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Centex plan gets cool reception

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

At a semi-public meeting held at the Winters Community Center on Thursday, Jan. 26, residents got their first look at a proposed housing development to be located just north of State Highway 128 (East Grant Avenue) and just east of the Almond Orchard subdivision. The property, known as the McNece property, is now owned by Centex, which also controls 400 acres to the north and east of the site. That 400-acre site was formerly known as Greyhawk, although the Centex spokesman, Director of Community Development Gunther Boccia, did not

want to be associated with that name. "We are not those people," he said. Boccia showed the approximately two dozen residents in attendance a map on which the McNece property was designated. The map showed approximately 100 single-family residential lots with a water feature, called a lake, along the frontage of the property that borders Grant Avenue. That water feature, on land that is currently zoned commercial, would serve as a combination water detention site and park. Boccia gave a brief introduction about Centex,

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Restructuring on agenda

The restructuring of the 2006-07 Winters School District budget is on the Thursday, Feb. 2, school board agenda, as well as the approval of expenditure reductions in the face of a projected deficit budget next year. Among the proposed changes include the relocation of the kindergarten program to Waggoner Elementary School and Wolfskill High School to the John Clayton site on Baker Street. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, located at the corner of

Grant and Taylor. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Recognition of Waggoner Elementary School students Oswaldo Ochoa, Oswaldo Garnica, Ignacio Ochoa and Eric Rodriguez, and parents Betty Hill, Tara Diel, Jo Crescent, Brandie Maxwell, Lisa Henry, Billie Bishop and Cara Elliott.
- ~ Communication and reports.

Action items
~ Restructuring/expenditures

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Two nabbed with stolen bikes

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

A parolee and an accomplice were arrested early Monday morning with not only four high-end stolen bicycles, but driving a stolen car as well. Franklin Delano Hampton, 27, and Sean David Mefford, 28, both of San Pablo, were apprehended around 2 a.m. after "acting suspicious" at the Chevron station on Grant Avenue.

According to Winters Police Corporal Albert Ramos, the suspects were initially stopped for having false tags when it was discovered that their vehicle was reported stolen from the town of Cutten. A search of the vehicle revealed the stolen bicycles, as well as a small amount of methamphetamine. The suspects were booked at the Winters Police Department and transported

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Jan. 25		64	35
Jan. 26		63	40
Jan. 27		61	40
Jan. 28	T	65	48
Jan. 29	.03	58	48
Jan. 30	T	63	49
Jan. 31	.05	62	38

Rain for week: .08
Season's Total: 18.13
Last year to date: 17.66
Normal to 12.76:

Terrific team

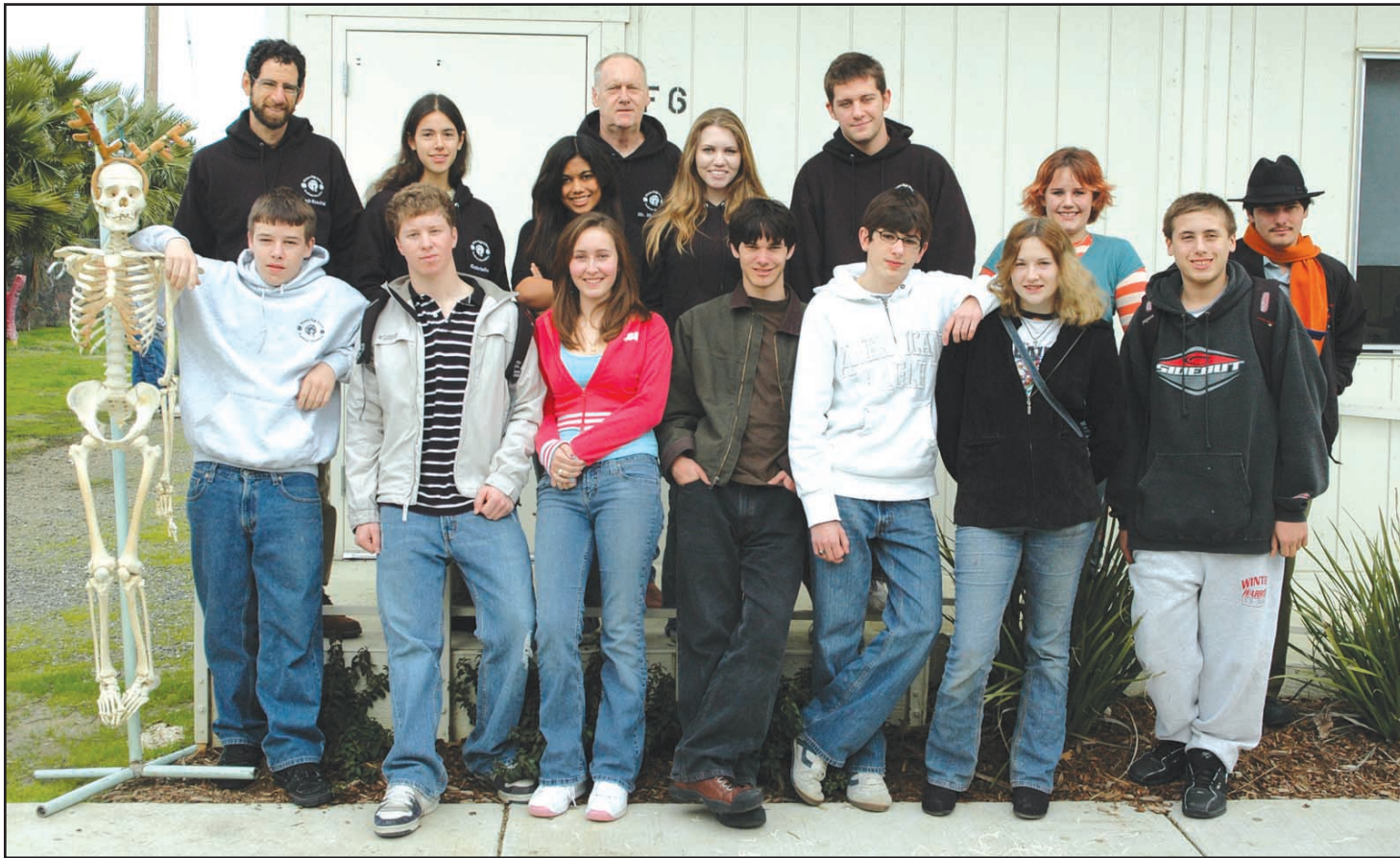


Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

The Winters High School Academic Decathlon team takes on teams from Davis, Woodland, Esparto and West Sacramento in the annual Yolo County Academic Decathlon, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4, at Woodland Community College. Students will compete for medals in a variety of areas, such as economics, math, speech and essay. From left are (front) "Fritz," alternate Derek Riley, Scholastic team members Ben Newman, Tiffany Martin and Stefan Vallecillo, Varsity member Alycia Davis and alternate TJ Johnson; (middle) coach Matt Biers-Ariel, Honors team members Gabrielle Boisrame, Julia Millon, Vasey Coman and Robert Warren, alternate Nicole Saenz, and varsity member Emilio Vallecillo; (back) coach Nick McClellan. (Not pictured, Jackie Correa and Dan Callison.)

Planning commission fleshes out mitigation policy

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Plans to establish Winters' own mitigation policy for replacement of habitat for species such as Swainson's hawk and burrowing owl began to take shape at the planning commission meeting on

Tuesday, Jan. 24. In December, led by contract planner Heidi Tschudin, the planning commissioners discussed how to go about implementing a policy that could coincide with the subdivision developments that will soon commence in Winters, includ-

ing Callahan Estates, Creekside Estates and Hudson-Ogando. The Winters Highlands subdivision has not yet received approval, but will go before the planning commission on Feb. 9. Tschudin asked the planners to consider several questions, then allow

her to prepare a draft policy to be reviewed and then forwarded to the city council.

She reminded them that with all the pending projects, including Winters Highlands, there is a total of 182 acres that need to be

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It'll be magic!

Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Join in the fun as Winters Parent Nursery School families celebrate the school's 30th anniversary with a spaghetti dinner, silent auction and magic show, planned for Saturday, Feb. 4, at St. Anthony Parish Hall. The event begins at 5 p.m. Students Maggie McCrary (front, left) and Mason Schroeder, as well as teachers (from left, back) Karen Benson-Neil and Shelly Burke, welcome magician Jon Lopez, who will provide entertainment for the event. Tickets are \$10 for ages 13 and up, \$5 for 3-12, and will be available at the door. (Story on page A-7)

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IDENTIFIED: A couple of weeks ago we ran a picture of a citizenship award given to two eighth graders in 1958, and asked for the identification of the pair. Ralph Gonzalez phoned to say that the girl was Janet Waterson, and Betty Ann Carrion Ireland phoned to identify the boy as Ralph “Carl” Gwaltney, Jr.

One of my many failures as a publisher was the failure to write on the back of pictures the date and who was in the picture. The Express has boxes of photos with no identification.

In May, 1975, when Winters observed its 100th anniversary, the Centennial committee went through the collection and identified some for display during the celebration.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: The Winters Express was founded February 1, 1884 by Edwin C. Rust, and is 122 years old this week. This issue is Volume 123, Number 1.

In those 122 years, the Express never missed an issue, as far as I can tell, including the week of the 1892 earthquake. During those years, there have been 11 publishers although two of us accounted for 72 of those years. Fred Hemenway owned the Express for 37 years, and I operated the Express from January, 1947 until April, 1983, when Charley Wallace took over as publisher.

The Express wasn’t the first newspaper printed in Winters. The town was started in May, 1875, and the Winters Advocate began publishing in November of that year. It lasted almost four years, the last issue dated June 7, 1879. Winters was without a local paper for more than four years, when Rust started the Express.

Some of our subscribers are descendants of the first subscribers to the Express, and the Express has been welcomed into their homes for almost a century and a quarter. In blowing out 122 candles on the cake, we thank the community for making these years possible.

Weekly police report

Jan. 18

~ On the first block of Main Street, a check from a business was forged and an attempt was made to cash the check.

Jan. 24

~ Two 17-year-old Winters juveniles were arrested for vandalism to a vehicle. The juveniles were booked at the Winters Police Department and released to parents on notices to appear.

Jan. 25

~ A found bicycle was turned over to the police department.

~ On the 200 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ David Reeves, 49, of Winters was traveling northbound on Maple Lane. Daniel Lares was walking eastbound on East Main Street, crossing Maple Lane. Lares was hit by the left front bumper of Reeves’ vehicle, causing him to fall to the ground.

~ William Gregory Snow, Sr., 43, of Citrus Heights was arrested on an outstanding Solano County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with failure to pay a fine and violation of probation on previous charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to pay a fine. Snow was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Thomas David Gilson,

52, of Winters was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging him with hit and run causing property damage and unsafe turning movements.

Jan. 26

~ On the 1000 block of Adams Lane, a brown paper bag containing straw and feces was placed near a front door and set on fire.

~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile surrendered himself and was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ Jason Kyle Riley, 32, of Sacramento was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver’s license and having an inoperable headlight on a vehicle. Riley was also arrested on an outstanding Davis Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charge of driving with a suspended/revoked driver’s license. Riley was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a promise to appear.

~ A 12-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for possession of stolen property. The juvenile was

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Betty Coman Collection

Winters pharmacist J. H. Roseberry is pictured above standing on the roof of the Masonic Hall, First and Main streets, in January 1937, following a snow storm. The building at right is now the Pizza Factory. The Express of Friday, Jan. 15, 1937 reported that: “The gentlefall at noon Sunday became persistent toward evening, continuing all night and all day Monday.” School was dismissed Monday.

35
YEARS AGO

February 11, 1971

50
YEARS AGO

February 9, 1956

65
YEARS AGO

February 14, 1941

100
YEARS AGO

February 16, 1906

Ellen Kammerer, Winters High School senior and daughter of high school athletic director John Kammerer, has been named 1971 Winters Youth Day Sweetheart. She will reign over festivities at the 35th Winters Youth Day on Saturday, April 24.

Meredith Bruhn, owner of Bruhn’s TV and Appliance, was elected President of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce at the board of directors meeting last Wednesday night. He succeeds Richard Dozier, who served as President during 1970.

Gil Krisor has leased land from the Southern Pacific Railroad on Railroad Avenue north of Main Street for a car sales lot. His office will be located at 304 Railroad Avenue, in the Maywood Building.

Fire last Thursday evening completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pittman on the old Gonzales Ranch at the corner of Putah Creek Road and Canal Lane in the Olive District.

Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Ramos of Winters, are the parents of a son, born at the Woodland Memorial Hospital February 6, 1971.

The Winters Rotary Club will receive its charter tonight at a charter night program to be held in Wesley Hall, with a dinner being served at 7 p.m. About 250 Rotarians and their wives from Winters and surrounding communities are expected to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Coman are the parents of a son, born in San Francisco February 7. Mrs. Coman is the former Betty Vasey.

Gale A. McClish, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. McClish, a platoon leader with the 272nd Regiment of the “Fighting 69th” Infantry Division at Fort Dix, New Jersey, has been promoted to first lieutenant.

Jim Hyer’s two free throws with five seconds left Friday night in the local gym, produced a 56 to 55 victory for Winters High over Esparto. Hyer finished with 22 points.

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Rominger, Don, Richard, Claire and Lucille Rominger were present Tuesday at St. Joseph’s Hospital, San Francisco, when Miss Joan Rominger was capped at impressive ceremonies ending the first six months training period of her nurse’s training.

The seasonal rainfall up to last night according to the gauge at the California Fruit Exchange measures 26.83 inches.

Miss Doris Connor, in social welfare service in San Bernardino enjoying a week’s vacation from her duties. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Connor.

Josephine Powers Abbey, 86, died Tuesday. A native of Quincy, Illinois, she came across the plains with her parents in an ox caravan when she was five years old.

In observance of National Boy Scout Week, 11 local Scouts participated in flag ceremonies at the Presbyterian Church Sunday. Scouts attending were Jack and Richard Djubek, Joe Franke, Eusebio Carrion, Alton Sharp, Mike Ruiz, Jack Bassett, Glenn Zimmerman, James Rhodes, Rex Evans and Louis Ichtertz.

Birthdays of the working force the past two weeks marked a merry harvest ending at the Carl Holmes walnut cracking plant. Mrs. Chester Harrington and Mrs. Daisy Rhodes were the honorees.

The Winters A Basketball team defeated Dixon Friday, 46 to 19. Toby Scott was high point man with 19 points.

Mrs. Jessie McNeal has purchased the lots between the Mrs. M. Buford residence and the west corner of the block, from Mrs. Dorothy Chapman.

Harry Fredricks, W.R. Chapman, Horace and Herman Mermod and Bill Fredericks attended the meeting Tuesday of the Woodland Production Credit Association at the Elks Club.

The regular farmers’ institute for Winters and vicinity will be held at Rummelsburg’s opera house, Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 1.

Nearly seventy per cent of the stock and majority of the stockholders were represented at the annual meeting of the cannery corporation Saturday last. President J.L. Harlan and the other officers were reelected unanimously.

Andrew McClorey celebrated his 85th birthday Feb. 14, Valentine’s Day. He has been a resident of Yolo County of the banks of Putah Creek for 54 years. Andy crossed the plains from Missouri to the Rocky Mountains in 1841, and then traveled all over New and Old Mexico. He served as first lieutenant in the Mexican War under General Scott.

Wm. W. Faust will open a general repair shop in the building formerly occupied by W.S. Adams, corner Main and First Streets, next week.

C.M. Cole has bought the bank’s ten-acre tract of land next to the Hutchens place on the Davisville road.

At the last meeting of the Solano Board of Supervisors that portion of Silveyville township nearest Winters and comprising the Wolfskill, Olive and part of Curry school districts was cut off and added to Vacaville township.

Next Thursday evening at 7:30 there will be a social gathering at Rummelsburg’s Hall under the auspices of the Women’s Improvement Club. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged.

Water still over spillway at lake

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .04 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 593 acre feet of water, but water is still pouring into the spillway, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday that the lake was 440.72 feet above sea level with storage

computed at 1,616,203 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 55 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 1,005 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 33 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Fire reports

1/18/2006

~ Public assist, 200 block of Almeria Place for a lift assist.

~ Hazmat on the corner of Ficus Way and Snapdragon Street.

~ Structure fire on the 100 block of Niemann Street.

1/19/2006

~ Public assist, 200 block of Almeria Place for a lift assist.

~ Medical aid, 400 block of Russell Street for a fall victim.

1/20/2006

~ Vehicle accident, Northbound Interstate 505/County Road 31.

~ Medical aid, 400 block of Anderson Avenue for difficulty breathing.

~ Medical aid, Northbound Interstate 505, County Road 128 for abdominal pain.

~ Medical aid, Valley Oak Park for unknown medical problem.

1/21/2006

~ Medical aid, 300 block of Railroad for a victim of a fight.

~ Mutual aid to Solano County for illegal bonfire.

~ Medical aid Solano County, Old Winters Road for unknown medical problem.

1/22/2006

~ Public assist, 700 block of Main Street for a lift assist.



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Yolo County leads nation in agricultural direct marketing

Yolo County agricultural producers rank first in the United States in direct marketing sales, totaling \$8.3 million in revenue. The 92 operations in the County averaged \$90,304 from sales directly to consumers in 2002. The figures were released in a report by Dr. Shermain Hardesty of the UC Davis Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics, following her custom query of the USDA's 2002 Agricultural Census.

“Most of these farmers are combining different kinds of direct marketing. In addition to local farmers markets, they are also participating in CSAs [Community Supported Agriculture programs] and on-farm sales,” said Hardesty.

Yolo County direct marketing has skyrocketed in recent years, more than tripling since 1997 (\$2.7 million in revenue) when it ranked thirteenth in the state. This increase reflects the recent trend toward organic farming, one of the largest growth areas in Yolo agriculture, with \$2.6 million in sales in 2002. Much of the County's directly marketed produce, including nearly all provided by CSAs, is organic.

The avenues of direct sales have also increased in recent years. A growing number of CSAs provide a direct link between farmers and consumers, giving individuals the opportunity to purchase a weekly share of fresh, usually organic, produce throughout the year. Farmers also continue to utilize farmers markets in Davis, Esparto and Woodland, as well as nearly all of the regions in the Bay Area. The

County of Yolo facilitates its farmers markets by certifying vendors and the markets themselves.

Also, farmers such as the Barsotti's who own and operate Capay Fruits & Vegetables have developed their own marketing niche. In addition to setting up their Capay Organics storefront at the Ferry Plaza Farmers Market in the San Francisco Ferry Building, they also founded and operate Farm Fresh to You. A Community Supported Agriculture program, Farm Fresh to You is an organic produce service that delivers a box of fresh farm-picked produce to locations throughout the Bay Area, San Francisco, Oakland, and Palo Alto metropolitan areas as well as Vallejo, Fairfield, Vacaville, Davis and the greater Sacramento area harvested directly from the Capay Fruits & Vegetable fields.

“While we were aware of the total volume of direct marketing revenue, we were very pleasantly surprised to learn that Yolo County leads the nation,” said County Agriculture Commissioner Rick Landon. “The County certainly feels this success can be attributed to our rich agricultural heritage and traditions that remain a cornerstone of our mission.”

Yolo County was followed in the national rankings by San Joaquin County (\$8.2 million) and Fresno County (\$7.8 million). Overall, seven of the top 10 counties in the country for direct marketing sales were in California, including San Diego (5th), Kern (8th), Tulare (9th) and Sonoma (10th).

“Farmers in Yolo Coun-

ty have amazing growing conditions and, therefore, high quality produce, so it's important to find a mechanism to help our products stand out in the marketplace,” said Judith Redmond, co-owner of Full Belly Farm in Capay Valley. Redmond added that, through direct marketing, a sisterhood is growing between Yolo farmers and Bay Area customers, providing not only a healthy income stream for farms, but also a vital means of contact with their customers.

“Sustainable agriculture through organic farming and family farming are values that we encourage in Yolo County and they are paying off for those farmer involved in direct marketing of farm products,” said Helen Thomson, Chairwoman of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

True to its history, in recent months Yolo County has won awards regarding its excellence in agriculture. In July, the California Department of Conservation presented the County with the first ever Aggie award for its success in agricultural land conservation. In August, the County won the Gold Award at the California State Fair in the County Exhibits competition for its unique display promoting its direct marketing and organic produce industry.

Yolo County is located just outside of Sacramento, California. The County has a population of more than 150,000 and encompasses 661,760 acres of land, nearly 85 percent of which is agricultural.

City council meets Tuesday

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

~ Swear in Michael Sebastian as city treasurer.

~ Approval of contract in the amount of \$42,300 for the purchase of a 2006 F550 dump/utility truck for the public works department.

~ Growth Management Plan

~ Winters Highlands Development Agreement - modification to issues.

~ City manager's report.

The official city council agenda will be posted outside City Hall no later than 72 hours before the meeting, as required by law.

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diture reductions.

~ Instrumental music maintenance donation.

~ 2006-07 goals and directions.

~ 2006-07 staffing plans..

~ 2006 summer school.

~ District/California School Employees Association #695 (CSEA) tentative arrangement.

~ Consent agenda (approved as one item, includes minutes, warrants, etc.)

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to the Monroe Detention Center in Woodland.

Hampton was charged with possessing a controlled substance, transporting a controlled substance, giving false information to a police officer, taking a vehicle without the owner's consent, displaying false tabs on a vehicle license plate, and being a parolee at large. Mefford charged with possessing a controlled sub-

stance, transporting a controlled substance and violation of probation.

Ramos says the racing bikes were valued at about \$1,000 each, and were stored in the garage of a Creekside Way home. The owner of the bikes had last seen them in his garage around 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29, and was not even aware that they were missing until 5 a.m. on Monday, when he called the police department. Ramos says the bicycles were returned to the owner.

Dawn,
Brian,
Kelly,

You have been
and always will be
our **BESTEST** friends.

Stay happy & healthy
in Ohio.

Love you guys,

R.L. & J.

POLICE

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

Jan. 27

~ On the 500 block of Edwards Street, items were stolen from a janitor's cart. The items were used to paint graffiti on the school.

~ Christopher Vigors Taylor, 19, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and speeding. Taylor was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for trespassing on school grounds. The juvenile was

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

Jan. 27-28

~ On the 1000 block of Taft Court, an unlocked vehicle, with the ignition key inside the vehicle, was stolen. The vehicle was later located in front of the residence.

Jan. 28

~ Christina Jara, 24, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license.

~ Felipe Valadez Guzman, 18, of Winters was arrested for being an unlicensed driver, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and violation of probation. Guzman was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

Jan. 30

~ Franklin Delano Hampton, 27, of San Pablo was arrested for possessing a controlled substance, transporting a controlled substance, giving false information to a police officer, taking a vehicle without the owner's consent, displaying false tabs on a vehicle license plate, and being a parolee at large. Hampton was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Sean David Mefford, 28, of San Pablo was arrested for possessing a controlled substance, transporting a controlled substance and violation of probation. Mefford was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

I WAS SCARCELY THROUGH THE DOOR Monday morning, when the boss informed me there'd been a "big bust" in town overnight. He didn't have any details, but said someone from the police department would be calling with the information. Big bust. Now that sounds scary. What could it be? Guns? Meth lab? A ton of stolen walnuts headed for the black market? Nope. Bicycles. Stolen bicycles. True, they were high-end bicycles, and a stolen care and drugs were involved, but after all's said and done, stolen bicycles are still front page news in Winters.

God, I love this town.

Sadly, I'm not the only one who loves this town. Developers are settling all over Winters like flies on a cowpie lately. They'll no doubt push their ticky-tacky track houses by pumping up our small-town atmosphere to inner city types who don't mind forking over a half million dollars for a \$125,000 stucco box. Funny thing about small towns, though, when hordes of people relocate to one, it's no longer a small town. Me, I'd be perfectly happy if they never pounded another housing nail in this town, once the Winters Highlands and other current smaller developments flesh out. As for Centex Homes, my advice to the city council and staff, and citizens too, is to watch that looming behemoth with hawk's eyes. Ask for the moon and compromise nothing. Hint to them that the Dunnigan Hills area is a much nicer place to build. Or Winnemucca. Winnemucca is beautiful in the springtime.

In other development news, rumor has it that a developer purchased the Cordes property next to Round Table, and supposedly commented that he might be able to attract a Starbucks there. Oh, yay! Overpriced, snotty high-end burnt coffee, sold by underpaid snotty employees who don't grasp the irony of their smallest cup size being dubbed the "grande."

To Starbucks, I say "Nooooooooo!!!!" We already have the best little coffee house on the planet — Steady Eddy's. Let no evil chain franchise ever take root in this town to threaten it, or any other of our local merchants. (Now if Steady Eddy's could just be open in the afternoon, when my the blood level of caffeine plummets to dangerously somnolent lows... hint, hint...)

Speaking of our local merchants, I hereby issue a Valentine's Day challenge to all local residents. Is there a Winters business you either haven't yet visited or made a purchase from? If so, I challenge you to make at least one purchase from a Winters business that's new to you for your Valentine's Day sweetie this year. Or, at the very least, make a purchase in one of your favorite establishments. If every person in Winters bought just one nice gift this Valentine's Day right here in town, it'd not only be a boost to our town, but it'd break that stubborn habit of heading out of town to buy a gift.

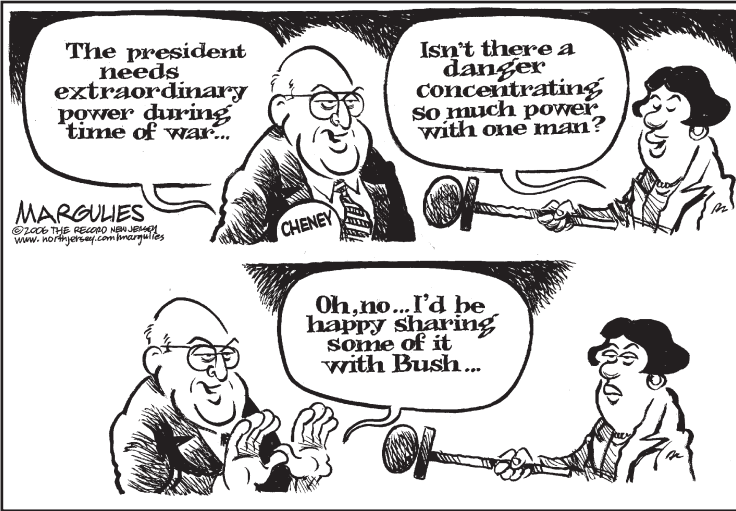
Now, if you don't have a Valentine, don't despair, you can still take my Valentines Day challenge. Out of my own magnificent generosity, I offer myself as a stand-in. Just send those gifts my way. I know, it's a huge sacrifice, but somebody's got to take that one big step for Winters, one giant leap for Winterskind.

EVEN MORE TO LOVE about Winters: an inquisitive Express reader emailed me, asking for clarification about the Jan. 19 100 Years Ago column, which noted that some "Celestial gamblers" were raided and arrested. What in heaven's name is that? Priests with a penchant for poker? Our publisher emeritus Newt Wallace, who gathers the Page 2 historical information, dug up a 1925 Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, which revealed that 100 years ago, the use of the word "Celestial" was sometimes used in place of "Chinese." How disappointing. I'd imagined angels rolling dice on the corner of Railroad and Main and getting hauled off to the slammer. Can you imagine that one phone call from jail? "Yeah, Dad? Michael here. Me, Raphael and Gabriel are in a bit of a pinch. I know they're scarce up there, but can you send down a good attorney?"

The Years-Ago entry further noted, that the local District Attorney "gathered six of them with their paraphernalia belonging to their occupation. A degraded woman who has been living in the house some time was also found." Hmmm. I don't think we're just talking about gambling here. Maybe this was a turn-of-the-century politically correct way of saying the DA raided a Chinese casino/whorehouse? Well, we do know what the "putah" in Putah Creek is reputed to mean. Must be a reason. If anyone can shed light on these degraded Celestial gamblers and their paraphernalia, please share.

The following week, the 100 Years Ago column had this curious entry: "Some of the drummers who come to Winters do their best to boycott the town because the saloons were closed. They make it a point never to stay all night here if they can avoid it, though the hotel is a good one." Maybe the drummers bunked with the Celestial gamblers instead?

Celestial gamblers. Degraded women. Angry drummer boycotts. Two things come to mind: One, this town must've been a very interesting place a century ago. Two, I have to start reading those Years Ago columns.



LETTERS

Growth rate too fast

Dear Editor,

Our city planning commission and city council will soon be making the final decisions on the Highlands subdivision. The Winters Highlands developers are asking to be allowed to build their 413 houses and 30 apartment units in about six years. This would be on top of the 272 new houses recently approved in the Creekside, Hudson-Ogando and Callahan subdivisions. The resulting growth rate of over 6 percent per year would make Winters one of the fastest growing towns in California for the next six years. And don't expect it to slow down then; Centex Homes has over 400 acres of the old Greyhawk property and they can't wait to get started.

To put this in perspective, Dixon has a growth rate cap of three percent per year, and California as a whole is growing at 1.5 percent per year. So if Winters chose to build these houses at the average California growth rate, it would be over 20 years of growth that we are being asked to swallow in six.

This would be huge change in a very short time. Rather than fewer students in Winters schools, we would be scrambling to bring in more portable classrooms. Traffic would get worse in a hurry. With little expected job growth in town, our new neighbors would almost all have to be commuters. And since most people tend to shop where they work, rather than where they live, our downtown wouldn't get the benefits we'd expect from that many new people. Even if our hardworking city manager's financial plan works well, by just building houses we break even at best.

The city leaders are considering this fast growth to generate revenues to meet several needs, including more police and fire personnel. They know that industrial development pays much better than houses, but they have been thwarted because all of our vacant industrial land is in the flood zone.

But there is a reasonable alternative and it is not too late.

If the city leaders are compelled to approve Highlands because it fits the General Plan, we could still ask that they delay the start of construction. First, we build the other subdivisions that have already been approved, while at the same time we move our industrial zone out of the flood plain, up next to the sports park and wastewater

treatment facility. We need to move it anyway, because building more industry up on raised pads along the frontage road, as was done with Pavestone, is blocking our de facto emergency spillway (Interstate 505) and makes our flood problem worse.

Having an industrial zone with no flood problems could be a very near-term financial boon for Winters. We have recently lost several industries (including Godiva Chocolate), because we had no place to put them. With tax income from an industrial zone, we wouldn't need to quickly build Highlands for the money, we could wait until we need the houses.

We have been waiting decades for a solution to the flood problem that we could afford. The latest estimate is about \$25 million. Why spend the money? Especially if the flood plan would probably fail if there were a log jam where Chickahominy Slough tries to go under County Road 89 or Interstate 505. Let's move the industrial zone, and leave the flood plain for agriculture, soccer fields, required habitat mitigation, jogging trails and our truck route.

This would improve our jobs-housing balance, so more people could work and shop in Winters. We could have the industrial development pay for the completion of the Northeast Main Street loop. This would have the triple advantage of providing flood protection for the Almond Orchard subdivision, it would keep the trucks out of our busiest intersection, and it would complete the Main Street loop before Highlands was built, giving most of that eventual traffic an alternative route out of town.

We understand that in asking Highlands to wait, the funds they have promised for good causes around town would have to wait also, but we could probably get the most important ones financed almost as soon with the new industrial zone.

So if we must accept Highlands, then let's at least have them wait until the other subdivisions build out, and our new industrial zone is going. We will have a bigger tax base, a more financially stable community with less flood risk, more jobs, (which leads to more people shopping in town,) and it can spread our growth out to a more reasonable pace. That would be 12 years if we match Dixon's rate, over 20 years if we match California's.

CHARLIE ROMINGER



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

DIVIDED WE STAND. What a difference a week makes. At the Winters Highlands presentation a week ago, few citizens showed up. This is a development of over 400 homes, which includes a small apartment complex. Winters Highlands has been bouncing around City Hall for about five years and has been the subject of multiple meetings and discussions. It is scheduled for its first planning commission hearing Feb. 9. Winters Highlands is the last of the major developments planned for the northwest corner of Winters, which will total over 700 homes at build out.

Centex is the developer that is taking over the property we call Greyhawk, composed of over 400 acres, and over a thousand homes. It is also in the floodplain. It was interesting to see a relatively diverse group of citizens united against Centex. It was my understanding that city staff had asked Centex to hold off bringing in their development plans until 2013, or until we had finished building out the developments already okayed or soon to be okayed. Either Centex didn't listen to what we had to say, or they decided to push forward with or without the city's blessings.

The group gathered last Thursday night was pretty blunt, if not hostile. As I was sitting there listening to Centex spokesmen and watching the audience respond, I got a little caught up in the moment. I told Gunther Boccius, their main mouthpiece, what I thought of his project and wondered why, if city staff asked him not to come to Winters, why was he here? His response can be found in Dawn's story on Page 1.

I've been to more meetings than I care to remember, and as I was sitting there, I recognized several people who don't usually agree with my slow-growth politics. I was wondering what they thought of my speaking out against this particular development, but if they've been reading this column for any length of time, they should know that I don't like developers. Developers are like car salesmen. You need them to supply a service, but it isn't always a pleasant experience. I should add, the statement doesn't apply to the folks at Dupratt Ford in Dixon.

Winters has a declining population, not just in our schools, but in the city itself. We won't build a major subdivision until next year, 2007, but when the tractors show up, we will be building homes at a rate not seen in years. We don't need a giant subdivision like Centex taking up staff time and resources when we don't need anymore houses for the foreseeable future.

It was nice to see united citizens, at least for a minute or two.

LET THE MUD FLY. I've caught a little flak about my asking for a moment of decorum in the Express. It worked for me. I think the paper has been much better with everyone smiling at each other on the street and not throwing mud balls at each other. Maybe that was why everyone at last week's meeting seemed so friendly.

Setting aside a time for reflection and goodwill towards all, appeals to me. Since my calling a time-out on Bush-bashing was so well received, I've decided to make it an annual event. From Dec. 4, my mother's birthday, to Martin Luther King's birthday, Jan. 15, the Express will run only feel good stories and editorials. I'll make exceptions for developer bashing.

So if you feel the need to bash, bash away and have a good week.

Proposed changes cause concern

Dear Editor,

We have often heard the phrase that it takes a whole community to raise a child. Many on the school board have used this phrase frequently to enroll public support. It appears at this critical time they are suspending this concept and are instead deciding important issues by rejecting the public's opinion and ideas.

I served on the school board for about 20 years until two months ago. As such, I am very aware that public controversies are not easy problems. There have been times when we, as school board members, have had to make decisions based on information that could not legally be made public. We had to receive public criticism for these decisions. Those were very difficult times. There are times when we have had to receive comments from both sides of a very charged subject and to try to make a decision that worked for all. There are times when we have had to cut or change programs. However, I haven't been able to recall a time where there has been such a preponderance of

strong opposition to a proposal, along with such strong, reasonable alternatives and questions as is the current situation. We always stepped back and tried to seek the answers and solutions that were in the best interests of the students and the district. I have not seen that happen on the "restructuring proposals." The other sad thing is that this is being done in a very quiet, quick manner.

We were also very proud of the fact that we had worked these important issues out in a very collaborative, inclusive process since 1990; long before it was called "interest based bargaining." It appears that this method is no longer being embraced.

For all of those years, I served working for better and more facilities. I am proud of the fact that our district has reserve capacity for growth; that our schools are not crowded; that the facilities are in much better shape and are unique and special. This community passed a huge bond to support this. We have spent and spent that money wisely.

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"A life of reaction is a life of slavery,
intellectually and spiritually. One must fight
for a life of action, not reaction."
~ Rita Mae Brown

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Development should be phased

Dear Editor,

We the undersigned are concerned about the rapid growth of Winters over the next five years and beyond. On Feb. 9, the Winters Planning Commission will have to vote on the Winters Highlands project of 413 houses and 30 apartments. This is in addition to the subdivisions of Callahan, Hudson-Ogando, Creekside and other smaller developments that they have already approved, which themselves amount to 272 new houses in Winters.

The current Highlands proposal has five phases over six years: 77 houses in phase I, 132 and 30 apartments in phase II, 65 houses in phase III, 89 houses in phase IV, and 50 units in phase V. This will add an estimated 1,500 people to our current population of 6875.

We ask the planning commission and the Winters City Council to extend the proposed Highlands development out to eight years. This can be achieved in two (or more) ways. (A). Allow Highlands to build out according to their plan but postpone breaking ground for three years. (B). Slow the rate of building as follows. Year 1: the same number of 77 houses as a gesture of goodwill to Highlands. Year 2: 50 houses and 15 apartments. Year 3: 50 houses and 15 apartments. Year 4: 50 houses. Year 5: 50 houses. Year 6: 50 houses. Year 7: 43 houses. Year 8: 43 houses.

We view this as necessary for the following reasons. First, Winters needs to redress the jobs-housing imbalance that will be exacerbated by rapid growth. Second, a delay will encourage industrial zone build out thereby increasing jobs and tax base, as well as diverting increased traffic flow away from Grant Avenue. Third, it will allow for development of infrastructure and services to keep up with an increased population. Fourth, it will ease air quality problems caused through unfettered construction. Fifth, Winters needs to buy time to forge a growth control strategy given that Centex and other developers are lining up to build another 1500 or more homes in the near future.

Goal 1A of the Winters City General Plan states: "To provide for orderly, well-planned, and bal-

anced growth consistent with the limits imposed by the City's infrastructure and service capabilities and by the City's ability to assimilate new growth". The proposed 6.5 percent growth rate that would come with Highlands and all the previously approved developments (versus 1.5 percent growth rate of California) is rapid by any standards and falls short of an orderly, well-planned and balanced growth. It should not be considered as a temporary readjustment to past growth rates, but instead should be seen as the start of a growth ramp which left unchecked will prevent the city fathers from achieving the General Plan's objective of "preserving Winters' traditional small-town qualities."

DIANNE BEATON, MONIQUE BORGERHOFF MULDER, SALLY BROWN, TIM CARO, CINDY ERICKSON, REBECCA FRIDAE, MARCIA GIBBS, MARVIN and VIRGINIA GOODROW, JEFF HESEMEYER, EDMUND and DIANE LIS, JESSE LOREN, JOE McCABE, ANN MELLI, MARION MILLER-SEARS, MICHAEL SEARS, JAMES SHARP, BILL SPALDING, DAVID AND LINDA SPRINGER, and JEFF TEN PAS

Show support for kinder site

Dear Editor,

Tomorrow night the Winters School Board is scheduled to vote on a district restructuring proposal. This proposal mandates moving the kindergarten from the John Clayton site to Waggoner in order that the Wolfskill students can be relocated to the Clayton site. Preschoolers would remain on the Clayton site along with the Wolfskill students. The driving force behind this unpopular proposal is a projected general fund deficit of \$336,000 for the 06/07 school year.

The John Clayton kindergarten is an asset that sets Winters apart from almost every other school district in California (there is reportedly one other district that has a similar kindergarten), and it is worthy of protecting. It is truly something special for the children who attend the school and it serves as an attraction to families who are considering settling in Winters.

I believe it would be irresponsible for the board to vote tomorrow on this proposal because I don't believe enough is known of the state of next year's budget. The board has not been presented with, nor have they sought out, a re-

alistic projection of the 06/07 budget. Instead, they have been provided with a deficit calculation that does not take into account any potential increase in state funding (which amounts to 8.6 percent if the governor's proposal is accepted), or increased expenses for the coming year.

Additionally, board members have been provided next to no details of the logistics and costs of the proposed moves. How can a proposal meant to address a fiscal deficit be voted on without a serious and detailed projection of both the costs of the proposal and a 2006/07 financial forecast?

Last spring's WJUSD Financial Forecast for the current school year reflected a deficit of \$325,000. Two weeks ago this figure was projected to be \$200,000. Having reviewed the literature available on the governor's budget proposal for next year and the Winters Joint Unified School District financial forecast from last year, I believe there is a strong likelihood that the projected deficit for the coming year will again turn out to be overstated.

After attending the last school board meeting two weeks ago, I felt compelled to delve into the current deficit projections and the governor's proposed budget, which includes a significant increase in school funding. I felt compelled to do this because I saw little evidence that our school board was satisfying its fiduciary duty to our students or to the community.

Two weeks ago one board member suggested that perhaps they were not "doing their job" in that they had not come up with any alternatives to those proposed by school Superintendent Mitchell. I am inclined to agree.

I urge anyone with an interest in this matter to come to Thursday night's meeting and show their support for keeping the kindergarten with the preschool at the John Clayton site.

TIM HOLMES

Youth Day turning 70

Dear Editor,

We're havin' a birthday party! That's right, Winters Youth Day turns 70 this year and the Youth Day Committee is gearing up for a birthday bash to rival Disney's! Well, that's our intention, anyway.

We will open the Youth Day festivities on Friday, April 28, with Opening Ceremonies at the Winters Community Center. We will honor our Grand Mar-

shal and present the Youth Day Sweetheart, followed by the local talent show. The 70th Annual Winters Youth Day celebration will be held on Saturday, April 29, with the Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast starting off a day full of families and fun.

Following the breakfast, the Kiddie Parade will stroll and roll through the parade route, followed by the 70th Youth Day Main Parade. After the parade a day full of food, crafts, entertainment and the ever-popular Kid's Faire, with free entertainment for all kids, will take place at City Park.

For those of you new to Winters, this is a great way to come out and see how this town honors their youth and how we throw a great family party. It is also a way to get involved with the committee and provide some much-needed help to make sure this long standing tradition survives.

This year's Youth Day Theme is "Celebrating Youth Generation By Generation." Parade entry forms will soon be available for both parades, and booth applications will be available in the near future. Please read the Winters Express for many future articles about Youth Day. Please feel free to volunteer for one of our many events as well. Youth Day meetings will be published as we have them.

Thank you, and enjoy the Youth Day experience!
MICHAEL SEBASTION Youth Day Parade Chairman

Suggestions for expressing free speech

Dear Editor,

The new Winters Express policy limiting Bush Whacking has stirred up quite a hornet's nest. Many readers express anxiety that this policy is limiting their First Amendment rights of free speech. However, the First Amend-

ment does not force a publisher to print every goofy idea that comes along. But it would appear that is the way some citizens see it.

Last week there were two letters to the editor indicating opposition to the publisher's "information control" and limiting the "local public forum". Actually, the right of free speech is still in full operation. For those who feel

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The current proposal reverses this. It consolidates sites. It uses reserve classroom and site space at a time when this community is facing large population growth. It will put us in a situation where we were at Waggoner Elementary School, where we were forced to overpopulate the site in order to handle students. It takes three to six years to plan, buy land and build a new school. If we start now, these future schools will not be here in time if these developments build out rapidly, no matter what level fees they pay.

The reason given for these proposals is that we have had a declining enrollment and it appears we will have one for one to two years as well. As such, the district needs to look carefully at its finances. The board and I proposed many changes last June that saved money. We actually saved more money, and earlier, than the pro-

posal required at that time. We also agreed that we could not project out further than two years with great accuracy. We agreed to have a look at this again this year when we had more current information.

The problem is that we still don't have that information. We are not even using the governor's proposed budget. The numbers being used do not reflect the increased revenue that the state, and therefore the district, will have. Many sources have indicated that our revenue will go up by at least 8 percent.

We are not accounting for the true facility costs of the proposals. We are only allowing six months to make these huge changes. There are no plans and detailed budgets showing how these plans will be carried out. Included in these plans is the major educational and community change to make multiple K-6 schools — something that was never even part of the proposals considered last year.

That is simply the fiscal side. There has been little discussion or consideration to the educational aspects of these plans. These include the possible loss of accreditation for Wolfskill High School; the site-sharing for Clayton pre-school students and continuation students; the blending of a highly ranked and respected kinder program into Waggoner and the impacts that this will have on Waggoner, which has been identified by the state and federal government as school in need of academic improvement.

I would suggest that much more time and effort be spent looking at these radical changes. These are changes that will affect our district for many years to come. They are based on dated and inadequate information, and are looking at a very short timeframe of declining enrollment, instead of planning for the long-term needs of our district.

RUSS LESTER

Community

Lions Club update

BY JUANITA RAMOS
Special to the Express

The Winters Lions Club met at Tomat's on Wednesday, Jan. 25, President Frank Ramos presided.

Their guest for the evening was Chris Jones. She showed the club slides from her week at the Pasadena Rose Parade events. She worked on the floats, and explained how some of the floats were assembled. All the glueing, petal by petal, was very interesting, flowers all fresh.

People don't realize the amount of people involved in decorating each float, and those who put in so many hours during the week before the parade. It takes a very dedicated person to do all of this work and the club thanks Chris and her partner for showing them what they did and saw during that week.

The blood drive was held on Jan. 30. The club thanks all those who took the time to donate to this wonderful cause.

Air quality grants available

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (Y-S AQMD) announced that they are accepting applications for the 2006-07 Clean Air Funds from public or private agencies, groups or individuals in Yolo County and the northeast portion of Solano County. Applications for the awards, which provide seed money for projects that aid in the implementation of the District's Air Quality Attainment Plan, may be submitted to Y-S AQMD until March 17. The award recipients, announced in early summer, will receive grants of varying amounts depending on their projects. Approximately \$570,000 is available from DMV fees and Solano County's AB8 property tax. Solano County projects must be submitted to Solano Transportation Authority for preapproval.

All projects must fit into one of four eligible categories: Clean Technologies/Low Emission Vehicles, Alternative Transportation Programs, Transit Services, and Public Education/Information.

The goal of each project should be to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles and/or for related planning, monitoring, enforcement and technical studies necessary for the

implementation of the California Clean Air Act (CCAA).

Grant recipients are selected according to criteria that include: project merit — estimated effectiveness, results and efficient use of resources; matching funds — additional sources or in-kind services must be of sufficient amounts to complete project; regional benefit — projects that expand or enhance programs in adjacent air districts are encouraged as well as joint projects; and reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)/cleaner technologies.

For the fiscal year 2005-2006, \$500,000 was granted to 12 applicants ranging from \$100,000 for retrofits of trucks to reduce NOx and PM to \$10,000 to Yolo County Transportation District's Summer Sizzler program.

Through its Clean Air Funds Program, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District continues its mission to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. To learn more about Y-S AQMD or to receive an application online, visit the District's website www.ysaqmd.org and/or contact the district at 757-3650 or (800) 287-3650.

Chat with the Chief



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto wants to hear what residents have to say about any and all local law enforcement issues. Muramoto will hold an open "brown bag lunch" chat session on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at noon in the council chambers at City Hall. The entire community is invited. Bring your own bag.

Flag retirement ceremony planned by veterans coalition

The Yolo County Veterans Coalition will have an official Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m., said Coalition Chairman Terry Parkhurst.

The ceremony will be held at the West Plainfield Fire Station, located at 24901 County Road 95 in Davis.

The Yolo County Veterans Coalition is an organization comprised of members of most all of the Veterans Service Organizations in the country. Members include VFW, American Legion, Disabled Veterans of America, Marine Corps League, POW/MIA,

and AMVETS.

The flag retirement is performed annually and disposes of American flags that are faded, threadbare, tattered or damaged in any way and should be retired in this very respectful way and not thrown in the waste.

Anyone having flags that need retirement are asked to contact John Sexton, quartermaster for the Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11091 at 795-0751 or bring the flags to the Winters Post Office, 510 Railroad Avenue.

Senior Citizens Club news

BY MARGE SEBASTIAN
Special to the Express

The first meeting of the Senior Citizens Club was held on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Community Center. Their potluck had a wide variety of dishes and members were thankful to everyone who brought food to share.

A big "thank you" goes to Marie Heilman for her help in the kitchen and also for donating all of the drawing gifts.

The club would like to invite anyone who is 50 years or older to become a member of the Senior Citizens Club. The dues are \$5 a year and are now payable. The club has a meeting/potluck once a month with great food always, and takes a break in the months of July, August and September.

The next meeting/potluck will be on Wednesday, Feb. 8, and the club will play bingo after the potluck for our own brownbag prizes.

Patriotic poppies to be distributed

Winters VFW Post 11091 will distribute buddy poppies in several locations in the city on Friday, Feb. 10. Look for them at the bank, the cafe, the post office and the market.

Poppies are a tradition started by poppies that grew on American graves in World War I and inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields the Poppies Grow."

Veterans distribute the poppies and donations received from this activity are used solely to help needy veterans and their families.

The VFW seeks support for this project from the community.

Martinez-Allen releases book on life's lessons

Longtime resident and graduate of Winters High Class of 1988 Deanna Martinez-Allen just released her second book entitled "Pathway to Serenity." In this book, Martinez-Allen "opens her heart and pours out love through stories and examples of the tragedies, trials, mishaps and lessons of life," says her publicist. "She shares with boldness on such topics as abortion, divorce, anger, fear, rejection and

abandonment, betrayal, drug and other addictions, guilt and shame, sexual, physical and verbal abuse, and other life issues she has survived, struggled with and conquered.

"Deanna's words are like a breath of fresh air to anyone whose heart is hurting or whose life is lacking peace and joy. Because Deanna has worked through so many areas of hurt and devastation she

can touch the heart of many by simply sharing about her journey and the 'Pathway to Serenity' that she has found."

Martinez-Allen is having a book signing on Feb. 4 at Java California, located at 1440 Ary Lane E# in Dixon from 4-6:30 p.m., and will be briefly speaking at 4:15 pm. The owner of Java California, John Waterman, will give a free drink to everyone who purchases a book.

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that their freedoms have been curtailed here are some suggestions.

With the proliferation of computers, printers, and copiers, it is easy and inexpensive to print a broadsheet expressing opinions and ideas. Those who have strong political opinions should avail themselves of these technologies and run off a few hundred copies of their

writings, print and distribute these missives to passersby.

In order to get the widest attention for their ideas, the writer could dress in a costume appropriate to the message they are trying to convey. A political message could be distributed by someone dressed in appropriate garb — republicans could be dressed as elephants and democrats as jackasses. Opinions regarding global warming could be passed out by someone in a bikini. Those opposed

to new development in our fair city could dress as members of the homeless community. The possibilities are only limited by the imagination of those exercising their free speech rights.

To increase the effectiveness of the message, it is suggested that the person with the message locate themselves at the corner of Main and Railroad. Those of the liberal persuasion could station themselves on the left side of the street (close to

Steady Eddy's) and those of a conservative bent could take the far right (in front of the Putah Creek Cafe). Middle of the road thinkers could post themselves in the center of the intersection. In this way, the message plus the entertainment value to the community would be enhanced and Winters would become celebrated for its dedication to the preservation of free speech.

A. A. HUILLADE
Middle East Correspondent

CENTEX

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calling Centex Homes a localized company, although Centex is a publicly traded, national company. He told the audience Centex has been awarded the JD Powers award for qualitative service.

He admitted that city staff has not yet seen the plans for the McNece site, saying he was following the recently adopted procedure laid out by the city, which calls for at least one pre-application neighborhood workshop. He admitted that he was chided by Express Editor Debra LoGuercio, for not publicizing the meeting.

At that point, he told the residents he was looking for their opinions about the project, named Mountain View.

“[We’re] looking to find out what works for you, incorporate it into the product. Then it works for us.”

The McNece property is being “integrated” into Centex’ plans as they look at “short-term and long-term opportunities” in Winters, he said. As Centex has looked at issues with regard to the 400 acres to the north, they have been made aware of the problems that exist there, especially with regard to flood control. To further analyze those issues, Boccis said Centex entered into an agreement with the city, giving the city a deposit in order to gain access to city reports on storm water, flooding, water supply and other vital information. Centex is looking to see if the problems can be addressed and if there will be some “opportunity” for that property down the line.

As Centex analyzed the north property, they were led to the McNece property, which is adjacent to the site and is already zoned R-1 (single family residential). Boccis said that project would give the company the opportunity to “show you who we are.” Decisions about the northern site would come later, he said, after the city finishes a study of the north area, known as the North Area Specific Plan (NASP), an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and review of the General Plan.

“Together we can find out if there is an opportunity to do something on the 400 acres,” after the problems are solved, he said.

Though he had a land-use map, Boccis showed no house plans, site plans or architecture, saying he first wanted ask residents what they want.

Winters resident Tim Caro asked how many homes are planned for the site. Boccis didn’t want to give a specific number, saying “around 114,” or “whatever the site allows for.”

Caro wanted to know how many homes would be constructed on the 400-acre site if the problems Boccis spoke about were solved.

Boccis said there was no plan, but Centex would also like to include a high school, elementary school and large park on the site. He didn’t want to give an exact number of homes for the north site. Caro reminded him the Grayhawk plan called for about 1,400.

“I’m not trying to be evasive,” Boccis said.

Caro continued to press until Boccis finally admitted that the General Plan calls for 800 homes there.

“That’s what I’m looking for,” said Caro.

Boccis continued to tell the residents he was not there as a developer, but a problem solver.

“We’re here to solve the problems,” he said.

Residents who live in the Almond Orchard subdivision were concerned that any new construction

would exacerbate the flood threat they already have to deal with, with storm water coming into their subdivision from the north.

Boccis said the McNece project would not solve that problem, but plans to direct water down into Putah Creek via a man-made creek, might help. He told them development of the 400-acre site would have to include a flood solution and would solve their problem.

Asked how they would keep the new houses safe from flooding, Boccis said Centex planners want to build up the pad under the homes to raise them above flood levels. In another community where that was not allowed, Centex is paying for flood insurance for homeowners.

Almond Orchard residents were worried that a neighboring project would direct more water onto their site. They also did not want to see two-story houses built that would look into their homes and yards.

Boccis said any water would be redirected through the use of the creek, lake and “overland drainage releases.”

When asked about the site directly to the east of the McNece site, Boccis said it is currently zoned for open space and is part of the 400 acre site. He said use of that site would be determined during the specific plan process (NASP).

One resident asked how to address the lack of commercial space in the city if that part of the McNece property that is zoned commercial is replaced with a lake.

Boccis said the Winters community wants to see a vibrant downtown, so it makes sense to change that strip to different use so it won’t end up with a commercial use that would compete with the downtown.

He noted that Centex was willing to bring in an “end-user” to put some sort of manufacturing business on the north site if that’s what the city wants.

“It’s up to you to decide,” he said.

Asked how Centex would deal with infrastructure issues on the north site, Boccis said Centex would probably

have to put in infrastructure in the form of a flood solution, sewer, roads and schools.

When asked if the Wastewater Treatment Facility has room for the new developmmment, Boccis said the city is currently changing the technology of its wastewater treatment process.

Charlie Rominger said the Centex presentation “looks very familiar.”

He told Boccis that the city is currently looking at about 700 new homes being constructed, and noted that he was told that city staff asked Centex to “come back in about 2013.”

Boccis denied having been told that.

He said development of the 400-acre north site would help with the city’s jobs/housing imbalance, with some live/work spaces planned. In addition, he pointed out that the city’s industrial zone is in the flood area, and that solving the flood problem would enable the city to bring in more industrial businesses. He told the audience businesses wouldn’t come to a community with inadequate housing supply.

“Sometimes you do have to have houses ahead of jobs,” he said.

With regard to flooding, he repeated that the McNece project would not solve the “city’s flood problems” but that some sort of development of the northern 400 acres would solve them.

Rominger objected to Boccis’s use of the phrase “solving the flood problems” saying the plan would merely move the water further downstream and into the communities of Vacaville and Rio Vista, and that development of the McNece site would make the Almond Orchard problems worse.

“We don’t move water, we detain,” said Boccis.

Rominger suggested that the city move the industrial zone to the northwest part of town, out of the flood zone. Then, he said, the 400-acres can be used to mitigate for Swainson’s hawk and other species. Boccis said the study might very well determine that.

Several residents expressed doubts that the flooding situation would be improved by the McNece development. One

resident said she was concerned about having a large body of water in her backyard, especially with the growing threat of West Nile Virus and the Bird Flu.

Another resident questioned Centex’ plans to create man made lakes, asking where would the water come from during the summer to keep the lake full.

Boccis said Centex has a water supply analysis that says the underground water table would support a city many times Winters’ size.

With regard to fiscal issues, Boccis said Centex is prepared to pay fees to alleviate any impact to services, including paying a fee to cover whatever percentage of deficit the project represents to the city.

“We’re willing to pay our part of the fiscal deficit,” he said.

Asked why, if they are here to solve problems, Centex doesn’t just go out and solve the flood problems on the 400 acres first, Boccis said “we have to go through the process.”

He said Centex must first deal with many agencies, including the city of Winters.

“We can’t just go out and solve the problem out there,” he said.

Mitch Korcyl accused Centex of not being honest in not going to the city first and because they made no attempt to formally announce the meeting. Also, he said Boccis was not being honest enough to admit that Centex wants to build homes on the 400 acre site.

“Yes, we want to build there. But only after we solve the problems,” Boccis admitted.

With regard to a proposed flood plan. Boccis said Centex offered the city \$16 million to solve the problem, but he said, the city “said it’s too early and wants to go through the process.”

Centex consultant Ken Gibberson said the city

engineer had set the cost of a flood solution. Audience members disagreed, saying the costs estimated were based on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study.

Asked to define what he meant when he kept saying the city’s “process,” Boccis said he was referring to the “city-led” decision to do a NASP, EIR and General Plan review. Centex has said it would be willing to contribute funding toward those processes.

“There are bigger issues that the city wants to look at. They want to look at large areas,” said Boccis, referring to the Centex land, land controlled by Richland Communities and other land outside the General Plan. “That’s the city process I’m talking about.”

Boccis said he disagreed that the city has to stop building homes in order to have a small town feel. He pointed to areas in Vacaville as examples of small towns within a city.

“You can still have a small town feel if you really work on it,” he said.

Charley Wallace objected to the presentation of only one part of Centex’ development plans.

“It’s like you’re building a five-story building and only showing us the first floor,” said Wallace. “Where’s the rest of it?”

David Springer pointed out that several times during the presentation, Boccis had said if the community told Centex to go away, they would go away.

Springer asked how the residents could make it clear to Centex that they want them to go away.

Boccis said it really isn’t the residents’ role to tell Centex to go away. They are waiting for city staff and the “city fathers” (city council) to give direction.

“We want to go through the legal process,” he said.

Both Wallace and

Rominger said they had heard from City Manager John Donlevy that the city asked Centex to go away until 2013, because the city is overwhelmed with development projects right now (Winters Highlands, Callahan Estates, Creekside Estates, Hudson-Ogando).

Boccis denied having been told by the city manager to return in 2013.

Ed Ross questioned Boccis’ description of Centex as a ‘localized’ company. He pointed out that Centex is a publicly-traded, national company. He accused Boccis of not being straightforward with the residents by trying to play Centex off as a local builder.

Boccis said the company he represents is a “division” of the national company and that he considers that a local company.

Audience members also objected to Boccis statements that Centex is not a developer.

At that point, Boccis asked residents to take his business cards and contact him with any further questions, concerns or suggestions. He said information would be incorporated into another plan, which would be brought back to another community meeting.

In a later conversation, Donlevy said when Centex representative Martin Novinski first approached Winters about potential development, he and Community Development Director Dan Sokolow told him Winters “had quite a bit on the board, which would be building for the next seven or eight years.” Donlevy suggested that if Centex wanted to pursue a project in Winters, that they look long-term to 2013 or beyond.

In addition, Donlevy said, city staff always encourages potential developers to get to know the community, including reading the Express to stay informed.

Volunteers sought, scholarships offered

The Sutter Davis Hospital Auxiliary is recruiting new members (male and female), who are in good health and over 18 years of age, to volunteer in various capacities in the hospital. They must attend a general orientation and on the job training. Check out the Sutter Davis Hospital Website at sutter-health.org, click on volunteer. Applications are available on the website or at the Hospital Information Desk (2000 Sutter Place, Davis) at 759-7485, weekdays, 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The general public is

invited to come and have their blood pressure checked every Wednesday in the Sutter Davis Hospital lobby from 10 a.m. until noon. This service is free.

Applications for Sutter Davis Hospital Auxiliary scholarships for the year 2006 are now being accepted. Anyone that is a resident of the geographic area serviced in Davis, Dixon, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland school districts, and intends to pursue a health-related career or re-enter the health field is eligible to apply.

Application materials

are available at the high school offices in Davis, Dixon, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland. They are also available at the Sutter Davis Hospital Information Desk. The deadline for submitting all applications, including a personal essay, official transcript of academic work, and letters of reference is March 31, 2006. Recipients will be announced in April and honored at an Auxiliary luncheon in May.

For more information, call the Sutter Davis Hospital Information Desk, 759-7485..

POLICY

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mitigated (replaced elsewhere) for all species, 158 acres for Swainson's hawk alone.

Before getting into any in-depth discussion, the planners reopened the public hearing. Yolo Land Trust Executive Director Kathryn Kelly outlined some key points for the planners to consider. She told them to identify what their expectations are early on in the process, establish criteria and then make sure the city finds a way to control the process, even if the developers are doing all the work.

She cautioned the planners to be wary of "designer land trusts" that are formed by developers and "may not establish mitigation in the fashion the community wants."

She advised them that once easements are purchased to conserve habitat, they exist "in perpetuity." Stewardship, management, funding and relationships with landowners were identified as crucial elements of the mitigation process.

Kelly encouraged the city to bill developers for all staff time spent on the mitigation.

Asked what she thought of stacking mitigation uses, such as purchasing one piece of land to mitigate for lost agricultural land and Swanson's hawk habitat, Kelly responded that it is "complicated to achieve."

For example, she said, if 100 acres must be set aside for hawks, then agricultural practices would be restricted there. No vineyards, orchards, rice and several other uses are allowed on hawk foraging land. There are also restrictions on chemicals that can be used on the land, and the type of facilities that can be placed on the land. Trying to then allow for agricultural mitigation on the same land presents a problem, as the uses are obviously conflicted. Trying to meet the different species requirements on one piece of land presents "huge challenges."

"Developers like them because they don't want to have to do two easements," she said.

Graf wanted to know who could provide the type of expertise needed to establish a policy, since the city's staff is "overworked and understaffed."

Tschudin pointed out that land trusts, such as Yolo Land Trust, have their own legal back-up staff, who specialize in mitigation and easement issues.

Planning commissioner Don Jordan asked what Kelly thought of multi-use mitigation, such as establishing an easement site that is also open for public access.

"That is difficult because what you are talking about is an easement," she said. The easement is often purchased from a private landowner, such as a farmer, who agrees to

abide by the restrictions set according to the habitat being mitigated.

"Most sellers are genuinely not interested in public access," she said, because of liability issues.

Also, having a multi-use site may end up negatively impacting one of the species that is supposed to be helped.

One option, Kelly said, is to have the developer purchase land outright, rather than just buying an easement that a landowner continues to use, and have it managed by a trust.

She cautioned the planners not to target one piece of land for mitigation, as that can lead to problems, such as driving up the price of the land.

Kelly offered to work with the planners, perhaps in the form of a workshop.

At that point, the planning commission held its discussion. Commissioner Pierre Neu wanted to take advantage of the offer to work with the Yolo Land Trust.

He said many of the multi-use ideas sounded more like parks to him than open space.

"Are we trying to do too much with the mitigation land by stacking?" he asked.

Tschudin said that would depend on what type of access was allowed. Access could mean allowing people actual physical access to the land, or it could simply mean allowing the public to view the space from afar.

Planning commissioner Don Jordan noted that if the city tried to allow multi-uses, such as an easement for Swainson's hawk that also allowed public access, then the piece of land purchased would have to be near the city. That, he pointed out, would mean targeting a piece of land, something Kelly warned against.

Jordan wanted to stick to conserving habitat.

Planning Commission Chairman Ed Ross agreed, recalling Tschudin's earlier advice that state and federal agencies don't favor multi-use.

"Multi-use is not as important as meeting mitigation requirements efficiently," said Ross.

The planners also agreed that for the near future, the city should forgo allowing the developer mitigation funds to be invested with the Yolo County JPA, which collects mitigation funding with the intention of purchasing large pieces of property. However, several members were concerned that establishing the city's own mitigation policy would conflict with the city's membership in the JPA.

"Taking part in the JPA is not binding to the city," said Community Development Director Dan Sokolow. "The city can move ahead on its own. The JPA and Winters' goals are compatible."

The planners also agreed that the various developers should be directed to pool their fund-

ing to purchase one contiguous piece of property. However, they agreed to allow some flexibility.

Graf was still concerned that the staff not be overburdened.

Tschudin told the planners the city has "a lot of expertise available" in setting up a policy. She noted that after the policy is set, then the city can bring in other experts, such as a land trust, to take care of the details and work to set up the actual easements.

She asked whether they wanted to mitigate for multiple species or simply deal with Swainson's hawk. If they only dealt with the hawk, that would mean developers could invest funding in a mitigation bank that goes out and purchases easements for other habitat.

She pointed out that mitigating for invertebrate species is much more technically difficult to do than Swainson's hawk, which is fairly straightforward. She said it might be easier to send developers to a bank to deal with the more difficult species.

Jordan suggested that wherever possible, the developers be required to mitigate for all species within the Winters guidelines, but where that becomes too arduous, they could deal with a mitigation bank. Again, the planners allowed for a bit of flexibility.

When deciding where to look for the land on which to place easements, the planners agreed that targeting anywhere too close to town would end up too cost-prohibitive. After an informal vote, they agreed that the land should be sought within seven miles of the city limits. They also agreed not to pursue stacking, especially since state and federal agencies don't favor the practice.

"If federal and state don't support it. It's telling me a lot right there," said Curry.

Tschudin will return with a draft policy at a future meeting.

Other items

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

- ~ Heard a request to interpret the Zoning Ordinance, to decide whether the property at 112 main Street, which is currently used as a commercial building and is in the Central Business District, could be rebuilt and used as a single family residence in the event of fire or other catastrophe. The planning commissioners could not agree on a way to allow for this change in a way that is consistent with zoning. City council member Tom Stone, who attended the meeting as the council liaison, asked to have the item placed on the next council agenda for consideration and clarification.
- ~ Heard a presentation on the Downtown Master Plan. Held a public hearing and recommended the plan to the city council for adoption.

Lanzaro named director of UC Davis Center for Vector-Borne Diseases

DAVIS — Medical entomologist Gregory C. Lanzaro, director of the UC Mosquito Research Program (UCMRP), is the newly appointed director of the UC Davis Center for Vector-Borne Diseases (CVEC). Lanzaro is a resident of Winters.

Lanzaro is now the point person for both UCMRP, a systemwide program of the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, and CVEC, a unit of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and managed in collaboration with the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the School of Medicine. CVEC has long been closely affiliated with UCMRP and the vector-borne diseases program of the California Department of Health Services.

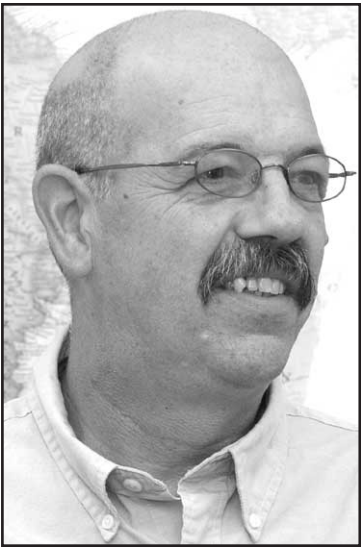
Neal Van Alfen, dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, said Lanzaro is a "natural choice" to lead CVEC.

"Dr. Lanzaro maintains a world-class research program on arthropod-borne diseases as a member of the Department of Entomology within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Science and is the current director of the UC systemwide UCMRP, so he is a natural choice to also lead the UC Davis CVEC," Van Alfen said. "His leadership will assure that UC Davis remains a leader in addressing the global problem of vector-borne diseases."

Lanzaro said he is pleased to serve as director of the program.

"I look forward to establishing UC Davis and CVEC as an international center of excellence in vector-borne disease research and education."

"Pathogens transmitted by insects (vectors) and their relatives rank among the most important infectious diseases globally," Lanzaro said. "Diseases such as malaria, dengue



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and leishmaniasis take millions of lives annually and wreak havoc on the economies, and therefore quality of life, for many millions more throughout the world."

The United States, he pointed out, is not immune to the threat of arthropod-borne disease.

"Lyme disease, plague and a host of mosquito transmitted encephalitic viruses are long standing public health concerns in this country. The recent introduction of West Nile virus serves to illustrate the capacity of insect-transmitted disease agents to move into parts of the world in which they were never previously present and spread rapidly once introduced. Our goal at CVEC is to create a community of UC Davis faculty and students interested in the biology and control of arthropod-borne diseases of man and animal."

Lanzaro noted that CVEC "is interdisciplinary (encompassing biological, medical, veterinary and social sciences) and global, with a major emphasis on work in the developing world, where arthropod-borne diseases impose the heaviest burden."

"These diseases pose a tremendous challenge to global health," he said. "We will address this challenge through research

and education."

CVEC, considered the most comprehensive vector-borne disease program in California, collaborates with more than 30 faculty members on UC campuses. Research programs include molecular biology, virology, parasitology, vector control, and epidemiology of vector-borne diseases in California and globally.

Lanzaro's key responsibilities include developing an overall programmatic vision of the center, including leadership in research and teaching. The center serves as the principal teaching resource for undergraduate and graduate courses in all facets of vector-borne disease sciences.

Named UCMRP director in 2002, Lanzaro received his bachelor of science degree in biology from Kansas State University, his master's degree in entomology from the University of Arizona, and his doctorate in entomology from the University of Florida. He joined the UC Davis Department of Entomology in 1988 to work as a post-doctoral fellow under the direction of entomologist Bruce Eldridge and also worked closely with Robert Washino.

Lanzaro's areas of expertise include genetics and population biology of mosquitoes that transmit malaria, particularly *Anopheles gambiae*, the principal vector of malaria in sub-Saharan Africa; and the genetics and molecular biology of sand fly vectors of visceral leishmaniasis in Latin America.

Prior to coming to UC Davis, Lanzaro served as professor in the Department of Pathology and Center for Tropical Diseases at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, and conducted research as a MacArthur Fellow at the Laboratory of Malaria Research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Entertainment

Spaghetti dinner features magic, fun

Winters Parent Nursery School continues to celebrate its 30 years of preparing Winters children for their educational future with its annual Family Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall.

A major fund-raiser for the school, which provides a place for children and their families to learn and play together, where children bridge the gap between home and future education, the event features Jon Lopez' Real Magic and Company. After his performance, he will entertain the children with his talents as a balloon artist.

Tomat's California Cuisine will prepare the sauce as they have for the past three years, there will be a free kids room with children's activities, cotton candy

and a live and silent auction. The students will perform at 5:30 p.m.

Auction items include tickets to Disneyland, Legoland, Marine World, Fairy Tale Town, the Sacramento Zoo, 49ers, Sacramento Kings and Rivercats games. Other items include Valentine-themed and other gift baskets, restaurant gift cards, and "Mom's Afternoon Out." Parents can also bid for an opportunity to have teacher Karen Benson-Neil come to their homes for story time.

Tickets will be available at the door and include dinner, dessert and a door prize raffle ticket. There will be a no-host bar. Adult tickets are \$10; children 3-12 are \$5.

For more information, call 795-4659.

Rusesabagina brings Hotel Rwanda to Mondavi Center

A decade ago, as genocide raged in his native Rwanda, Paul Rusesabagina became a hero. As depicted in the award-winning film Hotel Rwanda, Rusesabagina used courage, gumption, and guile to turn the luxury hotel he was managing into a safe haven for hundreds of men, women, and children who otherwise would have been slaughtered by roving gangs of extremists bent on exterminating the country's Hutu population. Next month, Rusesabagina will speak about his experiences and what we should all learn from them in a program titled Hotel Rwanda: A Lesson to Be Learned at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. on Feb. 6, in Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 754-2787 or online at mondaviarts.org. The event is presented as part of Mondavi Center's Western Health Advantage Distinguished Speakers series, with support from Boutin Dentino, American Airlines, and Royal Guest Fine Hoteliers.

Much of Rusesabagina's story will be well-known following the success of Hotel Rwanda, the film by director Terry George that garnered three Academy Award nominations in 2004. The movie, in which Don Cheadle portrays Rusesabagina, depicts Rusesabagina's actions during the "100 days" of genocide that took place in Rwanda during 1994, and how he, as an individual, was able to save hundreds of lives after the world's most powerful nations failed to act.

Born in Murama-Gitarama in south-central Rwanda in 1954, Rusesabagina learned the hotel business as a college student in Cameroon, where he worked for the international travel company Sabena as a front office manager for their newly opened Hotel Akagera from 1975-1978. He went on to study hotel management at Kenya Utalii College in Nairobi, earning his degree in 1984, and returned to Rwanda to work for Sabena Hotels. He was employed at the Mille Colines Hotel when gangs of Hutu extremists began their genocidal rampage in 1994.

The violence erupted following decades of conflict between Rwanda's rival ethnic groups, the Hutu and Tutsi. Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana, a Hutu, was involved in complex and controversial peace negotiations with the Rwandan Patriotic Front, a group of Tutsi extremists that had been conducting a guerilla war that had already displaced more than one million Rwandans. Habyarimana was killed on April 6, 1994, when the plane he was riding in was



PAUL RUSESABAGINA

shot down by unknown assailants. Gangs of Tutsi extremists began a campaign of genocide, systematically murdering thousands of Hutus and moderate Tutsis.

Foreign governments acted to evacuate their own citizens but did little to help Rwandans. The United Nations also failed to take decisive action, and over the course of the following three months, some 800,000 Rwandans were slaughtered.

As depicted in Hotel Rwanda, Rusesabagina saved about 1,200 of his countrymen by sheltering them in the Mille Colines Hotel. With militants surrounding the luxury hotel's well-groomed grounds, he spent hours on the phone pleading with political leaders, and calling in favors from his international connections. He bartered directly with the militants, offering them money, gold, expensive wines, and other items he had hoarded in the hotel in exchange for the lives of the refugees he was safeguarding. Miraculously, no one who was housed at the hotel was killed.

When the violence finally subsided, Rusesabagina went to Belgium as a refugee, then resumed his work as a businessman, running his own transport company. He soon became involved in a variety of charitable organizations aiding survivors of the Rwandan tragedy, and is currently involved in working to increase awareness of the violence in the Darfur region of Sudan, where an estimated 200,000 have been killed.

"Paul Rusesabagina has shown that one ordinary person can indeed make a

difference, and his remarkable experiences should provide for an inspiring lecture," said Barbara Sellers-Young, Mondavi Center's interim executive director.

Airplane display at County Faire Mall

The Woodland Davis Aeromodelers is having its annual static display of radio control and control line airplane at the County Faire Mall, located at the corner of Gibson and East Street. The show runs Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be ongoing demonstrations of model building as well as discussions regarding the radio control sport/hobby. Jets, WWII airplanes, antiques, aerobatic airplanes, seaplanes, gliders and helicopters will be featured.

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Music Circus announces season

With its 2006 summer season, Music Circus continues its commitment to presenting contemporary Broadway hits alongside the classics of musical theatre. The 2006 roster will feature five Tony Award-winning best musicals and two Music Circus premieres - the fourth year in a row that Music Circus has debuted two new titles on the same season. The seven-show lineup at the Wells Fargo Pavilion will open with the beloved classic "Fiddler on the Roof" and end with the Broadway smash "Smokey Joe's Cafe." Season subscriptions for the 56th Music Circus will go on sale on Monday, Jan. 23. Music Circus is presented by California Musical Theatre under the direction of Executive Producer Richard Lewis and Artistic Director Scott Eckern.

"Fiddler on the Roof" (July 7 - 16) will open the season for an extended one-and-a-half week run. The 1965 Tony winner for best musical is regarded as one of the best musicals ever written. Set in czarist Russia, it is the heartwarming and at times humorous look at a Jewish father struggling with his daughters' decisions to turn their backs on the matchmaker and marry for love.

Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida" (July 18 - 23) will be the first of two Music Circus premieres this summer. The soaring pop musical received both the Tony Award for best musical score of 2000 and the Grammy Award for best musical show album. Set in ancient Egypt, "Aida" recounts the legendary romance of an enslaved Nubian princess and an Egyptian soldier.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's wartime musical "South Pacific" (July 25 - 30) returns to the Music Circus tent. This adaptation of James Michener's novel includes some of the most loved songs in theatre.

The season continues with a second Music Circus premiere, "A Little Night Music" (Aug. 1 - 6), Stephen Sondheim's witty look at foolish lovers as they rendezvous at a lavish country estate for a weekend of flirtations, intrigue and romance. Tony's best musical of 1973 includes Sondheim's most recognizable song, the touching "Send in the Clowns."

"The Music Man" (Aug. 8 - 13) is writer Meredith Willson's upbeat tribute to the warmth and stubbornness of small town America. Set in River City, Iowa, a traveling salesman promises to form a children's marching band, but his motives are questioned by the town's suspicious librarian. A colorful and nostalgic look at the value of optimism, tickets for this production are being offered at \$15 off to children ages 4-11. "The Music Man" was 1958's Tony winner for best musical.

The sixth show of the Music Circus season, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," (Aug. 15 - 20), is also the Tony-winning best musical for 1963. The madcap farce about a Roman slave willing to do anything to win his freedom is filled with zaniness and comic anachronisms.

The season will close Aug. 22 - 31 with "Smokey Joe's Cafe," the hit Broadway revue showcasing the music of Lieber and Stoller, the legendary hit-making songwriters of the 1950s and '60s.

Subscriptions are available by calling 916-557-1999, or by visiting the Wells Fargo Pavilion Box Office at 1419 H Street, Sacramento. Discounts are available for groups of 12 or more by calling 916-557-1198.

For more information visit www.sacramentomusiccircus.com.

Sports

Warriors drop to second place

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity girls basketball team dropped to second place last Tuesday, Jan. 24, as they hosted Orland in a Butte View League showdown of the top two teams in the league. The Warriors had beaten the Trojans earlier in the year in a tournament but lost the one that matters 46-39.

“It was not our night,” said coach Matt Cooley. “We had no inside game and there just wasn’t much energy.”

The Warriors hit only seven out of 22 free throws.

Jenny Campos led the Warriors with 11 points, and had three rebounds and a steal. Courtney Stocking scored eight points, had four rebounds, a block, a steal and an assist. Natalie Cooley scored eight points, had three rebounds, five steals and four assists. Lauren Yehle scored seven points, had a rebound, a steal and an assist. Rebecca Salas scored four points, had three rebounds, a steal and an assist. Jaclyn Stocking scored one point and had five rebounds. Brittney Allen had two rebounds and Chelsea Corrales had a steal for the Warriors.

The Warriors bounced back on Friday, Jan. 27, as they traveled to Oroville to take on the Tigers and came home with a 44-34 victory.

Varsity boys let two games slip away

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
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The Winters Warriors varsity boys’ basketball team let two big league games slip away last week as they took on the two best teams in the league with Orland on Tuesday, Jan., 24, and Oroville on Friday, Jan. 27.

Against Orland, the Warriors started out down just by one point in the first period but then were outscored 16-7 in the second period to give Orland a 25-10 half time lead.

“We couldn’t hit our shots in the first half,” said coach Jason Davis.

The Warriors then made a run themselves with Sebastian Salas giving Winters the lead when he connected on two three point shots late in the third. Down by just three points to start the fourth period



Photo by Matt Yehle

Natalie Cooley looks for an opening. The Warriors hosted the Orland Trojans and were defeated 46-39.

“Lauren did a good job on defense with six steals and Natalie moved the ball around very well and had seven assists.

Yehle led the Warriors with 16 points, six steals, two rebounds and two as-

sists. Jaclyn Stocking scored eight points, seven rebounds, two blocks and a steal. Cooley scored seven points, had seven assists, four rebounds and two steals. Courtney Stocking

scored six points, had five rebounds a steal and an assist. Salas scored four points, had four steals and two rebounds, while Campos scored three points and had three rebounds.

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Murphy leads girls to victory

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
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The Winters High School girls’ soccer team won two league games last week as they improved to 4-1-1 in the Butte View League and moved into second place. On Thursday, Jan. 26, the Warriors hosted Gridley and won convincingly with a 4-0 shutout. Winters scored two goals in each half.

Danielle Murphy led the Warriors by scoring two goals. Cara McCoy scored another goal,

while Fabiola Silva scored a goal and had an assist. Maribell Escobedo had two saves for the Warriors.

On Friday, Jan.. 27, the Warriors played a makeup game against Orland and came home with a 2-1 victory over the Trojans. Murphy once again led the Warriors as she scored both goals for Winters. The score was tied at 1-1 in the first half but Murphy scored again in the second half and the Warriors defense was able to stop the Trojans from scoring.

Boys soccer team falls to top opponents

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Warriors boys soccer team had a rough week last week, taking on the top two teams in the Butte View league. On Thursday, Jan. 26, the Warriors played host to Gridley, the highest scoring team in the league and suffered a 10-3 loss.

“We played really rusty after not having any games for a week,” said coach Alfredo Rodriguez. Gridley jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first half. “The break allowed us to regroup and get rested. The second half

was much better for us.”

Jose Herrera put the Warriors on the board first with an indirect kick inside the penalty area. Herrera then assisted in the next goal as he passed the ball to Eduardo Molina. Molina was able to get past the keeper for the goal. David Borges scored the Warriors third goal but the Warriors gave up another five to the Bulldogs before the game would end.

On Friday, Jan. 27, the Warriors played Orland in a makeup game and lost to the league’s second place team 5-2. Herrera scored the Warriors first goal

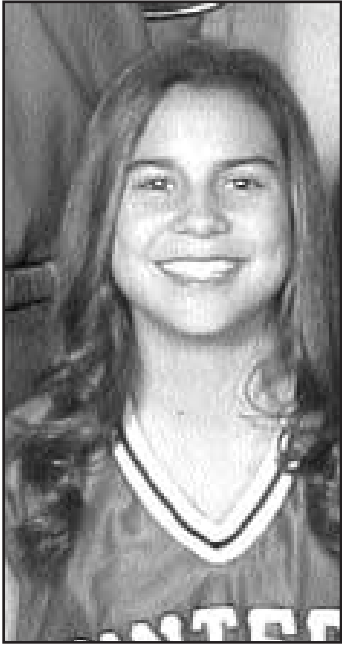
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lauren Yehle

Lauren Yehle, a junior on the Winters High School girl’s varsity basketball team is this week’s Winters Express athlete of the week. Last week, Yehle led the Warriors with 16 points and six steals in a BVL victory over Oroville.

Yehle leads the Warriors in scoring this season with 11 points per game, is second in steals with three per game, second in assists with three per game and is second in three-point field goals made.



Freshmen
continue
to play hard

By ERIC
and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School boys' freshman basketball team played three league games two last week and one the week before but unfortunately lost all three. The Warriors played Sutter on Friday, Jan. 20, and lost 54-20 against the Huskies. Jewles Damey and Max Mariani led the Warriors in scoring with eight points each, while Woody DeVries and Andrew Medina each put in two points for the Warriors.

On Tuesday, Jan., 24, the Warriors traveled to Orland and lost 50-33 to the Trojans. Cody Shafer had a big night for the Warriors as he scored 15 points. DeVries scored nine points. Mariani scored five points for the Warriors.

JV boys host league
opponents, lose twice

By ERIC
and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School JV boys' basketball team lost two league games last week as they traveled to Orland and hosted Oroville. On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the Warriors traveled to Orland to take on the Trojans. Winters had a hard time keeping up with the fast tempo of the Trojans and fell to a 59-45 loss.

Kelven Leverett led the Warriors in scoring with 17 points. Donnie

Garcia scored nine points, Aaron Geerts scored six, Francisco Martinez and Kaplan Smith each scored four points, Alex Huizar scored three points and Kevin Rowell scored two points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Jan. 27, the Warriors hosted powerhouse Oroville and lost 74-49. Leverett and Garcia each scored 13 points to lead the Warriors. Geerts scored nine points, Rowell had six, Smith scored four, while TJ Johnson and Fernandez each scored two points for the Warriors.

Young wrestlers place high

The Winters Wrestling Kids Club traveled to San Andreas on Saturday, Jan. 21, to wrestle in the Jim Bennett Classic. Going undefeated and placing first were Zachary Linton, Jacob Lowrie and Mason Rodriguez. Also placing were Morgan Nicholas with a second, Martin Martinez with a third and William

Nicholson with a fourth.

USA Wrestling State Folkstyle in Natomas was their next tournament on Saturday, Jan. 28, considered to be a difficult.

Placing first in state was Mason Rodriguez and second were Morgan Nicholas, Zachary Linton, Tim Tweedt and Ben Case.

J.V. football honors



Courtesy photo

The Winters High School JV football team had their annual football banquet on Monday, Dec. 5, at the Winters Community Center. First year head coach Daniel Ward thanked his parents, coaches and the player's parents before handing out awards and talking about his team. The teams' Most Valuable Offensive player award went to Cody Campos who rushed over 1,200 yards this season. Jessie Hellinger received the Defensive Most Valuable player award. Ward had a tough time deciding on the Coaches Award so he went with two deserving players with Aaron Geerts and Max Mariani receiving the award. Team members include, from left, (front) Maurice Ackridge, Cody Campos, Celistino Galabasa, Patrick Leslie, David Borges and Robert Franco; (second row) Miguel Del Rio, Jack Dickinson, Julian Hughey, Andrew Medina, Dillon Miles, Josh Guster and Ray McIntire; (third row) Blake DeLosantos, Arther Pena, Jr Selby coaches Chris Kim, Daniel Ward and Eddie Marquez, Kenny Johns, Jordan Carrasco and Joe Alfaro; (fourth row) Jesse Hellinger, TJ Johnson, David Hill, Ellis White, Omar Silva, Adrian Ramirez, Kaplan Smith and Ramon Bermudez; (fifth row) Taylor Brickey, Max Mariani, Rafael Martinez, Ben Norfolk, Eddie Sarris, Wayne Holland, Chris Myer and Matt Johnson; (top) Cody Shafer, Woody DeVries, Ryan Hofstrand, Branden White, Don Adams, Wes Karber and Aaron Geerts.

Excellent equestrienne



Courtesy photo

Kelsey Beall, riding Percy Lane, received a blue ribbon and medal for a first place finish in her division at RAM TAP, Fresno, a combined training event for dressage and show jumping, held Jan. 28-29.

Defense, defense



Courtesy photo

Lauren Yehle had six steals at the game versus Oroville on Friday.

Cardinal
wrestlers doing
well

Friday, Jan. 30, the Cardinals wrestled at the Solano Clash at Jepson Middle School in Vacaville. Bryan Case (108 pounds) and Marshall Fredericks (112) placed 1st in their weight classes. Chris Hurst (103) took second place. Bryan Case, Marshall Fredericks, and Chris Hurst will join Cody Linton, Billy Rotenkolber, and Junior Reyes on their way to the Tournament of Champions in March.

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Food, clothing closet hours

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

For more information about the St. Anthony's food and clothing closet, or to make a monetary or other donation, call Dawn at the St. Anthony office, 795-2230. The closet does

not accept large furniture or appliances.

The First Baptist Church also operates a food closet, which is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

The church is located at First and Baker streets.

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

BOYS

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once again off a free kick. Molina scored the Warriors second goal with 17 minutes remaining to cut the Trojans lead to 4-2 but Orland was able to score one more before the game would end.

"We kept putting pressure on their defense the rest of the game," Rodriguez said. "But we were unable to get one past their keeper. Once again Raymundo Carrillo had great saves for us and was helped out by Anian Gamino and Borges."

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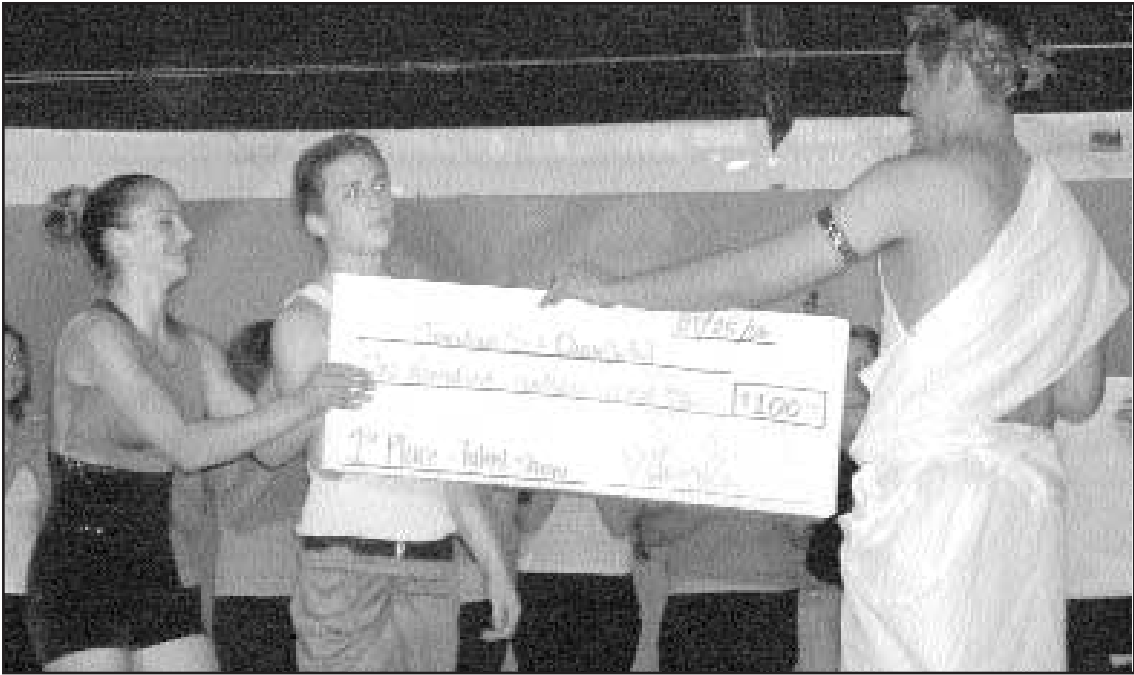


Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Danielle Murphy (far left) and Jordan Shugart accept the first place award from Jacob Thorne at Talentus Maximus, the Winters High School Talent Show, held on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Community Center.

Murphy, Shugart take top talent honors

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

This year's Winters High School talent show had a Roman theme, and was dubbed Talentus Maximus, featuring everything from dance to musical performances. Hosted by emcees Jacob "Jacobus" Thorne and Robert "Bobus" Warren, ten acts vied for a \$100 first prize at the Winters Community Center on Wednesday, Jan. 25, to a packed house.

The acts were judged not only on raw talent (50 percent), but on stage presence (20 percent), creativity (10 percent), entertaining (10 percent) and audience approval (10 percent). When all the scores were tallied, the gymnastics comedy act of Danielle Murphy and Jordan Shugart came out on top. The duo did a humorous take on the golden

oldie, "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better," with Murphy displaying her gymnastic prowess with graceful leaps and athletic flips, and Shugart trying (and failing) to imitate her.

Second place honors went to No Regret, a four-person band consisting of Jimi Guerro, Ivan Villa, Ron Lewis and Nathanael Lucero. The group performed an original rock-punk number that had the audience cheering. Third place went to Brett Hendrickson, who wowed everyone in the room with his talents at the piano.

Also participating in Talentus Maximus, in order of appearance, were singer Ashley Jordan and pianist Mattie Long, who performed "Beautiful Disaster"; tap dancer Katie Anstead doing a high-energy "42nd Street" routine; Kyla Purvis singing

"Seasons of Love" from the musical "Rent"; the punk-grunge style band Mr. Random and the Cool Guys, consisting of Bryant West, Dylan Barker, Bryan Maguire and Jon Monnin; singer Samantha Walton doing her rendition of "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again"; the Winters High School Dance Club, performing their own original modern jazz choreography; and Nastya Lysenko, who sang "Can't Fight the Moonlight."

The event was coordinated by the Winters High School student government class. Serving as judges were Winters High School student teacher Rebecca Domenigoni, Winters High School counselor Marcella Heredia, Winters Express editor Debra Lo Guercio, Winters School Board trustee Rodney Orosco and Winters High School teacher/alumni Daniel Ward.

Benson named FFA Member of the Month

BY FRANCINE JIMINEZ
Special to the Express

Breanne Benson, a junior at Winters High School, was named FFA Member of the Month for the month of January. Benson is the Sentinel on the Officer team, and is a very strong leader.

"Breanne not only works hard," says Kent Benson, FFA advisor, "but is also enthusiastic about being chairperson for all different kinds of events, and is always encouraging others to get involved as well."

So far this year, Breanne has been chairperson for the October Harvest Festival, has organized refreshments and games for FFA events, assisted in organizing the spaghetti dinner, assisted in writing skits that were preformed at FFA events, participated in the Sectional Prepared Public Speaking Contest, and is the chairperson of the upcoming FFA banquet, which will be held at the end of this school year.

Breanne Benson has done a lot for the FFA this year and plans to continue doing so in the future.

Agricultural scholarships available

Friends of the Fair, two volunteer organizations that serve the Dixon May Fair and the Solano County Fair, are offering a total of \$12,000 in college scholarships to prospective or current college students from Solano County seeking careers in an agricultural-field.

The Friends will offer eight scholarships: four \$2,000 scholarships for those attending a four-year college or students who will be enrolled in a four-year college this year; and four \$1,000 scholarships for those attending or who will be enrolled in a two-year college this year. The deadline to submit the completed applications is March 1.

Eligible to apply are high school seniors throughout the county and Solano County youths already attending a four-year or two-year college. The scholarships are based on personal, civic and academic experience, academic standing, personal commitment and goals, leadership potential, civic accomplishments, and agricultural interests, including 4-H, FFA or Grange experience (desired, but not mandated).

Donnie Huffman of Vacaville, who serves as president of both the Friends of the Fair, said the funds are generated from beverage sales from the two fairs. JoAn

Giannoni of Dixon, secretary and scholarship chair of both organizations, said the youths must be majoring in an agricultural-related field, but the field is "very broad."

This can include agricultural and resource economics, dairy science, environmental horticulture science, veterinary medicine, avian sciences, agricultural engineering, agronomy and range science, forestry, home economics, pomology, food science and nutrition, earth and soil sciences, wildlife and fisheries biology, landscape architecture, environmental design, pest management, natural resources management, hydrologic science, viticulture and enology, and child, family and consumer science.

Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 or be a student in good standing. They must submit a personal statement of no more than two typed pages, including why they are pursuing their desired career and what they hope to accomplish. They also must submit two letters of recommendation (one from a professional educator) and a transcript of their grades (accumulative and current).

Each application must be submitted on the Friends of the Fair official application entry

form, available online at www.friendsofthefair.org. "In addition, the packet submitted must include one set of originals and one set of the copies of each of the required forms," Giannoni said.

All scholarship checks will be paid directly to the recipient upon receipt of proof of enrollment. The monies may be used only for tuition, fees, books, materials and supplies, housing and meals purchased on campus.

Recipients will be notified after April 15 and they will be honored at the Solano County Fair Junior Livestock Auction in July.

Further information on the scholarships is available by writing to the Friends of the Fair, P. O. Box 242, Dixon, CA 95620 or visiting the Web site at www.friendsofthefair.org or telephoning Giannoni, (707) 678-5618, or Claudia Huffman, (707) 448-0130.

Applications must be postmarked by 5 p.m. on March 1 and mailed to the Friends of the Fair Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 242, Dixon, CA 95620.

The five-member scholarship committee, headed by Giannoni, includes Claudia "Tootie" Huffman, John Howard, John Vasquez and Kathy Keatley Garvey, all of Vacaville. Each has an agricultural-related background.

FFA students take fieldtrip to see bull riding

The Winters FFA program took a trip on Jan. 21 to Arco Arena for the pro bull riding (PBR). This was the second year the FFA program went to PBR. The FFA took a busload of 50 people to enjoy the PBR. Everybody that went to PBR had a great time. Watching the fights had many people on the edge of their seat wondering if the cowboy would get stepped on or kicked.

Members were able to watch many famous bull riders including Chris Shivers, and Justin McBride. Going on fun trips like this gives the students a well-deserved time to enjoy themselves for all of their hard work and dedication they add to the FFA program. The FFA encourages their students to join activities such as this to make their experience worthwhile.

Graduation ceremony Friday

Wolfskill High School will be holding the second graduation ceremony of theyear on Friday, Feb. 3 at 11:45 a.m.

ROP offers free career training

The Sacramento County Office of Education Regional Occupation Program (ROP) is accepting applications from both adults and high school students for job training in many career course areas to anyone 16 years or older.

The ROP tuition-free career training program can help individuals get the skills needed to enter many career fields. Students will receive classroom, as well as on-site training and internships for on-the-job courses. More than

80 ROP tuition-free job training programs are available including Automotive Mechanics and Collision Repair, Computer and Business Technology, Hospital and Community Health, Building Repair, Call Center, and Dental Assistance.

For information or to register for ROP courses, call 916-228-2721 or 1-800-467-4767, or visit the Sacramento ROP Web site at www.sacrop.org. High school students may also obtain information from campus career counselors.

Birthday party packages available

The city of Davis Civic Center Gym offers a unique and fun experience for parents looking to throw an exciting birthday for their child, including learning to do gymnastics, dance or cheerlead.

The birthday packages for ages 3 to 10 years include a giant obstacle course, time on the tumble track, parachute fun and a craft project. Birthday par-

ties for children ages 10 to 14 can include learning gymnastics routines, dance routines or cheerleading routines.

Interested parents can book a birthday party at the Civic Center Gym by calling 757-5627. Parents may also simply go to the Parks and Community Services office located at 23 Russell Blvd in Davis, to make party reservations and find out more.

"Wrinkles are hereditary. Parents get them from their children."

— Doris Day

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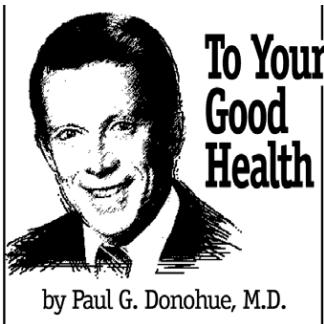
Hoarseness due to acid reflux

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: About two months ago I became quite hoarse. The doctor diagnosed laryngitis and treated me for it. The hoarseness did not go away, so he sent me to an ear, nose and throat doctor, who examined my throat with a scope. He told me I had acid reflux and put me on medicine for it. Have you ever heard of this? —D.C.

ANSWER: Yes, I have, and it's not as rare as you might think. Some estimate that 50 percent of hoarse patients are hoarse because of reflux. Most of us think of acid reflux — the upward spurt of stomach juices into the esophagus — as being the cause of heartburn only. Sometimes, the refluxed acid spurts all the way to the neck and produces symptoms in the vocal cords without any heartburn. It's called laryngopharyngeal reflux.

Other symptoms that suggest this diagnosis are constant throat clearing, a sensation that there's a lump in the throat, and cough. Laryngopharyngeal reflux is not the only cause of these symptoms. Infections, voice abuse (like yelling at a football game), allergies, smoking and alcohol are other causes. When the doctor sees the irritated vocal cords with a scope and when the patient denies any symptoms consistent with other diagnoses, then this syndrome comes to mind. The doctor might even see an ulcer on the cords due to the refluxed acid.

This kind of reflux is treated in the same way that heartburn reflux is treated. Overweight people need to lose some pounds. Smokers must quit smoking. Alcohol use should be greatly moderated. Affected people should avoid chocolate, fats, citrus fruits, carbonated beverages, tomato-based foods and caffeine. Medicines that stop the production of stomach acid are usually prescribed. They include Prilosec, Nexium, Prevacid, Aciphex and Protonix.



To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

The booklet on hiatal hernia, heartburn and acid reflux does not describe the above condition, but it does give the details on the more common forms of acid reflux. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue—No. 501, 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: When is it safe to stop using a preventive method for pregnancy? —Anon.

ANSWER: Menopause is the stage in life when women can no longer conceive. It is said to occur when a woman goes for 12 months without having a period and when she experiences some menopausal symptoms, like hot flashes. If the woman has been taking the kind of birth control pill that promotes monthly periods and makes it hard to determine whether menopause has started, she has to go off the pill for one or two weeks and get the level of the hormone FSH checked. During the pill-free time, she should not have intercourse, in order to avoid even a remote chance of pregnancy.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2006 North America Syndicate All Rights Reserved

Who would the truth really hurt?

1. Why is it that the current war dead are not seen in any media? Is it so we remain ignorant of the suffering or the morbidity of the losses? Who would the truth hurt?

2. If our soldiers are heroes that live through being blown up by improvised explosive devices (IEDs), why aren't we celebrating the amputees? Why isn't there a Walter Reed amputee special on TV every night? With the current rate of casualties, couldn't five or more people be featured every night without any re-runs all year? Who would the truth hurt?

3. If lies, and handpicked information led Congress to approve of our attack on Iraq, why are we still there? There is no shame in being tricked by deceit and the omission of facts, but there is great shame in knowing about the deceit and doing nothing about it. If Bush distorted facts to get us into a war, then he is the true war criminal responsible for over 30,000 Iraqi dead, 2,242 American dead, and thousands of casualties. How many families are now torn by death and flung into poverty by their parent's deaths? These truths should hurt Bush.

4. The Fourth Amendment says that citizens have the right to secure their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures and that this right shall not be violated unless a warrant is issued demonstrating probable cause. Bush doesn't have the right to circumvent the US Constitution. Did you give him that power? If you didn't, you need to do



JESSE LOREN

AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK

everything in your power to make him accountable for breaking the law. This isn't an autocracy, it's a democracy, but not if we don't do our job and call this administration to task.

5. Basically, we as a nation are not supposed to hold people indefinitely without charging them for a crime, and we aren't supposed to inflict cruel or unusual punishment. Waterboarding, humiliation, beating, starvation or outsourcing torture to another location to get around the Constitution is not constitutional. This administration needs to be held accountable for breaking the law.

6. According to BBC news the US at first denied using white phosphorus, then admitted to using it to illuminate the enemy, and eventually admitted to using it as a weapon. Use of incendiary weapons is prohibited in Protocol III Conventions, which the US refused to sign. This administration didn't want to outlaw torture, and it found a loophole to skirt accountability. Did you mean to give Bush the power to use chemical weapons on people and erase all accountability? Who would this truth hurt?

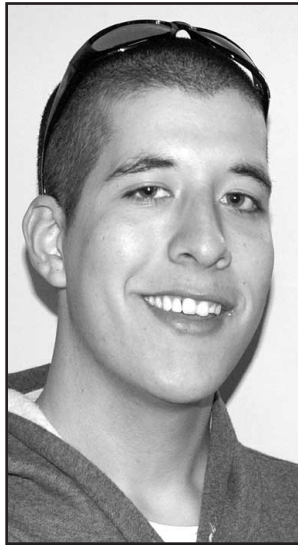
7. Have you noticed the cost of the war? It's too high. We should be focusing on domestic policies to benefit everyone. Isn't that the best part of a

democracy, the way it cares for its people?

8. We are living like ostriches and it is time to pull our heads out of the sand. On a global level, our government seems amazed at the continuous, tenacious threat by the Iraqi insurgents. Duh, occupy a country, kill over 30,000 people, and more enemies are bound to be created. Additionally, our government seems amazed at the outcome of the Palestinian election of Hamas. Duh, people living in poverty and corruption usually don't cling to their leaders, they cling to any promise of security and change. What's the mystery? Condoleezza Rice herself was quoted as saying, "Why is it we didn't see it coming?" I suspect they didn't see it coming because they didn't want to see it coming. These are our leaders and their heads are in the sand.

Please push the senate to analyze this Administration's use of pre-war intelligence. Push the senate and congress to make Bush responsible for his law breaking, spying, torturing, chemical weapon wielding, warmongering and elitist behavior. And while you're at it, bring the troops home. We really miss them and they shouldn't be misused like this. It's truly criminal.

Pleased to meet you

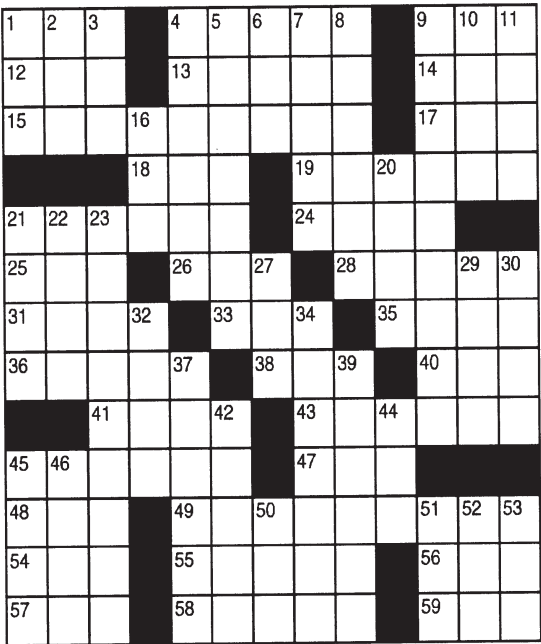


Name: Casey Castillo
Occupation: Senior at Wolfskill High School
Hobby: Playing the piano
What's best about living in Winters: "Everybody's nice."
Fun fact: Used to be an actor.

King Crossword

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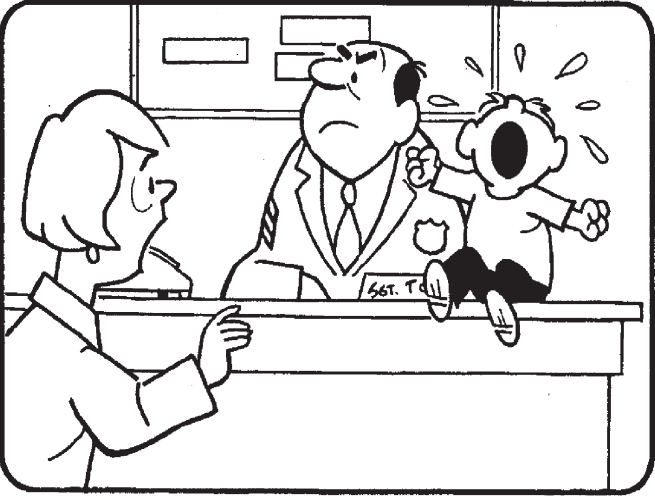
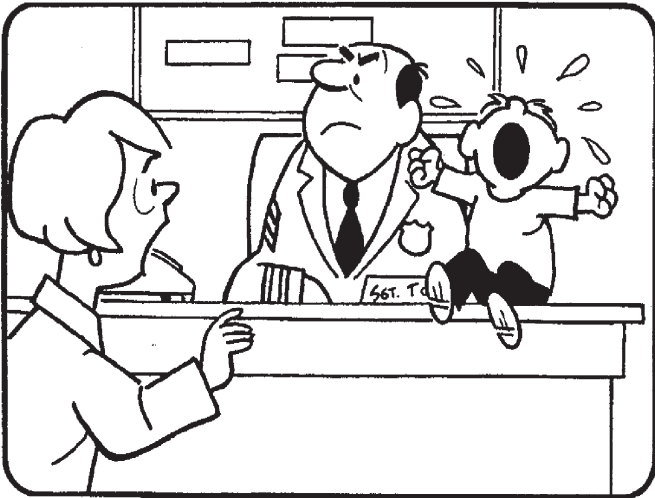


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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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wiser advice than yourself."
~ Cicero



ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

The week continues to encourage the forming of new personal relationships and the shoring up of those that might be weakening. New contacts also dominate the workaday world.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While the bold Bovine might want to move quickly to deal with sudden plan changes, it might be best to wait until you can come up with some solid facts behind the unexpected turn of events.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good week to consider how you'll move on matters both personal and professional. In either case, the more you know about them, the more likely it is that you'll make the right decisions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Although you might find more colleagues ready to support your plans, some of them could ask for changes you don't approve of. Be ready to defend your position if necessary.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time for Leos and Leonas to think about opportunities that might be outside your usual interests. You could be surprised to find something well worth your consideration.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You can turn a troublesome workplace issue to your advantage by prompting that Virgo penchant for preciseness to take over where all else has failed. An old friend makes contact.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A friend's unexpected work-related news could be a wake-up call to get you to reassess your position. See if you need to make changes to strengthen your position at this time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might want to review a decision to work alone on a project. You might see it as efficient and prudent, but some might see it as unnecessary secretiveness, even for a Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't be put off by a lukewarm response to a recent effort. Perhaps you didn't present a strong enough argument. Rebuild your case with more facts, and try again. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A surprise development in the early part of the week could be linked to an ongoing situation. Before you decide to take further action, consider calling for a group discussion.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your sensitive side helps you work through an emotionally difficult situation with a minimum of bruised feelings all around. A welcome change bows in by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) While the week still favors new pursuits, some things from the past also make a claim for your attention. The weekend is open for good times with some of the people closest to you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful gift for seeing the best in people.

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JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Problemas en la frontera

Si la derecha antiinmigrante del Partido Republicano lo hubiera planeado, difícilmente habría tenido un rival más a modo y un interlocutor más a su gusto que el gobierno mexicano. De entrada, un incidente que fue espectacular porque pudo ser reflejado en fotografías, puso de relieve los problemas de inseguridad en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México, y puso a agentes de la policía local de Texas ante la realidad que tantas veces deben enfrentar los policías mexicanos: verse superados en capacidad de armas de fuego y en cantidad por los delincuentes.

Para más, por lo menos una parte de los delincuentes eran un grupo de elementos vestidos con uniforme, organización, transportes y armas de grado militar, que los alguaciles de Texas atribuyen al Ejército mexicano y que la Secretaría de Defensa Nacional rechaza. Bienvenidos señores alguaciles texanos al mundo de Los Zetas.

Pero las denuncias estadounidenses provocaron también una serie de reacciones a otros niveles y, de hecho, la confrontación, que no llegó a la violencia porque pese a sus propios reclamos de “prudencia” hubo probablemente una normal dosis de miedo por parte de los policías texanos, fue lo mejor que pudo haber ocurrido para la derecha en términos del debate político estadounidense.

Si los protectores de los traficantes eran soldados mexicanos o estadounidenses vagamente disfrazados o delincuentes con organización militar es importante, pero en términos de debate político, es lo de menos: son sólo una demostración visible de los problemas de seguridad en la frontera.

Para la derecha estadounidense y los grupos antimigrantes es sólo una, aunque tal vez la más oportuna, de las

que afirman son más de 200 “incurSIONES” en territorio estadounidense presuntamente protagonizadas por militares mexicanos en los últimos 10 años.

El muy publicitado incidente se da en visperas de que el Senado estadounidense comience su esperado análisis de una propuesta de ley para la reforma migratoria. Una propuesta en que los grupos promigrantes tienen puestas sus esperanzas para modificar las brutales medidas aprobadas por la Cámara de Representantes e incluir un programa de trabajadores invitados, tal vez incluso uno para la regularización de residentes ilegales.

Pero en ese marco, la reacción del gobierno mexicano fue predecible y conveniente para los propósitos de sus críticos. Simplemente puso el grito en el cielo, figurativamente se desgarró las vestiduras y elevó el volumen de la discusión más allá de los puros desmentidos en torno a la participación de las Fuerzas Armadas mexicanas. Además, el secretario de Relaciones Exteriores, Luis Ernesto Derbez, respondió a una nota de protesta sobre la situación de violencia fronteriza enviada por el embajador Antonio Garza con señalamientos de “ya no tenía que hablar con usted sino con Condoleezza Rice”.

Pero si don Luis Ernesto espera que Rice se ponga de su lado y calle a Garza -que como ella es amigo cercano del presidente George W. Bush y su esposa Laura- enfrenta un serio problema de cálculo. Al mismo tiempo, le da sustancia a los alegatos antimexicanos y antimigrantes de la derecha estadounidense. Tal vez tenga certidumbre de que el debate político estadounidense no llegará a una reforma migratoria, al menos este año, y que un acuerdo migratorio está por tanto fuera del mapa.

Preparación de Impuestos

Al momento de preparar tus impuestos puedes elegir hacerlo tú mismo o contratar una persona para que lo haga por ti. En ambos casos, la responsabilidad por la veracidad y exactitud de los datos que suministres será la misma: siempre será responsable el contribuyente, es decir, tú.

Es muy importante que el preparador que se encargue de tu declaración además de honesto, esté preparado. De lo contrario un preparador de impuestos no calificado podría pasar por alto deducciones o créditos legítimos haciendo que pagues más impuestos de lo que te corresponde pagar. Un mal preparador puede también causar grandes daños ya que al cometer errores graves podrían hacer que los contribuyentes a los que “ayude” contraigan mayores deudas tributarias, experimente multas o deba pagar intereses.

Si una persona prepara tu declaración y cobra honorarios profesionales por sus servicios, está obligado a firmar cada declaración que produzca y deberá colocar su nombre y su seguro Social o un número de identificación que el IRS expida a quien se dedican a esta profesión.

Si además el preparador está registrado con el IRS sus credenciales deben ser una de estas categorías: puede ser un preparador inscrito, un contador público certificado, o un abogado en impuestos. Sólo los abogados, contadores públicos certificados, y preparadores inscritos pueden representar al contribuyente ante el Servicio de Rentas Internas de los Estados Unidos (Internal Revenue Service - IRS) en todo asunto, incluyendo auditorías, cobros y apelaciones.

Otros preparadores de impuestos pueden representar al contribuyente en auditorías, pero sólo en relación a declaraciones que ellos mismos hayan preparado y firmado y acompañados del contribuyente. Sugerencias del IRS para elegir a un preparador de impuestos:

1. Asegúrate que el preparador de impuestos pagado firme la declaración. Esto no es un formalismo, es un requisito legal del IRS.

2. Evita a preparadores que anuncian poder obtener un reembolso mayor que los demás preparadores. Si la declaración es preparada correctamente, los números de tu declaración deberían ser muy similares no importa quien la prepare.

3. Está alerta respecto a aquellos preparadores que ofrecen garantías de reintegros y te cobran sus honorarios basados en un % del resultado que conlleva a ahorrar, que estén basados en alguna cuota o en base a un porcentaje del reembolso esperado.

4. Elige a un preparador que se comprometa contigo y esté disponible en caso que más tarde el IRS te haga preguntas con respecto a su declaración y que te preste la atención debida.

5. Preguntasi la persona que estás contratando va a preparar la declaración ella misma o delegará esta en otras personas. Evita aquellos negocios donde la declaración será delegada a alguna persona con menos experiencia o conocimiento. Debes saber exactamente quien trabajará en tus asuntos tributarios y cómo contactar a esa persona, porque al fin y al cabo, eres tú quien está pagando por ese servicio.

6. Investigasi tu candidato tiene un historial dudoso con la Agencia de Mejores Negocios (Better Business Bureau), la asociación estatal de contadores, asociación estatal de abogados o la oficina estatal del procurador general.

7. Asegúrate que el preparador tenga las credenciales adecuadas conforme a tu situación tributaria. ¿Es un preparador inscrito, un contador público certificado, o abogado en Impuestos?

8. Investiga si el preparador está afiliado con alguna organización profesional, la cual provee o requiere a sus miembros educación continua y que cumplan con un código de ética.

9. Infórmate en IRS.gov sobre planes de refugio tributario y estrategias abusivos. Además, el IRS puede ayudar a muchos contribuyentes si tienen que recurrir a un preparador pagado. Antes de buscar ayuda de un preparador pagado, el contribuyente puede indagar

sobre la asistencia que puede obtener directamente del IRS.

10. Consulta si eres elegible para realizar la declaración electrónicamente gratis desde la misma página Web del IRS.

Estas son algunas de las áreas en las que debes estar pendiente para evitar que se cometan errores o abusos:

- A un preparador pagado, la ley le requiere firmar la declaración y proveer la información requerida en el espacio del preparador; espacio que aparece en el formulario.

- El preparador te deberá entregar una copia de la declaración. Pide que te explique línea por línea de dónde salen los números. Si están usando anexos o Schedules, confirma que la información que anotan en cada uno corresponde a la que tú les has provisto y no se ha “inventado” nada.

- Revisa la declaración y asegúrate que toda la información tributaria, nombre, domicilio y números de seguro social están anotados correctamente.

- Revisa y asegúrate que entiendes de dónde salen las cantidades anotadas y que te sientes seguro de la veracidad de la declaración antes de firmarla.

- Nunca firmes una declaración en blanco, ni con lápiz.

- Si has otorgado autorización específica mediante un poder legal que hayas entregado al IRS, podrás solicitar al IRS que le envíe copia de tu correspondencia a tu preparador o representante; también puedes solicitar que envíen el cheque de tu reembolso a la dirección o atención del preparador o representante; aunque solamente el cheque en sí sólo podrás cobrarlo tú o ser depositado en tu cuenta. Más información sobre poderes hay aquí.

- Si deseas, puedes autorizar a tu preparador para recibir comunicaciones ya sean escritas o por teléfono del IRS. Deberás rellenar la casilla de autorización que se encuentra en la parte posterior de la forma 1040, antes de la sección de la firma. El IRS podrá entonces comunicarse con tu preparador para asuntos de cómo fue preparada la declaración, asuntos de pago o reembolso, y errores matemáticos.

Las causas de la migración

En pasadas declaraciones del vocero presidencial de México, Rubén Aguilar, en el sentido de que los mexicanos que emigramos a Estados Unidos lo hacemos principalmente por motivos culturales revela que la administración foxista sigue empeñada en negar la realidad y admitir sus fracasos.

Si bien es cierto que existen muchos mexicanos que deciden emigrar a este país por tradición, porque desean reunirse con los familiares que ya viven acá, por la inseguridad que reina en sus lugares de origen o bien porque admiran el estilo de vida estadounidense, en el fondo la mayoría emigramos por la misma razón: porque no encontramos en México las oportunidades que ofrece EU.

De otra manera, no se podría explicar por qué tantos miles arriesgan su vida para cruzar la frontera de manera ilegal, por qué dejan atrás su familia, idioma y costumbres para enfrentarse aquí a un futuro

azaroso, donde lo único seguro es que encontrarán trabajos que los demás no desean hacer. Cualquiera que haya vivido unos cuantos años en este país sabe que esta certeza es justamente lo que atrae cada vez más a un mayor número de mexicanos: el saber que, a diferencia de su país, aquí encontrarán un empleo que les permitirá sacar adelante a sus familias.

Las estadísticas, por otra parte, confirman que uno de los mayores fracasos de la política económica del gobierno actual es la falta de empleos. Cada año, el país necesita crear más de un millón de trabajos tan sólo para absorber a los jóvenes que se incorporan a la fuerza laboral, ellos sin contar a todos los que están desempleados. Pero debido al escaso crecimiento que ha tenido la economía mexicana en los últimos años, esa meta ha quedado fuera del alcance del gobierno foxista. El año pasado, por ejemplo, sólo se crearon 500 mil trabajos.

La pregunta obligatoria es, ¿qué hacen, entonces, todos aquellos que no encuentran empleo? Obviamente las opciones no son muchas: o medio sobreviven en la economía informal o se vienen al norte. Durante la administración del presidente Fox, se calcula que han emigrado del país por lo menos dos millones de mexicanos. Y la cifra tiende a incrementarse año con año, pese a las crecientes medidas de seguridad implementadas en la frontera.

En este contexto resulta sumamente descorazonador escuchar declaraciones como la del vocero Aguilar quien, en su afán por querer tapar los fracasos del gobierno, pretende engañarnos con argumentos sin bases. En lugar de mostrarnos que al menos el gobierno actual comprende las verdaderas causas de la emigración, su insistencia en negar su responsabilidad, explica el por qué ha fracasado rotundamente en atacar las causas del problema.

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La reunión tendrá lugar en el Centro San Antonio, 511 Main Street. en febrero 8, a las 6:45 PM. Un grupo de personas en nuestra comunidad ha empezado a identificar las diferentes necesidades

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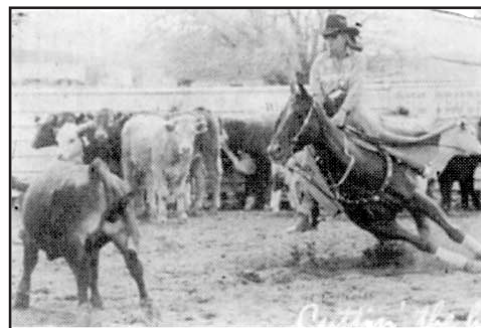
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Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Tony R. Martin, 31293 Russell Blvd. Winters, CA 95694
Billy G. Traylor, 844 Walnut Ave. Winters, CA 95694

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Progressive Business Exchange, Probiz Exchange, 2044 Alta Loma St., Davis, CA 95616

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, G. Richard Yamagata, 2044 Alta Loma St. Davis, CA 95616.

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Woodland Business Link, Business Link, Hotel Woodland, 436 Main St. Woodland, CA. P.O. Box 8503, Woodland, CA 95776.

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, G. Richard Yamagata, P.O. Box 1944, Davis, CA 95617.

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Full name of registrant(s), residence address, George Richard Yamagata, 2044 Alta Loma St. Davis, CA 95616.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on N/A

s/G. Richard Yamagata

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006