006. The program allows the building department to waive investigation fees with regard to construction projects completed or begun in the city of Winters without purchase of a building permit. Residents who have either completed or begun improvements or construction projects may purchase a building permit and the investigation fees, which could be double the original permit fee, will not be charged.

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Shakespeare fans



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

The Winters Shakespeare Workshop's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, featured a cast of young talent including Laura Holland as Margaret (left) and Cameron Toney as Beatrice. The play was staged in the evening on the City Park play structure.

FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

ALEXIS DAWN HELLINGER is the new daughter and first child of Justin Hellinger and Amanda Brown, of Winters. Born on July 14, 2005 at 10:20 p.m. at Sutter Davis Hospital, she weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Doug and Debi Henner, of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Jesse and Denise Hellinger, of Winters.

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OBITUARIES

John Prescott McMahan

John Prescott McMahan passed away on July 23, 2005 at the Woodland Skilled Nursing Facility. Born on April 20, 1929 in Sacramento to Henry and Hazel McMahan, he was 76 years old.

He and his family moved to Oakland when he was one year old, and he graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1947. He began his career as a police officer in the city of Winters, and later moved to the U.C. Davis Police Department, becoming their first detective. He was a member of the California National Guard and was activated for service in the United States Army during the Korean conflict. After leaving the university in 1967, he worked for the Yolo County Public Defender's office for 26 years and upon retirement was the chief investigator. A 35 year active member of the International Lions Club, he served as president of the Woodland Host Lions Club, Davis Earlybirds and Davis Host Lions Club. He was a charter member of the Sacramento Valley Historical Railways (where he was instrumental in restoring steam locomotive 1233 that had stood in the Yolo County Fairgrounds for over 50 years) and served as that organization's chairman for the restoration of the Woodland Southern Pacific Depot. He helped start the Yolo Shortline (RiverTrain) excursion train. As a very active member of the community, Mr. McMahan participated in the Chili Cookoff, Stroll Through History, Yolo County Grand Jury, for two years, Woodland Historical Preservation Commission, VFW, Woodland Chamber of Commerce and American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia McMahan, of Woodland; daughters Debra Smith, of Columbus, Ohio, Lynnda McMahan, of Suisun City and Maureen McMahan, of Sacramento; brothers Alison McMahan of Newark, Harold McMahan, of Manzanita, Oregon; stepchildren Karen Parrish, of French Camp; Veronica Banuelos, of Lake Shasta City; Donna Bubelis, of Granite Bay, and Sergeant Timothy McMahan, of the U.S. Army, stationed in Darmstadt, Germany; two grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kathleen.

A memorial celebration will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2005, at the Lions Clubhouse, 417 Lincoln Avenue, in Woodland.

Private graveside services for family will be held.

In lieu of flowers, send donations in Mr. McMahan's name to the Sacramento Valley Historical Railways (designated for restoration of the SP Depot) 1120 Lincoln Avenue, Woodland, CA 95695, or to Lions Charities.

Evergreen Funeral Service of Woodland assisted the family with arrangements.

Winters weekly police report

- July 14**

~ On the 800 block of West Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a domestic violence dispute.
- July 16-19**

~ On Cemetery Drive, a vehicle was vandalized.
- July 17**

~ On the 500 block of Third Street, parties were involved in verbal and physical domestic violence. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.
- July 18**

~ Aurelio Solorio, Jr., 25, of Winters was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging him with making threats to commit a crime resulting in death or great bodily injury and assault.
- July 18-19**

~ On the 600 block of Ficus Way, two vehicles were vandalized.
- July 20**

~ On the 200 block of White Oak Lane, a vehicle was vandalized.

~ On the 900 block of Valley Oak Drive, a vehicle was vandalized.
- July 20-21**

~ On the 100 block of East Main Street, a vehicle was vandalized.
- July 22**

~ A 17-year-old juvenile was arrested for burglary, resisting an officer and being a minor in possession of alcohol. The juvenile was transported to Yolo County Juvenile Hall for incarceration.

~ An officer assisted Yolo County Sheriff deputies with a fight on Myrtle Drive in Yolo Housing.

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Lake Berryessa drops .56 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .56 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 10,633 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 436.62 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,537,628 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 600 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 307 acre feet of water per day during the week.

YESTERYEAR



File photo
Pictured above are the Little League Majors winners (children age 9-12) at the awards ceremony held in the City Park on Aug. 1, 1983. Each player received a trophy. Pictured, front row (l to r): Clayton Bentley, Jaime Michel, Tim Barnett, Tim Pignataro, Eric Svedberg, Javier Valdivia and John Barber; back row, Javier Garcia, Arthur Mendoza, Frank Poe, Melissa Marion and Adam Winemiller. Coaches are Elmer Bussard, back left, and Dean Svedberg, right.

35
YEARS AGO

August 6, 1970
Tuesday night the City Council passed a resolution that will allow Pacific Gas and Electric Company to go ahead and put in the underground public utilities in the area along Railroad Avenue south of the Frosty up to Edwards Street.

Voters of the Winters Joint Unified School District will go to the polls next Tuesday to vote on a proposed increase in the maximum school tax rate from \$2.97 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation to \$3.72 on each hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Fire Tuesday evening about 5:45 o'clock destroyed a storage building on East Baker Street owned by the Valley Walnut Growers Co-op. It was part of the property of the old Diamond Match Lumber Company.

J. R. Chapman, Winters postmaster, reported to police Sunday that someone pried open nine post office boxes and scattered mail in the lobby of the building.

A fire which started in the sulfur house on the Chris Jimenez ranch in the Olive district last Thursday evening caused about \$4,000 damage before it was brought under control.

Debbie Pinkston was honored at a bridal shower given for her by Mrs. John O'Brien and Mrs. Bud Galloway recently. Debbie will marry Steve Godden next week, August 15, in Winters.

August 4, 1955
The pouring of the first concrete for the Monticello Dam will take place next week, according to reports yesterday.

A personal greeting from President Eisenhower highlighted the observation last Thursday of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Mary Brinck.

The Winters City Council, at the regular meeting Tuesday evening, adopted a budget of \$125,628 for the 1955-56 fiscal year.

Mrs. Martha Sparks has submitted her resignation as a member of the Winters Joint Union High School Board of Trustees. She will teach at the elementary school here this coming year.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors has asked the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation to name the big body of water impounded behind Monticello Dam Berryessa Lake for Jose de Jesus Berryessa, who was given the valley by General Mariano Vallejo.

The Winters Scout parents will again operate a food concession at the Yolo County Fair, which opens in Woodland August 18. Any parent interested in helping out may phone Mrs. Robert Young or Mr. Vernon Jeffery.

Mrs. Joe Diaz, appearing before the City Council Tuesday night, asked permission to install a sandbox in the park. The box will have a concrete curb and money for the project has been donated as a memorial to the late E.E. Baker. The project was approved.

Eugene Snyder of the Yolo County Health Department said this week that Putah Creek was so contaminated that camping and swimming would be prohibited from Cannonball Rock to Yolo By-pass.

Subscriptions
make great
gifts for students
heading off
to college.

65
YEARS AGO

August 2, 1940
Al Hughes and Bert Coman are two Winters men who will leave Sunday for the three weeks' National Guard encampment at Grand Mound, near Centralia, Washington.

After 18 months preparation, the new history of Yolo County is in its final stages of completion. W. O. Russell is editor-in-chief.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pearce were Sunday visitors at Treasure Island.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Freeman and daughter Virginia are spending this week vacationing in Del Monte.

Mrs. E. J. Graf and daughter Elizabeth are visiting relatives in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Button and son Robert are vacationing at Dillon Beach.

R. B. Bigelow, Murray Goodyear and J. H. D. Bassett attended the Yolo Republican Assembly meeting held in Woodland last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Brinck of San Francisco were Pleasants Valley visitors Sunday honoring Mrs. Mary Brinck's 85th birthday which fell Friday.

Mrs. Bernard Wolfkskill of Oakland and son Kenneth and wife and daughter of Indianapolis, Indiana were local visitors last Monday with Mrs. Sallie Ish and the A. B. and C. W. Ish families.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Adams and son Jerry are spending a few days at coast resorts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mermod and daughter Mae, Arlene Ichtertz, Dan Felix and nephew Rene Felix composed a party that paid a recent visit to Treasure Island.

100
YEARS AGO

August 4, 1905
At the meeting of the town trustees Tuesday night, there was a general discussion over the bill of Henry Judy for services in caring for the street light. It was said that there was an understanding with the board that with the advent of electric lights the town would save the five dollars per month paid for lamp-lighting. The job was abolished by a three to two vote.

The apricot pits will be cracked in Winters. The Ernst Leuhning Company of Suisun have bough the whole lot and will move their machine here.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, the entire real property of the Henry Seaman estate will be sold at public auction. Also included in the sale are the piano and furniture in the Opera House.

Chester Sackett killed two deer in the Putah Canyon the morning of the first. He is the only successful nimrod reported to date.

E. A. Cheetham and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNeal have returned from Cobb mountain, where they had a very enjoyable outing.

Misses Veda and Lucille Jeans, who have spent a month with their sister, Mrs. Ralls Briggs, in San Francisco, have returned home.

Officers of the Mystic Workers of the World, Lodge No. 272, Winters: Mrs. Belle L. Fischer, prefect; Mr. Charles C. Cooper, monitor; Mrs. Emma E. Bentley, banker; Mrs. Eula D. Vest, secretary; Mrs. Carrie L. Fischer, warden; and Mrs. Otis Hodge, sentinel.

Fire report

- July 18**

~ Medical aid in the 100 block of West Grant Avenue, patient with seizures.
- July 19**

~ Monticello Dam, grass fire.
- July 20**

~ Medical aid in the first block of Russell Street, possible stroke.

~ Medical aid, north-bound Interstate 505, subject passed out.

~ Medical aid, State Highway 128, female with chest pain.
- July 22**

~ Investigation, south-bound Interstate 505, south of County Road 28.

~ Hazmat call, 400 block of Russell Street.

~ Medical aid, Railroad Avenue at Main Street, crime victim.

~ Hazmat call, 900 block of East Grant Avenue.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO

BECAUSE I SAY SO

I HAVE A CONFESSION to make to my dear friend, Jesse, but I'm unable to stand face to face and spit it out. So, like one of those cowards who appears on the Jerry Springer show with an unsuspecting spouse and drops a bomb on them, like "I've been sleeping with your best friend for six years," and then tears and chairs fly freely while burly men attempt to subdue the mayhem as the rabid crowd cheers, I'm resorting to this public forum to admit the truth.

OK, here it comes.

Jesse, I know this will come as a shock to you. I know it may hurt you deeply. But I can't sustain this charade anymore. Jesse, I hate poetry.

I don't mean "hate" like I hate waiting in line at the post office. I mean hate in a visceral, irrational way that makes me want to pull the whiskers off newborn kittens. It raises my frustration level beyond my ability to cope and makes my brain cells weep in despair. Poetry is like Celine Dion CDs and Thomas Kinkade paintings and white zinfandel. Lots of people love them. I do not. And never will.

Bear in mind, I'm hard-wired to feel this way. I'm a columnist. I strive to write clearly and succinctly, so most people will understand. Poetry is diametrically opposed to this approach. It's obscure and vague, carefully crafted so that only a few people will understand. I don't have that much patience with words. Give me a razor-sharp, skintight Molly Ivins rant and I'm a happy gal.

Now, my aversion isn't toward classic poetry, like that of Sylvia Plath or Emily Dickinson. I like their work. I "get" it. It's modern, abstract poetry that makes my brain writhe: "Pillows. Stretch and gasp, stretch and gasp. Bones of a dead dog. My mother was a Fascist." "AAAARGH!!!" shriek my tiny little brain cells piteously. I'm sure it's deep and meaningful. But my brain just doesn't want to work that hard.

It's just like abstract art. I stand at a gallery, viewing "Woman on Gossamer Wings" and it's a random splattering of paint, and they aren't even pretty colors. I stare and stare, and still don't see a pretty lady riding a white swan under the moonlight. I see a looming canvas that looks like the paint tubes exploded all over it, and rather than toss it out, the artist framed it, hung it up, and assigned it a random name, along with a \$6,000 pricetag.

So, back to Jesse. Why Jesse should care about my repugnance for poetry. Well, Jesse just earned her Masters in Fine Arts degree in poetry, and her particular forte leans to the abstract. She's a rising star. She's done public readings of her work. A magazine will hit the racks soon with one of her poems in it. Someday, I'll be one of the peons she knew "back when." Her master's thesis was so exquisite, it was posted online. I read it from beginning to end. And then I wept.

My co-worker, Dawn, asked me what was up. I showed her Jesse's poem called "L-Shaped Pit." "I don't get it," I sniffled. Dawn, somewhat of a poet herself, leaned over, read it, and said it was actually a very good poem, pointing out the poem itself was L-shaped, and then explained that the poem was about what the dead do and don't say to us from the great beyond.

Hold on, don't anybody move or breathe, lest the moment be lost. Suddenly, I understand, like Helen Keller did when Teacher finally made that crucial breakthrough: "W... W... Water?" signed Helen with her fingers as Teacher pumped water over her hand. Yes, Teacher replied wearily, yes.

Me and Helen. We can be taught.

Well, if I can grasp "L-Shaped Pit," I'm willing to entertain the notion that maybe I could learn to appreciate abstract poetry. We'll have to start slowly and cautiously, like with poems that rhyme. Who knows, maybe someday I'll learn to like poetry other than my favorite, which begins "There was a young girl from Nantucket..."

As for art, however, I'd still just rather look at a pretty lady on a white swan.

Correction about boating safety

Dear Editor,

In reading your article in the July 7 edition of the Express, we are pleased to see that your paper has focused attention on boating safety. However, one paragraph needs correcting. The article states that: When boating, children under the age of 7 must wear their lifejacket when aboard a boat 26 feet long or smaller when the vessel is underway.

As of Jan. 1, 2001, the law changed requiring children under the age of 12 to wear a life jacket when aboard a boat 26 feet long or smaller when the vessel is underway.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the child wears the life jacket. Not wearing a life jacket is

an unnecessary risk to a child's life and it's worth a \$100 fine for the boat operator.

In 2004, 44 people died in boating related accidents in California and 70 percent of those who drowned would have lived had they been wearing life jackets. The Department of Boating and Waterways recommends that everyone aboard a boat wear a life jacket at all times.

Thank you for your attention to the matter.

Also, our director is Raynor Tsuneyoshi. Mr. Raysbrook (named) left the Department in 1999.

JUNE ILJANA
Public Information Officer
Department of Boating
and Waterways

LETTERS

Police don't need those things

Dear Editor,

People of Winters, what is happening to our city? Who is running the city? After reading the Express for three weeks in a row about the new chief of police and his want list of goodies, he makes me scratch my head. Where are the checks and balances in our city government?

The chief starts out that a new police department is in store and could cost \$1.3 million. Wow. Then he follows up with the radio system is not up to par. Then he says that the backup power is from a marine battery.

Well, as I remember, a few years ago, we had a police officer and a city council member that were getting huge diesel generators from state surplus for the city of Winters, but were selling them to local farmers instead until the mess came to light. They are both gone from city government now. Why did the city not get a couple of those generators back for the police department backup power? Hmmm?

There is nothing wrong with the radio system. The use of high gain antennas will cure the problem, but the radio system will not work in Davis though. I think our chief lives there. Well, chief, you're going to have to use the cell phone, and just add a couple more batteries to the one you are using for backup, plus a large solar panel. The taxpayers don't need

a \$600,000 radio system so you can hear the action on off-shift. Move to Winters.

Then he wants to add 10 more patrolmen and a detective and 10 more police cars and desks for all these guys that will be hanging out at the new police department. I don't believe this. Who is paying for all of this? The taxpayers.

Our policemen are doing a great job. Just buy them laptop computers so they can do their reports while sitting in their office, the patrol car. We need patrolmen in the field, not in the office playing paperwork.

Then the Express quotes him as saying we need a specialist to handle the gang members and another person to play liaison for the migrant community in Winters. Wow. Now, why was a non-Mexican person hired for chief to meet the minority status for the city when one third of Winters are Mexican Americans? There were several well-qualified Mexican American lawman that applied. What happened here? No one wants to talk about this.

What we have is a bored new chief trying to build an empire in our city, at our taxpayers' expense. Our old chief did a great job. Does our new chief expect an invasion of Hells Angels moving in? Wake up, people of Winters. You're about to lose your town.

RICH VILLALOBOS

Event will raise housing funds

Dear Editor,

Habitat for Humanity is planning a bike ride event on Saturday, Sept. 10. We have several Winters businesses as sponsors (Steady Eddy's, The Palms, Velo City, First Northern Bank), and the major rest stop will be at the gazebo in Winters.

This is not a race, but a family fun ride, meant for riders of all abilities. The ride starts in Woodland and goes to Winters, and returns. But riders can do any or all of the route. Details about the bike ride are outlined in brochures available at Steady Eddy's, Velo City, The Palms, Winters City Hall and the community center, as well as many shops in Davis and Woodland.

We expect this to be a

very festive day, with refreshment, music, and prizes at the gazebo. All proceeds will go the construction of our next three Habitat for Humanity houses, which we expect to start in mid-2006.

While we do not have any property right now in Winters, we are hoping to obtain some property in the future, and to build the first Habitat for Humanity houses in Winters. Anyone interested in helping us find property, or helping on our next building project should contact us at: 1017 Main Street, Woodland, 95695 or e-mail at: hfhoyo@dcn.org office.

STUART BRESNICK
Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity,
Yolo County

Right about religious fanaticism

Dear Editor,

A.A. Huillade has it absolutely correct on his assessment of the problem in the Middle East. It is religious fanaticism, coupled with almost no formal education (wahhabism), that seeds and nurtures the terrorists.

Mr. Huillade only failed to inform you of the

"Mantra of the Middle East Islamic Countries." If you haven't heard it, you aren't opening your ears. All Islamic countries say this, at one time or another: "We would be living in absolute paradise if we could only remove the Jewish State."

TED ARMSTRONG



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

LONDON. I've always wondered what it would be like to be a foreign correspondent, and after flying into London right after the bombings, I think I got a taste. I was impressed, to say the least, with the attitude of the British citizens as they went about their daily business. They may have had a worried look on their faces, but they had a look of determination about them that I envy.

We were staying by Victoria Station in London, but we were in Edinburgh, Scotland, when the second bunch of bombers attacked. The Victoria Station tube (underground subway) that we had been using to get to other parts of London was one of the trains where a bomb partially exploded. You never know, do you?

I felt pretty safe in London. I've never seen so many police officers in my life, probably two per block, with police vans and cars passing by every few minutes. As we were walking downtown, sirens were going off, policemen were running and a whole block around a tube station was cordoned off. It turned out to be a false alarm, but it caused quite a traffic jam. We took a cab to our next stop and listened to the driver explain that a lot of people had driven into work that day, causing the traffic to be worse than normal. He wasn't sure if it was because people were scared, or because some of the tube stations still weren't open from the 7/7 bombings. He guessed it was because people didn't want to be late for work.

Most of the police officers don't carry guns, but about every twentieth officer was fully armed with an Uzi hanging from a shoulder strap, finger on the trigger guard. All of the officers wore bulletproof vests with wide florescence stripes. I didn't notice any riding the trains or busses, but I read there where plenty of plain clothed police officers around, too.

As I get older, I'm making a list of things I want to do before I die and I'm slowly crossing them off. Visiting Scotland was on my list and while I was there I crossed off watching the British Open. Everyone named Wallace at some point has to visit Scotland, and especially Sterling, where the great Scottish hero, William Wallace (remember the movie Brave Heart) defeated the English and temporarily freed Scotland from English domination.

My father always told us we were direct descendants of William Wallace, but he never had children, so he might be a great great . . . uncle. He was tortured and killed in 1305, but time hasn't diminished his popularity in Scotland. He still stands for freedom and whenever someone mentions self-rule for Scotland, they bring up William Wallace. They built a Wallace Memorial in 1885, and sell anything and everything with his name on it. You can outfit yourself in Wallace plaid from socks to hats, including kilts and sit down and enjoy a Wallace beer if you'd like. Hopefully someone named Wallace is making the money, but I doubt it.

Something still made by the Wallace family is Scotch Whisky Liqueur, distilled a few miles from the famous battle at Sterling Bridge in 1297. At least that's what the bottle says. The bottles would make great Christmas gifts, but I haven't found a U.S. distributor, yet.

Sitting in pubs talking to the locals was one of my favorite parts of the trip. Sherri and I spent the first week alone, and were joined by our daughter and son-in-law in Glasgow, for the second week of the trip. Something's wrong when your children get to spend a month in Europe when the longest vacation I've had in years is two weeks. Laura and Rance are both teachers, so they have their summers off, as does my permanent tenant. It is difficult to focus on work when everyone wants you to travel and enjoy life. Don't laugh, it's harder than you think.

I pride myself on being frugal, and traveling in England was true sticker shock. Never say never, but I'll never complain about the price of hotels in the U.S. again. A night at the Holiday Inn Express was \$160 per night and that didn't include air conditioning. Food is double what it is here, and their sales tax is 17.5 percent, which they use to pay for national health care. As you talk to people about their health care you get a mixed message. They have problems being seen by doctors in a timely manner and experimental cancer treatments are hard to get approved. Sounds familiar. What they don't have is dental care and it shows.

The only Harley store I found was in Edinburgh, and the prices seemed high to me. A customer from Finland commented that they were almost half price compared to Finland. The salesman reminded me that the price includes all taxes, which made the bikes almost affordable, just like here.

I didn't see many Harleys, but a lot of little scooters and small, and I mean small, cars. A lot of the cars I'd never seen before. There were car manufacturers I'd never heard of, but Ford, Toyota, Peugeot, BMW and MG made most of the vehicles on the streets. There was a little Ford van that would be perfect for the Express, but I'm not sure what Greg DuPratt will say when I ask him to order me one (as soon as my van dies). I'll have to remind him I want the steering wheel on the left side.

It is always nice to get home and it doesn't look like much has changed while I was gone. I did notice a developer wants to build a hotel and other commercial buildings by the freeway. There should be an open discussion about what we want to do with the freeway interchange. We will only get one chance at designing the main entrance to the city, and we should take our time and get it done right.

There will be those who don't want to build on the freeway to protect our downtown merchants, but I'm not sure they need protecting. Most of us have created a nice niche market for ourselves and I'm not sure what else can compete with us that hasn't already been built in surrounding communities.

Keep reading the Express to stay informed. Have a good week.

"Those who will not reason are bigots, those who cannot are fools, and those who dare not are slaves."

~ Lord Byron

Local Color: Tapas are tops

By THERESA SACKETT
Guest columnist

Tapas date back to the years Zarazuela (brief light operas) flourished in Spain with unique musicals in a vaudeville form that grew in the last half of the nineteenth century only to subside in the twentieth each in response to similar needs. In that era the Tapa spreads were long tables laden with all the categories of food. One example was five varieties of sardines. Tapas are truly woven into a Spaniard's consciousness. I was invited to a Friday evening of Tapas at Ficelle. It is enjoyable to partake in a custom that is specifically Spanish brought here by two young, modern Spanish-American sisters, Joanne and Marianne. No last names are necessary. They own and manage Ficelle. I refer to them as “the girls” when speaking of their successful venture and my friends know of whom and what I speak.

The girls prepare gourmet dishes with the help of a devoted friend, Denise Bolla, and Joanne's daughter, Trish. Denise bakes the decadent desserts, as well as doing other duties. They themselves serve each customer with ease and a quiet flare. Their husbands, Tim and Sean, work the fringe Friday night tapas. I realized the secret of their success with the first luncheon I had there. John Greenwood had that secret when he had his department store. Winters Express Publisher Emeritus Newt Wallace has it.

The Friday night evening tapas are a true experience. One delicious presentation is large halved figs with a spread of Gorgonzola cheese. Each table is offered a creamy, fresh garlic spread (ahoe) with bread cubes for dipping.

The choice drink of the evening is raspberry red Sangria with floating fresh fruit in generous frosted goblets. Wine and beer are also available. The diners are jovial and friendly as if at a home garden party. At times comparable to a crowd expecting a corrida to pass by any moment.

The girls' great-grandparents Fednando and Antonia Martin would be proud of their niñas. They came to America as immigrants from Southern Spain, as did my parents from Northern Spain. They settled in the hills on virgin land on Canal Lane near the Diversion Dam and were my parents' neighbors to the south. A strong and proud heritage to stand up to.

(Winters Express readers are invited to write columns of their own for our “Local Color” feature. Topics may be humorous, serious or informative. Columns should not exceed 700 words. We reserve the right to edit or reject any submission.)

County supervisors weigh in on Conaway Ranch

By YOLO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Special to the Express

Our goal of preserving the Conaway Ranch for future generations is the right course for Yolo County and we are not afraid to articulate our position to the public. But when an event is designed specifically to stifle open discussion and advocate one side to the exclusion of another, we will not be a party to it. The Yolo County Taxpayers Association (YCTA) and Family Water Alliance (FWA) meeting on July 20 was regrettably such an event.

The board had every intention of sending a representative to this meeting to present the facts. But on July 19, just one day before the meeting, we received a last-minute agenda that is designed to severely limit the time to present the county's position while favoring and offering expansive time for the opposition's view.

The Taxpayer's Association “town hall” meeting, now joined by the Family Water Alliance, allows the county to speak for a total of 13 minutes out of the two-hour format, while the FWA and YCTA — both clearly on record in opposition to the county's efforts — have over an

hour to articulate their views through an already-biased moderator. This is not a fair, unbiased opportunity to meet and educate the public on the acquisition of the Conaway Ranch. Simply stated, this is not an open forum — this is a monologue.

The Board of Supervisors remains steadfast in our efforts to protect and preserve Conaway Ranch for future generations of Yolo County residents. As we move forward to our Aug. 23 hearing in Yolo County Superior Court, we do so resting on the foundation of 40 years of successful and fair agricultural and open space preservation policies.

Policy for submitting 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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Community

Amnesy program underway

Residents in Winters have a chance to bring their unpermitted improvements and constructions into compliance with the state building code by participating in the Amnesty 2005 building permit program.

The California Building Code requires an investigation fee to be charged in addition to the permit fee whenever any work for which a permit is required is begun without the homeowner/builder obtaining a permit. Residents

who have knowledge that they, or anyone else, has done work on their property without obtaining the proper building permits can take advantage of this chance to save the cost of investigation fees.

Through Amnesty 2005, the investigation fees will be waived between now and June 31, 2006. After June 31, 2006, the investigation fee will be strictly enforced, at double the required building permit fee.

All property owners who submit a building

permit application prior to June 31, 2006 qualify for this amnesty program. The work may be done as an owner/builder or by a licensed contractor.

The city of Winters has approved this program to actively promote safety, improved neighborhoods, increased property values and better living conditions.

Contact the city of Winters Building Department at 795-3586, ext. 117, for assistance. Ask for Gene Ashdown, Chief Building Inspector.

Lions Club update

By JUANITA RAMOS
Special to the Express

Winters Lions Club held its July 13 meeting at Tomats. The newly elected officers are: Frank A. Ramos - president, Warren Fuller - vice president, Juanita Ramos - secretary/treasurer. Ramos reminded the members that the blood drive was held on Monday, July 25.

The first cabinet meeting for District 4-C5 will be held in Sacramento on Aug. 14. There will be no regular meeting in August; starting in September the Lions Club will meet on the second and fourth weeks of each month.

The club wishes its members a safe and wonderful summer vacation.

Bad check writers ordered to pay restitution

Businesses or persons who have received NSF or closed account checks in Yolo County and have been unable to get cooperation from the check writers can contact the Yolo County District Attorney's Check Prosecution Program for help. While stolen or forged checks must be reported to the local law enforcement agencies, NSF and closed account checks

can be submitted to the Check Program for investigation.

For more information about the Check Program, call 666-8200 or contact the program at P.O. Box 1404, 301 Second Street, Woodland, CA 95776. Any merchant or residents needing check forms can pick them up at their local Chamber of Commerce office, located in Winters inside the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue.

Summer support groups offered

Yolo Family Service Agency is offering support groups during the summer.

- ~ Grupo de Mujeres (women's support group) is designed to allow Spanish-speaking women to explore shared issues. Topics will include relationships, overcoming obstacles, effective communication skills and enhancing self-esteem. Other topics will be explored based on the shared interests of participants. A weekly support group is offered on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. at 455 First Street in Woodland. The group is currently accepting participants. To sign up or for more information, call Susana Russ, LCSW, 662-2211, extension 25.
- ~ Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (formerly Kinship Caregivers) is a support group for family caregivers raising children. The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 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. The group meets every Thursday from 9-10:30 a.m. at YFSA's office, at 455 First Street in Woodland. Interested caregivers may drop in at their convenience. For more information, call Edie Dornbush, MFTI, 662-2211, extension 33.
- ~ Children's Social Skills offers improved communication skills and interaction through age-appropriate play, art, and games. Reservations are being accepted for this group, designed for 6-10 year olds. The group will be one hour in length and will be held immediately following school hours in Woodland. The dates of the group will be determined based on the preferences of those reserving space in the group. For more information or to reserve a space, call Erin Brown, ASW, 662-2211, extension 33.

Homeowner, renter claim form assistance available now

Homeowner and renter claim form assistance is offered to Winters residents through the Homeowner and Renter Assistance (HRA) volunteer program sponsored by the Franchise Tax Board.

Residents are eligible for assistance if their household income for the last year was \$39,699 or less, including Social Security and other tax exempt income; and they are 62 years old or older, blind or disabled; and they are a United States citizen, designated alien or qualified alien when they file the claim; and they owned or occupied their home or mobile home on Dec. 31, 2004; or they paid at least \$50 rent each month.

Help with preparation of claim forms is available on Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Sherry, with the Elderly Nutrition Program, takes appointments. Call 795-4241 between

9:30 a.m. and noon to make an appointment.

Claimants who would like help should bring the instruction booklets and forms they received in the mail (if received), as well as the following:

- ~ A copy of birth certificate or proof of disability;
- ~ Income records for the year 2004 (including 2004 income tax return, if filed, all 1099s, year 2004 Social Security/SSI statements) and 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 property tax bills if a homeowner;
- ~ Name, address and phone number of landlord;
- ~ Prior year claim forms are also helpful, if available.

Volunteers want residents to take advantage of this valuable assistance. Low-income residents can get up to \$347.50 back. This assistance does not affect SSI.

Public input sought on program

The USDA Farm Service Agency and Foreign Agricultural Service are looking for public comments on six petitions for the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers program that were approved for benefits in fiscal years 2004 and 2005. USDA will consider the comments and determine whether to recertify the petitions in fiscal year 2006.

As required by TAA, USDA must determine annually if trade and economic conditions warrant a petition's renewal prior to the anniversary of its original certification.

Petitions being considered for renewal at this time include those certified for California olive growers. Comments on re-certification of these petitions must be received by before Aug. 15.

Under the TAA program, USDA provides technical assistance and cash benefits to farmers and qualified fishermen adversely affected by imports of like or directly competitive farmed commodities.

General information about the TAA program can be found on the program's Web site at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/taaindex.htm>.

Comments regarding petition recertification should be sent by fax to Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, at (202) 720-0876, or by email at trade.assistance@fas.usda.gov.

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AMNESTY

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After the amnesty program is over, beginning July 1, 2006, investigation fees on non-permitted projects will be charged.

For more information, about the program, residents may call the building department, 795-3586, ext. 117.

Other items

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

~ Consolidated council meetings in August to one on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

~ Approved introduction of the Ordinance 2005-06, creating the office of Director of Financial Management; also approved Ordinance 2005-07, assiging finance and accounting duties of the city clerk, under Government Code 40802 through 40805, of the Government Code of the State of California, to the Director of Financial Management.

~ Heard a brief report on the Grand Jury Findings with regard to Winters public safety.

~ Held a joint city council and Community Development Agency meeting, approving Resolution 28, approving and authorizing execution of a disposition and development agreement between the CDA and Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC), regarding the CDA owned parcel on East Bake Street, on which CHOC proposes to construct a 34-unit, affordable housing rental project.

~ As the city council, approved submittal of an application for the state of California Housing and Community Development HOME Allocation funds to be used for development of the 34-unit affordable housing rental project.

~ As the CDA, discussed disposition of the CDA owned parcel on the east side of Railroad Avenue between Abbey Street and Main Street, and asked for some resolution as to the progress of the Main Street Village commercial/retail/residential project. An update will be provided at a later date.

~ Met in executive session with the city manager to discuss real estate pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code regarding real estate, APN 003-191-1, 311 First Street, and APN 003-201-03, 106 Abbey Street.

The city council will not meet on Tuesday, Aug. 2. The council will meet next on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. All city council meetings are open to the public.

POLICE

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July 23

~ On the 1000 block of Kennedy Drive, an officer responded to a residential alarm. The residence was found secure.

July 25

~ Gerardo Gonzalez, 34, of Sacramento was arrested for possessing a controlled substance, transporting a controlled substance, and possessing controlled sub-

stance paraphernalia. Gonzalez was also arrested on an outstanding Sacramento County bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charge of possessing a controlled substance. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Francisco Cortes Perez, 25, of Winters was arrested for being an unlicensed driver, driving an unregistered vehicle and no proof of insurance.

Perez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ Hermelinda Alvarado Torrez, 35, of Sacramento was arrested on an outstanding Fresno County Sheriff bench warrant charging her with failure to appear on previous charge of possessing a controlled substance. Torrez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

FIRE

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July 23

~ Medical aid, 100 block of Grant Avenue, patient with a seizure.

~ Northbound Interstate 505 at County Road 31,

grass fire.

July 24

~ Medical aid, 300 block of First Street, crime victim.

~ Interstate 505 at State Highway 128, grass fire.

~ Mutual aid to Solano County, medical aid.

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Yolo Basin Foundation tour features bats

The Yolo Basin Foundation will sponsor informative presentations and guided tours to learn about bats throughout the summer. Dharma Webber of California Native Bat Conservancy will give a talk on the benefits and wonders of bats. She will bring live bats, so participants can have a close up view of the bats, how they eat, their wing structure and other interesting features.

The presentation will be followed by a guided tour, just before sunset, into the Yolo Wildlife Area to watch the bats fly out from under the causeway on their way to consume thousands of insects throughout the farm fields and neighborhoods. This large maternal colony of

Mexican free-tailed bats returned for the summer to feed and raise their pups. The pups are born in late June and will join their mothers in flight in August. The presentation and guided tour takes about 3 hours.

Participants must remain with group for the entire tour since we will be on land otherwise not accessible to the general public. Meet at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area headquarters at 45211 Chiles Road, Davis. The dates and times are as follows: Aug. 3, 6:45 p.m.; Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m.; and Sept. 7, 5:45 p.m. The presentation is limited to 70 people.

Participants may want to bring their own water and binoculars. Mosquito repellent with DEET is



recommended, as the bats come out when the insect become most active. This is a driving tour on gravel and dirt roads. Carpooling is encouraged.

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serves thousands of people annually with its education and conservation services. A \$5 donation is requested from all trip participants. Children (under 12) and current members of the Yolo Basin Foundation are free.

For more information visit www.yolobasin.org, call the foundation office, 758-1018 or email cquirk@yolobasin.org.

Y-Me meets Aug. 8

The Y-ME Open Door meeting on Monday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. will be held at the University Covenant Church, 315 Mace Boulevard in Davis. The topic will be “Complementary Medicine: Methods used in breast cancer treatment.” Dr. Ronald Cotterel of Sutter West Medical Group will discuss complementary treatments that can be used along with breast cancer treatment. Call Y-ME Northern California Affiliate for information or directions, 753-3940 or toll free, (866) 616-4882.

STUDY

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located northwest of the Centex property, and outside the city's General Plan area. In addition, the council discussed moving the industrial zone completely out of the north area, possibly crossing Interstate 505 to a site northeast of Winters.

The plan presented by Donlevy included a number of phases. Phase one includes development of the process itself; provide scoping of tasks, schedule and costs also, and establish guiding principals and objectives.

Phase two includes definition of the overall project, including public involvement in the process; secure funding strategy and agreements from landowners; define alternatives and areas of study and finalize costs and funding mechanisms.

Phase three includes building the consultant team for analysis of the following: public participation, stormwater/drainage and flooding, water, sewage, financing/fiscal/market, environmental/biological, traffic and circulation; calendar and schedule development.

Phase four includes comprehensive public participation in the process, including updates on preliminary planning and report results.

Phase five includes joint workshops with the planning commission and city council; also provide “opportunity and constraints” information gained from the planning and public input process; redefine direction of the study and reject infeasible or undesirable alternatives.

Phase six includes preparation of a draft strategy and preliminary California Air Quality Act (CEQA) assessment and

scoping.

Phase seven includes finalization of strategy and formal workshops and CEQA review.

Phase eight includes finalization of desired plans and hearings.

After each phase, Donlevy inserted a check-in with the city council to receive their input and keep the public informed. Early gross estimates for the planning process was stated at \$300,000-\$500,000.

Donlevy also included a draft of the guiding principles for the planning process. These included consistency with the General Plan, consideration of parks, open space and public facilities, pedestrian/transit orientation, energy efficiency, fiscal sustainability, housing balance, natural resource preservation/flood control/conservation/water, support of schools and consideration of services and facilities.

Asked for their input, council members Harold Anderson and Woody Fridae both asked that photovoltaics be included as part of the energy efficiency standards.

Mayor Dan Martinez questioned defining a geographical before going through the process. He noted that the goal has been to look at fiscal sustainability and suggested that it might not be necessary to include what's beyond the General Plan. He wanted to let the process define the area, rather than defining the area first.

Donlevy said the second phase would include discussion and/or definition of the study area.

Centex representative Gunther Boccia voiced his support of the outlined plan, especially with regard to public participation and fiscal sustainability.

“Centex endorses city staff's process and wants to participate in the

process,” Boccia said, noting that Centex was “willing to underwrite their portion of the process.”

Helmut Sommer also spoke in favor of the plan. He said he welcomed the idea of pushing the General Plan forward and seconded Boccia's belief that the public should be invited to participate.

Sommer asked for a timeline, but was told by Donlevy that the timeline would probably not be presented until September.

“[We're] more than happy to participate in the cost sharing,” said Sommer.

During council comments, Fridae said he was happy to see the Ahwahnee Principles incorporated into the draft guiding principles. He also wanted a no plan option included for comparison with other options.

Fridae also asked the council to consider the possibility that the General Plan might need to be revised with regard to development, especially in the flood zone.

“Maybe at some point we may need to accept that this plan that we're trying to build out is a bad plan,” said Fridae.

He also wanted to see somewhere in the guiding principles that there is “no guarantee of entitlement just because [landowners and developers] put money into the planning and study process.”

With regard to a timeline, Fridae wanted to take it slow.

“I don't want this process to move too fast,” he said.

Donlevy said he would bring back a revised schedule.

Stone noted that the properties in the study are held by private owners, and expressed his belief that economics would drive any possible projects in the study area. He

shared Fridae's goal that the ultimate growth in Winters should go slowly, but he also thought there was value in letting the property owners know what their future might look like.

“Just because the planning process goes quickly is not necessarily a guarantee that projects will move forward quickly,” he said.

Stone also said the idea of crossing Interstate 505 to establish industrial zoning was too broad; he wanted to see more definite guidelines.

Anderson agreed, saying that if the city should decide to look east of Interstate 505, then first it needed to establish agricultural conservation easements. He also asked that “smart growth” principles and phasing of projects be incorporated into the study process.

Noting that public participation would always be the highest priority, Donlevy said he would bring back some more refined guidelines in September.

ACT

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landowner commits to restricting the use of his or her land to agricultural and open space for at least 10 years. The contracts are automatically renewed each year.

“Research tells us that one in three farmers and ranchers enrolled in the Williamson Act would have left agriculture without it,” said Debbie Sareeram, Interim Director of the California Department of Conservation, which administers the program. “More than half of California’s 30 million acres of agricultural and open space — including 70 percent of our prime farmland — is protected under the Act. The importance of the Williamson Act’s contribution to the state’s economy cannot be overstated.”

The Williamson Act has five goals:

- ~ To preserve farmland for a secure food supply for the state, nation and

future generations.

- ~ To maintain agriculture’s contribution to local and state economic health.

- ~ To provide a tax incentive to farmers and ranchers who restrict their land to long-term contracts.

- ~ To promote orderly city growth and to discourage leapfrog development and the premature loss of farmland.

- ~ To preserve open space for its scenic, social, aesthetic and wildlife values.

Every county in the state except Del Norte, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Inyo and Yuba offers Williamson Act contracts. In recent years, Imperial, Mono, Merced, Modoc and Sutter counties have begun programs, swelling the enrollment from 15,969,159 acres in the 1990-91 fiscal year to 16,639,444 acres in the 2004-05 fiscal year. The top counties, by acreage, are Kern (more than 1.7 million), Fresno (1.5 million) and Tulare (1.1 million).

“Agriculture is a huge

part of California’s economy, more than \$30 billion a year,” noted Bill Pauli, President of the California Farm Bureau Federation.

“The Williamson Act program is vitally important to our farmers and ranchers.”

The Williamson Act traces its roots to the post-World War II period. During that time, California’s agricultural and open space lands began to face dramatically increasing conversion pressures from population growth, new commercial enterprises, and rising property taxes. Valuable farmland began disappearing at an alarming rate.

In 1965, an interim committee of the California Assembly generated Assembly Bill 2117, authored by John Williamson. In the two years following passage of the Williamson Act, only 200,000 acres were enrolled under contract in six counties. The program might have remained small if not for an addition to the state’s

constitution that permits the property to be valued on a restricted basis.

In 1971, the program received another boost when the Open Space Subvention Act created a formula for allocating payments from the state to local governments based on acreage enrolled in the Williamson Act. That provided a tangible incentive to initiate more contracts by partially replacing property tax revenues lost by counties on enrolled land.

While the amount of acreage covered under the Williamson Act has grown in recent years, the program does face challenges. The State Supreme Court has ruled on two occasions that the preferred method to end a contract is non-renewal: allowing the contract and tax benefits to wind down over the remainder of the 10-year commitment. However, some local entities have simply cancelled Williamson Act contracts without adequate review, an action

that can prompt litigation.

“We have seen evidence throughout the state of enrolled property being used for things not related to agricultural or open space use — things such as driving ranges, strip malls, houses, warehouses and even private water-skiing lakes,” said Dennis O’Bryant, head of DOC’s Division of Land Resource Protection. “Most of the time, these violations are the result of poor record-keeping and statutory misinterpretations. We work closely with local government to ensure that the Act is upheld.”

Beginning January 1, 2004, a new deterrent to Williamson Act abuses went into effect. AB 1492 was enacted to address the most egregious violations by substantially increasing penalties for contract violations. If, for example, incompatible development takes place on contracted property, the penalty can be as much as 25 percent of the unrestricted fair market

value of not only the land, but also of the buildings and related improvements on the land.

In addition to the Williamson Act, DOC offers landowners two other options for protecting agricultural land. In 1998, SB 1182 was signed into law. Sometimes called the “Super Williamson Act,” It provides a method for landowners to convert existing Williamson Act contracts to 20-year “Farmland Security Zone” contracts that provide additional property tax savings. More than 806,000 acres statewide are enrolled in that program. The California Farmland Conservancy Program provides grant funding for projects that use and support permanent agricultural conservation easements. CFCP grants have helped protect about 26,000 acres statewide.

For more information about the Williamson Act and other DOC programs, go online to www.conserva-tion.ca.gov.

Yolo Basin Foundation plans bird banding at Conaway Ranch

The Yolo Basin Foundation and Conaway Ranch in cooperation with California Waterfowl Association will be offering a unique opportunity to participate in bird banding on Saturday, July 30, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The 17,000-acre Conaway Ranch, located in the bypass north of Interstate 80, includes an extensive system of managed wetlands and utilizes wildlife friendly farming practices. Mike Hall, Conaway’s wildlife manager, and California Waterfowl Association biologists will teach field trip participants how to capture, band and record data on mallards and possibly redheads, ruddy ducks, cinnamon teal and wood ducks. For those who are birding enthusiasts, there will also be time to observe shorebirds, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Black-crowned Night Herons and raptors.

Conaway Ranch is privately owned and not open to the public except on guided trips. The trip will include driving on gravel roads with some short distance walking. Capacity is limited and reservations are required. For reserva-

tions, call 758-1018 or e-mail cquirk@yolobasin.org. Directions and meeting location will be available after reservations are made.

Participants are encouraged to bring water, sunscreen, wildlife guide books, binoculars and spotting scopes, and wear shoes that can get muddy. Those who want to wade out in the marsh to help with bird capture should wear high boots or waders. This is deer fly and mosquito season, bring insect repellent with DEET.

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CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Thanks to the Winters Participation Gallery for hosting our July Chamber mixer. The mixer was held at their newly furbished digs at 31 Main Street. The new coat of paint, new carpet and new lighting really make the gallery “pop.” The current show is their Potpourri show, featuring the works of numerous artists. It’s quite an exciting show, please stop by and check it out.

We are only a few weeks away from our biggest event of the year; the Earthquake Festival. This year’s event is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 26, from 5-11 p.m. This year’s entertainment might be the best we have ever had. In addition to the Time Bandits who perform from 7-11 p.m. as our featured performers, Debra Lo Guercio (our EQ entertainment chairperson) has lined up the following acts, in order of appearance: Real, a Christian rock band; Folklorico Latino de Woodland, traditional Mexican dancing; James Barrera, professional lasso and bullwhip artist; and Sacred Fire Belly Dance, traditional Middle Eastern and tribal fusion belly dance.

This year’s vendor lineup is just starting to come into place. For the kids, in addition to bounce houses, this year we will have a pony ride booth. If you or your organization are looking for an opportunity to raise



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some money with a booth, call me at the Chamber and I’ll try to help you figure out something that isn’t already taken. As is always the case, this is such a large event and we always need more help. Please contact me at 795-2329 if you can help us. I hope all of you will join us at the Earthquake Festival — I promise you’ll have a great time!

Saturday, July 9, saw several Winters businesses advertising and hosting “Grand Openings.” The promotion highlighted Velo City Bike Center, El Pueblo Meat Market and Tacqueria, the Arte Junction, Ficelle, Steady Eddie’s Coffee House, Bijou and Berryessa Gap Vineyards. Unfortunately, my wife Julie’s shop, Regalare, wasn’t quite ready to open so she was not able to take advantage of the promotion. She did, however, receive yet another shameless free plug in this Chamber column.

With temperatures near and above the century mark, it is perhaps

difficult to think of the fact that fall will soon be here in Winters. With the fall season on the horizon, it is once again time to think of the Chambers’ “Winters in October” festival. We will again this year sponsor a month-long celebration of agriculture and culture in our community called “Fall in Winters” during the month of October.

One of the big events will be the Scarecrow Contest. The scarecrows along Main Street, Railroad Avenue and throughout town last year were wonderful. This year the Chamber will provide all entrants a rolling dolly piece so they can take their “works of art” inside when they close shop for the day. Now is the time to get the creative juices flowing and start thinking about the scarecrow you plan to build for the display. We will be publishing more information in the months ahead on the Scarecrow Contest, as well as other events planned for the festival.

Regalare to host next mixer

August’s Chamber mixer will be hosted by the Regalare, Gifts for Friends and Home, at 15 Main Street. Regalare is scheduled to open for business on Friday, July 30, and will feature a variety of gift items and houseware. The papers on the window at the shop are expected to come down Friday.

Owners Julie Maguire and Lanette McClure will host the August mixer on Monday, Aug. 8, from 5:30-7 p.m. The community is invited to attend the mixer and check out Winters’ newest business.

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104 ORCHARD LN 2005-06-14	\$470,000
1000 HEMENWAY ST 2005-06-13	.	\$183,690
409 411 RUSSELL ST 2005-06-01	.	\$697,500
810 CARRION CIR 2005-05-27	....	\$449,000
105 ALMOND DR 2005-05-27	....	\$495,000
907 MERMOD PL 2005-05-23	....	\$360,000
1026 KENNEDY DR 2005-05-20	...	\$365,000
307 HAMPSHIRE CT 2005-05-18	.	\$390,000
413 CREEKSIDE WAY 2005-05-18		\$490,000
202 ALMOND DR 2005-05-12	....	\$425,000
1033 VILLAGE CIR 2005-05-04	...	\$250,000
1007 ADAMS LN 2005-04-29	....	\$359,000
900 SUFFOLK PL 2005-04-27	....	\$399,000
308 MAIN ST 2005-04-26	.....	\$187,500
469 MAIN ST 2005-04-26	.....	\$197,500
110 2ND ST 2005-04-22	.....	\$185,000
102 RIVERVIEW CT 2005-04-22	...	\$825,000
412 MANZANITA WAY 2005-04-13	.	\$426,000
1101 MALAGA LN 2005-04-08	....	\$395,000
213 WILDROSE LN 2005-04-06	...	\$395,000
101 GRANT AVE 2005-04-05	....	\$432,500
30004 The HORSESHOE 2005-04-05		\$579,000
823 CARRION CIR 2005-04-01	....	\$215,000
7 RUSSELL ST 2005-04-01	.....	\$385,000
828 JACKSON ST 2005-03-29	\$120,000
311 2ND ST 2005-03-29	\$335,000
438 EDWARDS ST 2005-03-21	\$230,000

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Chamber of Commerce meetings open to public

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

Railroad Avenue.

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings. The Chamber is involved in promoting local business, as well as coordinating community func-

tions such as the Earthquake Street Festival and the Citizen of the Year celebration.

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

Entertainment

Dreamy night of Shakespeare planned along Putah Creek

By GERMAINE HUPE
Special to the Express

People who enjoy theatre and love literature have been delighted with a fairly recent phenomenon, the ever growing popularity of the plays of William Shakespeare. Professional acting companies have always included works of the Bard of Avon in their repertoire, but in the past several years, amateur acting companies, ranging from student groups to community theatre organizations, have been presenting Shakespeare's plays.

A recent edition of the San Francisco Chronicle listed no less than 58 such productions in the Bay area and northern California alone. At a time when new, high-tech gadgets seem to appear every other week, the interest in the 400-year-old plays of the genius of Elizabethan theatre is indeed a phenomenon.

Our own community of Winters (sadly not included in the Chronicle) has had its own mini-Shakespeare Festival for several years. Last week the young people's Shakespeare Workshop presented their charming, well-staged production of "Much Ado About Nothing," and the members of the Winters Theatre Company are currently rehearsing their Shakespeare In The Park production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which opens its four performance run on Friday, Aug.

12, and Saturday, Aug. 13, and continues the following weekend of Aug. 19 and 20.

This play will be the first event in the new amphitheater behind the Community Center. In addition to the staged woodland backdrop, patrons will enjoy the natural beauty of Putah Creek by moonlight.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is one of Shakespeare's most delightful comedies, featuring as it does the pageantry of a Ducal court, the often chaotic romance of young lovers, the magical arts of woodland fairies, and the hilarious antics of a group of artisans whose enthusiasm for drama outweighs their lack of dramatic talent.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be the second and last of our local summer Shakespeare festival. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at Kimes Ace Hardware and the Chamber of Commerce office, located inside the Winters Community Center. General admission is \$6, and \$5 for seniors and students. Children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Patrons are invited to bring their own chairs and blankets or to bring a snack or dinner to enjoy before the performance. Refreshments will be available for sale during intermission.

For additional information, call 795-4014.

Hit musical begins final run

"Six Women With Brain Death," the smash hit musical that ran for a record-breaking eight years at The Studio Theatre in downtown Sacramento returns for its final engagement, Sept. 15 through Dec. 18. Billed as "Six Women With Brain Death: The Goodbye Tour," it will be the last show produced by The Studio Theatre's founder, Jacqueline Schultz. She will be retiring at the end of the year.

Schultz built the theatre in 1994. She wanted to make a contribution to the development of the R Street corridor, so she leased an empty building at 11th and R streets on what is now a thriving arts block. During the last ten years, The Studio Theatre has done countless fundraisers, donated space for events and art projects, donated tickets and/or performances for various cancer groups, Breaking Barriers, Lambda, Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance, Temple Beth Israel and the Center for Complex Infectious Disease.

Schultz is retiring due to her nine year struggle with Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome (CFIDS).

Directed and choreographed by Schultz, "Six Women With Brain Death: The Goodbye Tour," will feature many of the actresses who helped make the show the longest-running musical in Sacramento history, including Evon Biondi, Maria Bueb, Rachell Gonzales, Chris Hille, Shelley Russell Riley, Rachel Songer and Andrea Eve Thorpe.

Written by Cheryl Benge, Christy Brandt, Rosana E. Coppedge, Valerie Fagan, Ross Freese, Mark Houston, Sandee Johnson and Peggy Pharr Wilson, with music and lyrics by Mark Houston,

the play is a zany, ribald musical revue. It spoofs everything from daytime soaps, high school reunions, and game shows, to Bambi, and Barbie and Ken. It pokes fun at the inanities of modern life from relationships to marriage and motherhood, to politics, religion and popular culture.

"Six Women With Brain Death: The Goodbye Tour," will play Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., Sept. 15 through Dec. 18. There will be an opening night wine and cheese reception at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15. Tickets are \$25 for opening night; \$17-19 for all other performances. Discounts for students, seniors, SAR-TA members and groups are available.

For reservations call the box office, (916) 446-2668, or reserve online at www.thestudiotheatre.net.

Sweet summer music



Courtesy photo

Eklectica will play a free outdoor concert at the Rotary Park gazebo on Thursday, July 28, at 7 p.m. The Davis-based acoustic band leads listeners on a world music journey, with Portuguese fado and tropical Brazilian bossa and samba tunes, featuring (from left) Scarlet Huber, vocals, Goran Muhlert, guitar, Jamie Knapp, bass, and Rick Palkovic, mandolin. This will be the last event in the summer concert series 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 Gazebo is located on Main Street just east of Railroad Avenue. For more information, call 795-3173.

Still time to go on zoo safari

Explore the zoo in a whole new light — moonlight. The Sacramento Zoo comes alive at night. Discover which animals are awake at night and learn about their nocturnal activities. Meet some of the animals up close and personal. Stroll through the zoo with your family without the rush of the regular zoo crowd.

The overnight program begins with a great barbecue dinner, followed by an evening of fun including some special animal enrichment feedings, zoo games, storytelling and camp songs.

Wake up to the calls of flamingos, a roaring lion, singing birds, chattering monkeys and a tasty breakfast. Make this a memorable experience for everyone in your family.

Family Overnight Safaris cost \$59 for adults and \$55 for children ages 5-17. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The final Safari dates are July 29, Friday/Saturday; Aug. 6, Saturday/Sunday; Aug. 12, Friday/Saturday; and Aug. 19, Friday/Saturday. All weekend safaris begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 9 a.m. the following morning.

Sign up for this once in a lifetime extraordinary

family experience by visiting www.saczoo.com or calling (916) 264-5889. Pre-registration is required.

The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park. The Sacramento Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weekday general admission for ages 13 and over is \$7. Admission for ages 3-12 is \$4.50. Weekend general admission for ages 13 and over is \$7.50. Admission for ages 3-12 is \$5. Children two and under are admitted free. Parking is free and available throughout the park.

For more information, call (916) 264-5889 or visit the zoo's web site at www.saczoo.com.

The Earthquake Street Festival is Friday, August 26, 5-11 p.m. Vendor booths are still available
Call 795-2329

Sports

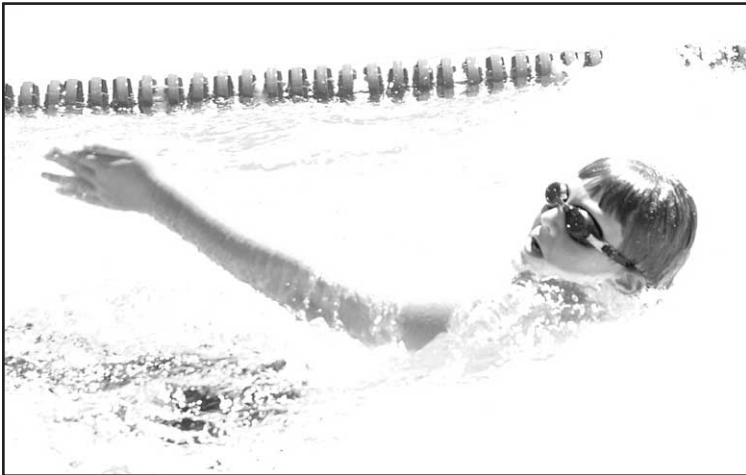


Photo by Eric Lucero
Austin Brickey and other young swimmers took to the pool at a recent swim meet held at the Bobbie Greenwood Swimming Pool.

Swimmers take their marks

The following times were recorded for Winters youth swimmers at their July 16 meet against Beale Air Force Base.

GIRLS RESULTS

~ 6 and under: 25 yard kickboard: first, Sarah Stone, 49.30; second, Kate-lyn Knight, 59.63; third, Ann Guidici, 1:04.09; fourth, Lexie Pedroia, 1:11.05. 25 yard freestyle: first, Olivia Mast, 25.68; second, Ashley Drummond, 29.78; third, Gabrielle Jurado, 30.53; fourth, Audrey Brickey, 35.19; fifth, Heidi Miller, 40.95; sixth, Fallon Griffin, 43.64. 25 yard backstroke: first, Olivia Mast, 28.50; second, Gabrielle Jurado, 29.49; third, Ashley Drummond, 32.59; fourth, Heidi Miller, 40.81; fifth, Audrey Brickey, 44.20; sixth, Anna Moore, 1:20.38. 25 yard breaststroke: first, Ashley Drummond, 37.89; second, Olivia Mast, 43.60; third, Audrey Brickey, 50.78; fourth, Katelyn Knight, 1:35.66. 25 yard butterfly: first, Olivia Mast, 39.41; second, Ashley Drummond, 42.00. 100 yard co-ed free relay: first, Olivia Mast, Ashley Drummond,

Anthony Carrion, Sammy Gonzalez, 2:07.70; second, Audrey Brickey, Fallon Griffin, Gabrielle Jurado, Grant Young, 2:46.67.

~ 7-8: 100 yard medley relay: second, Jordanne Mariani, Claire Penzel, Justine Penzel, Mikenna Sims, 1:57.71. 25 yard freestyle: first, Karissa Karlen, 18.30; second, Melissa Nitzkowski, 19.75; third, Alexandra Cushman, 19.80; fifth, Justine Penzel, 21.67. 25 yard backstroke: first, Melissa Nitzkowski, 23.33; third, Alexandra Cushman, 25.17; fifth, Hannah Kimes, 27.34. 25 yard breaststroke: first, Karissa Karlen, 26.90; second, Alexandra Cushman, 28.13; third, Jordanne Mariani, 33.80; fourth, Hailley Lane, 35.65. 25 yard butterfly: first, Karissa Karlen, 21.67; second, Melissa Nitzkowski, 23.48; fifth, Hannah Kimes, 32.66. 100 yard freestyle relay: first, Alexandra Cushman, Karissa Karlen, Melissa Nitzkowski, Claire Penzel, 1:24.44.

~ 9-10: 100 yard medley re-

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Courtesy photo
The 2004-05 Winters High School track team included, from left, (top row) coach Jay Shuttleworth, coach Jill Bowlus, Jayson Garcia, Chris Patton, Matt Sartin, Jesse Adams, Jerry Feltis, Richard Anstead, Cameron Lovell, Robert Warren, David Damon, Mat Catalan, Alvaro Zaragoza and coach Richard Crum; (middle row, standing) Cory Haraga, Jeremy Shepherd, Jesse McKim, Josh Sorvari, Jesse Beckett, Curtis Holabird, Sam Lanfranco, Nick Ramos, Nico Acevedo and coach Brett Martinez; (kneeling) Piedad Junez, Carlos Figueroa, Natalie Cooley, Erica Jordan, Mayte Herrera, Sophie Sears, Cara Patton, Gabrielle Boisrame, Sara Bean-Duncan and Johnny Lucero; (front, sitting) Eleni Valencia, Leslie Contreras, Amy Purvis, Courtney Carner, Lauren Yehle and Krista Blandin. Not pictured is coach Scott Fulenwider.

Winters track team honored at awards banquet

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School track team held their annual awards banquet last month and celebrated a very successful year. The Warriors had the most successful season as a team and as individuals that they've had in a long time. The Warriors earned 12 Butte View All League patches, that's more than any other school or sport for a team this year in the BVL.

Team Captains Cara McCoy and Robert Warren were both members of the all league team. Sophie Sears, Courtney Carner, Natalie Cooley, Piedad Junez, Josh Sorvari, Cameron Lovell and Nick Ramos were all members of the team. Ramos may be the only Winters track star to ever make All League in four different events. Ramos was also named the team MVP.

Sara-Bean Duncan earned the CIF Scholar Athlete award and was given the girls varsity Coaches Award. Junez was named the

varsity boys' Coaches Award winner. Lauren Yehle was the JV girls Coaches Award winner and Mat Catalan was given the boys JV Coaches Award.

Sears, Duncan and Ramos were also given recognition for their four year participation in the track program.

Coach Jay Shuttleworth also gave recognition to those winning individual events. Ramos won the Division II North Section Championship in the 110 and 300 hurdles. Cooley won the

varsity girls 800. Yehle won the 100 hurdles for JV girls. Curtis Holabird, Cory Haraga, Alvaro Zaragoza and Catalan won the JV boys mile relay.

In the section finals for all divisions, Ramos placed first in the 300 hurdles and placed fourth in the mile relay along with Warren, Junez and Sorvari, while Cooley placed fourth in the 800.

Coach Shuttleworth and coach Jill Bowlus were also given recognition as CIF State Championship Coaches for the 2005 season.

Stage set for Gamblers in World Series

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Tri-County Gamblers put themselves in perfect position to win the 2005 Joe DiMaggio World Series set for Tuesday, July 26. The Gamblers improved their overall record to 33-3 with a clean sweep over the weekend as they picked up wins on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, in the Tournament of Champions played in Yountville. The Gamblers, coached by Jerry Smith are looking for the second title after winning what was then called the State Tournament of Champions in 1999.

"This weekend was the best baseball I have ever been a part of as a coach," said Smith. "These kids are unbelievable." The team that wins the losers bracket will have to beat the Gamblers twice to win the championship.

On Friday, July 22, the Gamblers took on Pajaro Valley from Santa Cruz and came out with a convincing 12-5 victory. Scott Thur threw a complete

game for the Gamblers adding another victory on his successful season. Jacob Thorne led the Gamblers at the plate batting 2-5 with two RBI. John Avelar batted 1 for 1 with a RBI. Brenden Benson batted 1 for 1 as well with a double. Michael Gleason batted 1 for 2 with a double and three RBI. Alex Thomson batted 1 for 2

with a double and a RBI. Kannon Smith batted 1 for 3 with a RBI, while Nick Hedrick also batted 1 for 3.

On Saturday, July 23, the Gamblers faced their toughest opponent yet the Sierra Sun Devils from Reno. Down 6 to 4 in the fifth the Gamblers got a huge hit from Norm Hal-

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Tess Hyer

Tess Hyer, a pitcher on the Winters Little League 11-12 year old All Star team, is this week's Winters Express Athlete of the week.

as she struck out 14 batters while giving up just two hits against San Francisco to get the win.

Hyer and the All Star team then advanced to the next round.

Hyer led the Winters team on the

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Volleyball program begins

The Winters High School volleyball teams will start the 2005 season with new coach Maribell Chavez taking over the program. There will be open gym the week of Monday, Aug. 1, through Thursday, Aug. 4, from 9-11 a.m. at the Winters High School gym.

On Monday, Aug. 8, practices will start and there will be conditioning for JV and varsity from 9-11 a.m. Then varsity only will practice from 3:30-5:30p.m.

Physicals planned for Winters High School athletes

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

Physicals for Winters High Athletes will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 3 from 3 p.m to 6 p.m at the Winters Medical Center. The cost of the physicals is only \$10

payable in cash or in checks made out to Winters High School. Parents must fill out the “medical history” side of the physical form and sign it prior to the athlete getting a physical.

Forms are available at the Medical Center and at the High School office.

SERIES

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ley. With bases loaded and two outs Halley came into DH and hit a two run single to tie the game. The Gamblers then scored the go ahead run in the eighth inning to pick up the victory. Gleason and Jared Enos split time on the mound as Enos got the win.

At the plate Benson and Gleason each hit 2 for 4. Thorne and Thomson both batted 2 for 5 with a RBI. Halley batted 1 for 2 with 2 RBI, Smith and Sebastian

Salas each batted 1 for 2, while Hedrick batted 1 for 3.

In the championship game of the winners bracket, the Gamblers faced San Carlos and won another exciting game 3-2. Thomson threw a complete game for the Gamblers to pick up the win. Down 0-2 in the sixth, Gleason gave the Gamblers what they needed with a two run home run to tie the game. Enos then got a hit and advanced to third on passed balls. With one out, coach Smith put Nathanael Lucero into run for Enos as Kan-

non Smith was up to bat. Smith drew a walk to put runners on first and third. Benson then came up and hit a short fly ball to center field to score Lucero for the go ahead run. The Gamblers inning ended on a controversial double play. But the defense shut down San Carlos as the Gamblers celebrated the victory.

Thorne led the Gamblers batting 2 for 3, while Gleason, Hedrick, Enos, Smith and Benson all were 1 for 2. Gleason had a homerun and two RBI, while Benson had a RBI.

SWIM

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lay: first, Sarah Kimes, Olivia Orosco, Natalie Roberts-Kane, Shannon Sinkovich, 1:21.87; second, Megan Jurado, Rachel Myers, Katie Neil, Emma Nicholson, 1:33.10. 100 yard individual medley: first, Mallory Dunn, 1:36.18; second, Natalie Roberts-Kane, 1:36.78; third, Sarah Kimes, 1:45.33. 50 yard freestyle: first, Natalie Roberts-Kane, 37.51; second, Shannon Sinkovich, 22.50; third, Olivia Orosco, 40.23; fourth, Rachel Myers, 41.45; sixth, Sarah Kimes, 41.98. 25 yard backstroke: first, Mallory Dunn, 19.75; second (tie), Olivia Orosco, 22.50, Shannon Sinkovich, 22.50; sixth, Rachel Myers, 24.57. 25 yard breastroke: second, Natalie Roberts-Kane, 22.20; fourth, Mallory Dunn, 24.56; sixth, Katie Neil, 26.27. 25 yard butterfly: first, Natalie Roberts-Kane, 16.43; second, Mallory Dunn, 19.26; third, Katie Neil, 21.25; fourth, Olivia Orosco, 22.29; fifth, Emma Nicholson, 26.69. 200 yard freestyle relay: first, Mallory Dunn, Sarah Kimes, Olivia Orosco, Shannon Sinkovich, 2:48.58; second, Megan Jurado, Rachel Myers, Katie Neil, Emma Nicholson, 3:04.29.

~ 11-12: 100 yard individual medley: second, Abbey Mast, 1:28.32. 50 yard freestyle: second, Abbey Mast, 34.40; third, Olivia Colombo, 34.91, fifth, Shawnee Halbach, 39.12; sixth, Jessie Freckmann, 40.28. 50 yard backstroke: second, Abbey Mast, 41.56; third, Shawnee Halbach, 46.92; sixth, Jessie Freckmann, 58.59. 50 yard breastroke: third, Shawnee Halbach, 48.52; fourth, Olivia Colombo, 51.19; fifth, Jessie Freckmann, 1:02.13. 200 yard freestyle relay: second, Jessie Freckmann, Shawnee Halbach, Abbey Mast, Katie Sinkovich, 2:49.61.

~ 13-14: 200 yard medley relay: first, Lauren Atherton, Meghan Hyde, Cheyenne Powell, Maya Tice, 2:26.15. 100 yard individual medley: first, Maya Tice, 1:12.27; third, Jamie Andersen, 1:22.74; fourth, Lauren Atherton, 1:24.31. 50 yard freestyle: first, Maya Tice, 29.25; second, Catherine Hasbrook, 30.59; third, Meghan Hyde, 31.64; fourth, Jamie Andersen, 32.40; sixth, Lauren Atherton, 32.73. 50 yard backstroke: first, Maya Tice, 34.13; third, Lauren Atherton, 41.62; fourth, Meghan Hyde, 45.27. 50 yard breastroke:

first, Jamie Andersen, 40.47; fourth, Cheyenne Powell, 48.37. 50 yard butterfly: first, Maya Tice, 31.24; third, Catherine Hasbrook, 39.28; fourth, Cheyenne Powell, 46.54. 200 yard freestyle relay: first, Jamie Andersen, Lauren Atherton, Meghan Hyde, Cheyenne Powell, 2:15.20.

~ 15-18: 200 yard co-ed free relay: second, Courtney Young, Sabrina DeVries, Alec Bouwens, Jordan Shugart, 1:55.79. 100 yard freestyle: second, Sabrina DeVries, 1:08.17; third, Courtney Young, 1:11.16. 50 yard backstroke: second, Sabrina DeVries, 36.07; third, Courtney Young, 39.50. 50 yard breastroke: second, Courtney Young, 43.37; fifth, Sabrina DeVries, 48.66. 50 yard butterfly: second, Sabrina DeVries, 37.46; third, Courtney Young, 38.98.

BOYS RESULTS

~ 6 and under: 25 yard kickboard: second, Austin Baylor, 44.10; fourth, William Halbach, 55.04; fifth, Mason Schroeder, 1:10.63; sixth, Ryan Andersen, 1:24.21. 25 yard freestyle: first, Sammy Gonzalez, 27.67; second, Anthony Carrion, 30.32; third, Grant Young, 47.64; fourth, Ronnie Carbahal, 48.00. 25 yard backstroke: first, Anthony Carrion, 32.81; second, Sammy Gonzalez, 35.88; third, Austin Baylor, 1:06.42. 25 yard breaststroke: second, Sammy Gonzalez, 39.53; third, Grant Young, 58.15. 25 yard butterfly: first, Sammy Gonzalez, 40.56; second, Anthony Carrion, 45.96. 100 yard co-ed free relay: first, Olivia Mast, Ashley Drummond, An-

thony Carrion, Sammy Gonzalez, 2:07.70; second, Audrey Brickey, Fallon Griffin, Gabrielle Jurado, Grant Young, 2:46.67.

~ 7-8: 25 yard freestyle: first, Colton Montgomery, 16.20; third, Anthony Pedroia, 21.37; fourth, Chris Kays, 21.43. 25 yard backstroke: first, Colton Montgomery, 20.74; fourth, T. J. Andersen, 30.39; fifth, Anthony Pedroia, 30.95. 25 yard butterfly: first, Colton Montgomery, 20.24; second, T. J. Andersen, 27.53; third, Chris Kays, 34.02; fourth, Brandon Freed, 43.59. 100 yard freestyle relay: first, T. J. Andersen, Chris Kays, Colton Montgomery, Matthew Pomeroy, 1:32.73; third, Logan Hoskins, Anthony Pedroia, Tynum Spalding, Tristan Gomez, 2:23.41.

~ 9-10: 100 yard medley relay: first, Wyatt Croxson, Jake Ivory, Kevin Lane, Justin Nitzkowski, 1:29.35. 100 yard individual medley: first, Justin Nitzkowski, 1:38.55; second, Kevin Lane, 1:52.31. 50 yard freestyle: first, Justin Nitzkowski, 36.50; second, Wyatt Croxson, 37.78; third, Tyler Benson, 42.73; fourth, Jake Ivory, 45.90; sixth, Matthew Wallace, 50.18. 25 yard backstroke: first, Justin Nitzkowski, 21.11; second, Wyatt Croxson, 22.73; third, Jake Ivory, 24.40; fourth, Tyler Benson, 24.55. 25 yard breastroke: first, Justin Nitzkowski, 22.35; second, Kevin Lane, 25.54; fourth, Connor Brickey, 26.87; sixth, Steven Hasbrook, 30.82. 25 yard butterfly: first, Wyatt Croxson, 21.62; second, Kevin Lane, 23.81; third, Jake Ivory, 24.55. 200

yard freestyle relay: first, Connor Brickey, Tommy Halbach, Jake Ivory, Matthew Wallace, 3:59.96.

~ 11-12: 200 yard medley relay: first, Matteo Barrera, Kyle Karlen, D.J. Tice, Nick Mariani, 2:49.90. 100 yard individual medley: first, Tyler Berg, 1:15.68; third, Austin Brickey, 1:42.23. 50 yard freestyle: first, Tyler Berg, 29.44; second, Kevin Hyde, 32.59; third, Anderson Bouwens, 33.74; fifth, Nick Mariani, 35.69; sixth, Kyle Karlen, 37.25. 50 yard backstroke: first, Tyler Berg, 37.97; second, Anderson Bouwens, 38.28; third, Kevin Hyde, 42.23; fourth, Nick Mariani, 44.13; fifth, Kyle Karlen, 48.47. 50 yard breastroke: first, Tyler Berg, 41.00; second, Kevin Hyde, 44.85; fourth, Matteo Barrera, 47.79; fifth, Austin Brickey, 50.31; sixth, Austin Freed, 59.53. 50 yard butterfly: first, Tyler Berg, 34.72; second, Kevin Hyde, 43.30; third, D. J. Tice, 43.50; fourth, Matteo Barrera, 50.67. 200 yard freestyle relay: first, Kyle Karlen, D.

J. Tice, Nick Mariani, Anderson Bouwens, 2:26.07.

~ 13-14: 200 yard medley relay: first, Taylor Brickey, Aaron Geerts, Justin Hyer, Justin Rominger, 2:18.03. 100 yard individual medley: first, Justin Rominger, 1:08.89; second, Aaron Geerts, 1:18.05; third, Taylor Brickey, 1:158.44; fourth, Justin Hyer, 1:21.81. 50 yard freestyle: first, Justin Rominger, 27.18; third, Aaron Geerts, 28.56; fourth, Justin Hyer, 29.04; fifth, Taylor Brickey, 31.15; sixth, Alec Bouwens, 31.57. 50 yard backstroke: first, Justin Rominger, 31.96; second, Aaron Geerts, 35.67; fourth, Alec Bouwens, 39.28; fifth, Ethan Johnson,

39.32; sixth, Clinton Freed, 44.28. 50 yard breastroke: first, Taylor Brickey, 39.90; second, Justin Hyer, 40.74; fourth, Ethan Johnson, 43.55; fifth, Clinton Freed, 46.13. 50 yard butterfly: first, Justin Rominger, 31.11; third, Aaron Geerts, 34.83; fourth, Alec Bouwens, 38.02.

~ 15-18: 200 yard co-ed free relay: second, Courtney Young, Sabrina DeVries, Alec Bouwens, Jordan Shugart, 1:55.79. 100 yard individual medley: first, Jordan Shugart, 57.98; second, Alec Bouwens, 1:09.24. 50 yard butterfly: second, Jordan Shugart, 28.66.

Schools & Youth



Courtesy photo
Performing in the Youth Drama production of “The Wizard of Oz,” are (front) Emily Donlevy, as Toto; (middle) Samantha Nickelson, as Dorothy; (back, from left) Jessie Freckmann as Zeke/Cowardly Lion, Amanda Hansen as Hunk/Scarecrow and Sierra Freckmann as Hickory/Tin Woodsman. The play is directed by Lynne Secrist and Gloria Marion.

‘Wizard of Oz’ comes to local stage

They’re not in Kansas anymore. The 2005 Summer Youth Drama Workshop brings “The Wizard of Oz,” to the local stage Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7, at the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue.

Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with Auntie Em’s Sunday Brunch to

be held at 1 p.m., with the curtain time at 2 p.m. Tickets for the evening performances are \$8 for those 13 and older; \$5 for children 12 and under and seniors. Brunch tickets are \$13 for those 13 and older; \$9 for children 12 and under and seniors.

Call ahead for reserved seating, eight to a table, 795-4910, ext. 102.

Peer group planned for parents of infants

Are you a parent with an infant under the age of one? Do you have questions, concerns or issues that you would like to share and discuss with other parents of young children? Would you just like to meet other parents who have common interests? If so, you are invited to visit “Parents Together” with child development consultant and group facilitator Kathleen Grey. There is no fee to participate and babies are welcome.

The Parents Together group meets every Tuesday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the conference room at 600 A Street in Davis. The conference room is adjacent to the Child Care Services office.

For more information about joining Parents Together, call Rossana Vigil, 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.

Support group helps parents

Yolo Family Service Agency is sponsoring a Parents Anonymous Group in Yolo County. At weekly Parents Anonymous meetings, parents find a safe, accepting, non-judgmental place to talk freely about being a parent.

For more information, call Kathy Dryer, parent facilitator, 662-9463, or Sue Curry, MFTI, YFSA facilitator, 662-2211, ext. 22.

Minor League All Stars



Courtesy photo
The Winters Minor League All Star team (age 9 and 10 year olds) played in the District 64 Tournament held in Woodland last week. They lost two close and exciting games, 7-6 and 12-11, but played hard and had fun. From left are (front) Adam Martinez, Henry Nicholson, David Montez, Christian Corrales, Austin Murphy, and Roger Padilla; (middle) Kendrick Moore, Michael Bermudez, Benjamin Case, Brandon Emery, Taylor Burke, Marcus De la Cruz, and coach Ralph Gonzalez; (back) Coach Joe Luis Corrales and head coach, Dan Murphy.

Help CASA help a child

What is CASA?
The Court Appointed Special Advocate program is an informed and powerful voice in the court for the children in Yolo County who have been abused or neglected. CASA advocates are trained volunteers who act as the eyes and ears of the judge, research the past and present circumstances of a child’s life and make recommendations about that child’s future.

~ In 2002, CASA volunteers donated over 13,000 hours to advocating for and mentoring abused and at-risk children.

~ Since Yolo County CASA was founded in 1995, almost 300 children have benefited from having a consistent, caring, outspoken adult in their lives.

~ Research shows that having a caring adult involved in a child’s life, even if that adult is not the child’s parent, is the single most consistent factor in a child’s surviving adversity. CASA is here to make it happen.

What can you do?
There are many ways to help the kids CASA serves. Here are just a few:

~ Support CASA with a thoughtful contribution or encourage a service group, church, workplace, or club to make CASA a beneficiary of the next fund-raiser or grant. Of every dollar donated, 88 cents goes directly to programs and services for these children.

~ Volunteer to be a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

~ Encourage friends, co-workers and family to become CASA volunteers.

~ Leave a legacy to the CASA program.

~ Spread the word. Talk about the needs and dreams of the county’s most vulnerable children and help CASA help them, one child at a time.

Contact Yolo County CASA at 666-8267 or volunteer@yolo-casa.org. The mailing address is P.O. Box 8518, Woodland, CA 95776.

Information night planned

The Annual Yolo County Homeschool Information Night will be held on Thursday, July 28, 7-9 p.m. The event moves this year to the Davis Art Center, corner of 14th Street and Covell Boulevard in Davis. Speakers from the community will talk about the legal aspects of homeschooling, local support groups, methods of teaching, and more. Light refreshments will also be served.

For more information about homeschooling in Yolo County, go online to the Yolo Homeschooling Resource Central website, <http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/~yolohome/pages/index.html>.

For more information about Homeschool Information Night, call Eve Dunaway at 753-6464 or Heather Smith at 756-4514.

ASK offers help to families

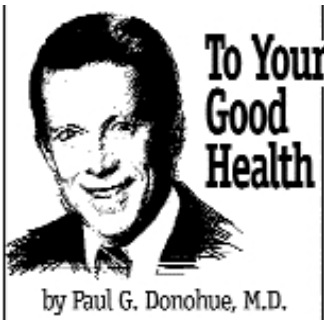
Allied Services for Kids (ASK) provides immediate help through both individual and family counseling, support and education groups, classroom presentations, and 24-hour crisis line services.

To learn more, call Davis, 753-0797.

Features

Ways to treat prostate cancer

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am an 83-year-old man who has a diagnosis of prostate cancer. My doctor has given me a number of choices for treatment. I have chosen hormone shots. Would I be better off if I had the gland removed? I have no pain whatsoever. —E.F.



ANSWER: A number of factors have to be considered to arrive at the best treatment for prostate cancer. The stage of the cancer is an important determinant. Stage is determined by the depth to which the cancer has invaded the gland and whether it has spread to tissues surrounding the gland or to distant sites. The Gleason score is another consideration. It's a measure of the cancer's aggressiveness. A high Gleason number—10 is the highest — indicates a cancer that multiplies and spreads quickly. A low number—2 is the lowest—is given to a cancer that grows slowly. The degree of PSA elevation — the blood test for prostate cancer — is factored into the decision, as are a man's age, his general health, his expected longevity and the potential complications of treatment.

If the cancer is confined to the gland, then surgery or radiation is the usual treatment. If the cancer is far advanced and has spread out of the gland, eliminating testosterone production is often the choice. Testosterone spurs the growth of prostate cancer. Testosterone production can be stopped by removing the testes or giving hormone shots.

Another alternative is watchful waiting. Many older men with a slowly growing tumor do not die from prostate cancer but from some other problem, like heart disease. Therefore, if a man's life expectancy is less than 10 years and his tumor doesn't have the characteristics of rapid growth, that man can choose to have his doctor follow the course of his tumor and withhold treatment until there are signs that the tumor is enlarging.

The choice of treatment is your call. However, your doctor has to provide you with relevant information so you can make an informed choice.

The prostate-gland booklet describes enlargement and cancer of the gland. To obtain a copy, write to: Dr. Donohue — No. 1001W, 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: My husband has used chewing tobacco for half of his life. He's only 28. Can you provide a reason he should quit, aside from the fact that our 2-year-old son mimics his every move? —H.H.

ANSWER: The chances for a chewing-tobacco devotee to come down with cancer of the mouth or tongue are 50 times greater than the chances for a nonuser to do so. That's only one of many reasons for him to quit.

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. (c) 2005 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

Getting attention was terrorists' motivation

Was it a coincidence that the London bombers chose Thursday, July 7, to commit their atrocities? That was the day that leaders of the G8 nations — the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Russia and Japan were ready to discuss the great issues of alleviating world poverty and tackling climate change. After all, it had been an incredible week in the lead-up to that Thursday.

Ten Live8 concerts in all these countries plus South Africa with the agenda of "Making Poverty History" organized by (Sir) Bob Geldorf of Live Aid fame. Watched by millions of people at the venues and on television, Live8 led to 25 million email signatures urging increases in foreign aid to Africa. Even the original members of Pink Floyd got back together after 24 years of acrimony — it must have been important.

In addition, Tony Blair invited the leaders of China, Brazil and India to the Gleneagles G8 summit: without their help climate change cannot be controlled — their economies are developing so fast with every danger of using carbon dioxide rich coal and oil to drive their industrial machines. So the stakes were high, very high.

Then the outrage on the Tube and buses on Day 1 of the Summit — which completely took the wind out of the sails of the whole enterprise, Blair flying down to London, unable to really pressure the G8 beyond mild agreements already established by foreign secretaries in the days leading up to the Summit; only \$50 billion in aid to Africa, and a communiqué that acknowledges that scientists fear that global warming is driven by human activities. Opportunity lost — no increase in trade with Africa, no lifting of perverse subsidies on European and American farmers that still allow them to undercut poor



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OUTSIDE THE BOX

African farmers, no concrete steps toward curing our addiction to fossil fuels and to develop alternative energy sources.

But the failure was understandable — the key man was MIA — back in London rallying his nation, and he did a good job. But now everyone is talking about homegrown terrorism. How to increase Muslim participation in the British police force? Where did the bombers get the high quality of explosives from? What happens when Britishers visit Madrassas in Pakistan? How can we make the Tube safer? These are important and timely questions. But they are not the big questions. They are not the questions of our generation. Those questions were posed by Blair and his Foreign Secretary Gordon Brown.

How can the world go on with such an uneven distribution of wealth? Epidemic obesity in the west, children dying of malnutrition in Africa. Sprinklers on the lawns of the Central Valley, women walking five miles each day to get 20 liters in Africa. Rampant AIDS with no affordable drugs in Africa, but some hope of alleviation in the West. Until we solve this, there will be wars, terrorism and conflict.

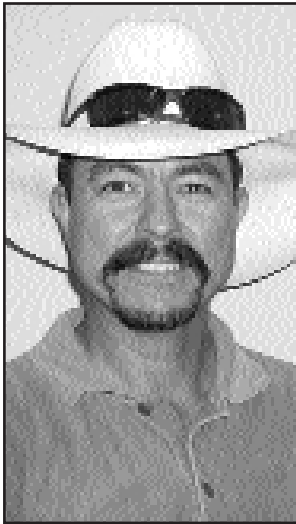
And climate change. Europeans are very, very worried about it. They have signed up to Kyoto, a treaty that seeks to reduce carbon emissions that are causing a global rise in the earth's temperature, and are consequently required to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels by 2012. But the US won't sign and without the US, a country that contributes 25 percent of glob-

al carbon emissions, it is very difficult to get China, India and Brazil on board.

George Bush says that it will damage the US economy. No one in this administration seems to understand the risks of business as usual. A paradigm shift might very well eat into profits of the more old-fashioned oil companies like Exxon-Mobil, yet modern oil companies like BP are investing in "clean" energy big time, switching research and development from fossil fuels to solar, wind and wave power. With the world east of the Atlantic seaboard rapidly developing new technologies for green energies, the US is being left far behind. A number of companies in this country have got the message and are trying to keep up with Europe and Japan but not the old oil dinosaurs and their government bedfellows.

So the bombers got some of what they wanted — full media attention on whatever it is that they are after (it is still unclear what this is). But terrorizing Great Britain — not very much. A country weaned on Nazi blitzes and IRA bombings develops a stiff upper lip. The greatest casualties, apart from the 55 dead and 700 injured, were the big issues. Make poverty history and sign Kyoto. We can still do it!

Pleased to meet you

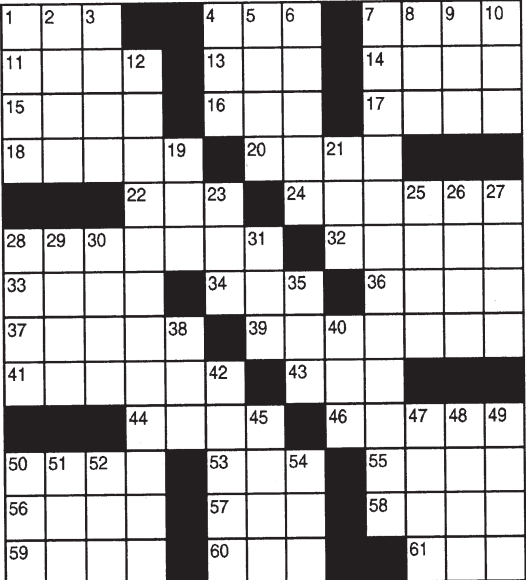


Name: Ramiro Cardona
Occupation: Owner of Cardona's Landscaping
Hobby: Reading
What's best about living in Winters: "I feel like I'm somebody in Winters. In big cities you feel like a nobody. Nobody knows you."
Fun fact: Is self-taught in both education and career.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Corn holder
- 4 Mid-May honoree
- 7 Moan and groan
- 11 Obsessed captain
- 13 "I'm lazy river ..."
- 14 Wheel-base terminus
- 15 Old Italian money
- 16 Monologue component
- 17 Everything else
- 18 Abbey occupants
- 20 Tale-teller
- 22 Listener
- 24 Snug hat for women



- 28 Hardly luxurious
- 32 Elevator stop
- 33 Rainbow
- 34 Petrol
- 36 Protracted
- 37 Orange castoffs
- 39 Does acrobatics
- 41 Obtain by coercion
- 43 Actress Zadora
- 44 Menageries
- 46 On the - (declining)
- 50 See 16-Across
- 53 "the Dog"
- 55 Satan's forte

- 56 It takes the cake
- 57 Geological time
- 58 Fight the clock
- 59 Shopper's burdens
- 60 Back talk
- 61 Fresh

DOWN

- 1 Tranquil
- 2 Columbus's place
- 3 Farm structure
- 4 Oktoberfest item
- 5 Unfaceted gem
- 6 David Blaine's

- field
- 7 "Baby Doll" star (1956)
- 8 Evidence in the Borden trial
- 9 "Treasure Island" monogram
- 10 Favorite
- 12 Thirteens
- 19 Perched
- 21 TV alien
- 23 Tatter
- 25 Beatnik's expletive
- 26 Sharpen
- 27 Work units
- 28 Foal's father
- 29 Grand -

- 30 "Misbehavin'"
- 31 Natalie's dad
- 35 Dine
- 38 "No seats" sign
- 40 Wrong (Pref.)
- 42 Beachgoer's item
- 45 Calcutta cover-up
- 47 Terrible guy?
- 48 "Galloping dominoes"
- 49 Dispatched
- 50 Occupation
- 51 Eggs
- 52 St. Bernard's load
- 54 Hiatus

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Corsage is smaller. 2. Bracelet is missing. 3. Tie is moved. 4. Star is moved. 5. Moon is different. 6. Urn is different.

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Answers

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

A bit of Arian contrariness could be keeping you from getting all the facts. Turn it off, and tune in to what you need to hear. It could make all the difference this week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Getting an answer to a vital question involving financial matters might take longer than you'd expected. A new factor might have to be dealt with before anything can move forward. Be patient.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Use your good sense to see what might really be driving a colleague's work-place agenda. What you learn could lead to a new way of handling some old problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A change of mind might once again turn out to be a good thing. True, most of your co-workers might not like the delay, but as before, they might appreciate what follows from it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You revel in golden opportunities this week. One cautionary note, though: Be careful to separate the gold from the glitter before you make a choice. Someone you trust can help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Marriage is important this week, as are other partnerships. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed by sentiment. Instead, try to steer a path between emotion and common sense.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Dealing with someone who has let you down is never easy. But the sooner you're able to clear up this problem, the sooner other problems can be successfully handled.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A "friend" who is willing to bend the rules to gain an advantage for both of you is no friend. Reject the offer and stay on your usual straight and narrow path.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) After all the effort you've been putting in both on the job and for friends and family, it's a good time to indulge your own needs. The weekend could bring a pleasant surprise.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might want to do something new this weekend. Close your eyes and imagine what it could be, and then do it, or come up with the closest practical alternative.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your good deeds bring you the appreciation you so well deserve. But, once again, be careful of those who might want to exploit your generous nature for their own purposes.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Trolling for compliments isn't necessary. You earned them, and you'll get them. Concentrate this week on moving ahead into the next phase of your program. BORN THIS WEEK: Meeting new people usually means you're making new friends. People want to be reflected in your shining light.

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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Una posibilidad lógica

Los mexicanos que viven en el extranjero finalmente podrán votar en las elecciones por presidente de México. Si fuera sólo por la reacción de algunos críticos, se pensaría que México es la única nación que permite que sus emigrados voten. En realidad, México simplemente se une a casi 70 naciones que actualmente lo permiten. En una era de medios masivos y cobertura instantánea, parece lógico que se fomente la conciencia de los ciudadanos hacia su tierra natal y que voten si así lo desean. Esto sería en particular apropiado en México, donde las remesas financieras que llegan allí exceden los 16,000 millones de dólares por año. Tal cantidad de dinero representa la segunda fuente mayor de ingresos a la que no se puede hacer caso omiso. Tal como dicen en México: ¡con dinero baila el perro!

No obstante, se duda que otorgar a los mexicanos aquí en los Estados Unidos el derecho al voto en México resulte en ningún impacto importante sobre las elecciones presidenciales. Para empezar, este derecho no le corresponderá a la mayoría de los 10 millones de mexicanos que viven aquí. Sólo aquellos individuos quienes ya están registrados en su distrito electoral en México podrán votar, lo cual implica que sólo unas cuatro millones de personas, o menos, tendrán el derecho a votar. Y de ellos, ¿cuántos se molestarán en hacerlo?

El viejo refrán “ojos que no ven, no lloran” se aplica en este caso. Al pasar el tiempo, los inmigrantes tienden a desconectarse de su patria. Se involucran en la rutina diaria de ganarse la vida, cuidar a la familia y cumplir con sus obligaciones. Sobrevivir les requiere la mayoría de su tiempo y esfuerzo. Pierden su relevancia los temas políticos.

El desinterés se aumenta con el hecho de que los candidatos a presidente no podrán hacer campaña fuera de México, ni en persona, ni por los medios de comunicación. En resumidas cuentas, esta limitación representa un paso atrás. Cuando Vicente Fox buscaba la presidencia, hizo campaña en Los Angeles y en otras ciudades con grandes poblaciones de mexicanos. Al hacerlo, seguía los pasos del ministro de Educación, José Vasconcelos, quien hizo su campaña para la presidencia en EU hace más de 70 años.

En realidad, el debate sobre la binacionalidad y el derecho al voto comenzó a fines de la década de los 20. Cabe preguntarse por qué se tardó tanto en actuar sobre la realidad de la situación. Desde siempre han residido aquí muchos mexicanos. Se redujo notablemente este número durante la histeria de deportación y repatriación de la década de los 30. ¡Hoy, sin embargo, se calcula que uno de cada 10 mexicanos vive en el extranjero!

Existen pueblos rurales en los que ha partido toda la población masculina, adulta, en edad de trabajar, para EU. Es de sentido común darles la oportunidad de votar. Las papeletas se deben pedir y la elegibilidad a votar se debe verificar, lo cual es un gran problema, en particular para los campesinos analfabetos. Además, hay que devolver las papeletas por medio del sistema postal mexicano, que es ineficiente. Sólo el individuo fuerte y dedicado se molestará tanto en votar. Para el caso, no podemos siquiera persuadir a los mexicoamericanos que salgan a votar aquí.

En la elección presidencial de 2004, eran el grupo de menor participación de cualquier otro conglomerado étnico o racial. Aún si quieren votar los inmigrantes mexicanos, tienen un gran obstáculo que superar. Se calcula que costará unos 125 millones de dólares implementar un programa de sufragio en el extranjero. Como consecuencia, los que quieran votar tendrán que pagar por el derecho de ejercer el privilegio. Se estima que costará entre 15 a 20 dólares. Para los que tienen dificultades de costearse el pan de cada día, es un pago exorbitante por el derecho a votar, en particular si no se tiene seguridad que el voto cuente.

No obstante, el que siga con la determinación de votar, podrá bajar de la internet la solicitud de la papeleta al entrar en www.ife.org.mx o pedirla del consulado local o la embajada mexicana. Se debe pedir la solicitud entre el primero de octubre de 2005 y el 15 de enero de 2006.

Recuérdese que no habrá registro del votante. Los que quieran votar deben estar registrados ya para votar en la elección presidencial de 2006. Para evitar trámites legales, muchos residentes de México de afuera harán lo que siempre: aconsejar a los familiares cómo deben votar.

Los enemigos del Peje

Nada parece hacerle mella a López Obrador. Ni los videoescándalos que mostraron a algunos de sus colaboradores en operaciones truculentas, ni los intentos por desaforarlo, ni sus diferencias con Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, ni las críticas del “subcomandante Marcos” han logrado bajarlo de su pedestal. La más reciente encuesta indica que el perredista continúa firme en su puesto de favorito para ocupar la silla presidencial en el 2006. Según el diario mexicano El Universal, el 32% de los electores votarían por él. En segundo lugar está Roberto Madrazo, del PRI, con 24 puntos, y en tercero Santiago Creel, de Acción Nacional, con 21 puntos.

Lo más sorprendente del fenómeno López Obrador es que, en lugar de debilitarlo, los ataques le generan nuevas simpatías. Un ejemplo de ello son las críticas que hace unas semanas le hizo el “subcomandante Marcos”. El zapatista le propinó un fuerte revés a AMLO al declarar que su proyecto de gobierno no es de izquierda porque él mismo ha dicho que su prioridad será defender la estabilidad de la macroeconomía, no los intereses de los trabajadores.

Marcos también acusó a López Obrador de ser el continuador del salinismo porque cuenta entre sus colaboradores más cercanos a gente del expresidente priísta como Manuel Camacho Solís. Obviamente estos ataques podrían calificarse como demoleedores para López Obrador. No obstante, una segunda lectura sugiere que, lejos de dañarlo, las críticas de Marcos podrían servirle al perredista para atraer a los votantes que no ha logrado conquistar: la clase pudiente en México y los inver-

sionistas extranjeros.

Las diferencias que El Peje ha tenido con Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas tienen también una doble interpretación. El líder moral del PRD ha criticado a López Obrador por definirse como un político de “centro”. Debido a estas divergencias, Cárdenas anunció recientemente que no contendrá por la candidatura del PRD para la presidencia de México lo cual, en opinión de algunos, podría derivar en una posible división de este partido de izquierda.

Sin embargo, por ahora lo más importante es que la declinación de Cárdenas a contender con López Obrador resulta positiva para éste porque le deja la vía libre para erigirse sin problemas como candidato único del perredismo. Pero al margen de las especulaciones sobre las consecuencias que tendrán estos hechos y los futuros enemigos que deberá enfrentar López Obrador, lo cierto es que, hoy por hoy, de quien más se debe cuidar el perredista es de sí mismo.

Desde que Fox dio por “zanjado” el asunto del desafuero, AMLO se ha dedicado a hacer declaraciones alegres que en nada favorecen su imagen. Entre otras cosas, El Peje ha dicho que, de llegar a Los Pinos, no vivirá en esa residencia oficial sino en una habitación del Palacio Nacional. También ha dicho que se bajará el sueldo y que le quitará las pensiones vitalicias a los exmandatarios del país.

Como grandes proyectos para el país, ha anunciado que dismantelará la prisión de las Islas Marías para convertirlas en un espacio para el turismo ecológico. Hasta ahora, el perredista se ha ganado a un amplio sector de sus gobernados en la ciudad de México con

las grandes obras públicas que ha hecho y con la puesta en marcha de programas que han ayudado a muchos ancianos, niños y madres solteras.

Falta ahora que demuestre que tiene la capacidad de llegar a ser el próximo ocupante de Los Pinos con propuestas creativas e inteligentes para sacar al país del marasmo social y económico en que está. ¿Qué piensa hacer, por ejemplo, para combatir el crimen organizado y para generar los empleos que se necesitan para que los mexicanos no sigan arriesgando su vida en busca de oportunidades en EU?

AMLO debe tomar en cuenta que para cumplir sus aspiraciones no sólo tendrá que vencer a los mexicanos de allá sino también a los que vivimos acá y que, gracias a la aprobación del voto postal, participaremos en las próximas elecciones.

Nos toman el pelo

El tema migratorio vuelve a la palestra política con el proyecto de ley denominado Reforma Integral de Inmigración y Seguridad de 2005 (The Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005) presentado ante el Senado, días atrás, por los republicanos John Cornyn de Texas y Jon Kyl de Arizona. Este proyecto contempla las acostumbradas disposiciones referentes al aumento del control fronterizo y del número de agentes de inmigración, aporte de mayores recursos para las labores del Departamento de Seguridad Interna (DHS), endurecimiento de las sanciones contra los indocumentados y sus empleadores y, por supuesto, un programa de trabajadores temporales, para estar en sintonía con la promesa del presidente Bush.

Pero su punto medular es el que definen bajo el concepto de partida obligatoria, según la cual, todos los indocumentados residentes en Estados Unidos deberán inscribirse en un programa de salida voluntaria y abandonar el país en un plazo no mayor a los cinco años desde la fecha de promulgación de la ley, con la promesa de que una vez establecidos en sus países de origen se les facilitará el reingreso a través de un programa de trabajadores temporales, mediante el otorgamiento de una visa por dos años. Vencidos éstos, el trabajador deberá abandonar Estados Unidos y permanecer ininterrumpidamente en su país de origen durante un año. Esta visa, a la que se denominará W, será renovable por dos periodos más de dos años cada uno, a cuyo término el trabajador será ineligible para regresar a trabajar a EU.

Otros agregados a la ley señalan que la partida voluntaria de los indocumentados deberá incluir al cónyuge y a los hijos del “beneficiario”. Además los indocumentados deberán declararse culpables del delito de encontrarse ilegalmente en Estados Unidos. Por si esto fuera poco, los países de origen de los indocumentados deben firmar un convenio de aceptación de sus conacionales y proveerles un seguro médico mínimo para su reingreso a Estados Unidos, luego del trámite de la visa temporal, que obviamente no estará garantizada porque deberá someterse a una serie de requisitos administrativos que dificultarán el proceso.

Incluye también un párrafo al que los coauspiciadores denominan “incentivos para partida temprana” que consiste en que la salida será “gratis”, porque para los que se demoren más de un año en

firmar su deportación, el chiste les costará arriba de los dos mil dólares, dependiendo del tiempo que les tome el acogerse a este programa. Niega obviamente el acceso a legalización alguna. Lo más risible es que en el proceso de presentación del proyecto, sus auspiciadores lo definieron como una solución justa, humana y digna al problema de los indocumentados.

Siempre se tiene la percepción de que a los políticos estadounidenses se les hace fácil tomarnos el pelo a los inmigrantes, particularmente a los hispanos, pero esta vez creo que se pasaron de la raya. Me pregunto, ¿será que los indocumentados van a salir corriendo a inscribirse en este programa?

La intención es evidente: desde el punto de vista político la finalidad es poner un contrapeso a la medida presentada por los senadores John McCain (republicano de Arizona) y Edward Kennedy (demócrata de Massachusetts), presentada ya al Senado y cuyas medidas facilitarían la legalización de los indocumentados sin que estos tengan que abandonar territorio estadounidense. De esta forma, a la hora de que los senadores tengan que conciliar los diferentes proyectos presentados sobre el tema, se tendrá que arribar a un punto medio que disguste menos al ala más conservadora y anti-inmigrante.

Desde la perspectiva migratoria la ley de Cornyn y Kyl garantizará un proceso de deportación masiva, pero realizado de manera ordenada y sin el peso político y social de una medida unilateral del gobierno estadounidense, gracias al componente de “salida voluntaria”.

Pero la cereza del pastel es el espaldarazo a las corporaciones y negocios del país que seguirían gozando de mano de obra barata y dócil, sin la carga de las obligaciones derivadas por la presencia inmigrante, tanto para el empleador como para el Estado. Esto es la teoría utilitaria en su máxima expresión: te uso de acuerdo a mis necesidades, y te desecho cuando ya no te necesito. No interesa si con estas medidas nos llevamos entre las patas a ciudadanos estadounidenses, hijos de inmigrantes indocumentados que eventualmente tendrán que abandonar su país en aras del enriquecimiento de unos pocos.

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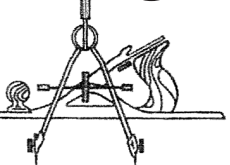
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The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 353 W. Main St. Ste E Woodland, CA 95695
Type of license(s) applied for: 41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE
July 14, 21, 28

Notice of ABC Application

Notice of Application To Sell Alcoholic Beverages

Date of Filing Application: July 13, 2005
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER July 22, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Josie Ramirez, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-774
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Warrior Video, 106 B Main Street, Winters, CA 95695.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Matthew Archibeque, 106B Main St. Winters, CA
Stefanie Archibeque, 106 B Main St. Winters, CA
This business classification is: Husband & wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on N/A.

/Matthew Archibeque, Stefanie R.C. Archibeque.
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER June 20, 2005
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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
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Fictitious Business Name

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Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-735
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Main Street Church, 201 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694
Main Street Church, 205 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694 mailing address.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, 1910 W. Sunset Boulevard Ste. 200, Los Angeles, CA 90026-0167
This business classification is: A corporation, (subordinate unit of ICFG, IRS exemption #1061. The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above N/A.
s/Stephen B. Rutledge (church owner member)
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July 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Winters will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 8, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694, to report the progress on the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities and to allow citizens and other interested parties to comment on the City's grant performance to date.

This public hearing will address each open Community Development Block Grant and Revolving Loan Fund for the July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 Grantee Performance Report period.

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

If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, please contact Dan Sokolow at (530) 795-4910, extension 114 to arrange for those accommodations to be made.

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July 28

Notice of Public Hearing

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 LEASE AND SUBLEASE OF PREMISES ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND A PORTION OF THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13 AND 13A MAIN STREET PURSUANT TO A PROPOSED LEASE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF WINTERS AND THE WINTERS OPERA HOUSE PARTNERS AND A SUBLEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND FLEMING PRODUCTIONS

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 August 16, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 318 First Street, Winters, California, to consider and act upon the lease of premises on the second floor and a portion of the first floor of the property commonly known as 13 and 13A Main Street, Winters, California (the "Property") pursuant to a proposed Lease (the "Master Lease") between the CDA and The Winters Opera House Partners (the "Partners") and also to consider and act upon the sublease of the Property pursuant to a proposed Sublease (the "Sublease") between the CDA and Fleming Productions.

The proposed Master Lease between the CDA and the Partners provides for the lease of the Property located within the boundaries of the Community Development Project Area. The Property (Assessor's Parcel Number 003-204-09) is located at 13 and 13A Main Street in Winters, California. A more detailed description of the Property is contained in the proposed Lease and Sublease. The Lease and Sublease of the Property set forth the terms agreed to regarding the Lease and Sublease of the Property. The CDA has prepared a report in connection with the Sublease, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33433, containing a copy of the Lease and Sublease, a summary describing the cost of the Sublease to the CDA, the estimated value of the property interest to be subleased and other information required by said Section 33433.

Copies of the proposed Lease, Sublease 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 August 16, 2005.

At the time and place noted above, all persons interested in the above matters may appear and be heard.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Winters City Council will conduct a public hearing on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 16, 2005, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: CITYWIDE.

APPLICATION TYPE: The City Council is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments regarding an amendment to the Winters Municipal Code (Title 15 – Buildings and Construction) to adopt the California Building Code 2004 Electrical Code Update and the 2004 and 2005 Residential and Non-Residential Energy Code Update.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Winters has adopted the California Code of Regulations Title 24 knows as the California Building Codes. As a result, the City is required to adopt updates to the individual Title Parts that comprise the California Building Codes. Recently, the State of California revised these Parts to incorporate changes to Title 24 Part 3, the California Electrical Code (2004 Electrical Code Update to become effective August 1, 2005) and the Title 24 Part 6, the Residential and Non-Residential Energy Code (2005 Residential and Non-Residential Energy Code Update to become effective October 1, 2005).

The purpose of the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 112. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

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

PURSUANT TO SECTION 65009 (B) (2), OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT CODE "IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING(S) DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY COUNCILAT, OR PRIOR TO, THIS PUBLIC HEARING".

Dan Sokolow – Community Development Director
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