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Trustees approve relocations

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

By a 4-3 vote, Winters Joint Unified School District trustees decided on Feb. 2 to move the district's kindergarten program from John Clayton School to Waggoner Elementary School and make numerous other changes that will save the district an estimated \$410,582 annually beginning with the 2006-07 school year.

The kindergarten move that will use excess classrooms at Waggoner will save the district an estimated \$34,488 a year. Other staff changes associated with the move — eliminating a secretary II position, redefining the director of curriculum position currently shared with the

kindergarten principal, and revising a curriculum administrative technician position — are expected to save another \$50,600.

Other changes in the expenditure reduction package, presented as Option A and recommended by district superintendent Dale Mitchell, include:

- ~ Moving the Wolfskill Continuation High School and independent study programs to John Clayton school and eliminating an independent study secretary I position, as well as custodian, maintenance and grounds costs at the current Wolfskill site;
- ~ Combining independent study responsibilities with Wolfskill teachers, eliminating one independent study teacher position and the need for an independent study lead

teacher;

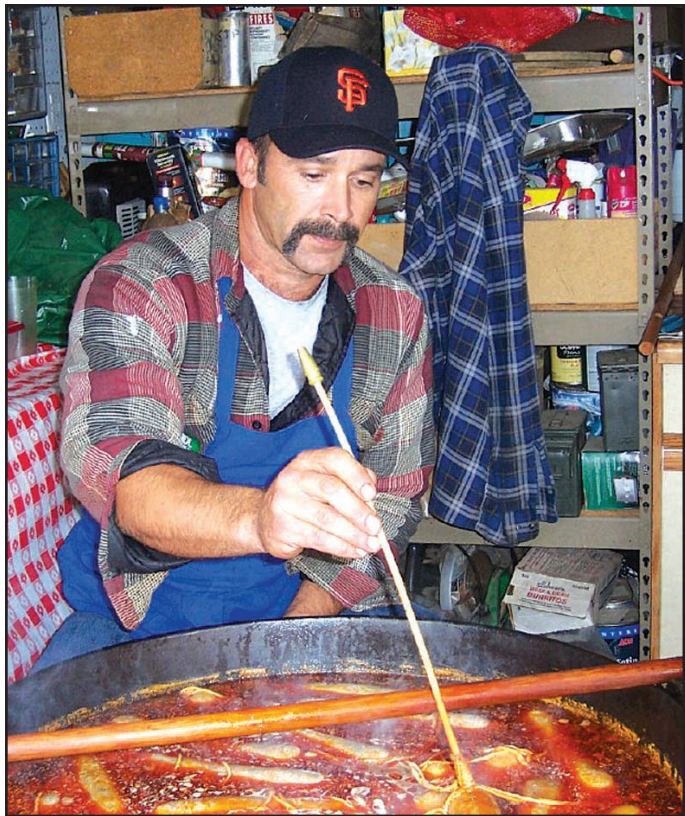
- ~ Eliminating general fund support for a psychologist intern;
- ~ Adding director of curriculum, instruction and assessment duties to the director of categorical programs and Wolfskill principal position, and creating a teacher on assignment position to provide administrative support to this position;

- ~ Reducing paid student help positions in the district office by \$5,000;
- ~ Eliminating an “in lieu of vacation pay” option for management, supervisory and confidential employees;
- ~ Reducing one confidential employee position in the district office and replacing it with a half-time classified position;
- ~ Eliminating the li-

brarian and library clerk positions at Winters High School and replacing them with a library technician;

- ~ Cutting two custodian positions;
- ~ Reducing curriculum and school site allocations from the general fund by 10 percent;
- ~ Reducing transportation costs by \$2,000 as result of the kindergarten and continuation high school relocations;
- ~ Paying only registration fees and no travel expenses for board member and district superintendent participation in an annual California School Boards Association conference.
- ~ Ending interdistrict transfers that allow stu-

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Courtesy photo

Joe Campos stirs a pot of relleno. He and his cousins and brother continue the tradition of the “matanza” every year, which includes the butchering of a pig and the making of morcilla (blood sausage), relleno (cooked sausage) and chorizo (cured sausage).

Spanish heritage to be featured

By ANN M. EVANS and
GEORGEANNE BRENNAN
Special to the Express

Should you be lucky enough to be invited to the home of one of the Spanish families in Winters, you might find yourself eating homemade chorizo, salt-cured ham, and blood sausages, homemade olives of course, and maybe a big paella. The food traditions of these families are still strong and thriving, and Gloria Lopez wants to make sure it stays that way.

“Food is one of the last things we have of

our culture,” says Gloria, a third generation member of one of about 100 Spanish families that settled in Winters a century ago. She has been researching the history of the local Spanish community in preparation for a book whose working title is “An American Paella: 100 Years of Memories and Experiences of Becoming American and Staying Spanish.”

From 1906 to 1913, approximately 8,000 Spaniards left Spain to provide a labor force for the Dole Company's

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Modeling some dressy dinner attire are, from left, Isabel Snow, Joe Tramontana and Gerrie Molnar. Outfits like these and more will be featured at the Winters Fortnightly Club's third annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, planned for Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Community Center.

FASHION SHOW SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

By AUDREY THURMOND
Special to the Express

With Spring in the air, thoughts turn from basic black to the latest in the new season's fashions. Members of the Winters Fortnightly Club invite the community to join them for the third annual Fashion Show and Luncheon to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Winters Community Center.

The event will include lunch and dessert served graciously by volunteers from Winters High School. Following the luncheon

will come the fashions, presented by Gottschalk's and modeled by people you probably know. This year a number of couples will be featured, as well as teens and children. There should be something for everyone.

A favorite feature of the afternoon is the presentation of a large variety of door prizes donated by the very generous businesses and restaurants in town.

This function is the Winters Fortnightly Club's main fund-raising effort in support of their \$1,500 scholarship, awarded annually to

a deserving senior girl at Winters High School. Throughout the year the club also gives financial help to various youth activities in the Winters community.

The entire community is invited to join the Winters Fortnightly Club in supporting education, the community, and its young people, while enjoying a pleasant afternoon with friends.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from any club member or by calling Darlene Benson, 795-2876.

Public hearing postponed

The applicant (Granite Bay Holdings, Inc.) for the Winters Highlands project has requested a postponement of the Feb. 9 planning commission public hearing for the High-

lands project to the Feb. 28 planning commission meeting. The applicant needs additional time to review and analyze the development agreement proposed for the project.

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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
Feb. 1	.01	56	46
Feb. 2	.01	59	52
Feb. 3		69	45
Feb. 4	T	69	49
Feb. 5		67	43
Feb. 6		66	36
Feb. 7		67	38

Rain for week: .02
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HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

“FLIP” RITCHIE: Gary Traynham, sports editor of the Woodland Democrat, wrote the following about Phil Ritchie in his column January 27, 2006:

“From The Trayning Room...Winters recently mourned the loss of one of its finest athletes of yesteryear, 88-year-old Phil “Flip” Ritchie, whose track and field record still stands at Winters High School.

“He was chosen the Warriors’ best all-around athlete for four straight years, graduating in 1936. His focus was track, football and diving, where he earned numerous medals.

His 100-yard dashes against Jake Light of Stockton, Phil Oroz of Esparto and Jack Belloni of Woodland were legendary. His mark of 9.8 in 1935 remains the Winters High School record.

“In addition, he competed at Sacramento City College and clocked a blistering 9.5 seconds in the 100 in the 1938 Fresno Relays. He received a scholarship to the College of the Pacific where he played football and ran track.

He was selected the 2004 honorary grand marshal at the Winters Youth Day parade.

Later, he put on diving exhibitions, became a black belt in karate, raised championship racing pigeons and was a community volunteer.

He died on Jan. 14 at Adlerson’s Convalescent Hospital...”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WINTERS: Incorporated on February 9, 1898, today is Winters’ birthday anniversary.

Although the town was founded in May, 1875 with the recording of the town plat in Woodland, incorporation came 23 years later.

Giving local control over affairs here, instead of relying on county officials wasn’t easy. The first attempt towards incorporation was defeated February 20, 1897 by a vote of 88 for and 93 against.

Winters voters on January 31, 1898 narrowly approved incorporation, and on February 9, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors certified the election. The Express of February 4, 1898 never printed the actual vote, did tally the vote for elected officials, a part of the ballot.

Elected as town trustees were L.A. Danner, 116; J. Jeans, 118; Z.T. Magill, 116; A.A. Prescott, 121, and Henry Seaman, 114.

For clerk, W.A. Gregory, 105. For treasurer, M.O. Wyatt, 102. For marshal, G.H. Anderson, 98.

People who didn’t like the idea of incorporation did not go away. In November, 1898, enough people signed a petition calling for the disincorporating that Yolo County Board of Supervisors called for another election.

At the election December 20, 1898, the town of Winters stayed incorporated by seven votes. A total of 72 voters wanted to disincorporate, and 79 wanted to continue with local government. If just four voters had changed their minds, we might be like Esparto or Madison.

Although the Express in 1898 didn’t mention the reasoning of the factions, I suspect that local option on liquor sales figured prominently in the elections. A few years down the road, Winters voted to close all the saloons.

So, Happy Birthday Winters, and many more.

OBITUARIES

Christina Borges

Christina Borges passed away at Kaiser Hospital in Sacramento on January 22, 2006; she was 78 years of age.

Born in Winters, Christina and husband moved to Carmichael in 1955. Since 1957, Christina and her husband enjoyed living on one of the last remaining self-sufficient farms in the Carmichael area. Together they raised calves, producing champion 4H cattle, raised chickens, sold pecans and fresh eggs to the community, canned every type of fruit and vegetable, and maintained nearly 75 different rose bushes that earned Christina the nickname “Rose Lady of Carmichael.”

They loved sharing their home and rural lifestyle with local elementary school class field trips. When she was able to get away, Christina and all of her family would head for the Truckee River to fish and camp and, of course, drive a little further to play the slot machines. Christina is best remembered for her smile, always putting her family first, being the best babysitter, her fresh jam and wonderful meals. Her lifestyle example is the reason her family is where they are today.

In March of 2005 she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, Carl Vernon Borges. Also preceding her in death were her parents Alejandro and Edna Gonzales and her brothers Mac and Herman Gonzales. Missing her greatly are her children, Carl Jr. (Joyce), Don (Martha), and Debi; grandchildren Tony (Shayna), Zack (Kim), Jeff (Jenny), Julie (Greg), Randy, Jennifer and Alyssa; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Jordan, Gracie and Cody; and many more family members and friends.

Relatives living in Winters are her brother Ralph Gonzales (Linda), niece Kathy Ogando (Jim) and Carol Armstrong (Steve), brother John Gonzales (Virginia) of Woodland and an aunt Theresa Sackett.

The celebration of her life was held January 30 at Lind Brothers Mortuary.

YESTERYEAR



In January, 1979, Peggy Riley, center, hands an envelope containing \$1,174.37 to California Highway Patrol Officer G.G. Kefalinos; money collected for the families of slain CHP officers Mike Freeman and Roy Blecher. Also pictured (left to right) are Winters Police Chief Bill Lane, Sgt. Steve Godden (behind officer Kefalinos), Annie Riley, Kim Riley, Debbie Riley and Barbara Karlen, all of Winters. The Rileys and Ms. Karlen canvassed Winters residents to collect the money.

35 YEARS AGO

February 18, 1971

Judge Warren K. Taylor, of the Yolo County Superior Court in Woodland last week ruled that the Winters School Board has to open its records to attorneys for Legal Aid, which is suing the district to compel the re-establishing of the busing system.

John Schmucker, who was elected to the Winters School Board in a special election last November, yesterday filed for a new four-year term on the board.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated Wednesday morning at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church for Jose Lopez, 69, who died Monday in a Sacramento hospital after a short illness.

Warren Adams and Bob Chapman appeared before the city council Tuesday evening, urging the council to obtain more land for parks.

Esparto’s varsity basketball team defeated the Winters Warriors, 62 to 40 in the Esparto gym Tuesday night. Jody Ogando scored 23 points for the losers.

Coach Fred Tucker’s Junior Warriors defeated Esparto 42 to 39 Tuesday. Chuck Carrion and Phil Snow each had 11 points for the Winters team.

Mr. and Mrs. Juan Gonzales are the parents of a son, born February 15, 1971 in the Davis Community Hospital.

Ramiro Jiminez, Winters High School senior, will compete in the Golden Gloves boxing matches February 23 and 26 in the San Francisco Auditorium. His trainer is George Duke, of Vacaville, a former Winters city councilman.

At its meeting next Tuesday evening, the Winters Planning Commission will study the placement of signs in Winters.

50 YEARS AGO

February 23, 1956

Dale Corbett, Winters High School senior, has been elected Youth Day mayor for the 20th annual celebration, to be held April 28.

The State Department of Water Resources has recommended the 30,000 acre feet of water behind Monticello Dam should be the minimum amount reserved for the downstream water users, who are now pumping water from the Putah Creek Cone.

Water again poured over the top of the Monticello Dam this week, even with the 28 foot diversion tunnel open. J.R. Granger, Bureau of Reclamation engineer, said the water pouring into the reservoir peaked at 33,000 second feet.

When the time expired for registering to vote in the city election April 10, 657 voters were on the rolls, according to Harold Overhouse, deputy city clerk.

The Winters Lions Club will hold its annual Ladies’ Night at the Legion Hall on Monday, with Joe Diaz as program chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Martin, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born at the Woodland Clinic Hospital, February 15, 1956.

The State Highway Commission last week allocated \$97,000 for the repair of the flood-damaged new state highway between Capay Valley and the Monticello Dam.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson enjoyed a snow trip to the state line on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ichtertz, Joan and Gaylene Ichtertz, were in attendance at the annual Troxel family’s reunion held at Willow Oak Hall, with 91 members of the family present.

65 YEARS AGO

February 21, 1941

Miss Jean McClew, Yolo County Home Demonstration Agent talked to the Farm Home Department Tuesday, at the Mrs. A.L. Martin home about vitamins.

Bathroom Improvement will be the subject of the Wolfskill Farm Home Department meeting February 27 at the home of Mrs. Robert Thompson.

Miss Marilyn Thornberry reported to the Army Air Base hospital in Stockton yesterday for a year’s service. She is the first Yolo County nurse to be called to service,

John Young, student at San Francisco Hastings Law College will be a holiday weekend guest with his parents in Apricot district.

Mrs. J.S. Waggoner spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Miles Treaster in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dunsmore of Sacramento were Sunday visitors at the Earl Dunsmore home and attended the Almond Festival in Guinda.

Leonard Hall and family left the first of the week to reside in Oakland.

Bill Poppe of Oakland was a visitor Saturday with his mother, Mrs. G.H. Kunz, patient in the Woodland Clinic.

E.W. Fenley was a business visitor in San Francisco the first of the week.

C.A. Elliot of San Anselmo was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Pruden have taken up residence in the late John Carbahal cottage on the Madison Road.

Berryessa down .07 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .07 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 1,354 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District. The lake is still about seven inches above the spillway.

Faulkner reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 440.65 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,614,849 acre feet of water.

The SID is converting 70 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 995 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 44 acre feet of water per day during the week.

All members of the board were present at Tuesday night’s meeting of the town trustees. Ordinance No. 74, which amends the water rate, was passed. Ordinance 73, which fixes the place for trustee meetings at the new Bank Building was also passed.

The Washington’s birthday entertainment and reception at Rummelsburg’s opera house last night was very well attended and the refreshment counter patronized to the limit.

The season for cowherding has opened. The ordinance says stock must not be picketted, grazed or herded on streets or alleys.

Certain young men are accused of wandering around private dooryards and peering in at windows. Those who were caught at it received a lesson they will probably not forget.

Section Boss Brady is doing his share towards making the town look right. He is putting the tracks and yards in good shape by cleaning away all grass and rubbish and standing water.

The building belonging to the Winters Express on the corner of Main and First Streets is being moved to the north end of the lot to make room for a new building to be erected for the occupancy of the Express.

Henry Craner showed his patriotism by getting out a new American flag and having it hoisted over the bank building on Washington’s birthday.

Dr. Morton is making his headquarters at the Pioneer Livery Stable, where horses requiring dental work may be brought.

F.W. Wilson and Henry Bowman have gone to Santa Rosa to investigate the cement block building proposition for the creamery.



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dents to attend school in another district, except for current agreements or when extenuating circumstances justify such a transfer.

Other such potential cost saving options as increasing class sizes, eliminating block scheduling and senior project at Winters High School, reducing teacher preparation periods, and freezing salaries for 2006-07 were not voted on and will not be implemented.

The board voted on Option A and a short recess quickly emptied the meeting room of staff, students and parents who had attended to once again support programs they thought important. What those who left missed was the ensuing confusion by board members on what else they voted on in Option A. The first three pages of Option A included a district organizational structure recommending that, by the 2009-10 school year, the district have:

- ~ Two K-5 elementary schools, one 6-8 middle school, one 9-12 high school and one k-12 alternative education options school (that includes continuation high school and independent study);
- ~ A full-time director of curriculum, instruction, assessment and categorical programs;
- ~ Considered and possibly implemented one of several kindergarten and first-grade class combination options;
- ~ A dual immersion magnet program at one of the K-5 elementary schools.

When board chair Rick Romney asked Mitchell for clarification, he replied that the board had approved only the cost saving items that began on page 4 of the Option A document. However, at least four trustees and some members of the audience had addressed K-5 schools as part of the pre-vote discussion, and two trustees said they thought they were voting on the entire document. No attempt at further clarification was made at the meeting.

Also after the recess, Romney reminded the board that they had not included a decision on what to do about the district's pre-school program, which currently is at John Clayton School. Several parents and staff members had expressed concern about having the pre-school at the same site with high school-aged students, which would be the case once the continuation high school moves to John Clayton. That issue will be on the agenda for the board's Feb. 16 meeting.

Trustees Romney, Mary Jo Rodolfa, Robert Nickelson and Jay Shepherd voted for the expenditure reduction package; trustees Rodney Orosco, Kathy McIntyre and Tom Harding voted against it.

Trustees voting for the changes cited a need for fiscal responsibility and

keeping the cuts as far away from students as possible.

"Option A moves programs without doing away with programs," Shepherd said in summarizing why he favored the option.

Those who voted against the reductions did so primarily in opposition to moving the kindergarten program, which had been praised by parents and staff for its uniqueness, facilities and safety.

"I think dismantling it is a big mistake," McIntyre told her peers. Harding said he felt the district could not make the move by the start of the next school year because other facility projects are still lingering at Waggoner.

Music program

By a 6-1 majority, with trustee Tom Harding casting the dissenting vote, trustees approved requesting a \$30 donation for every loaned instrument beginning with the 2006-07 school year. Donations will remain at the school sites and will be used for instrument maintenance and repair. The donation will be waived for families who cannot afford to contribute.

Employee agreement

Trustees approved a new contract that gives district classified staff a three percent pay increase retroactive to July 1, 2005 and calls for a \$10 per month increase in the district's contribution to health and welfare benefits. Under the agreement, hourly salaries will range from \$10.40 to \$24.94. The contract runs through June 30, 2008 and will cost the district nearly \$70,000 annually. It was approved by a 6-0 board vote, with trustee Robert Nickelson abstaining.

Awards

Trustees recognized Waggoner students Oswaldo Ochoa, Oswaldo Garnica, Ignacio Ochoa and Eric Rodriguez as the top readers in the school's Kingdom of Reading incentive program. Each student received a framed certificated and pen. Trustees also honored Waggoner volunteers Betty Hill, Tara Diel, Jo Cresant, Brandie Maxwell, Lisa Henry, Billie Bishop and Cara Elliott for their participation in Waggoner's morning Read Aloud Club.

Personnel

Daniel Landeros was hired as a part-time aide at Winters Middle School and Thomas Locker was hired as an assistant maintenance mechanic. Short-term leaves were approved for Mary Lou Moreno, Winters Middle School aide, and Susan Southworth, Sectetary II at Winters High School. Lucy Arellano, Robyn Braun and Beatrice Jordan were hired as short-term service providers for a literacy project at John Clayton School.

Next meeting

The next public board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16, at Winters High School.

Team takes silver

The Winters High School Academic Decathlon team took second place in the annual event, held on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Woodland Community College. The team brought home a record 32 individual medals.

Davis High School placed first, and Esparto High School placed third. Woodland High School and River City High School did not compete this year.

Because several team members were out of town at Camp Loma Mar this week and were unavailable for a team photo, a complete story will be in next week's Express.

Weekly police report

Jan. 28

~ Jose Manuel Reyes, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

Jan. 30

~ On the 1000 block of Eisenhower Way, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$25.

Jan. 31

~ Jules Famo Damey, 56, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Sutter County Sheriff warrant charging him with hit and run causing property damage and displaying false evidence of registration. Damey was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, a license plate was stolen from a vehicle.

Feb. 1

~ On the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, an offi-

cer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

Feb. 2

~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for burglary. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Juvenile Hall for incarceration.

~ Gary John Rougeau, 34, of Winters surrendered himself on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charge of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, failing to stop at a stop sign and failure to appear. Rougeau was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a promise to appear.

~ Derek Eugene Bruning, 22, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO
BECAUSE I SAY SO

GRAB YOURSELVES SOME TIN FOIL and let's make some protective hats, lest the Mother Ship beam paranoia rays into our brains. Unless they really are out to get us. Who are "they"? Murky, lurky shadow people, with fancy, dancy technology allowing them to listen to us and watch us without a trace. We'll never know who "they" are. But we know who they work for: our government.

Once upon a time, they needed warrants to spy on American citizens. Actually, they still do. Our Constitution says so. However, our patriotic President says he don't need no stinkin' Constitution — he's rootin' out terrorists! Freedom's on the march, my friends, and it's going to stomp all over us.

Dubya tried to make illegal domestic spying more palatable recently by relabeling it "terrorist surveillance." My, doesn't that have a lovely Rovian ring to it. This administration knows that merely breathing the word "terrorist" causes the populace to cower, quiver and shriek, "Do whatever you want! Just keep the Bogeyman away!"

Silly, silly, silly people. We're being manipulated with fear. While we cower in the corner, Bush & Co. dismantle the Constitution. They're removing the nuts and bolts from the Fourth Amendment as we speak. That one protects us from search and seizure of our bodies, homes and property (and yes, email and phone calls), without a court-ordered warrant. However, Bush claims the Supreme Court waived that little inconvenience following the 9/11 attacks, allowing the government to snoop on whomever it wants.

In light of that, make sure your tin foil hat's nice and snug. I'm going to tell you a little story.

About two years ago, my phone line started hissing and popping from time to time. I attributed that to my phone company's practice of routing telephone calls through Zimbabwe before connecting them. A few months later, the email problems began. I'd log in and discover that my email account no longer existed and that all the email in my inbox had disappeared. But to where? My Internet provider had no clue why this kept happening, over and over.

Then came the cryptic little "another port is listening" notice whenever I logged onto the Internet. How could that be? No one's using the computer but me. One dark day, my trusty Dell not only wouldn't connect, it was dead in the water. Hours on the phone with a Dell technician revealed that nothing was wrong with the computer. Must be a virus. Curious. My virus program was up to date. The only solution was to reformat the hard drive. All my files, vanished. Or so I assume. But wait. It gets worse: I got audited.

Two things of note. One, if the IRS took my entire annual income, it wouldn't justify the auditor's time spent reviewing it. What sort of chump change did the IRS think they'd shake out of someone who's about five bucks from qualifying for government cheese? In email lingo, WTF???

Two, a computer purchase (my first) supposedly triggered the audit. Yes, that's suspicious, all right — a writer needing a computer. Wonder if the IRS is auditing plumbers for purchasing wrenches and carpenters for purchasing hammers too? Luckily, my accountant convinced the IRS that my tax return was accurate, and they concurred. That's the good news. The bad news: the stress of that whole ordeal surely shaved five years off my life.

Come fall, the Prez starts catching heat for wiretapping Americans. I reflected on all that'd happened to me recently, but chuckled it off. Sure, I've flung a few barbs Bush's way, but come on. I'm just a peon. I can't possibly be on the NSA radar. On the other hand, the government pats down grandmothers at the airport and puts babies on no-fly lists. The government doesn't exactly have a great track record for screening out people that are obvious wastes of time. Even so, I figured the NSA surely has better ways to spend its time and money than combing through my email to see what I'm bidding on at eBay or eavesdropping on phone conversations with friends revolving around big national security issues like PMS woes and weight loss strategies. But then came that TV interview when a government official declared that American citizens were absolutely not being wiretapped. Unless they received international phone calls. That got my attention.

Back when all this weirdness began, my boyfriend called me from China, India and Singapore while traveling on the job. Which is the government's free pass to wiretapping. And maybe into email and computers too? And a justification to sic the IRS on people?

Was it all merely unfortunate coincidence? Or was I the focus of "terrorist surveillance"? I'll never know. Since Bush says he can circumvent the law and the Constitution, I have no way of finding out if my Fourth Amendment rights were violated. And neither do you.

So, you can take off that tin foil hat. It's not the Mother Ship we need to worry about. It's Uncle Sam. And he's watching you.



LETTERS

Insufficient creek protection

Dear Editor,

More than 10 years ago, we organized the various areas of the creek. One group was upcreek and encompassed the Valley Oak area, one was in the middle creek area and the other was the lower creek, the Dry Creek Citizens Group. The communication and meetings resulted in our bringing Katherine Tobias who wrote the CEQA laws to the city council meeting to address the issues involved with riparian landscapes.

We worked out a partnership that encompassed the state and county agencies along with the city and the private citizens' groups. We received a grant to improve the bank at the lower end of the creek, with an understanding that as funding became available, we would work our way up the creek and address erosion up there. The two grants for the lower creek resulted in a fine project that has stabilized the bank for those 10 years.

The state funding dried up, but the city promised to keep the creek organizations informed about future subdivisions that would impact the homes on the creek so that adequate funding could be sought to mitigate erosion that might be generated by new growth. Just recently the Urban Streams Department has started to fund our efforts again. Last year resulted in a successful application by the Putah Creek streamkeeper, Rich Marovich, to save the Putah Creek Road with an engineering of the main Putah Creek channel. There will be future projects, but money remains the essential element.

What does this have to do with the Winters Highlands project? Well, water runs downhill; and the extra water runoff from that subdivision runs into Dry Creek and right into our project areas. Our projects address stabilization of banks to save homeowners' properties.

The Putah Creek fund offered by Winters Highlands is \$100,000. That will not be enough if there is an erosion problem. The last project needed \$350,000 for a short piece of Putah Creek. Dry Creek is harder to hold because of the suddenness of the water addition and the

high impact on the bank seasonally.

Last time we addressed this issue, people had everything from a bit of bank falling to a room-sized scour under a cement embankment meant to shore up a house. We will need at least \$200,000 and possibly \$4-500,000 to fix any erosion; depending on the problem, we will need a lot more.

Because adequate studies have not been made, we do not know what the expenses might be. By overlooking the agreement with the creek organizations, the city could open itself up to future litigation if the studies are not in place and these answers cannot be given.

We do know that additional water will change the configuration of the erosion and could create a need to engineer bank upcreek and down behind existing houses. I have not seen the studies of the actual runoff, timing of runoff and the erosion qualities that could be unleashed if the runoff adds sufficiently to Dry Creek. Have they been done? Has anyone asked that question? Do we need to be at the Feb. 9 meeting to ask?

If we have a house on Dry Creek, we need to be there and be asking those questions. The developers and the city need to establish an adequate fund to draw from should erosion occur. The city must protect the existing houses and be sure that there is adequate money to stabilize any banks left vulnerable because of the addition of water from new subdivisions. The impact of allowing development without adequate funds for creek bank stabilization could lead to costly litigation that none of us want to bear.

I apologize for the late notice on these issues. These questions are not raised to be contentious, but to try to enlighten. Perhaps the answers are already available. We simply need to be sure. Let's keep striving for a fully informative process.

VALERIE WHITWORTH

(Editor's note: The Feb. 9 special planning commission meeting has been postponed to the regular planning commission meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.)

Appreciates liberal columnists

Dear Editor,

I miss Peter Dyer's column. Now that the "Happy Talk" time limit has expired, I hope to see his well researched, well written column on your pages again.

Actually, I find the contributions of all your liberal columnists to be of high quality and don't understand why the publisher has labeled them "Bush Bashers." They simply discuss the policies of this administration; why is that considered "bashing?"

How can they write about politics without mentioning the President?

Those who don't like a particular columnist can turn the page; better yet, they can submit their own columns, and if they choose not to, so be it. The libs shouldn't be penalized because their conservative neighbors won't step up to the plate.

NANCY PATTERSON

(Editor's note: Not to worry, Peter's column will reappear soon.)



CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK OPINION

ANOTHER MEETING. I often joke about the number of local "Team Winters" meetings that I've attended. You know the type of meeting I'm talking about. Everyone sits around in a circle, trying to come up with ideas on how to make Winters a better place to live and work.

In the past the usual suspects would show up and after a month or three, everyone would go back to work and let someone else worry about Winters. Mike Kimes and I used to laugh when someone would suggest that the merchants should get together and come up with new ideas. "There are no new ideas, just recycled ones," would come the reply from someone who had attended one too many meetings.

Team Winters has met in Lake Tahoe, which was one of the best attended meetings. We even came up with a mission statement. If you come up with a mission statement, it means someone was paid to help us come together with an idea of what Winters is, or should be. The men who gather for coffee each day don't come up with mission statements. They might come up with a good idea from time to time, and might even figure out a way to make something happen that benefits our community, but a mission statement?

A meeting last week, organized by the Winters Chamber of Commerce, offered free pizza and beer. There was a pretty good crowd, but not many merchants. This was a new group to Winters, with plenty of representation from the art community. The discussion got around to what makes Winters Winters? This is where I want to use Harley talk. "If I have to explain, you won't understand." Someone usually adds that if you try to fix Winters, it won't be the same, which is one of the truer statements I heard. But trying to fix Winters is a lifelong project that many of us have undertaken.

With the addition of a light that changes color, and soon to be "bulb-outs" on street corners, Winters will start to look like a lot of other communities that tried to fix up their cities. Some improvements work great, while others have failed to improve our lives. Taking down the old street lights and hand cut curbs, comes to mind. Tearing down the depot and removing the memorial rose garden from the park have to rate right up there. Fixing up the Buckhorn and the Opera House are on the plus side, as is the Community Center and St. Anthony Parish Hall.

What would you like to see happen to Winters. If you want it to stay the same, don't talk to me. When we don't try to improve, we fail to thrive. Would you like to see a hotel out on the highway, or a Taco Bell? How about a downtown hotel someday? I'd like to see the creek improved to the point where you could walk along the banks, sit at picnic tables, maybe take a canoe up the creek a ways and stop to fish for trout, salmon and perch. Just a thought.

If you like to dream about what Winters could be, let me know, I'll sign you up for the next meeting.

Have a good week.

Upset with board's decision

Dear Editor,

I am profoundly disappointed and extremely angry at our school board's Feb. 2 decision to (seemingly, at least) blindly adopt Superintendent Mitchell's short-sighted and unnecessary "Option A" in its entirety and to consequently relocate our kindergarten to the Waggoner School site this fall.

Why bother having a school board at all if most of them completely ignore community input and opinion when making decisions that directly affect the most vulnerable members of our community — our children. Moreover, what was the point of the vote taken last spring, when the (nearly) same school board voted against this same move?

I am saddened by the school board's decision (more accurately, a decision made by four of them)

and am certain that either the kindergarteners or the third graders or, most likely, both will suffer for it. Without getting into details, of which we've read and heard plenty of recently (although ironically, not from the school board itself), I have to publicly express my disgust, sadness, disappointment, anger, and fear at the board's decision. It's disgraceful that a vote was even taken at this point in time when the board doesn't possess sufficient or accurate budgetary information and with little time to satisfactorily implement facilities changes required by such a decision.

I have no doubt that the decision will ultimately prove regrettable and unfortunately, our children are the ones who will bear the consequences.

REBECCA BRESNICK HOLMES



"I think the reward for conformity is everyone likes you but yourself."

~ Rita Mae Brown

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New voting system planned for Yolo County

By FREDDIE OAKLEY
Special to the Express

With the federal deadline for independent, private voting for persons with disabilities looming (in Yolo County, the deadline is the June primary election), many voters are asking how Yolo County will meet the challenge.

When the new federal laws were passed several years ago, I exercised my authority as Yolo County clerk/recorder and established the Yolo County Voting Technology Advisory Committee to research the new federal laws, interview vendors of voting systems, and recommend a system to me for purchase and implementation. That committee was chaired by retired county supervisor Betsy Marchand, staffed by retired county clerk/recorder Tony Bernhard, and included a wide cross-section of Yolo County citizens, including representatives of the blind and disabled communities, representatives from all areas of the county, and some of our most loyal and experienced poll workers.

In the end, they recommended we buy and deploy a computer-based system called the “Automark”, manufactured and sold by Election Systems and Software, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska. Coincidentally, the ES&S system is the only new voting system certified for use in California by California Secretary of State, Bruce McPherson. Secretary McPherson has been painstaking in the matter of system certifications, and rightly so. Every person’s vote is of inestimable value, and the system that records them needs to be as good as possible.

Unfortunately, ES&S’s position as the sole certified vendor in California places their customers in an awkward position. How do you negotiate when

there is only one candidate for your business? Here in Yolo, we found that the company refused to meet our contractual requirements in some very important areas. Most disturbing was their refusal to give us the right to control who among their service people would have access to our computers and software. I’m pretty implacable on that demand. In an industry where crimes including bribery and kickbacks have been proved, and where one line of computer code could change the outcome of an election, I’m not giving in.

So we started looking for another option, and we found one. The Vote-PAD is an assistive device developed by a former technical writer and voting activist in Washington who set out to create a low-tech solution to meet the needs of voters with disabilities. Her intelligent, thoughtful design is, we believe, the perfect solution for counties who don’t want to spend a fortune on fancy black-box machines and do want to keep the control of elections close to home and open to the public.

The Vote-PAD is based on a plastic sleeve with voting positions marked by tactile bumps. Next to the bumps are small, precision cut holes corresponding to the voting position. An ordinary ballot can be slipped into the sleeve, and voters with vision problems can listen to a variable speed audio script that talks them through the ballot. Votes are indicated by filling in the appropriate holes. After voting, voters can confirm that their choices were correctly recorded by using a light sensing “shivering” pen that stops shivering when it hits the dark spot created by the voter’s mark.

The device works well for those with motor disabilities, too. The plastic pages are equipped with page-turners that can be

used with a mouth or head stylus or a closed fist. And the plastic sleeve confines the voter’s mark to the ballot section in which it belongs. The ballot is protected by an opaque shield as it is deposited with all the other ballots just like it into the sealed ballot box.

Simple. Easy to use. Inexpensive. No more hackable than a number 2 pencil. So far, in tests with voters, including those with disabilities, everyone likes it.

We’re buying Vote-PADS for our county. We’ll also use identical fill-in-the-box, optical scan, ballots for all of our voters. The names of candidates and proposition arguments will be printed on the ballot, as they were on our old card ballots, but the ballot will be printed on a sheet of paper. Light-sensitive scanners will tally the votes here in our office, much like the scanners we used for our old card ballots.

We are sorry to lose our old voting system. It was sturdy, accurate, and paid for. But no certified main-

tenance is available to service that system anymore. And I am thrilled to have found a voting method that will allow Yolo County citizens with disabilities to have a secret vote. This is a high priority for us and it is a good faith effort to meet federal legal requirements. Most of all, it’s the right thing to do. We will save a ton of money for use in the future when or if better high-tech voting systems are developed. And to the one voting system company certified in California, which would not try very hard to meet our expectations for security and reliability, but did want 2.5 million dollars, we are able to say a fond... “thanks anyway.”

(Freddie Oakley is the Yolo County clerk/recorder. If you’d like to see the Vote-PAD yourself, go to her office in Woodland or call her and she will take it to your living group, club or service group. Contact her at 625 Court Street, Room B05, Woodland, CA 95695; 666-826; oakley@dcn.org.

Farm Bureau launches ag website

- A resource for consumers wanting to learn about California’s complex agricultural issues. The perfect place for cooks in search of a sumptuous California-grown recipe. A reliable bookmark for agricultural, political and feature reporters. Those and more are elements offered on the California Farm Bureau Federation’s new Web site, at www.cfbf.com. “We know we can’t be everything to everyone, but we wanted to get close,” said Farm Bureau news manager Ann Schmidt-Fogarty. “So many people rely on us-everyone from legislators wanting to understand Farm Bureau policy and regulatory impacts on

family farmers to international visitors seeking a deeper knowledge of the issues we face. In addition, we want to provide a service to our members, who need a current weather report or the latest details on state or federal issues that may have some bearing on their bottom line.”

Resources at www.cfbf.com for Farm Bureau members include an Action Center to help family farmers and ranchers remain politically active, descriptions of Farm Bureau programs and member benefits, complete contact information for the state’s 53 county Farm Bureaus and an online membership renewal service.

The site also provides a daily news update-Food and Farm News-along with highlights from the award-winning weekly newspaper Ag Alert AE, the weekly television program California Country and the bimonthly magazine, also titled California Country AE. Its California Farm Weather AE section is updated twice daily with forecasts and maps from AccuWeather Inc.

The website offers the Web’s most up-to-date list of links to information about agriculture in the nation’s No. 1 farm state.

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Community

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Chat with the police chief

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 brown bag.

Youth Day Committee to meet

The Winters Youth Day Committee will hold a regular meeting on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. at Round Table Pizza. Committees such as the Kid’s Faire are in need of volunteers to help run the many events. The parade committee is in need of someone to coordinate the cars used in carrying our officials. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Mike Sebastian, 795-2091.

New Superior Court hours

Beginning Feb. 1, the Yolo Superior Court will have new hours. The Civil Division, Court Services and Criminal Division, counters are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the phones from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Traffic Division’s counters and the phones are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Jury Commissioner’s counter and phones are open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m, and the Payment Center’s counter and phones are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Yolo is located at 725 Court Street, Woodland.



Photo by Debra LoGuercio
Jimmu Friedman and Sally Brown took a moment to admire a piece by Teresa Zepeda at her opening on Friday, Feb. 2, at the Winters Center for the Arts, 31 Main Street.

Zepeda works featured at Winters Center for the Arts this month

The Winters Center for the Arts is featuring an exhibit of etchings and silkscreens by Teresa Zepeda, introduced at an opening reception on Saturday, Feb. 4, as a part of the monthly Winters Art Walk. Zepeda’s art involves realism, not just making images look like photographs, but giving them a depth and a feel that you cannot get from a photograph. Etching is an excellent medium for this because it gives richness and tones un-

like no other medium. Zepeda recently moved on to silkscreen, finding a world of color after working for years almost exclusively in black and white. She has shown her work in many juried shows both locally and nationwide, including the Janet Turner National Print Competition, The Los Angeles Printmaking Society National Show, and the Delta National Small Prints Exhibition among others. She learned her love for printmaking at Santa Barbara City College, where she spent years and countless hours in the printmaking lab making art. The Winters Center for the Arts (formerly known as Winters Participation Gallery for the Arts) is located at 31 Main Street. Gallery Hours are Fridays, 5-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-8 p.m.; and Sundays, 12-2 p.m., with other hours available by appointment. Zepeda’s show continues through Feb. 26. Call 795-5301 for appointments or further information.

Dance, yoga, self defense classes taking signups

Belly dance, hula, yoga and self-defense — there’s a way for anyone to learn to move their bodies at Michele Drumright’s hula studio, Halau Hula O Lei Hali’a, located at 305 First Street. A new round of beginning belly dance classes starts on Monday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m. The classes are taught by Jenia, instructor for the Sacred Fire belly dancers, who have appeared at several Earthquake Street Festivals. Jenia teaches both classic and “tribal fusion” dance, and the classes are slow in pace and geared for beginners. No special clothing is necessary. Classes are \$48 per month (four sessions). To sign up, call Jenia, (707) 446-0825. Signups for beginning

hula classes will be taken in May. Classes are currently full, but Drumright is taking a waiting list. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, 5 p.m. for ages 5-13, and 7 p.m. for adults. There is a one-time registration fee of \$25, and classes cost \$25 per month. Drumright’s hula dancers have also been featured performers at both Youth Day and Earthquake Street Festivals, and have won awards at hula competitions. To sign up for hula classes, call Michele, 795-3133. Accomplished karate and self-defense instructor Louis Javier offers adult self-defense classes on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Javier and his students have won many awards in karate competitions, and

have also demonstrated their skills in several Youth Day parades. Classes are \$40 per month. Call 795-4364 to sign up. For those seeking a gentler pace, Stacy de Barrios teaches Hatha Yoga for a variety of skill levels. She offers an early Yoga class at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings, as well as a “Power Yoga” class at 9:45 a.m. Classes also are offered at noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. Beginners are welcome. Classes are \$8 on a drop-in basis, or cards for 10 classes may be purchased for \$60. To sign up for yoga classes, call 795-2931.

Don’t forget your sweetheart. Valentine’s Day is Tuesday, Feb. 14.



Courtesy photo
Dave Halk and Friends will play at Wesley Hall on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Music at Wesley Hall Saturday night

Saturday Night Coffee announces Dave Halk and Friends will be appearing at Wesley Hall, Feb. 11 from 7-10 p.m. Dave Halk has been playing an eclectic mix of folk music for many years. Some may have heard a song or two at the Earthquake Festival or maybe the Opera House grand opening melodramas, but this week he’ll be sharing in a wide range of “off the wall” music from the coffee houses of the sixties up to and including some recent compositions which express the joys and depths of the human condition. Halk also has a few fun songs that the kids can join in, and who knows what stories he might remember. Music fans who are interested in hearing some poetic songs and fun music are encouraged to attend.

Spay and neuter event planned

Appointments will be available beginning Monday, Jan. 16 for low cost dog and cat spay/neuter surgeries on Spay Day USA 2006. Surgeries will take place at participating veterinary clinics across Sacramento, Yolo and Placer counties on Sunday, Feb. 26. Dogs and cats cared for by households earning less than \$35,000 per year are eligible for this low-cost spay/neuter event. To sign up for an appointment, call (916) 808-7729. Volunteer appointment schedulers will call back to obtain necessary information. A cash co-pay of \$15 per cat and \$20 per dog will be required on Spay Day. Maximum of four animals per household. For more information, visit: www.sacanimal.org/spay_day.html.

Blood shortages cause concern

Blood banks across the nation, including Sacramento-based BloodSource, continue to feel the impact of lingering blood shortages. Some blood banks in the state are now reporting that without an immediate and sustained increase in blood donations some patient care may be impacted, including the delay or cancellation of all but emergency surgeries and transfusion therapies.

In the Bay Area, blood banks are appealing not only to their blood donors, but to blood banks across the nation for help. BloodSource, long known for its ability to help patients who receive care in much of Northern and Central California and

elsewhere across the U.S., was able to provide only limited help to other blood banks.

“The situation is critical,” said BloodSource Chief Executive Officer Michael J. Fuller. “Declining a plea for help from blood banks outside of our service area is incredibly difficult — it is just not right. When blood is needed we will do whatever possible to take care of the needs of patients within our service area – and wherever else needed. The appeal for blood from other blood banks means that lives may be in jeopardy.”

Blood donors of all blood types are needed now. Because of the ongoing and cumulative blood shortages, the critical

need may continue for many weeks.

The long-lasting nature of the current blood shortage is of great concern to the national blood banking community. The blood supply today is safer than it has ever been. That safety, however, has led to another problem that could be deadly – a shortfall of donors who meet the stringent blood donation requirements. When seasonal cold and flu is added to the mix, regular donors get sick and are unable to donate and blood shortages result.

To schedule a blood donation appointment, call (866) 884-4483. For more information about BloodSource, visit www.blood-source.org.

Women’s History Month nominees sought

Nominations are now being solicited for women who personify this year's Women's History Month theme, “Builder of Communities and Dreams.” The Yolo County Women's History Month Committee will be selecting six Yolo county women who typify this theme. Nominations should be in the form of a one page write-up detailing how the nominee embodies this theme and sent to Women's History

Month, P.O. Box 711, Woodland, 95776. Contact information for both the nominator and nominee must be included. All nominations must be received by Feb. 17.

In its nineteenth year, the Yolo County Women's History Month annual luncheon will be held on March 9 at the Holy Rosary Community Center in Woodland beginning at 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. This signature event has been

scheduled at the beginning of March in order to kick off a month of women's history activities. Davis Enterprise editor, Debbie Davis, has been named this year's honorary chairwoman of the event. Tickets to the event are \$16 and are available by mail to the address above, or by calling Carol Barnett at 669-7139. Sponsorship opportunities are available as well.

Sacramento Zoo looking for some volunteers

The Sacramento Zoo is looking for energetic and friendly people who not only love animals but are interested in working with Zoo staff and visitors. Zoo volunteers play a vital role in maintaining and promoting the Zoo as an educational and fun place to visit. These zoependous volunteers – more than 1,500 – donate the equivalent of over \$275,000 each year! Some open positions include:

~ Event Volunteers—Throughout the year, the Sacramento Zoo hosts many fundraising events. Volunteers might scoop ice cream for an evening or pass out water at 7 a.m. to ZooZoom runners. Others help in a variety of capacities including: selling raffle tickets, serving food, parking, guest check-in, set-up and tear-down for events.

~ Garden Volunteers—If you love to garden but don't have a garden of your own to love, come

love one of ours. The Zoo has several gardens to choose from: Sensory Garden, African Garden, Camellia Garden and the new Zoo's Backyard and Garden. If you have a green thumb, but don't have a garden to call your own—or even if you do you can sponsor a garden. Come out and help make our Zoo a cavalcade of colors and textures.

~ Keeper Aides—If you love working around animals and are 18 or older, check out the keeper-aide program. Keeper-aides support the animal care staff and are an essential part of the Zoo's operations. Gain the experience and education in the care of exotic animals while you observe their behaviors, prepare their diets, and clean their habitats.

~ Docents—Imagine introducing a child to their first visit to the zoo. As a Zoo Docent, you can be a part of this miracle of experience and discovery.

It's a rewarding way to make a difference in your community! If you or someone you know loves animals and enjoys talking to people, consider becoming a Zoo Docent.

~ For more information on volunteering at the Sacramento Zoo, visit the Zoo's website at saczoo.org. Or, call or email Valorie Schneider, Volunteer Coordinator, at 916-264-7444 or vschneider@cityofsacramento.org

Cindy visits Winters



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

War protester Cindy Sheehan (center) visited Winters on Friday, Feb. 3, to have dinner at The Buckhorn. She paused for an interview with an NBC television crew on the sidewalk in front of Berryessa Gap Vineyards. Sheehan, famous for camping out in front of President George W. Bush's Crawford ranch home last August and reigniting outcry against the war in Iraq, was arrested and removed from the Capitol building on Jan. 31 at Bush's State of the Union address for wearing a T-shirt that stated the number of soldiers killed in Iraq thus far. Sheehan is considering running for the Senate against incumbent Dianne Feinstein.

Program aids disabled, elderly

Yolo Adultry Day Health Center provides health and social services that can significantly improve the lives of adults with physical or cognitive impairments.

The programs' support and resources enable individuals to maintain independence, self-sufficiency and personal care capabilities while preventing hospitalizations and delaying nursing home care.

For more information about the program, call 666-8828.

Event to celebrate centenarians

Take a Stand Against Elder Abuse, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, and the Sacramento County Senior and Adult Services Division of the Department of Human Heath and Services is sponsoring the 4th Annual Centenarian Dinner Celebration to honor citizens who are 100 years or older.

Honorees must be residents of Sacramento or the surrounding counties and have reached the age of 100 by June 8. The dinner is free for the centenarian and one guest. Centenarians will be interviewed for their life history between February and April by CSUS Gerontology Students who have passed a background check.

A summary of the centenarian's biography and their picture will be placed in the dinner program. Proceeds from the dinner ticket sales will fund elder-protection programs.

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SPANISH

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pineapple plantations in Hawaii. Gloria's grandfathers came through Hilo and like the others were promised an acre and a half of land and a house in exchange for three to five years of labor. However, at the end of the labor contracts the houses and land didn't materialize. They had heard about San Francisco so they came to work in the orchards of Santa Clara, Loomis, Vacaville and Winters. These were rural men, so they settled and sent for their wives and children from Spain. When the women came they brought with them from their native villages the traditional foods and their preparations, often time intensive, family affairs, and translated them to the new country.

In some instances, we've been told, those traditions have been discontinued in their original Spanish villages. However, they are alive and well in Winters. Gloria's grandfather arrived with pepper seed from his village. Each year he saved some seed back, as did his son, Gloria's father Sam, as does Gloria. She grows about 100 plants a year on one of her father's ranches, roasts them over an almondwood fire, and peels and freezes them. These peppers, descendants from Spain like she is, are the ones that she puts in her chorizo, made using her grandfather's sausage machine

In the old days, when chorizo was made, it was part of the matanzas, the winter day when a hog was slaughtered and dressed on the farm. Every part of the hog was used. The hams were packed in salt, then later hung to air dry. A lot of the meat was ground into sausages, like chorizo, which was air dried as well, and rellano, which was boiled. The blood was saved and used to make morcilla, blood sausage.

Matanzas were common when Gloria was growing up but now she buys pork butt from Town & Country Market, owned by the Lorenzos, another Spanish family. John Lorenzo makes about 3,000 pounds of chorizo each year to sell over the counter and for the Spanish community. John is available to offer information for anyone interested in learning to make chorizo. This year, John and a dozen or so other local men, some Spanish, some not, are salt-curing hams. Each year Gloria and her husband Mike make salt cured ham and green olives, and every other year they make about 100 pounds of chorizo.

"If you don't make chorizo," she says, "the tradition is gone."

Most of the Spanish families that settled in the area were from Southern

Spain, from villages and towns like Malaga, Estepona, Lubrin and Granada.

"We all know who we are and which families we came from," Gloria says. The first generation born here benefited from the hard work of their immigrant parents' hard work. They bought more land and stayed in agriculture.

Dan Martinez, the mayor of Winters, is from one of those families. In 2000, Dan, the son of Dan Martinez Sr., partnered with Santiago Moreno, long-time foreman for Martinez Orchards to plant vines and form Berryessa Gap Vineyards. Mike Anderson, winemaker for Berryessa Gap, joined Santiago and Dan to establish the winery in 2002. The trio have been friends since the early 1970s, when Dan's father and Mike's granduncle partnered in a grape rootstock nursery.

Buried in a corner of Yolo County, the vineyards are on relatively poor ground, agriculturally speaking, former sheep ground, says Anderson.

"We can grow the grapes in a way not possible on the valley floor," he says, "and we use hands-on, traditional methods to make our wines, using basket presses instead of bladder presses, for example."

Berryessa Gap produces Temperanillo, a grape from Spain's Rioja region, as well as four other red wines, all award winners. Their 2003 Syrah was voted Regional Best in Class, 2005 California State Fair and received a silver medal at the 2006 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. You can taste their wines by the glass and purchase them by the bottle Fridays and Saturdays from 4-8 p.m. at their Main Street tasting room, located next door to The Palms. Nearby is the recently-opened Ficelle, which serves tapas on Friday nights. Ficelle is owned and operated by the Martin sisters, descendants of descendants of one of the original Spanish families.

Gloria Lopez recently went to her aunt's house for dinner where there were five people 80 years old or older. She grabbed a bottle of Berryessa Gap wine, the Martinez wine as she calls it, knowing how proud her family is of another Spanish business in town. They got out their traditional juice glasses in the old way, not stemware, and ate and drank in the way they have always been accustomed to in this country, as if in Spain in times gone by.

In March, Slow Food Yolo is celebrating the Spanish food and wine-making traditions of Winters at a slow Spanish luncheon, sponsored by Berryessa Gap Winery at Tufts Ranch in Winters on Saturday, March 24. The

Chorizo Spanish Pork Sausage

Ingredients:

20 lb. pork butt
8 oz. black pepper
1 tablespoon cloves
3 heads garlic
3 and one half cups red pepper (ground)
Salt (3 handfuls, but to taste)
Paprika
1 bundle casings

Putting it Together:

1. Grind the meat in a meat grinder ahead of time. (20 pounds should be the weight of the meat with bone removed). Peel and mash the garlic.
2. Put the meat into a large tub. Add all other ingredients in order, a little at a time. One person should be mixing the meat with their hands, while another person adds the ingredients. Be careful not to add too much salt. Add small portions at a time. Add cayenne in small amounts until it is as hot as you want it. Add just enough paprika to get the desired color. Knead the meat as if you were making bread. Fry a few tablespoons of the meat mixture and taste test it. A little more of something may be added. Remember it is easy to add something, but it is not easy to remove once it is mixed in.
3. Using the appropriate attachment on a meat grinder, fill the already cleaned casings with the meat. Leave about one-half inch of unfilled casing on each side to tie the openings closed. Use a strong string and double tie each end (tie to each other so it becomes like a circle with about two inches of string in between each end.) With a straight pin, prick the sausage several times all over. (This will help them to dry faster.)
4. Hang the chorizo to dry in a very cool dry place for 10-14 days or until they harden. They should get some ventilation, but never a draft. If they get too much exposure to air, they may dry too quickly on the outside, which would prevent them from drying on the inside. If the casings begin to form a white coat, moisten a paper towel with vegetable oil and rub them to remove the white. After you have rubbed them with oil, dry them with a dry paper towel. They are ready to eat when they are solid all the way through and firm to the touch.

(Note: Chorizo making varies from family to family and region to region. Gloria Lopez adds dried sweet peppers and cinnamon in addition to the ingredients below. You can buy pork butt for chorizo at Town & Country Market in Winters and they will grind the meat for you. They also have the casings to go with it. Call ahead to order.)

Submitted by Ann M. Evans and Georgeanne Brennan, from "Spanish Doors, Dishes, and Dreams" by Francie Martinez Vicondoa, the recipes and history of the Spanish families who settled in the Vacaville area.

event is called "Slow Food Yolo and the Berryessa Gap Winery Present A Lunch in the Spanish Tradition," and costs \$20 for Slow Food members and \$30 for non-members. Reservations are required, and the event is limited to 75 people. There'll be plenty of Berryessa Gap wine, a lunch of grilled boneless leg of lamb, Spanish sausages and meats, tapas, Spanish cheeses, dessert and coffee.

When you arrive there'll be almonds, walnuts and olives to snack on, and a tour led by winemaker Mike Anderson and owner Dan Martinez. Gloria Lopez will give a talk about the history of the Spanish connection in Winters and her research on the Spanish community.

For more information visit www.slowfoodyolo.com.

Course addresses disasters

When disaster strikes would you know what to do? What if disaster strikes and you are in your car, at your employer workplace or in your home? What kinds of food, water and other supplies should you have on hand? Would you like to know how to be better prepared in times of disaster?

The American Red Cross reminds the commu-

nity that no one knows when disasters will strike, and being prepared is your best option.

Anyone interested in a complimentary Disaster Education Presentation for their church group, neighborhood watch group or youth group can call Kim Severns at the American Red Cross of Yolo County, 662-4669, to schedule a class.

Biopsy process to be discussed

The Y-ME Open Door meeting for breast cancer patients will be held Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the University Covenant Church, 315 Mace Boulevard, the corner of Mace and Alhambra boulevards in Davis.

"The Doctor You Never See" will be the subject of Dr. Andrew Borowsky, Associate Professor of Pathology, UC Davis School of Medicine. He will discuss the biopsy process: what happens to the tumor after the pathologist receives it.

There is no charge to attend. Call Y-ME Northern California Affiliate for information or directions, 753-3940 or toll free at 866-616-4882.

A map of the location is on the Y-ME web site: <http://www.y-me.org/northern-california>.

Yolo Community Foundation welcomes new board members

Margaret Burns, President of the Board of the Yolo Community Foundation, announced the addition of two board members, Celso Peña, Jr. and Susan Collins. “Both people bring unique professional expertise and ties to the Yolo County region to our board,” said Burns.

Celso Peña, Jr. was born and raised in Woodland. “I insist on using Jr. in my name, since my father, Celso Peña, Sr., is much more famous than me.” Peña is Vice President and Assistant Manager of Operations of the Davis Branch of First Northern Bank. He has been active on many boards in the region including the Woodland Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Davis Community Meals. He is currently Ambassador for the Davis Chamber of Commerce and Membership Chairman for the Greater Davis Kiwanis. Peña attended Woodland High, Sacramento City College and UC Davis, and played on the tennis team at all schools.

“I look forward to helping build the Yolo Community Foundation. First Northern Bank is a prime member of the Founders’ Circle, so it is both a personal and professional in-

terest I have in seeing this endeavor grow for Yolo County,” said Peña.

Susan Collins is a resident of Guinda and Senior Director of Development for Student Affairs at UC Davis. “I have worked in development for my entire career, starting at my alma mater, Indiana University. In California, I’ve worked at UC Berkeley, Saint Mary’s College and

was Director of Development for Cal State Hayward. They have always been large, well-established institutions. I look forward to working with a small, young organization and being part of making it grow. I have been very impressed with the organization and professionalism brought to the board by our members.” Collins came to UC Davis 7 years

ago to direct the Campaign for Tahoe, which exceeded its goal by \$1million.

Other board members include Alan Dismuke, Executive Director of the Yolo County Arts Council; Charles Guenther, CPA; Paul Harder, CEO of Harder and Co., a community research firm; Joan Q. Hogan, founding president; Charles Lacy, for-

mer Dean of Extension at UC Davis; Jamie Madison, realtor with Coldwell Banker; Dave Scheuring, rancher; Mortimer Schwartz, former law librarian of UC Davis; and Amy Wilson, researcher at Harder and Co.

YCF was established in 2002 to advance charitable giving in Yolo County and strengthen the capacity of the county’s non-

profit sector. YCF assists individual donors to design funds that reflect their personal charitable intent.

One of more than 600 community foundations in the United States, Yolo Community Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization. To learn more about YCF go to www.yolocf.org or call 312-0593.

POLICE

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ounce of marijuana.

~ On the 200 block of Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a verbal altercation.

~ On the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ Officers assisted Yolo County Sheriff deputies with a fight on Myrtle Drive.

Feb. 3

~ Jerod Daniel Martinez, 27, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charge of inflicting corporal injury on a girlfriend. Martinez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a promise to appear.

Feb. 4

~ Jose Alberto Alcudia, 22, a transient was arrested for possessing a controlled substance, transporting a controlled substance, possessing a controlled substance for sale, and being under the influence of a controlled substance. Alcudia was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail incarceration.

~ A victim received a counterfeit \$20 bill in change while at the Roseville Farmers Market.

Feb. 5

~ Anza Maria Heathcock, 38, of Vallejo was issued a notice to appear for having an inoperable stop lamp, driving with a suspended/revoked driver’s license and no proof of insurance.

~ Juan Andres Cisneros, 21, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence, evading a police officer, reckless driving, driving while unlicensed, and speeding. Cisneros was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a promise to appear.

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Entertainment

Quique Critique

By Debra Lo Guercio

IF YOU'RE READING THIS and you haven't already seen "Little Shop of Horrors," the latest of California Musical Theatre's Broadway Series, you missed out. Whether you know the comically creepy story of the ravenous man-eating plant being tended by a hapless flower shop flunky from a stage production or from the movie starring Rick Moranis and Steve Martin, you know that unless the theater company really flubs it, you're going to have a good time. There were no flubs in this production, starring Joe Farrell as Seymour and Liz Pearce as Audrey, and every moment was thoroughly enjoyable. And that plant! Audrey II got progressively larger and larger with each scene until eventually it swallowed people whole — right there on stage. Michael James Leslie provided the booming, sassy voice for that maniacal maneater, while puppeteers Anthony Asbury, Michael Latini and Marc Petrosino brought it to life.

Also outstanding in major roles were Daniel C. Levine as Orin, the sadistic dentist destined to become plant food, Darin De Paul as beleaguered flower shop owner Mushnik, and the delightful divas of Skid Row, Iris Burruss, Badia Farha and Latonya Holmes. The show graced the Community Center Theatre through Feb. 5. The theatre is located at 13th and L streets in downtown Sacramento.

There are still three more productions in the 2005-06 Broadway Series: "Chicago," March 8-19; "Bombay Dreams," May 10-21; and "Dr. Doolittle," starring Tommy Tune, June 14-25. Following the Broadway Series is the Music Circus summer season, which includes "Fiddler on the Roof," July 7-16; "Aida," July 18-23; "South Pacific," July 25-30; "A Little Night Music," Aug. 1-6; "The Music Man," Aug. 8-13; "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Aug. 15-20; and "Smokey Joe's Café," Aug. 22-31.

For more information about California Musical Theatre and Music Circus productions or for tickets, call (916) 557-1999 or go online to www.californiamusicaltheatre.com. Go ahead, get out of town! When nothing's going on at The Palms, that is.

Nrityagram Ensemble features Indian dance traditions

Indian classical dance, a tradition dating back more than two millennia, is one of the world's oldest and most beautiful art forms, a melding of sensual, lyrical, and ritualized movement intended to transport the viewer to enchanted worlds of magic and spirituality. Next month, local audiences will have the chance to experience this living tradition firsthand as Nrityagram Dance Ensemble: Sacred Space comes to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis at 8 pm on March 1.

Nrityagram Dance Ensemble is regarded worldwide as one of the foremost dance companies of India. Since 1996, the year of its New York debut, the company has toured the United States annually. Although steeped in and dedicated to ancient practice, Nrityagram dancers are also at the forefront carrying Indian dance into the 21st century, and their colorful costumes, sacred-yet-sensual movements, and dazzling fusion of traditional dance, martial arts, and Indian mythology makes for a stunning visual spectacle even for audiences with no background in Hindu culture.

The members of Nrityagram Dance Ensemble live in a unique "dance village" established in 1990 by the late Protima Guari, an accomplished traditional dancer, in order to preserve and popularize traditional Indian dance and martial arts. Located on the outskirts of Bangalore in southern India, Nrityagram is a place serious and devoted students can come and learn, free of charge, from great masters. Approximately three dozen students and their teachers live together as family, sharing a monastic



Courtesy photo

The Nrityagram Ensemble will appear at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, March 1.

regimen of dance, yoga, marshal arts, philosophy, music, history, meditation, and more.

The students spend years learning Odissi, a classical dance style from the northeastern part of India that dates back to the 2nd century B.C., making it the oldest dance form in India and possibly the oldest in the world. Odissi is distinguished by its sensuousness and lyricism. Though its roots are in scriptural motifs, it is a dance of love and passion, with flowing lines, statuesque postures, dramatic hand gestures, and stylized facial expressions. Originally a temple dance, Odissi became a performance art in the 20th century.

In its new production, Sacred Space, the company draws on both ancient and modern sources. A

seven-part suite featuring prayer, narrative, six dancers in solo and ensemble dances, and live music by five musicians, Sacred Space is based in part on story of the Geet-Govind. Written in Sanskrit in the 12th century by the saint poet Jayadeva, the Geet Govind is a romantic ballad about the immortal love of Radha and Krishna. It is a song of love and longing that reflects the Vaishnava belief that all of humankind is a feminine energy (Radha) constantly seeking union with the one male godhead (Krishna).

Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office, 754-ARTS (2787) or online at MondaviArts.org. Tickets are \$36/\$31/\$26, adults; \$18/\$15.50/\$13, students and children.

Coming to The Palms



Courtesy photo

Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys will appear at The Palms on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Stanley is an icon in the history of country and bluegrass music. Tickets are \$30 and are available at Pacific Hardware and at the door if not sold out.

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Things to do

Feb. 10 - 12: Sacramento's Autorama revs into Cal Expo, featuring famed car builders and their newest custom creations. Admission is \$16 for adults, \$12 for seniors over 62 years of age, \$8 for children 6 years to 12, children 5 and under free. The event begins at noon on Friday; 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit www.hotrodshows.com.



Coming up

Sat. Feb. 11 - Hillstomp, The Dickel Brothers,
and the Mad Cow String Band
Sun. Feb. 12 - Cheryl Wheeler
and Kenny White
Mon. Feb. 13 - Ralph Stanley

Sports

Warriors take it to Bulldogs

By ERIC
and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters Warriors boys varsity basketball team had a big end to their first period and continued it into the second as they pulled to a 35-19 point lead at the half on Friday, Feb. 3, at Young Gymnasium against the visiting Gridley Bulldogs. For the first time in recent history, the Warriors swept the Bulldogs in their two meetings this season. The Warriors beat the Bulldogs in Gridley earlier this season then won again Friday by a score of 62-51.

Austin Crabtree led the Warriors with 15 points and had four rebounds, four steals and three assists. Nathanael Lucero scored 10 of his 14 points in the first half. Sebastian Salas scored 10 points and had six rebounds and four assists. Alex Thomson scored nine points, had six assists and two steals. Brock Neil had five points' five rebounds, a block, a steal and an assist.

Alexio Jurado scored four points, had four rebounds four assists and three steals. Dominic Mandolfo scored three points and had three assists, while Damon Miles scored two points, had two rebounds and a steal for the Warriors.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Alexio Jurado goes for the shot at a varsity basketball game.

Governor’s Council On Physical Fitness and Sports offers free fitness facility pass to teens

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (www.calgovcouncil.org) announced last week that more than 1,000 students in over 100 high schools across the state have jumped on its new Teen Fitness Pass offering that enables high school students to work out for free at 24 Hour Fitness Facilities for nearly a full semester.

“This program has the potential to significantly impact the health and self-esteem of high school students across the state,” said Jake Steinfeld (Body

by Jake), Governor’s Council chairman. “From Anaheim to Antioch and Bolinas to Barstow, people want to get more active and live healthier. I can’t wait to spread the word about this opportunity in school districts across the state so tens of thousands of more teens can begin to feel the benefits associated with exercise and fitness.”

“We are grateful to 24 Hour Fitness and their CEO Mark Mastrov for making this opportunity available and we encourage other California com-

panies to consider making similar commitments to California’s children and the future health of our state,” said Jake.

California teens are facing growing health problems due in part to decreased physical activity levels. Today, only 41 percent of California teens meet minimum daily requirements for physical activity and during the last 30 years the rate of childhood obesity has doubled for children ages 12-19. The partnership be-

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Varsity girls nab double doubles

By ERIC
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The Winters High School girls varsity basketball team redeemed themselves from an early season loss to Gridley as they defeated the Bulldogs 64-60 last Friday, Feb. 3. Down by 7 at the half the Warriors turned it around with some pressure defense.

“In the second half we started putting more pressure on the guards,” said coach Matt Cooley. “That made it harder for them to throw it into their big girl.”

Natalie Cooley and Jaclyn Stocking both had double-doubles for the Warriors. Cooley scored 20 points pulled down 10 rebounds had seven assists and a steal, while Stocking

scored 19 points grabbed 13 rebounds, two assists and two blocks. Courtney Stocking also had a big rebounding night as she dominated the boards with 16 rebounds, eight points, three assists and two steals. Lauren Yehle scored eight points, had seven rebounds, four steals and two blocks.

Jenny Campos scored five points and had a rebound. Rebecca Salas scored two points and had a rebound and a steal, while Brittney Allen scored two points and had two rebounds.

“Jackie had her best game this year,” Cooley said. “Lauren did another great job on defense, Courtney was awesome on the boards and Natalie led us with 20 points going four for four from three point line.” “

Girls lose two close ones

By ERIC
and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School girls soccer team lost two Butte View League games last week but gave their opponents all they could handle. The Warriors played the two top teams in the league starting with

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Boys soccer team short handed

By ERIC
and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School boys soccer team had to play with just nine players last week as they took on Wheatland on Tuesday, Jan. 31, in a Butte View League game. The Warriors lost 8-2 to the Pirates but were able to keep it close early on.

Eduardo Molina scored off an assist from Jose “Pepe” Herrera to tie the game at 1-1 in the first few minutes of the game but the Pirates were able to spread out the Warriors defense with more players and took advantage of the miss match. Herrera scored the Warriors other goal late in the first half.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the Warriors played Sutter and lost a close 2-1 game after both teams were scoreless in the first half. David Borges scored the Warriors only goal off a penalty kick.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jaclyn Stocking

Jaclyn Stocking, a senior on the Winters High School girls varsity basketball team, is this week’s Winters Express athlete of the week.

In last week’s 64-60 victory over league opponent Gridley, Stocking scored a double-double for the Warriors.

Stocking scored 19 points, pulled down 13 rebounds, and had two assists and two blocks to help lead the Warriors to victory.



Schools



On Tuesday, Feb. 2, the Board of Trustees, by a 4-3 vote, approved restructuring/expenditure reduction actions totaling \$410,582. These actions were taken within the context of two district priorities: (1) maintain/strengthen quality of educational programs and services in support of student achievement and (2) maintain the fiscal solvency of the district. These actions were also determined within the context of declining enrollment, inadequate state funding of public education, and limited resources.

Briefly, the Board approved “Option A.” This will result in the relocation of the kinder program to Waggoner, the placement of both Independent Study and Wolfskill High School at the current kinder site, changing the Winters High librarian position from a certificated to a classified position, and reducing custodian time at schools by 2.00 FTE. The location of the preschool program will be clarified/determined at the Feb. 16 board meeting.

Choices and decisions associated with restructuring and expenditure reductions did not end with last night’s Board actions. We have decisions to make also. Our first choice is how we will react to the decisions that have been made. Will our response be one of accepting the challenge to move forward and to provide the best educational programs and services that we can with the resources that we have? Or, will we choose to be a victim of circumstances, complaining about the decisions of others, and not being responsible for our actions and the results of our actions? My hope is that we will accept the challenge and move forward.

Decisions will also have to be made about how best to implement the actions that the board has made. There are many unanswered questions regarding implementation. During the next days, weeks, and months, employees will be asked for their participation and input. The quality of our decisions will have a significant impact on how well we transition into the 2006-07 school year.

Our district’s motto is “We Learn Together.” This motto has three critical elements. “We” means every one of us is important and has a valuable role in the education of our students. “Learn” means that we grow and improve. “Together” means that there is unity of purpose and that we support and encourage one another. My desire is that our thoughts, comments, and actions will communicate, “We Learn Together”.

Peer group planned for parents

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

The Parents Together

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

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

FFA students successful at local Public Speaking Contest

BY SARA HAYES
Special to the Express

On Tuesday Jan. 31, 13 Winters FFA students went to Davis High School to participate in the Yolo County Sectional Public Speaking Contest. Four first year greenhand students Justin Rominger, Westly Krintz, Katherine Anstead, and Jessica Cortez, who all placed in the top four in the chapter creed speaking contest, went on to compete at the sectional level. These students stood in front of a panel of judges and stated the FFA creed, and then answered a series of questions. Justin Rominger won the contest placing

1st, Westly Krintz placed 3rd, and Jessica Cortez placed 4th.

Jesse Becket, and Daniel Callison participated in the extemporaneous speaking contest. These students had 30 minutes to pick a topic, research it, and write a speech, then present it in front of a panel of judges. Jesse Becket took 1st place, and Daniel Callison took 6th.

Maribel Cardenas, Sara Hayes, and Brenden Benson competed in the job interview contest. These students had 10 minutes to fill out a application, then were interviewed by three judges as though it was a real job interview. Bren-

den Benson took 1st place, and Maribel Cardenas took 4th.

Breanne Benson, Jacob Throne, Danny Campos, and John Avellar competed in the prepared public speaking contest. These students all placed in the top four at the chapter level. Then, the students gave a seven minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture. Jacob Throne won the contest, John Avellar placed 2nd, Breanne Benson placed 3rd, and Danny Campos placed 6th.

All of the contestants that placed in the top four will advance on to the Semi-regionals in Galt on Feb. 16.

Grad Nite meeting and dinner planned

The Winters High School Senior Grad Nite parent group will be holding their next meeting Feb. 13, 7 p.m. at the WHS library. Finalizing the details for the big dinner-dance fundraiser will be discussed.

Tickets are now on sale for the Senior Grad Nite dinner and dance to be held March 11. With the

purchase of a ticket, there is a chance to win \$7,500. Tickets are \$100 per couple and a single chance to win, \$75 single and a single chance to win or \$50 chance to win, but no dinner or dance. Due to limited space, very few tickets are available at the door. The group is also accepting donations for the silent auction.

Checks or cash donations may be made out to WHS Grad Nite Parent Group and mailed to PO Box 377, Winters. For more information, call Wendy, 795-1028, or Susie, 795-0128, for auction donations or tickets.

Tickets are also available at the WHS office during normal working hours.

Candidates sought for scholarship program

City and county delegates are now being sought for the 27th annual Miss Teenage California Scholarship Program. Over \$42,000 in college scholarships and prizes will be rewarded. The state program will be held April 21-23 at the Radisson Hotel at Los Angeles Airport.

Candidates will be judged on achievements and activities, personality, and poise in formal attire. There is no swimsuit or talent competition. Says Frank Lameira, state chairman, “This program encourages personal development, and has grown and matured through the years to reflect today’s goal oriented young women, who are achievers

and activators.” Female students 13-19 years of age, who are single, never married, never a parent may apply.

Miss Teenage California 2006 will be the recipient of a \$10,000 college scholarship, \$5,000 cash, all expenses paid trip to compete in the Miss Teen of the Nation Program, wardrobe, laptop computer, camera, luggage, and several other prizes. The four state runners up will win college scholarships of \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 re-

spectively. An additional \$5,000 in college scholarships will be awarded.

For an official application packet, please contact Danfranc Productions, 9046 Moninero Court, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, or call 916-684-4225. You may visit the program’s website at www.missteenageca.com or you may email the company to request an application at danfracprod@aol.com. The deadline for applications is Feb. 10.

PTA sponsors free Science Night

The Winters PTA is sponsoring a free Science Night for kindergarteners through fifth grade children and their parents at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School.

The event, brought to the community by Exploreit, will feature door prizes and interesting science experiments for young kids. Childcare will not be provided.

Science Night will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Shirley Rominger Intermediate School campus.

Fire calls

Jan. 25
~ Mutual aid to Vacaville District for medical aid 8000 block of Olive School Lane for severe migraine.
~ Investigation on the corner of Main Street and 4th street for a possible broken hydrant.
~ Medical aid on the 800 block of Jackson Street for chest pain.

Jan. 28
~ Investigation on the 100 block of East Baker Street for a loud sound and smoke seen in the area.

Jan. 29
~ Mutual aid to Napa County for a boating accident and possible broken leg.

Jan. 30
~ Mutual aid to Solano County for vehicle accident at Putah Creek and I 505.

Feb. 2
~ Medical aid 1st block of Baker Street for unknown medical problem.
~ Medical aid west-bound SR 128 for disoriented female.

Feb. 3
~ Medical aid 29000 block of The Horseshoe for difficulty breathing.
~ Fire alarm 100 block of East Grant Avenue.

Feb. 4
~ Hazmat 800 block of West Grant Avenue.
~ Medical aid 200 block of Mermod Road for accidental overdose of medication.
~ Public assist 800 block of West Grant Avenue.
~ Medical aid 700 block of Hemenway Way for patient who had fallen

Feb. 5
~ Medical aid 200 block of Mermod Road for Altered level conscious.
~ Vehicle fire 900 block of East Grant Avenue.

PASS

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tween 24 Hour Fitness and the Governor's Council seeks to reverse these trends by providing high school students with nearly a semester of free access to 24 Hour Fitness facilities located throughout California.

Students can obtain a free 30 day Teen Fitness Pass by logging on to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports website and registering to take the Governor's Challenge at <http://www.CalGovCouncil.org/register>. The Governor's Challenge is to be active 30-60 minutes a day at least 3 days a week for 4 weeks. Students successfully completing the Governor's Challenge earn an additional 90 day Teen Fitness Pass as their reward. The Teen Fitness Pass opportunity is only a month old and the Governor's Council hopes that tens of thousands of California teens will take advantage of it over time.

The council's mission is to establish California as the nation's first "Fitness State" and to encourage all Californians to set — and commit to achieve — their personal exercise and fitness goals.

The council was created as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan organization and has received generous support from American Media, Inc., Applied Materials, Inc., The Blue Cross of California Foundation, Kaiser Permanente and Pfizer, Inc..

For more information about the California Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, please go to <http://www.calgovcouncil.org>.

Council meetings on cable

The city of Winters Bulletin Board is available on cable Channel 20 for publicizing City of Winters information, events and programs.

The city exercises exclusive control over the use of Channel 20 in accordance with Section 611 of the Federal Cable Communication Police Act of 1984. All messages aired must be directly related to city operations.

The Bulletin Board is broadcast 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except when Channel 20 is airing city meetings or city-sponsored videotapes.

City council meetings will be broadcast live at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Planning commission meetings will be broadcast live at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tues-

day of every month.

Council meetings will be replayed at 10 a.m. on the Wednesday following the meeting. Yolo County Board of Supervisors meetings are broadcast at 2 p.m. on the Tuesday following the meeting. All tapes are available for checkout at the Winters Yolo County Library.

The Bulletin Board will be updated weekly on Thursdays. Each message will run approximately 15 seconds.

Messages will be kept brief, using the basic information submitted on message request forms, which are must be returned to the city clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesdays to be included by Thursday of that week.

For more information, call 795-4910.

GIRLS

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Wheatland on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Tied for second place in the BVL with a 4-2-1 record, the Warriors and the Pirates both had something to play for. The Warriors played a tough game but came up short as the Pirates were able to put

one on the board and come away with a 1-0 victory over the Warriors.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the Warriors played the undefeated Sutter Huskies and played another great game but lost 2-1. Danielle Murphy scored the Warriors only goal. Against the top team that posts a 19-0 record, the Warriors played great defense and had 27 saves.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Winters City Council will conduct a public hearing on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: CITYWIDE, NOT LOCATION SPECIFIC.

APPLICATION TYPE: The City Council is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments regarding the establishment of a City policy to address mitigation required for development-related impacts to biological resources.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City policy would establish criteria for the location and other aspects of mitigation required for development-related impacts to biological resources. The Winters Planning Commission held two public hearings on this subject on December 21, 2005 and January 24, 2006. The City Council will hold one or more hearings to receive the Planning Commission's recommendation, take additional testimony, and take final action on the project.

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

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

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Dan Sokolow –
Community Development Director
Feb. 9

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.

ELECTION NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that registered voters of Yolo County are reminded that on Tuesday, June 6, 2006 the following offices and districts within Yolo County are scheduled to hold the Statewide Gubernatorial Primary Election for the following offices.

FEDERAL OFFICES (Partisan Offices) U.S. Senate Representative in Congress - 1st District Representative in Congress - 2nd District	STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES (Partisan Offices) Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Controller Treasurer Attorney General Insurance Commissioner Superintendent of Public Instruction (Non-Partisan Office) Member of State of Board of Equalization – District 1
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE – (Partisan Offices) Member of Assembly – District 2 Member of Assembly – District 8	JUDICIAL (Non-Partisan Office) Superior Court Judge (4)
COUNTY Board Member, Second Supervisorial District Board Member, Third Supervisorial District Assessor Auditor-Controller /Treasurer-Tax Collector (Consolidated 12/13/05, Adopted by Board of Supervisors Effective 1/8/07) County Clerk-Recorder District Attorney Public Guardian/Administrator Sheriff-Coroner Superintendent of Schools	SCHOOL Sacramento County Board of Education Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 6

CITY
City of Davis (2)
Member, City Council

City of Winters
Member, City Council (3)
City Clerk
City Treasurer

City of Woodland (2)
Member, City Council

Notice is also hereby given, that at the Statewide Gubernatorial Primary Election, members of the county central committee, of each party listed below will be elected.

MEMBER OF THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
Democrat
Republican

COUNTYWIDE
Green Party
Natural Law Party
American Independent
Peace and Freedom

Individuals that may be interested in filing as a candidate may do so during the period of February 13th through March 10th . Nomination papers will be available at the Elections Department, 625 Court Street. Room B05, Woodland, CA 95695.

Nomination papers for the Members of City Council are available at City Halls, contact the City Clerk in your location:

City of Davis, 23 Russell Blvd, Davis, CA 95616	(530) 757-5648
City of Woodland, 300 First St, Woodland, CA 95695	(530) 661-5806
City of Winters, 318 First St, Winters, CA 95694	(530) 795-4910

For more information on qualifications and requirements, or to take out nomination papers for any non-municipal office contact the Yolo County Elections Department at (530) 666-8133 or 625 Court St. Room B05,Woodland, CA

DATED: February 3, 2006
s/FREDDIE OAKLEY
COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY OF YOLO

Published Feb. 9, 2006

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APPLICATION TYPE: The City Council is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to drop the conditional use permit requirement for multi-family projects in the R-3 and R-4 Zones.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As part of the process of maintaining compliance with State Housing Law for the City's Housing Element, the State Department of Housing and Community Development requires the City to amend its Zoning Ordinance to drop the conditional use permit requirement for multi-family projects in the Multi-Family Residential (R-3) and High Density Multi-Family Residential (R-4) Zones. This project will require approval of a Zoning Ordinance amendment by the City Council at a noticed public hearing. The Winters Planning Commission recommended approval of an amendment at its January 24, 2006 meeting.

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

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Don't forget your sweetheart.
Valentine's Day is Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Violencia en la frontera

Cada vez que hay un problema de violencia en la frontera la culpa se atribuye sin dudar a México, pero las autoridades y los medios estadounidenses suelen pasar por alto, por cualquier razón, la parte que su país juega en el problema. Ignorar ese tipo de situaciones es una especialidad estadounidense, de creer a los medios estadounidenses, como lo han demostrado en su momento las alianzas estratégicas con narcos antisandinistas y cultivadores de amapola afganos. En ambos casos, de acuerdo con testimonios, los cuerpos de inteligencia o militares de Estados Unidos decidieron “ignorar” ciertas actividades de esas personas en el marco de buscar su fin principal: la derrota de sus enemigos del momento.

Pero eso es parte de un patrón que en lo actual, en la frontera con México, asume características que serían dignas de un programa de “los tres chiflados”. Oficialmente, siempre se asegura que la responsabilidad por el problema del narcotráfico y violencia fronteriza está en los dos lados y que su solución está sólo en la cooperación bilateral. De hecho, ninguno de los dos países podrá dominar el problema por sí solo.

Pero los políticos de los dos países parecen empeñados en escucharse sólo a sí mismos y a quienes les dicen lo que quieren oír o confirmen sus ideas. Puede ser simplemente por las elecciones que se desarrollarán en ambos países o puede ser una expresión de la ignorancia que cada uno tiene sobre el otro.

Empecemos por aceptar que los cárteles son un problema para México por su poder de corrupción y de violencia. De hecho, las acciones de esos criminales han sido ampliamente reflejadas en la prensa y más de un periodista ha muerto por el hecho de hacerlo.

Son ciertamente el problema mexicano. Pero su dinero, sus armas y mucho de su equipo no sale de México: sus humvees y sus ametralladoras, sus granadas y lanzacohetes están a sólo un paso, en Estados Unidos. Sólo en Texas, por ejemplo, se realizan cada año más de 400 “ferias” de armas, con mínimo control de las autoridades al margen de que hay millares de comerciantes de armas autorizados y más de

uno de ellos sólo hace las preguntas estrictamente necesarias para justificar sus ventas.

No es accidente que la Oficina de Alcohol, Tabaco, Armas de Fuego y Explosivos del Departamento de Justicia de Estados Unidos haya puesto una oficina en la ciudad de Laredo para vigilar, entre otras cosas, el tráfico de armas de Estados Unidos a México.

El susto que se llevaron alguaciles municipales y estatales de Texas hace dos semanas, frente a lo que parecen ser Zetas, es sólo la primera señal de que, igual que la policía mexicana, la policía estadounidense puede ser acobardada por números y armas.

De creer al diputado Tom Tancredo, cuando los sanamente prudentes agentes texanos pidieron el apoyo de la Patrulla Fronteriza, la respuesta fue algo así como “si quieres que te vuelen la cabeza por un cargamento de mariguana”. A muchos les hubiera dado miedo; ellos, oficialmente, no intervinieron para evitar un incidente dentro de su propia frontera.

Pero la posesión de armas es algo casi religioso en este país. El tráfico sobrepasa con mucho a quienes están encargados de regularlo. Y cuando las armas caen en “manos equivocadas” hay que acusar a alguien.

El gran mercado de la droga -y por tanto sus ganancias- se encuentra en Estados Unidos. De hecho, todas las estructuras criminales para el tráfico de drogas y personas no usan a México por casualidad sino por su vecindad con Estados Unidos y ése es un costo para México, no para los vecinos del norte. Y habría que preguntar cuántas de las 200 “incursiones militares” mexicanas que según estadounidenses han ocurrido en los últimos 10 años son de militares mexicanos y cuántas de personas con ese disfraz.

Pero antes que sus responsabilidades propias, resulta más fácil cargarle todo el muerto a México, con un gobierno y un cuerpo político tan convenenciero o inepto como el estadounidense, que tiene en su favor más capacidad de propaganda y un megáfono de mucho mayor tamaño.

El mundo escéptico ante dichos del Presidente

El discurso del presidente George W. Bush sobre el Estado de la Nación fue recibido en el exterior como un intento obstinado de recuperar su popularidad con promesas poco realistas, especialmente la de acabar con la dependencia de Estados Unidos del crudo extranjero. Activistas, dirigentes políticos y columnistas opinaron que el discurso del mandatario careció de ideas nuevas y de frases llamativas como “eje del mal”.

Otros le aplaudieron por reconocer que debe acabarse la tendencia de consumir grandes cantidades de crudo debido a la baratura de su precio. “Mucha gente se sorprendió, porque Bush era un industrial del petróleo. Pero ese industrial del petróleo es hoy el Presidente y el Presidente anda escaso de popularidad”, afirmó Robert McGeehan, especialista en política exterior estadounidense en el Real Instituto de Asuntos Internacionales. “Los estadounidenses

aman los automotores, y el elevado precio del crudo les ha afectado”.

El diario francés Le Monde no cree que Bush pueda alcanzar su objetivo de reducir las importaciones petroleras del Medio Oriente en un 75% en las próximas dos décadas. “Parece difícil que Estados Unidos alcance ese objetivo, ya que se calcula que Estados Unidos consumirá 26 millones de barriles de crudo diarios en 2025, el 60% importados”, agregó el diario.

El presidente de la Organización de Países Exportadores de Petróleo (OPEP), Edmund Daukoru, advirtió que no debe ser utilizado un enfoque “unilateral” ante el alza de los precios. No obstante, activistas como Steven Sawyer, vocero de Greenpeace International, deseó suerte al mandatario en su empeño, y espera que el Congreso estadounidense respalde ese plan con los fondos adecuados.

“La primera medida para encarar una adicción es reconocer el problema,

por lo que se podría considerar esto el primer paso en un programa de 12 pasos”, afirmó Sawyer. “Le deseo suerte. Es algo que debe hacerse desesperadamente”.

Sin embargo, el presidente iraní, Mahmud Ahmadineyad, criticó a Estados Unidos, a quien consideró una “superpotencia hueca” que está “contaminada con la sangre de las naciones”.

Bush insistió que Estados Unidos debe continuar su campaña en Irak. Pero en las calles de Bagdad, residentes como Baqir Jaafar opinaron que el presidente norteamericano sólo busca provecho político. “Estados Unidos no invadió Irak para ayudar al pueblo iraquí”, declaró Jaafar, un empleado del Ministerio de Salud de 52 años de edad. “Los estadounidenses vinieron por el petróleo y por sus propios intereses”.

Una frontera de mentiras

El día 30 de diciembre de 2005 fue muerto por un agente de la Patrulla Fronteriza, de un balazo por la espalda, Guillermo Martínez, por el delito de tratar de cruzar la frontera de manera, herido de muerte logró regresar para morir en suelo mexicano. A partir de allí, y ante la imposibilidad de ocultar el hecho, las autoridades norteamericanas se abocaron a un alocado plan para tratar de justificar lo injustificable.

Lo primero que se le ocurrió decir fue que el occiso era un conocido pollero con un sinnúmero de arrestos, cosa que de ser cierta, era muy improbable que el agente que efectuó el disparo, pudiera saber en el momento de ocurrir los hechos, sobre todo por ser de noche. Posteriormente, la falacia fue desmentida por un periódico de San Diego, que tuvo acceso a los antecedentes del involucrado.

Bush no han favorecido a los hispanos

Las políticas del presidente George W. Bush no han favorecido a los hispanos ni a otros sectores de clase trabajadora, expresaron algunas voces críticas con relación al discurso del mandatario a la nación. En los últimos cinco años, el número de hispanos que vive en situación de pobreza creció en un millón, elevando a 9.1 millones el total de los miembros de esa minoría que vive en tales condiciones; 1.2 millones se encuentran desempleados (casi un cuarto de millón más que cuando el presidente Bush llegó a la Casa Blanca), expresó el Partido Demócrata.

“Las familias hispanas se encuentran en una situación lamentable porque los republicanos de Washington no abordan los verdaderos problemas del país”, dijo la congresista Nancy Pelosi, presidenta de la minoría demócrata en la Cámara de Representantes, en respuesta al discurso presidencial.

Según el Partido Demócrata, más del 25% de los hispanos abandonan sus estudios de secundaria y la reforma educativa del presidente Bush —Que Ningún Niño Quede Rezagado— no es más que un discurso vacío a la hora de las realidades: la ausencia de fondos federales dejó a tres millones de niños sin programas para aprender lectura y matemáticas, y 1.7 millones de ellos no recibieron ayuda para mejorar sus grados.

Alrededor del 18% de los escolares entre kindergarten y el grado 12 son hispanos, según el censo.

En cuanto a la salud, Pelosi afirmó que en 2004 el número de hispanoamericanos sin seguro médico creció a 13.7 millones, después de aumentar 1.8 millones desde finales del primer período del presidente Bush.

Sin embargo, la revista Hispanic Magazine pintó otro cuadro: la tasa de desempleo

Pero como si esto fuera poco, y demostrando que el abuso de poder no tiene límites por parte de la Administración, el propio jefe del DHS, se presentó al día siguiente en la zona para dar su respaldo a la actuación del agente de la Patrulla Fronteriza, sin que hasta ese momento se hubiese efectuado investigación alguna. De hecho, Michael Chertoff manifestó en la ocasión “el caso de Guillermo Martínez es un claro ejemplo de los peligros y riesgos que acarrea la inmigración ilegal y por ello es necesario atacarla”.

¿A qué se refería el secretario de Seguridad Interna? ¿Que es correcto disparar contra quienes tratan de ingresar al país, aunque sea por la espalda? ¿Qué peligro representaba una persona que corre para evitar ser capturado, desarmado y de espaldas?

Y como toda esa puesta en es-

cena le pareció poca al distinguido funcionario, una vez de regreso en sus oficinas se despachó con la descabellada denuncia, que hasta el FBI se vio obligado a desmentir, de que los polleros estaban contratando a la Mara Salvatrucha como fuerza de choque para cubrir sus actividades.

Ahora yo me pregunto: ¿Estamos realmente seguros como afirma nuestro Presidente dejando descansar la responsabilidad de la Seguridad Nacional en manos de ejecutivos tan indolentes y de mente enfermiza? Hacer correr semejantes infundios ¿no puede ser calificado como terrorista? ¿Hay alguien que además del pueblo juzga la conducta de los funcionarios?

Si cualquier persona le miente a las autoridades federales está cometiendo un delito. Cuando éstas le mienten a uno, ¿no ocurre lo mismo?

entre los latinos se redujo de 6.1% a 6% de noviembre a diciembre de 2005; y que 93 trabajadores de este grupo se incorporaron a la fuerza laboral en ese mismo período. En un año, 847 mil hispanos se incorporaron a la fuerza laboral, con lo que el desempleo bajo de 6.5% a la cifra indicada.

Cada vez que hay una recesión, los más afectados son los bolsillos de los trabajadores inmigrantes; los hogares de clase media se vuelven más protectores de sus ingresos y no contratan jardineros o niñeras: el número de empleos baja”, comentó Pablo Alvarado, coordinador de la Red Nacional de Jornaleros.

Según él, los representantes de la Administración hacen discursos en español, celebran el 5 de Mayo y piden a los latinos que voten por ellos, pero no hacen nada concreto por atenuar sus dificultades.

“Ésta ha sido la administración con el sesgo clasista más pronunciado que podamos recordar en tiempos recientes”, dijo Jaime Regalado, director del Instituto Edmund G. “Pat” Brown de Políticas Públicas, afiliado a CalState.

Reconoció que la iniciativa Que Ningún Niño Quede Rezagado se veía promisorio e incluso tuvo un inicio auspicioso al demandar mayor rendimiento académico de las escuelas. Ahora, dijo, la mayor parte de los sistemas educativos la rechaza, así como muchas asociaciones de padres de familia que le achacan más perjuicios que beneficios, sobre todo a los planteles de bajo rendimiento.

Agregó que aunque hoy se reconoce que los cupones escolares —vouchers—, uno de las recetas favoritas de Bush para las escuelas, no es una idea mala en sí, su utilidad se ve reducida si para financiarla se debilitan las partidas generales para educación pública.

Los hispanos forman alrede-

dor del 13% de la población del país, unos 45 millones de personas, la mayoría de ellas radicadas en centros urbanos costeros como Los Ángeles, Nueva York y Miami. A partir de 2003, son el grupo de más rápido crecimiento, sobrepasando a los negros como minoría más importante.

Más de 15 mil hispanos se encuentran destacados en Irak y Afganistán, pero según Pelosi, las condiciones en que se les hace pelear dejan mucho que desear; pues carecen de equipos adecuados para enfrentar una resistencia que tiende a fortalecerse.

Tony Vargas, de la organización The World Can't Wait, que se opone a la aventura en Irak, dijo que la mayoría de la gente en el ejército es pobre: negros o latinos o personas de los sectores más oprimidos. Por otro lado, Regalado indicó que la Administración Bush no ha hecho nada por atajar el creciente número de personas sin seguro médico que existen en el país, y que los hispanos, igual que el resto de la población trabajadora, cada vez tienen menos opciones en ese terreno.

La apuesta de que la iniciativa privada llenará este vacío no se ha materializado, dijo. Por su lado, la congresista Hilda Solís, que representa a Los Ángeles en el Capitolio, opinó que “la cultura de corrupción de los republicanos” está teniendo un alto costo entre los latinos. A la Administración, dijo, no le preocupan asuntos como el alto precio de las medicinas y la atención médica, al que se agrega el de la gasolina.

“Adicionalmente, nuestros jóvenes están sufriendo las consecuencias de recortes sin precedente a los programas de préstamos para la educación superior, esto en un momento en que las colegiaturas se han incrementado en 46% desde 2001”, señaló.

Classified Ads - The Market Place for Winters

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1/31/06
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Application/Info at
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HR: 530-795-6103.

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Jan. 18, 2006
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FBN NUMBER 2006-069
The following person(s) is/are doing business
as: C & F Custom Construction, 1033 Village Cir-
cle, Winters, CA 95694.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address,
Herbert F. Caraway, 102 Cozy Way, Napa, CA
94558.
Scott A Floyd, 1033 Village Circle, Winters, CA
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This business classification is:Co-partners.
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s/Herbert F. Caraway, Scott Floyd
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Fictitious Business Name

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Jan. 18, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kimberly Barklow, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-070
The following person(s) is/are doing business
as: Nor-Cal Custom Cabinets & Woodworks, 1033
Village Circle, Winters, CA 95694
Full name of registrant(s), residence address,
Scott Floyd, 1033 Village Circle, Winters, CA
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This business classification is:An individual.
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Fictitious Business Name

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Jan. 19, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-079
The following person(s) is/are doing business
as: Jones Custom Photography, 3314 Seabright
Avenue, Davis, CA 95616
Full name of registrant(s), residence address,
Daniel A. Jones, 3314 Seabright Ave. Davis, CA
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This business classification is:An individual.
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Jan. 6, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-21
The following person(s) is/are doing business
as: Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a, 305 First Street, Win-
ters, CA 95694.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address,
Michele Drumright, 620 Snapdragon St. Winters,
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FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Jan. 30, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-119
The following person(s) is/are doing business
as: Bee Happy Candles, 307 Main St. Winters, CA
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Full name of registrant(s), residence address,
Jan Schubert, 307 Main St. Winters, CA 95694.
This business classification is: An Individual.
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Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006

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Petition to Administer Estate

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Attorney for the Petitioner
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530-934-3324 Feb. 9, 16, 23, 2006

Fictitious Business Name

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Jan. 6, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kimberly Barklow, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-020
The following person(s) is/are doing business
as: PodsPlus, LLC, 939 Zaragoza Street, Davis, CA
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Full name of registrant(s), residence address,
Syta Saephan, 939 Zaragoza Street, Davis, CA
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Ky Dong, 939 Zaragoza Street, Davis, CA
95616
This business classification is: A Limited Liabili-
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s/Syta Saephan, Ky Dong
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Jan. 30, 2006
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FBN NUMBER 2006-118
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: J/V Angus, 204 Railroad Ave. Winters, CA 95694.
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
This business classification is: aJoint Venture.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on Jan. 30, 2006.
s/Tony R. Martin, Billy G. Traylor
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FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Jan. 18, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-75
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.
This business classification is: An Unincorporated Association.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on May 18, 2005.
s/G. Richard Yamagata
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s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006

Fictitious Business Name

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Jan. 24, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-097
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.
This business classification is: An Unincorporated Association.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on May 1, 2001.
s/G. Rlchard Yamagata
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Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006

Fictitious Business Name

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Jan. 19, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-77
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Virtual Market Enterprises, VME, Inc., Davis Virtual Market, Woodland Virtual Market, Fresno Virtual Market, Sacramento Virtual Market, 2044 Alta Loma St., Davis, CA . P.O. Box 1944 Davis, CA 95617.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, George Richard Yamagata, 2044 Alta Loma St. Davis, CA 95616.
John F. Laugenour, 510 College St. Woodland, CA 95695.
This business classification is: A corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on N/A
s/G. Richard Yamagata
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