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Employees object to restructuring

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Cost-cutting and restructuring action taken by Winters Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) trustees on Feb. 2 is straining the school board’s relationship with its employee associations. The presidents of all three associations expressed concerns at the board’s

Feb. 16 meeting about changes that include job cuts and moving the district’s kindergarten program from John Clayton School to Waggoner Elementary School and subsequent changes for teachers at both schools. Concern is not only with what the board did, but how they did it.

The strongest words came from Sue Bridges,

president of the Winters Area Education Association, who read a letter drafted by the association’s executive board saying its membership is “disappointed and disheartened with the recent restructuring process of the district.” She said that concern centered on the lack of a collaborative process to generate options and told trustees

that they had made some poor choices regarding restructuring.

“There was an absence of meaningful and reciprocal conversation about the proposed options. The alternatives proposed by our organization and the community did not get full consideration,” Bridges said.

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Police seeking creekside flasher

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

An unknown male estimated to be in his 20s has been spotted exposing himself along the Putah Creek Nature Park trail, says Winters police officer Sergio Gutierrez. The first incident occurred in late January and the second in early February.

“The first incident was not reported to us, but the reporting party has seen the same subject a third time,” said Gutierrez. “On the third time, he did not expose himself, but was seen on the same path.”

There were no assaults related to these incidents. The suspect was last seen wearing a pendelton (checkered) jacket with a hood over his head and dark pants.

The Winters Police Department is looking for any information and leads regarding this subject. Anyone with information can call the Winters Police Department Dispatch, 795-4561, and speak to a Winters Police Officer.

The police department advises that citizens take additional precautions by walking in pairs along the creek, carrying cell phones and programming those cell phones with the dispatch phone number.

“If citizens dial 911 on their cellular phones, they will get the California Highway Patrol dispatch and the transfer can take away valuable time for a Winters officer to respond,” explains Gutierrez. “Any information would be greatly appreciated.”

It’s cold in them thar hills



Photo by Bruce Rominger

The Coast Range Mountains were dusted with snow on Saturday after a cold front came through the area on Friday night, Feb. 17. This photo was taken at Rominger West Winery vineyard, located on County Road 29 north of town.

Preschool relocation decision delayed

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Trustees for the Winters Joint Unified School District came up one vote short in an effort to move the district’s preschool program from John Clayton School to Waggoner Elementary School, and the issue will appear again on the board’s March 2 meeting agenda.

Although the trustees voted 3-2 in favor of such a move at their Feb. 16 meeting, the vote failed

because a majority of the seven-member board, or four members, must vote for or against a measure for it to be effective. Trustees Rodney Orosco, Robert Nickelson and Tom Harding voted for the move; trustees Mary Jo Rodolfa and Jay Shepherd voted against it. Board members Kathy McIntyre and Rick Romney were not at the meeting.

The three trustees voting for the move request-

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Public hearings on agenda

The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

~ Continued public

hearing and consideration of Winters Highlands Tentative Subdivision Map. The project is a proposed residential subdivision of 102.6

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Fleming takes over as new Chamber president

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Promoting local business and attracting a steady flow of customers. That’s what the Winters Chamber of Commerce is all about, and now the Chamber has a new president that’s experienced with both.

Dave Fleming, owner of The Palms, was sworn in as the Chamber president in January, and brings to the board not only a fresh perspective but a wealth of experience in maintaining and promoting a successful business as well as generating a loyal customer base. Dave’s history with The Palms goes back to 1991, when it was known as the Palms Playhouse, located in a weathered barn in South Davis. The venue built a reputation for attracting top-notch musicians, despite its rather “rustic” appearance, and when the site was sold, Fleming success-



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Dave Fleming, owner of The Palms, is the new Winters Chamber of Commerce president.

fully transferred the spirit of the Palms Playhouse to its new home at the Winters Opera House in 2002, where it is now simply

known as The Palms.

The relocation of The Palms to Winters not only brought thousands of visitors to town, but also trig-

gered a renaissance of thriving new businesses in the downtown area.

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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. 15		74	39
Feb. 16		60	31
Feb. 17		58	36
Feb. 18	.09	47	29
Feb. 19	.67	56	38
Feb. 20	.02	54	30
Feb. 21		62	31

Rain for week: .75
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CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate the Cache Creek Conservancy on the appointment of Lynnel Pollock as executive director of the organization.

She is the ideal person to manage the Cache Creek Nature Preserve. Lynnel is a farmer, past president of the Yolo County Farm Bureau, and represented the Winters area for eight years on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

The conservancy consists of a 130 acre area along Cache Creek and the office of executive director became vacant by the unexpected death of Jan Lowrey, of Rumsey. Lowrey, the son of the late Assemblyman Lloyd Lowrey, had served as executive director since 1999.

MERCURY: Environmental people are concerned about the amount of mercury found in fish in Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek, and suggest people limit the amount of certain species of fish caught in this area served at meals.

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment is holding a workshop in the Winters Library next Tuesday, February 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to answer questions about mercury.

Health agencies have advised pregnant women and women of child-bearing age to limit the amount of fish eaten that were caught in Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek.

I recall one time prior to the construction of the Monticello Dam, when the Reed mine at Knoxville was in operation, a truck carrying 70 pound jugs of mercury overturned on Highway 128, dumping part of the load into Putah Creek. I assume all of the jugs were recovered.

After a hearing in Woodland next Monday and the one here, the state is expected to revise its warnings about eating fish caught in Berryessa and Putah Creek.

MELVIN MONK: A well-known Dixonite, Melvin Monk, 83, a former P.G.&E. manager at Dixon, died February 12, 2006, with the funeral services and burial last Saturday in Dixon. A lot of people in Winters knew him, and at one time he owned the old Judy home at East Main and Elliot Streets.

ALMOND BLOSSOM FESTIVAL: Sunday is the day to drive up to Capay Valley to Rumsey, to see almond blossoms in full bloom. This year they are spectacular as warm weather (not this week) has brought the flowers out early.

The festival is really sort of an "Open House" or the valley on display. See you there.

Vice President Dick Cheney is the first vice president to shoot a man since Vice President Aaron Burr shot and killed Alexander Hamilton more than 200 years ago. Maybe Burr was just quail hunting.

OBITUARY

Roy Yukichi Hiramatsu

Roy Yukichi Hiramatsu died at his home in Winters, on Feb. 17, 2006. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Hiramatsu was born in Winters on April 25, 1917, to Sukeichiro and Sei Hiramatsu. He lived nearly all his life on the family farm located in the Wolfskill district. He graduated from Winters High School in 1936, where he earned the honor of valedictorian, and, as a member of the tennis team, won the Northern California Mixed Doubles Championship.

In 1941, Mr. Hiramatsu entered the United States Army. He was stationed at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, where he served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team as a supply sergeant and as an instructor. He was later transferred to Camp Savage in Minnesota, where he attended Military Intelligence Language School. From there he was sent to the China-Burma-India Theater, where he led an intelligence unit that translated Japanese communications and interrogated Japanese prisoners. For providing vital intelligence information, Mr. Hiramatsu received several commendations and was awarded a field commission of Second Lieutenant. He was a life member of the VFW Nisei Post #8985.

Mr. Hiramatsu married his childhood sweetheart, Helen Hatsumi Nishikawa, on Aug. 31, See **HIRAMATSU** on page A-10

YESTERYEAR



File photo
In January, 1979, Waggoner School students prepared posters as a part of the Reading is Fundamental program. Winners of the Contest were (left to right) : Christina Vasquez, Lisa Woods, Harold Mossman and Paula Lewis.

35
YEARS AGO

March 4, 1971

Winters Postmaster J.R. Chapman said this week that the post office department is making a survey to see if the people of Winters want home delivery of mail.

Construction of a service station (Standard Oil), restaurant and motel to the east of Winters is pending approval of the Yolo County Planning Commission for a zone change. In the interest of the proposal, Pete Manas and Eusabio Carrion were present at the city council meeting Tuesday evening.

Jerry Vorpahl, director of public relations for the California State Chamber of Commerce, will be the speaker at the installation of officers of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce to be held Monday evening in Cody's Town Hall, at 7:30 p.m.

Cold weather Tuesday morning caused some damage to almonds in the Winters area, although the extent of the damage will not be known for some time. Ed Lopez, in the McMahon Tract, reported a low of 28 at his weather station.

A survey recently conducted on decrepit buildings in Winters was given Tuesday evening at the city council session by Clinton Jones, chief building inspector and public works superintendent.

Henry C. MacArthur, of Sacramento, who got his start in the newspaper business as a "printer's Devil" at the Winters Express, more than 50 years ago, was honored last Thursday at noon at a retirement luncheon held at Posey's in Sacramento. He recently sold his Capital News Service.

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YEARS AGO

March 8, 1956

Miss Ann Martin, high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Martin will reign as sweetheart of the 20th Annual Winters Youth Day, Saturday, April 28, having been elected to the position by the students of Winters High School.

Plans for a celebration this fall in connection with the completion of the Monticello Dam were discussed at a meeting held last week in Vacaville. Attending from Winters were Mayor A.R. Gale and Councilman James Martino and R.A. Frisbee and J.F. Huchingson, representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Richard Rominger of Winters has been chosen the candidate of the Davis Junior Chamber of Commerce in the California Outstanding Young Farmer contest.

Joe Dwight Griffin returned home last week after two week's active duty with the Air Force. An officer in the reserve, he spent nine days on a trip to Tokyo.

Two cabins at Yolo County housing, a mile east of Winters, were destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. The cabins were occupied by the Ed Crites family, who lost all their possessions in the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Palmer, of Anderson, formerly of Winters, have purchased a home near the Woodland Fliers Club.

Mrs. G.B. Coman and infant son arrived home from San Francisco during the weekend. The former's mother, Mrs. Loretta Vasey, accompanied them.

Miss Rita Ruiz and Mrs. Ben Ruiz attended the bridal shower given for Miss Rose Marie Cuellar of Vacaville by Mrs. Fred Cortapassi of Woodland.

65
YEARS AGO

March 7, 1941

Technical Sergeant Alfred R. Hughes and Private Edward Lopez were among the 100 members of the California National Guard inducted into federal service Monday in Woodland.

J.E. Briggs and son James were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Briggs.

Mrs. Stuart Pruden of San Jose was a visitor, returning her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Kramer and sister, Mrs. Clarence Leggett from a week's visit in the garden city.

Eugene Ireland, U.C. student, was a weekend guest at his home here.

Mrs. G.M. Vasey, Mrs. C.E. Wyatt and Mrs. H.C. Day were in attendance Monday at the Davis Leisure Hour Club.

Mrs. Ernest H. Lilienthal Jr. returned home to McCloud Wednesday after a visit with her father, George Caldwell.

Kenneth Thurber and Sergeant James Wiley of Hamilton Field were weekend guests in Olive District and Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Simionati and party of San Francisco were Sunday visitors at the W.D. Overhouse home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cadjew have returned home from a month's tour of eastern cities.

Mrs. Sam Cheney went to Palo Alto Sunday, remaining until Tuesday.

Mrs. Harold Burt of San Leandro was a guest the first of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Brinck in Apricot District.

Charles Ruggles applied and was granted a permit from the town council to build a cottage on his lots in the Haven tract.

Berryessa
drops .25
of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .25 of a foot during the past week, but is still lapping over the spillway lip, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 440.02 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,602,662 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 50 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 491 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 54 acre feet of water per day during the week.

100
YEARS AGO

March 9, 1906

With no word or other indication that he was more ill than usual, O.P. Fassett arose from his chair the evening of March 2 as though intending to retire for the night, and without taking more than a step, fell to the floor dead. He was 70 years of age.

Lee Demaree's team, standing on the street Tuesday just took it into their heads to run, and speeded down Main Street at a 10 mile clip. Young VanBibber was riding his horse at that opportune moment and he headed the run-aways into the fence at Mrs. Ball's place, and they were brought back with no damage to anybody.

Loyal Temperance Legion entertainment tomorrow evening at the opera house. Admission 10 cents. After the program sandwiches, coffee and cake will be served. 10 cents.

The 25-cent meal at the hotel dining room is all it's cracked up to be. Best in the county.

Born near Winters, March 7, 1906, to the wife of J.W. Chapman, a son.

The board of supervisors abolished the county road poll tax by unanimous vote Tuesday.

Mrs. J.R. Ruggles went to Sacramento Wednesday to see her father, A.H. Wilgus of that city, who is seriously ill.

At the meeting of the town trustees Tuesday. A petition asking the board not to allow hitching posts to be erected on Main Street was presented signed by the business men on the street. On motion the action previously taken granting a request to allow posts erected was rescinded.



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Weekly police report

- Feb. 3**
~ On the 200 block of Railroad Avenue, a male exposed himself.
- Feb. 12**
~ On the 400 block of East Main Street, a bicycle was stolen. Loss: \$100.
- Feb. 14**
~ On the 700 block of Hemenway Street, a vehicle was vandalized.
- Feb. 15**
~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a verbal altercation likely to produce a violent reaction in a public place.
~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, a juvenile caused a disruptive presence on school grounds.
- Feb. 17**
~ At Russell Boulevard and Shams Way, an officer assisted
- a Yolo County Sheriff Deputy with a vehicle stop.
~ On the first block of Abbey Street, a fire hydrant was vandalized.
- Feb. 18**
~ Salvador Martinez-Duran, 18, of Winters was arrested for crossing over a double yellow line, making an improper right turn, being an unlicensed driver, driving under the influence of alcohol, and no proof of insurance. Blood alcohol content results: .16/.14. Martinez-Duran was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.
- Feb. 20**
~ On the 200 block of White Oak Lane, a vehicle was vandalized.

A job well done



Photo by Charles Wallace
Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto presents Gail Jimenez a certificate of appreciation for the outstanding work she did with the police and fire department presentation displays at the Earthquake Street Festival. The award was presented at a police/fire department banquet held in January.

Young appointed to organic ag commitee

Jack Young of Winters was recently appointed to the California Organic Products Advisory Committee of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The California Organic Products Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary pertaining to the State Organic Program, which was created at the request of the California organic industry to protect producers, handlers, processors, retailers and consumers of organic foods sold in California by enforcing labeling laws relating to “organic” claims for fresh agricultural products. Jack is an auctioneer with West Auctions in Woodland. He also sits on the Board of the local Valley Energy Efficiency Corporation. He is a Certified Public Accountant and formerly worked for the international accounting firm KPMG. Jack is a former Davis Food Co-op Board Treasurer and was Scout Master for local Boy Scout Troops 600 and 466.

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Weekly fire department report

- Feb. 13**
~ Medical aid, 400 block of Morgan Street, accidental overdose of medication.
~ Medical aid, E. Abbey, unknown medical problem.
~ Grass fire, south-bound Interstate 505 at State Route 128.
~ Medical aid, 1000 block Taft Court, difficulty breathing.
- Feb. 14**
~ Mutual aid to West Plainfield, structure fire.
- Feb. 15**
~ Medical aid, 1000 Block of Village Circle, possible broken leg.
- Feb. 16**
~ Medical aid 100 Block
- of Westwood Court, for chest pain.
~ Investigation 100 Block of East Main Street, for carbon monoxide.
~ Grass fire, Interstate 505 at State Route 128.
~ Structure fire, 28000 block of El Camino.
- Feb. 18**
~ Public assistance, 500 Block of Main Street, vehicle lockout.
- Feb. 19**
~ Medical aid, 700 Block of Aster Way, unknown medical problem.
~ Medical aid, 200 Block of Railroad Avenue, unknown medical problem.

Davis is Women’s History luncheon honorary chairperson

The Yolo County Women's History Month committee has named Debbie Davis as the Honorary Chairperson for this year's luncheon. Held during March of each year, the theme for the 2006 Women's History Month is “Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams.” Davis was chosen because of her distinguished career as editor of the Davis Enterprise and notable community leadership experience. This year the luncheon will be held on March 9 at the Holy Rosary Community Center in Woodland from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Davis is editor and assistant publisher of the Davis Enterprise. A 27-year veteran of the paper, she served as the managing editor for 18 years and as the news editor for three years. Prior to moving to Davis, she was news editor of the Press-Courier in Oxnard, and also worked at the Riverside Press-Enterprise and the Coronado Journal. Davis is a member of Soroptimist International of Davis, and the Rotary Club of Davis, has served on the United Way Yolo Leadership Council and is immediate past chairwoman of the Davis



DEBBIE DAVIS

Chamber of Commerce board of directors and also was honored as Davis' Citizen of the Year for 2004. She lives in Davis with her husband, Bruce. They have two teenage children. This year's luncheon will honor six Yolo County women who have inspired hope and possibility. Nominations for this honor were accepted through Feb. 17. Tickets to the event are \$16 and are available by mail at P.O. Box 711, Woodland, 95776 or by calling Carol Barnett, 669-7139, or BJ Ford at 662-0952.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO

BECAUSE I SAY SO

AN ENTHUSIASTIC READER emailed me last week and said she couldn't wait to read what I'd have to say about Dick Cheney's little hunting accident. "I'll bet you're going to have a field day with the quail hunting 'error,'" she wrote in breathless anticipation, which made me giggle, what with that cute little "field day" double entendre. That's just the thing with this story, the jokes seem boundless. There's so much to work with, I almost feel guilty approaching the subject. As Jon Stewart commented after skewering Cheney last week on The Daily Show, "It's so easy, you almost want to send back your paycheck."

Absolutely. The one-liners fall into your lap like fat plums. It's so embarrassingly easy to pick on Deadeye Dick over this incident, it's almost like (I can't stop myself) shooting sitting ducks. Or (grab my fingers) quail. As it were. Or (I'm going to lose it) not! As it weren't! (I need Depends) It were a 78-year-old man! Who were a lawyer! (*Bwaahaa-haaa!!!*)

Oh me, oh my, the mind goes giddy with possibility. "Harry — don't turn the other cheek!" Or "Duck! Cheney!" Or "Gives a new meaning to the term 'friendly fire,' doesn't it?" Or "Is it lawyer season already?" And then there's the whole quail/Quayle angel — a little VP envy there? But, by the time this column sees ink, every Cheney hunting joke on earth will have been told. So, although I hate to disappoint my emailer, I don't think I'll bother writing about it. It'd be like piling on. Besides, a person was badly injured in this accident, and that's just not funny. Particularly when it caused a heart attack. Which yields yet another one-liner about this incident: Funny as a heart attack. Eeeyup.

I wish Harry Whittington a speedy recovery, and hope he gives Cheney what he's got a-comin' to him. No, not a return spray of buckshot — a fat lawsuit. May Whittington sue the pants off that creep of a Veep, and get a settlement so big that Cheney's cardiologists have to watch over him as he signs the check. Lawyers are falling over themselves to reach Whittington's bedside with their business cards as we speak. Watch your fingers, folks, it's a feeding frenzy.

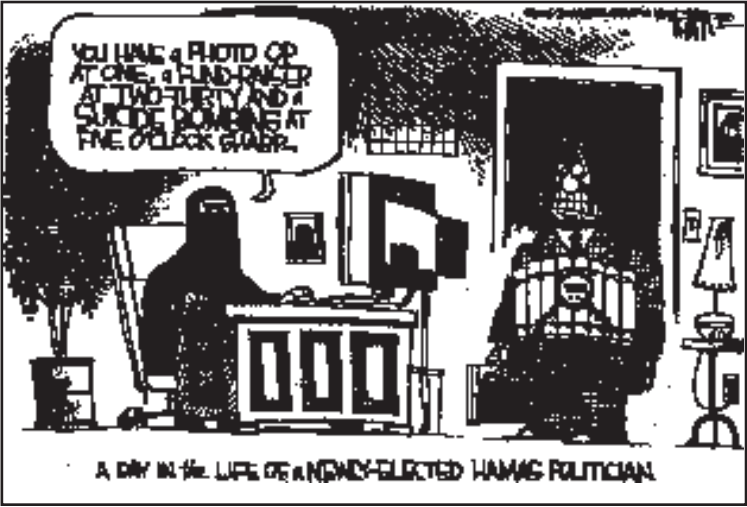
So, with all the good jokes already told and given the fact that somebody getting hurt isn't funny, I'll pass on this topic. Although I did toy with the idea for a bit, and wondered what I'd write if I wrote about it. I'd be mighty tempted to write a "what if" — what if the same thing had happened while Cheney was deer hunting with Dubya? If Cheney mistook the Prez for a three-point buck, it would've been a lot messier. And way more complicated.

In one blast, Cheney would simultaneously kill the President, become the President, and be the first President to have killed a President. Oh, the verbal gymnastics White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan would have to perform to weasel his way through that mess without actually answering a single question, despite all the practice he's had at doing that. Wonder how Karl Rove would've managed to spin that tragedy into one of his "because we're fighting terrorists" smoke-screens.

But a column like that would be wildly inappropriate, and wishing harm on anyone is just bad form. It's a major karma foul. Even I, who at times is not the most appropriate individual on earth, would never kid about killing someone. I might wish annoyances on him, like ketchup on his shirt or stepping in fresh dog doo in his best shoes, or maybe even impeachment for leading our country into an unprovoked war based on misinformation and running the national debt into the trillions, but I'd never wish actual harm on him. Besides, if I wrote a column like that, I might be labeled a terrorist and the government would tap my phone and hijack my email and crash my hard drive and drain my computer of its files and sic the IRS on me.

Oh wait, they already did that. I think. Where did I leave that darn tin foil hat!

So, to be clear, I did not write that column that I thought about writing and decided not to. But I will say this: Thank heavens Cheney had his finger on the trigger of a shotgun and not the button of a nuclear weapon, or we'd have some 'splainin' to do to Canada, Lucy.



LETTERS

Don't sign recall petition

Dear Editor,

I disagree with local Amy Shaw's plan to circulate a recall petition for Winters School Board members Richard Romney, Jay Shepherd, Robert Nickelson and Mary Jo Rodolfa. Please consider my reasoning.

When Hiram Johnson became California's governor in 1911, he recommended sweeping reforms that included the ability for citizens to implement referendums, initiatives and, notably, recalls of public officials. In his first inaugural address, Johnson explained that a recall would serve as "the precautionary measure by which a recalcitrant official can be removed." Notably, he was referring to the need to recall corrupt officials who had been bribed by labor leaders like Abe Ruef.

He was not recommending that citizens launch a recall every time an official made a disagreeable decision — especially if the action was free of bias, based on principled reasoning, and was rooted in years of outstanding public service.

With that in mind, the drive to recall these four school board members does not adequately meet the spirit of Johnson's vision, now known as Sec-

tion 11020 of the California Elections Code. The four board members in question did not make an unrestrained decision; rather, they were faced with choosing between two similarly unpopular decisions. Reflecting upon their combined 45+ years of service to the board, they arrived at a dutifully-crafted conclusion. They were not deliberately "creating a stressful work environment that hinders the teachers' ability to do their job," as Shaw claims.

Also, Shaw claims that these members have, "fail[ed] to represent your community... and their wishes." That statement is untrue. Citizens elect school board members to represent them in an indirect democracy. Therefore, once elected, the voters have trusted these board members to make decisions to the best of their ability for their term — not at the semi-monthly advisement of a few individuals who speak at meetings.

Recalling respected public officials who make unpopular, principled decisions is an underhanded interpretation of California Elections Code 11020.

Do not sign the recall petition.

JAY SHUTTLEWORTH

Don't question Cindy's sincerity

Dear Editor,

Cindy Sheehan has stirred emotions and sparked an international discussion about the Iraq War. I don't care whether folks agree with her methods or not — we're all entitled to our opinions — but I do care when untrue statements are made about her and her motives.

A recent letter to the editor suggested that Cindy's activism is "...not about her son it's about her." As a friend of Cindy's, I know that she's working for peace in the hopes of sparing other families the pain that she and her family have suffered. She doesn't want other mothers to hear what she heard: that her dear, sweet son had the back of his head blown off in an illegal, unjust war. Last year, she wrote: "It makes me physically ill to know that our young men and women have been sent to Iraq to die for lies and greed...It makes me physically ill to remember the day I got the news about Casey and how I screamed until I wished I would die, too."

The Sheehans have spent countless hours and thousands of dollars of their own money, including Casey's death benefit money, in their quest for peace. Cindy has been yelled at, cursed, and smeared by the opposition; but she presses on,

driven by her desire to end to this war.

Disagree with her if you want, but don't question her sincerity.

Finally, readers might be interested in the writings of another peace activist, Major General Smedley Butler, U.S. Marine Corps. He wrote: "War Is A Racket. It always has been. It is possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious. It is the only one international in scope. It is the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives.

A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is not what it seems to the majority of the people. Only a small "inside" group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few, at the expense of the very many. Out of war a few people make huge fortunes. "

Butler was awarded two Congressional Medals of Honor and the Distinguished Service Medal; he was a lecturer in the 1930's, and a Republican candidate for Senate in 1932; he lived from 1881 to 1940. The information on Butler is from the Veterans for Peace website (www.veteransforpeace.org).

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Navy Brat, Winters



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

WHO ARE THESE GUYS? What do Andy Anderson, Jim Barker, Don Frisbee and John Greenwood have in common? They were all charter members of the Rotary Club of Winters, 50 years ago. The local Rotary Club just celebrated its 50th anniversary of service to our community and the world. As I looked over a list of the charter members, I thought about the people who were active in the Winters' business community back then. A lot of the names were familiar, but a few were lost in time. Who was Roy Orr, Harry Timmons, Clarence Gilmore or Carroll Skaggs?

At the celebration, George Griffin presented a slide show with past members and spoke about the ones he knew, including his grand-father and father, who were charter members. George didn't know Al Wells or Ian MacKenzie, a father son-in-law combo, but I remember them well, especially Ian, father of Kenneth. Ken and I got into a lot of trouble as kids, mostly harmless stuff, but when we wrecked a tractor when we were 10 . . .

Some things haven't changed in 50 years. If you look at the current membership of the Rotary Club of Winters you'll notice the same type of people in some of the same professions. They had John Chulick, we have Dave Lorenzo (grocery store owners), Everett Fenley became Mike Kimes, Al Wells (real estate) became Dave Mills, John Griffin and Ian MacKenzie (farmers) became John Barbee and David Hoobyar. They had the Doctors Young, we have Drs. Ed Anderson and Bob Schaefer, Rev. Potter became Rev. Badgley, Andy Anderson ran the Bank of America, Jessica Kilkenny is in charge of First Northern Bank, and the list goes on and on.

The 1956 club had a better list of occupations, including Roy Orr, land development. Rob Degen-er ran the local movie theatre and was the inferior court judge (as opposed to being a superior court judge), Don Frisbee and Oliver Stith were car dealers, Ed Gardner ran the bus service, and my favorite is Harry Timmons who operated the telegraph service in Winters.

There are a lot of volunteers in Winters that make the town run. Sometimes like a well oiled machine, while at other times we seem to be low on fuel. In lean times somebody always seems to step up to the plate and at least takes a swing at whatever problems we're facing. Sometimes the decisions are easy, like which sporting event should you attend, or what fund-raiser do you want to support. Some people dedicate their lives or large portions of their lives being involved in local government or the schools.

Rick Romney, Jay Shepherd, Mary Jo Rodolfa and Robert Nickelson are some of the people trying to make Winters a better place to live. What do they have in common? They are all on the school board and a small group of disgruntled parents are threatening to recall them because of their decision to relocate the kinder school.

These are tough times for area schools, with student enrollment dropping and budgets getting tighter. Whenever you have to cut, something has to give. Would you rather have a separate school for kindergarten students or high school counselors? How about cutting a few janitors or coaches? Maybe the music program or after school programs? There aren't any easy answers when it comes to making budget cuts, but they have to be made.

Fifty years from now, if you happen to be reading Page 2 of the Express, you will see names of people you recognize and some you've forgotten. What you shouldn't forget is how many people it takes to make Winters that special place we all love so much.

We all support Winters in our own way, whether it be attending the Little League Crab Feed or working on keeping the creek clean. If you are new to Winters, it shouldn't be hard to get involved. Talk to your neighbors about their week-end plans or if they need help coaching one of their kids sporting events. If you aren't into sports, kids or the creek, there is always the fire department, Lions Club, Rotary, Beta Alpha Beta, or a local church. If you get desperate there are always school board or city planning meetings. If you are really brave you can run for public office, make good decisions and have people try to recall you.

Have a good week.

Senior project will help grant wish

Dear Editor,

My name is Courtney Stocking and I am a senior at Winters High School. In order to graduate, I have to complete a senior project. My senior project is to raise enough money through fund-raising to grant the wish of a local child. One hundred percent of the funds received in my effort will go directly to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Sacramento and Northeastern California. I know not everyone gets his or her dream; I would like to make it one less person.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children with life-threat-

ening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

You may be wondering why I am doing this. It is simply because I just want to help and to give something to someone who could benefit from the memorable occasion of having their wish granted. I have a friend whom I go to school with and her sister went through the Make-A-Wish Foundation because she was very ill. Her wish to go to Disneyland came true years ago and today she is 20 years old and doing great. I

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Policy for Letters to the Editor

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We will accept letters of thanks naming individuals and local Winters businesses. Non-local individuals and businesses listed in letters of thanks will be edited out.

"Most women's magazines simply try to mold women into bigger and better consumers."

~ Gertrude Stein

"One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."

~ Virginia Woolf

EMPLOYEES

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She added that, although morale of WAEA members has been harmed, the association wants an active role in implementing the changes, saying that the district and teachers need to move forward together.

Rita Holder, president of the California School Employees Association representing classified employees, also expressed several concerns. She decried the reduction of custodial and clerical positions and the increase in workload that will go to remaining staff.

“The work will not go away,” she told trustees.

Dana Monaghan, president of the Winters Area Pupil Personnel Services Unit — the group representing counselors, nurses and others who provide student services — said her group shared concerns similar to those of the other two associations.

Members of the public, especially those living in the vicinity of John Clayton School, also expressed frustration that

they weren’t consulted before the decision was made to move the kindergarten program to Waggoner and bring the Wolfskill and Independent Study programs to John Clayton.

“I think it is a very big issue,” John Clayton neighbor Jim Scullin told the board.

Former board member Russ Lester said the board hadn’t considered all the alternatives and asked them to reconsider their action to move the kindergarten program.

Since the restructuring was not an agenda item for the Feb. 16 meeting, trustees did not respond to the comments, citing the Brown Act, which limits board discussion to items that are on the agenda.

District goals

Goals and directions that trustees approved for the 2006-07 school year include increasing knowledge and awareness of students’ socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds in helping students reach achievement goals, more emphasis on writing in all content areas, more reliance on data to support and expand programs that

are working and to eliminate those that are not working, exploring the feasibility of a standardized format for all report cards for grades K-8, and supporting any community efforts to establish an educational foundation or parcel tax to increase school funding. The district also will examine a variety of organizational structures for preschool through 8th grade during the year. These include, but are not limited to, preschool-5th grade, preschool-6th grade and preschool-8th grade schools. A new wellness goal also will strive to have students eat more healthful foods at school.

Developer agreement

Trustees approved an agreement with Granite Bay Holdings that allows the district to assess level 3 fees for 413 homes and level 2 fees for the remaining homes in the 443-home Winters Highlands housing development. Currently, the school district can only charge level 2 fees unless there is an agreement with developers allowing level 3 fees, which are twice the level 2 rate. The agreement also

allows the district to charge fees applicable at the time they are assessed rather than limit them to the current rates.

AVID program

Program coordinator Jessica Williams briefed trustees on the Winters High School AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program that helps students on a path toward college education. Two of the program’s students, junior Ozzy Arce and senior Alyssa Younan, attested to the value of the program, telling trustees how it helped them be aware of college requirements, scholarships, deadlines and other issues associated with attending college, including college visits and time management.

Personnel changes

Trustees agreed to place an unidentified employee on paid administrative leave, effective Feb. 3 through June 2, and accepted the resignations of high school counselor Shawn Westrup, effective March 10, and Winters Middle School math teacher Daniel Hescock, effective June 2. They met

in closed session to discuss employee discipline, dismissal, and release.

Recognitions

High school students Courtney and Jacqueline Stocking received board recognition for their leadership and contributions to the school.

Parents John and Karen Neil, Norm and Vicki Catalan, Kevin and Beth Fox, and Austin and Mary Hill were recognized for their volunteer work with fund raising activities for the junior class.

Several district employees received special recognition from the

board for their service and dedication to the district: food service employees Linda Caligari, Cecilia Chavez, Lindsay Harris, Dawn Manas, Mary Lou Mendoza, and Leslie Thinnies; custodian Ed Scianna; teacher Tom Olson; speech and language therapist Dana Monaghan, counselor Marcela Heredia, student supervision aide Susie Donaldson; and DIS aide Veronica DeArellano.

Next meeting

The next school board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on March 2 at the WJUSD office, 909 Grant Ave.

PRESCHOOL

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ed that the issue again be brought up for a vote at the March 2 board meeting.

Prior to the vote, district superintendent Dale Mitchell recommended that the board keep the preschool program at its present location. He cited the potential to expand the program and facilities-related costs as reasons to keep the preschool program at John Clayton.

“To the extent possible, the decision you make should be long-range regarding preschool in the district,” Mitchell told the trustees.

The preschool and kindergarten programs are currently both at John Clayton School, but the school board voted on Feb. 2 to move the kindergarten program to Waggoner Elementary School and did not address what to do with the preschool program. Much of the public discussion favored keeping the two programs together.

“I urge you to bring preschool to Waggoner with kindergarten. The linkage to kindergarten is important,” kindergarten

principal Pam Scheeline told the trustees.

The two programs also share classroom visits and playground facilities and take field trips together. Classified employee representative Rita Holder also supported keeping the programs together, saying that it would help with secretarial support.

Beatrice Jordan, lead teacher at the preschool, said that if the programs are not kept together, the district will lose students.

“You’ve already made a decision to move kinder, make the decision to move the preschool,” she urged the trustees.

“I think we should listen to them,” Orosco said, referring to the speakers who supported the move.

However, others raised questions about such a move. Russ Lester brought up possible compliance issues regarding adequate playground and eating areas for the preschool children.

An adequate drop-off area for students and adequate bathroom facilities at Waggoner were also concerns. Mitchell said that the facilities at Waggoner are adequate for the number of students, but acknowledged concern about how they would be

distributed when the kindergarten, and possibly preschool children, arrive.

Another factor affecting the preschool move is the “preschool for all” initiative that will be voted on statewide this June. If the initiative passes, it could drastically affect the structure and number of students in the district’s

preschool program.

“I don’t think we have to move it at this time. What happens in June will have a bearing,” Rodolfa said. “First, we should determine what we want our preschool program to look like.”

That determination may come as soon as March 2, if the board can garner four votes for either position.

WISH

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know it must have been hard for her and her family, but just to get away and feel like a normal child for a short time must have been a wonderful sight for her parents. I know her parents are grateful to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

There are many children in the world who suffer from all types of illnesses. They have to stay either in a hospital for months or years at a time, or at a location that would be near the hospital. I know that is must be painful for the entire family to go through everything. I just hope to help grant a wish for one child and for their family to be happy and forget about the situation they are in. I have been blessed to be healthy and I would like to help someone who is not as fortunate as I am. I try helping in the community because I feel it is my duty to do so because I am lucky to be healthy and

have support behind me in whatever I do.

I have organized a rally at my high school and a speaker from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Sacramento and Northeastern California is going to come and explain what their purpose is. Following that presentation, I am planning a weeklong fund-raising drive at Winters area schools. My personal goal is to raise \$2,500, which will help grant a computer or shopping spree wish.

If you would like to help in my effort, please make a check payable to “Make-A-Wish,” and mail it to: Winters High School 101 Grant Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, ATT: Courtney Stocking/senior project.

I must receive all donations by March 15, in order to complete my project. Thank you for your time and I hope that you find it in your hearts to help with this very worthy cause.

For more information on the foundation, visit their website at www.makeawish-sacto.org.
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Community



JOSE ARELLANO

Arellano graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Jose Arellano has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Arellano is the son of Rosa Arellano of Winters, and is a 2001 graduate of Winters High School.

Belly dance class taking signups

A new round of beginning belly dance classes starts on Monday, Feb. 27, 5-6:30 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.

All over lunch



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto goes over some traffic statistics with Winters resident Lillie Branscum at a brown bag meeting held at City Hall on Feb. 15. Muramoto organized the brown bag lunch to give citizens an opportunity to discuss their law enforcement concerns. Issues raised included traffic enforcement, increasing gang activity, insufficient police coverage and problems with loose and barking dogs.

Tree sale will benefit Winters Library

Do you like the idea of fresh, tree-ripened fruit from your very own tree? Here's the perfect event for you. The Winters Friends of the Library is holding its annual Fruit Tree Sale, rain or shine on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. until sold out, at the parking lot on Railroad Avenue between Baker and Edwards streets.

Featured this year are bare-root and nut trees and potted dwarf citrus trees grown by two premier nurseries from the region. Sierra Gold Nurseries of Yuba City has donated 420 bare-root fruit and nut trees which will be on sale for \$10 each. Four Winds Growers of

Winters has donated 50 potted dwarf citrus trees to be sold at \$25 each.

Bare-root trees are first-grade grower quality and are in excellent condition. Peach freestone varieties include Rio Oso Gem, J.H. Hale, Cresthaven, Forty Niner, Garnet Beauty, Giant Babcock, Starfire TM and Fay Elberta. Cling peach varieties are Starn, Sullivan #4 and Monaco. The apricots are Royal Blenheim and Lorna, Nectarines include Red Gold, Sun Glo and Fantasia. Apples are Pippin, Red Fuji and Golden Delicious. Pears are Bartlett, Bosc, Comice and Asian 20th Century. Nut varieties include Nonpareil and Mis-

sion almonds and Franquette walnut.

Citrus trees are two to three years old, vigorous and healthy and in #5 pots. Orange varieties include Washington Navel and Valencia. The lemon variety is Lisbon.

Master Gardeners will be on hand to explain techniques for pruning and planting the trees. In addition, Sierra Gold Nurseries and Four Winds Growers will furnish informational handouts.

Proceeds from the sale of these trees will be used to improve library collections and programs. For additional information, call Jacqueline at 795-1655.

Workshop addresses fish eating safety

A public workshop to draft safe eating guidelines for fish and shellfish from Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek will be held at the Winters Library on Feb. 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Information will be provided about the new draft health advisories, and officials will be accepting comments from the public.

Written comments regarding safe eating guidelines may be submitted to Dr. Margy Gassel at the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, 1515 Clay Street, 16th Floor, Oakland, California, 94612, or online at mgassel@oehha.ca.gov.

Democrats plan potluck

On Sunday Feb. 26, the Western Yolo County Democratic Club will hold a potluck supper meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of club president Cynthia Rodriguez and Roy Marubayashi to discuss and vote upon local candidate endorsements.

Speakers include Pat Lenzi, candidate for the office of Yolo County District Attorne and Joel But-

ler, candidate for Yolo County Assessor.

The Club, also known as the Winters Democratic Club, will hold its regular meeting and discuss the endorsements. The meeting will be held in honor of Don Sawyer, founding club member, who passed away Feb. 4, 2006.

For more information, call Cynthia, 795-3660, or Nancy, 795-3382.

FLEMING

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such as the Berryessa Gap wine tasting room, Steady Eddy's Coffee House and Ficelle. Fleming put in much effort to get to know people in the local business community since relocating here and joined the Chamber as a board member in 2005. The Palms was named Business of the Year by the Chamber that same year. Over the course of the year, other board members chose Fleming as their new president. He seems to be as confident about being part of the community as the community is about welcoming him in.

"I'm committed," he says about Winters. "I'm in."

Fleming says it's an exciting time to be involved with the Chamber, and explains that his first and foremost concern is to protect Winters' charm as it welcomes in new businesses. He adds that the businesses that have opened up since The Palms arrived here have had a positive effect on the town.

"They're small businesses run by smart, energetic, vibrant people. They've really added enormous energy to the town."

Another priority, says Fleming, is to "keep business in local hands, so the money stays local." He plans to get in touch with business owners, both Chamber members and non-members, in an effort to help the local business community "stay healthy and get healthier."

"I want to support existing business people that are always doing a good job and let them know we're here for them."

He also hopes to create a list of projects for the Chamber to accomplish this year, such as upgrading its website, supporting new projects like a farmer's market, and improving communication between the Chamber and City Hall.

"I'm not here to make monstrous changes except to add vitality and get more people involved over the long haul," says Fleming. "That will only be successful if business people are able to get involved."

Besides the town's

charm, Fleming says there is plenty for business people and residents alike to appreciate about Winters and its businesses. He says Winters has "enormous potential and a beautiful setting." He also notes that Winters has "a hilarious sense of humor."

"Winters has a perfect combination of vibrancy and potential. It's relatively affordable to do business here. There's an ability for one person to feel like they're making a difference. The support of the town — both the city and the community — couldn't be exceeded."

Fleming says he values being part of that business community camaraderie.

"There are enough creative people in town that I don't feel like I'm alone in being excited about the business community. I don't feel like I'm by myself in Nowheresville."

Getting more business people to become part of that camaraderie is the key to the Chamber's success, says Fleming. He hopes to promote the idea that business owners can network with each other and create "buzz" for each other's businesses.

"There are things the Chamber can do, but the only way we can get it done is with many hands lifting. An active, vibrant Chamber strengthens local businesses."

Fleming hopes the Chamber will play a larger part in attracting new people to town to visit businesses too, and hopes that "when people come here, they can take advantage of all the cool things that are here."

"I want them to realize there's a 'here' here," he says. But, he says, even with new businesses and more visitors, the goal will still be to "keep Winters down-to-earth, friendly and real."

The Chamber's board of directors meets on the second Friday of each month at 7 a.m. at the Community Center. The meetings are open to the public, as are the monthly Chamber mixers, which are located at a different business each time so anyone can come and take a look, and get to know the proprietors.

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

HIRAMATSU

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1943 in Syracuse, Kansas. After the war, they returned to Winters to farm and to raise a family. Mr. Hiramatsu was a devoted and caring husband and father, and he took great pride and joy in his family. He was also a meticulous farmer and was known for his expert grafting and well-tended orchard. He was a member of Blue Diamond Almond Growers, the Japanese American Citizens League, the Wakayama Kenjin Kai, and the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. In his free time, he greatly enjoyed visiting with family and friends, tinkering with his farm equipment, fishing, traveling and raising birds.

Mr. Hiramatsu is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen; his son Dennis, and wife Julie; his daughter Julie; his daughter-in-law, Virginia, and granddaughter, Suzanne; and many loving family members. He was preceded in death by his parents; his older brother Jack, and his oldest son, Ronald.

A public memorial service for Mr. Hiramatsu will be held on Monday, Feb. 27, at noon, at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento. Friends and family are warmly invited to come together to honor and celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, a donation to the National Parkinson Foundation or Yolo Hospice in Mr. Hiramatsu's memory would be most appreciated.

AGENDA

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acres to create 413 single-family lots (including 36 "duplex" lots) on 49.49 acres, a 2.01 acre multi-family lot on which 30 apartments will be developed, a 10.63 acre park site (plus a proposed 10,000 square foot well site), and a 7.43 acre wetlands/open space area, an exchange parcel of 0.04 acres to the Callahan property to the south; and 32.81 acres in public roads.

The project site is located north of Grant Avenue along Moody Slough Road (County Road 33) in the northwestern portion of the city of Winters. The

project site totals 102.6 acres comprised of APNs 030-220-17 (48.1 acres), 030-220-19 (21.0 acres), and 030-220-33 (33.5 acres) located south of Moody Slough Road, east of the westerly city limits, and north of the existing Dry Creek subdivision.

The following approvals are needed from the city: 1) CEQA clearance; 2) Exclusion from the West Central Master Plan; 3) Approval of the Winters Highlands Development Agreement; 4) Approval of various General Plan Amendments; 5) Approval of various Rezonings and Planned Development Overlay; 6) Approval of Planned Development Permit for PD Overlay; 7) Approval of the Tentative

Subdivision Map; 8) Approval of a Lot Line Adjustment; 9) Amendment of the Rancho Arroyo Storm Drain District Master Plan; 10) Amendment of the Circulation Master Plan; and 11) Amendment of the Bikeway System Master Plan.

~ Public Hearing and consideration of site plan and variance for the construction of 3041 square foot two-story, single-family residence and attached 715 square foot secondary dwelling unit at 600 Red Bud Lane. Applicant: Nick Wittman.

~ Review of antique-type street lights for the Callahan Estates and Hudson-Ogando Subdivisions.

Square dance classes offered

A square dance class for beginners will be offered starting Monday Feb. 27, from 7-9 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center 646 A Street, Davis. Singles and couples are welcome; dress is casual.

For more information contact Davis Parks and Recreation Department, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis or phone 757-5626.

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Genealogy Fair planned

A Genealogy Fair will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 435 Anderson Avenue.

Free classes on researching family history will be offered. Children will also be able to participate in genealogy-related activities. Those who bring a completed four-generation pedigree chart are eligible for door prizes.

To obtain a blank pedigree chart, call Dawn Stewart, 795-3302.

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Entertainment

Fortnightly Club preparing for annual fashion show

By AUDREY THURMOND
Special to the Express

The Winters Fortnightly Club met on Tuesday, Feb. 14, with club president Darlene Benson presiding. The group continued to put the finishing touches on plans for the upcoming fashion show and luncheon to be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Winters Community Center. This fundraising event supports both the group's annual \$1500 scholarship, presented to a senior girl from Winters High School, and various youth activities in the Winters community.

As fashion show coordinator, Darlene Benson reported that the models, all with connections to the community, are busy choosing outfits from Gottschalk's and preparing to showcase the latest in Spring fashions. She stressed that there will be a number of couples modeling in this year's show.

Isabel Snow announced that entertainment for the event will

include her grandson as a member of the Davis High School Madrigal Singers. The group will perform in Renaissance costumes and sing music from the 15th century to the present.

The luncheon coordinator, Barbara Thomas, reported that the menu has been finalized and that club members are ready to do their part to present a lovely meal.

After taking care of business, the group settled in to listen to fellow club member Marion Barbee tell stories of her two years in Iran in the 1960's. She shared her impressions of the land, the people, and the lifestyles and culture of such an exotic locale. Barbee counts the experience as valuable, but expressed that once was enough.

In honor of Valentines Day, the refreshments and decorations reflected a hearts and flowers theme. The hostesses for the day, Isabel Snow, Mary Lou Gray, Rose Weis, and Gerry Molnar, made a beautiful presentation.

Sultry Boccatango comes to the Mondavi

Internationally renowned Argentinean dancer Julio Bocca will star in a spectacular program of contemporary tango dancing as Boccatango comes to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis. The sultry production, which features Bocca's acclaimed ensemble Ballet Argentino and live music from the eight-piece orchestra Octango and two vocalists, includes sexual themes and partial nudity, and is recommended for adult audiences.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. on March 7, in Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 754-2787 or online at MondaviArts.org. The event is presented as part of Mondavi Center's Java City Global Beat series.

Boccatango is a suite of 25 tango-inspired dances showcasing the talents of Julio Bocca, a star of American Ballet Theatre and "one of the great dancers of our age" (New Times). Featuring tango music by Astor Piazzolla, Carlos Gardel, and others, and choreography by Ana Maria Stekelman, founder of the company Tangokinesis and a recipient of the American Choreography Award, the 90-minute production has "capitalized on both [Bocca's] extraordinary bravura as a classical dancer and the vernacular that an Argentine can bring to tango moves" (New York Times).

Backstage hailed the production as "an original tour de force," writing that Bocca's performance in "the closing number in which he was suspended from or twisted between the rungs of tall ladder... was a finale worth the ticket price. As he descended into the bed of dry-ice smoke on the stage floor beneath him the audience erupted into applause."

Born in 1967 in Buenos Aires, Bocca began his studies at the age of four

under the tutelage of his mother, Nancy Bocca. In 1974 he was accepted as a member of the Instituto Superior de Arte del Teatro Colon, where he studied under Gloria Kazda, Jose Pares, and Ninel Jultjeva, among others. His professional career began in 1982 when he accepted a contract as Principal Dancer to the Fundacion Teresa Carreno de Venezuela and the Teatro Municipal do Rio de Janeiro. In June 1985, he competed in the 5th International Competition in Moscow and gained an international reputation by winning the Gold Medal in his category.

In 1986 he was engaged as Principal Dancer by the American Ballet Theatre in New York. During his first season Bocca was honored by the New York Times as Dancer of the Year. He performs with ABT every season at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. He has performed as a guest artist with many of the world's most prestigious companies, including The Royal Ballet of London, Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet, the Kirov of St. Petersburg, the Stuttgart Ballet, the Paris Opera, and, of course, the Teatro Colon in Argentina.

Bocca founded his own company, Ballet Argentino, in 1990 to develop and showcase the talents of young Argentine dancers. The company performs continuously in the most important theaters in Europe, Asia, Argentina, and throughout the Americas, and has developed more than 100 dancers who have gone on to join other major ballet companies in Argentina and abroad.

"Tango is one of the most popular and exciting of folkloric forms, and we're pleased to be hosting one of its most acclaimed contemporary practitioners in Julio Bocca and Boccatango," said Barbara Sellers-Young, Mondavi Center's interim executive director.

Winters Theatre Company to present Shaw's 'Arms and the Man'

The Winters Theatre Company's production of George Bernard Shaw's satire "Arms and the Man" will open its six performance run with a Gala Opening on Friday, March 10 at 7:30 pm. Subsequent shows of "Arms and the Man" will be Friday and Saturdays, March 11, 17, and 18 at 8 pm. There will be two Sunday matinees on March 12 and 19 at 2 pm. Performances will be in the Winters Community Center.

"Arms and the Man" is one of Shaw's early comedies and while it is not anti-love nor anti-war, the play does satirize those who glamorize them. Part period comedy, part melodra-

ma, part farce, Shaw's play, with its sparkling dialogue and wit, has delighted audiences for over 100 years.

Tickets are available at Ace Hardware and the Chamber of Commerce office in the Community Center. Gala Opening admission is \$11. General admission is \$9 and \$6 for seniors and students.

Reservations may be made by calling 795-4014.

The Saturday, March 18, show will be a dinner/theatre benefit performance for the Yolo Family Service Agency. Tickets for this show are \$40 and reservations must be made by calling 662-2211.

Middle Earth Festival planned

The second annual Middle Earth Festival will come to life in historic downtown Vacaville on April 21-23, to celebrate author J. R. R. Tolkien and "The Lord of the Rings".

This fun-filled family event includes a fun run and forums on the themes of Tolkien. Saturday and Sunday activities include craft and merchandise vendors, entertainment, games for the kids, demonstrations of old time skills, music, dance, fantasy and abundant food. Take part in one of many trivia contests or enjoy the antics of the Gollum impersonation contest, and seek the best

costumed elf, dwarf, hobbit and other dwellers of Middle Earth. Admission and most festival activities are free.

Volunteers are sought to join the "fellowship" of those who bring the festival to life. Potential vendors, entertainers, and demonstrators of old time skills may download applications directly from the Middle Earth website at www.middleearthfestival.com.

For more information on this unique and exciting event, call Betty Lucke, (707) 448-1021 or the Downtown Vacaville Business Improvement District, (707) 451.2100.

Things to do

March 4: Fairytale Town celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday with a Seuss-A-Bratton Celebration. The cost is \$4 per person, children 2 and under are free. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento. For more information, call 916-254-5233 or visit www.fairytale-town.org.

March 11: The London Philharmonic Orchestra, one of England's finest orchestras, will perform at the Mondavi Center beginning at 8 p.m. Compositions by Khachaturian and Mahler are on the program. For more information, contact the Mondavi Ticket Office at 754-2787.

Through March 5: Visit the Pence Gallery at 212 D Street, in Davis to view Richard Crozier's recent works, featuring "Davis-scapes." Crozier will give an artist's talk on Feb. 11, from 1-2 p.m. The artist's talk is free to members; \$2 for non-members. Admission to the gallery is always free. Call 758-3370 for more information.

Performers Circle to meet

Village Homes Performers Circle will meet on Monday, Feb. 26, 2006 from 7:15-9 p.m. in Davis. This free event is for performers of all levels and listeners. It is held the 4th Monday of each month except December. Performances by unscheduled acts take place from 7:15-8:15 followed by a short break. Featured acts perform from 8:30-9 p.m. The emcee will be Rick Palkovic.

The featured act for February is singer-songwriter Andrew Corbett. Andrew has been playing

guitar for 30 years and was a regular at the Blue Mango back in its heyday. Corbett will perform an eclectic set of original, contemporary acoustic songs about life, love, growth, and connectedness. John Swann will be accompanying on electric bass. Expect fine guitar playing, beautiful songs, a great bass riff and to be uplifted.

This is a free event. It is held at the Village Homes Community Center 2661 Portage Bay, Davis. For more information call 756-3484 756-8232.

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President's Message

By JESSE BECKETT
Winters FFA President

From Monday, Feb. 20, to Friday, Feb. 24, the National FFA Organization will be celebrating National FFA Week. This week is a spectacular representation of what the FFA organization has grown to be. Not only is National FFA week a celebration for our own chapter but the numerous other chapters across nation as well. This is a time to celebrate just what the FFA means for our students, teachers, parents, and community.

Every year the Winters FFA takes part in the celebration and organizes various events to pump everyone up for the week. Our chapter does everything from decorating the high school halls and having a bowling night, to conducting a lunch for the schoolteachers and having our annual 8th grade recruitment for the FFA.

Most people don't understand the magnitude of the FFA Organization, and the celebration of National FFA week presents our chapter with opportunity to display to our community and high school staff how outstanding our chapter and entire organization truly are. In everything our chapter does, we take full advantage of our opportunities and the National FFA week gives our chapter and organization a chance to display our achievements as well as our contributions.

This week should be full of fun and entertainment and we are excited to get started.

Four years of FFA memories

By BRENDEN BENSON
Chapter Reporter

Being a senior, one constantly looks back upon the unforgettable memories made in high school. Memories are both good and bad but have a way of shaping the people who we are today and the people we will be in the future. As the class of 2006 speeds towards the end of the school year, the agriculture program is saying good-bye to forty special individuals. Forty seniors who are all enrolled in agriculture classes will be going their separate ways and are anxiously awaiting to begin their lives as young adults.

FFA advisor Kent Benson says, "This is the largest graduating of FFA seniors he has ever had." If you think about it, a lot can be accomplished in four years and when you ask these senior FFA members they will tell you some of the greatest accomplishments they ever achieved were in the FFA. The FFA has given many of them chances to travel around the state, the nation, and even the world. For many high school students this presents a huge opportunity, as most high school students never leave their hometown let alone the state. Through all of these experiences this group of students have created an unbreak-



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Senior class FFA members include, from left, (front) Danny Campos, Fran Jimenez and Brenden Benson; (back) Maribel Cardenas, John Avellar, Kim Rolles and Sara Hayes.

able bond and friendship that will stand the test of time.

Winters is a small community that has a way of keeping its members closely in touch with one another. However, 40 of its young leaders will be parting ways. Some will continue to pursue further education at the collegiate level. Tyler Cross plans on attending aeronautical school, Danny

Campos will continue to dominate the football field, Kimberly Rolles will creatively master the challenges of art school and the livestock judges will build upon the success they have already experienced in high school. No matter where life may lead or their differences take them, the class of 2006 will always cherish their experiences through the FFA program.

Winters FFA adds sales, service team

This year, the Winters FFA is adding a new component to its list of highly competitive FFA Career Development Event teams: the Agriculture Sales and Service team will make its debut at their first contest on Saturday, March 4, at UC Davis. The team includes Sarah Warren, Ashley Krantz and Leila Muller, and their coach, Becky Domenigoni (Winters agriculture student teacher) who are ready to get started with their

four-contest season. The team will compete at three different Career Development Events before competing at the California FFA State Finals contest in Fresno on April 22.

The contest consists of four parts: a sales presentation, a written test on sales knowledge, creation of an advertisement and a customer service scenario. Each of these sections is designed to test the contestants' knowledge of the sales industry,

with the sales presentation being the most important of all four parts of the contest.

This year, Warren, Krantz and Muller, have decided to market a horse and human hair detangler from the Cowboy Magic Company. Domenigoni says, "The girls are excited about competing for the first time in this contest and are ready to win."

The Winters FFA would like to wish the Ag Sales and Service team good luck at their first contest.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
FFA members raising pigs for their projects include, from left, Danny Campos, Breanne Benson and George Huizar.

Pig projects mean big responsibilities

By BRENDEN BENSON
FFA chapter reporter

One of the most enjoyed aspects of being involved with the FFA organization is raising animal projects. Most students purchase a market animal for the Yolo County fair and following the auction their involvement with the project is complete until the following year.

Danny Campos, Breanne Benson and Jorge Huizar take their commitment to the FFA to a higher level. Each of these individuals have a swine-breeding project in which they manage year round.

Campos, Benson and Huizar all own their own breeding sow and breed it once a year to sell project pigs to fellow FFA members. However these projects are not as simple as they may appear. The sows must be fed every day, pens must be cleaned on a regular basis, and they must develop an understanding for management practices and keep accurate records of their project.

Along with these routine responsibilities, boars must be selected based on bloodlines, phenotypic quality and production of the boars' offspring. Upon breeding their sows they must wait three months, three weeks and three days for the sows to farrow. Often spending late nights waiting for babies to be born Campos, Benson and Huizar give care to the newborn piglets. At six to eight weeks of age the piglets are sold to FFA members and are raised to show at summer county fairs.

As a way to improve conception rates, the FFA chapter has recently purchased a Yorkshire boar from Small Town Genetics. Having to manage breeding projects is a great opportunity to develop skills that will not only prepare ones self for future endeavors as well as life.

Winters students advance to regional contest

By ROBYN ROMINGER
Special to the Express

Winters High School has more students who have earned the right to compete in a regional public-speaking contest than 59 other schools. Eight members of the Winters High School FFA will be competing in the FFA Central Region public-speaking contest on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Delta College in Stockton.

The students have already advanced through three levels of competition, most recently at the sub-regional contest held last Thursday, Feb. 16 in Galt.

"It was an extremely impressive night by all the members of our Winters FFA chapter," said Kent Benson, Winters High School agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. "Winters had more stu-

dents advance to the regional finals than any other school in our region. I just wish them luck and we will continue to work hard for the next contest."

The eight FFA members and the categories they competed in are as follows:

~ Creed contest: Jessica Cortez, Wesley Krantz and Justin Rominger.

~ Job interview: Brenden Benson.

~ Extemporaneous speech: Jesse Beckett.

~ Prepared speech: John Avellar, Breanne Benson and Jacob Thorne.

In the creed contest, competitors must memorize and recite the FFA Creed. Job-interview contestants participate in a mock interview. Extemporaneous-speech contestants are given a topic and have 30 minutes to prepare it before presenting

it to a panel of judges. Prepared-speech contestants are judged on their ability to deliver a speech on an agricultural topic that they choose in advance.

In California there are six regions: Central Region, North Coast Region, San Joaquin Region, South Coast Region, Southern Region and Superior Region. There are 60 schools in the Central Region, which extends from Esparto in the north to Los Banos in the south.

"If they win the regional contest, they'll go on to the state competition on April 22 in Fresno," Benson said. "And if they win the state competition, then they'll go on to the nationals at the end of October/beginning of November in Indianapolis, Indiana."

Last year, Thorne advanced to the state competition, Benson said.



Photo by Robyn Rominger
Eight Winters High School FFA members will compete at the Regional FFA Public Speaking Contest on Sat., Feb. 25, at Delta College in Stockton. They have already advanced through three levels of competition, most recently at the sub-regional competition held in Galt last Thursday, Feb. 16. The students, pictured in Galt, are (from left) Brenden Benson; Justin Rominger, Jessica Cortez, Breanne Benson, and Wesley Krantz; (front) Jesse Beckett, Jacob Thorne and John Avellar.

Read more about FFA on page B-3

Winters

Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



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CHAMBER DOINGS

February's chamber mixer, co-hosted by Michele and Aaron Drumwright of Halau Hula O Lei Halio Dance Studio and Matt and Stephanie Archibeque of Warrior Video, was very well attended. Those who joined us saw what a fantastic job was done transforming the previously empty space into a dance studio. It's hard to believe there are almost 100 Hula dance students in Winters.

A few weeks ago in his column, Charley Wallace referred to a meeting hosted by the Chamber to identify priorities, goals and objectives of the Chamber for 2006 and beyond. Among the ideas targeted for action are for the Chamber to take a lead role in determining Winters' identity, improvement of the Chamber Website, establishment of a movement affairs committee, and improving the downtown business signage. We also want to look at ways to encourage local shopping and how to shift the perceived distance to Winters from adjacent communities.

Other priorities include murals and outdoor sculpture, development

of new events to supplement existing activities, working towards a farmers market, and developing a welcome basket for new residents. Areas for the Chamber to continue to be involved in include addressing the proper utilization of Main Street and the vision for the Grant Street corridor.

As a part of our continuing emphasis on tourism, we will be working to identify a list of all the activities in the area as well as developing additional resources to publicize the Creek Walk Park, Historic Homes Tours, and Historic Main Street tour. Additional emphasis will be placed on the benefits the Chamber provides to its members.

These are not all the goals and objectives discussed but are pretty representative of what we hope to accomplish. As Charley stated in his column, we need to have as many people involved as possible in helping us set and attain our goals. Included on this Chamber page is a directory of our 2006 Chamber board. Please take the time to talk to board member or contact me with any ideas you have. We are your Chamber and need you to help us do the best we can do in creating economic

prosperity for our businesses and our community.

This year's Chamber board members are president Dave Fleming, vice president Linn Myer, secretary/treasurer Chris Jones, executive director Dan Maguire, executive assistant Faye Kagele and members Howard Hupe, Gloria Marion, Edmund Lis, Dianne Grimmard, Charles Wallace, Nancy Meyer, Eric Doud, Salli Becker and Pam Aguilera.

Speaking of good stuff, it appears we will have yet another really cool addition to our downtown business district. Contracts have been signed and it looks like the space next to the Buckhorn's DeVillbiss Banquet Room will be home to a Day Spa. This could be a wonderful addition to the downtown. Kudos to John Siracusa and Paul Fair of JDS Builders for bringing another great new business to town.

March Mixer

March's Chamber mixer will be hosted by the Buckhorn at their new banquet room at 12 Main Street on Monday, March 13, 5:30-7 p.m. John and Melanie Pickerel, Debbie Lashure and the Buckhorn crew always host one of the best mixers of the year and it is always one of the most attended. If you have not seen the inside of their new banquet and meeting room, the DeVillbiss Room, you need to join us at this mixer to check it out.



Courtesy photo

Professional Bicycle mechanic Michael Berna, owner of Velo City Bicycle Center in Winters, was recently selected to support the racing team Kodak Gallery-Sierra Nevada in the Tour de California bicycle race Feb 19-26. His wealth of knowledge as an experienced race mechanic with cycling teams across the United States in 1997 and 2001 contributed to qualifying for this significant undertaking. He will be tasked with daily maintenance of the racing team's Eddy Merckx bicycles and fixing malfunctions, such as flat tires or broken chains, during the race to ensure victory for the team. Help congratulate Michael on this distinct honor and follow his web blog during the race from the shop website www.velocitybicycles.com.

Chamber meetings open to public

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

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings. The Chamber is involved

in promoting local business, as well as coordinating community functions such as the Earthquake Street Festival and the Citizen of the Year celebration.

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

Sports

Warriors lose last two, get ready for playoffs

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Warriors varsity boys' basketball team lost their last two games of the regular season to the top two teams in the league last week, but are now ready for the playoffs. The Warriors hosted Orland on Tuesday, Feb. 14, and suffered a disappointing 66-53 loss to the Trojans. After leading by 7 points in the first period and by 2 at the half, it looked as if the Warriors were going to finish the game with a victory. But the Trojans outscored the Warriors 23-14 and 17-11 in the third and fourth periods, respectively.

Poor free throw shoot-

ing really hurt the Warriors, as they shot just 31 percent from the line and made just 10 of 32 shots. In the fourth period the Warriors only connected on three of their 14 free throws. Austin Crabtree led the Warriors with 15 points. Sebastian Salas scored 12 points. Alex Thomson scored 9 points, Alexio Jurado had 8, Nathanael Lucero had 7 and Brock Neil scored 2 points for the Warriors.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, the Warriors finished up their season against the number one team in division III, the Oroville Tigers, and let another one slip away. Winters started slow but pulled to within 3 points by the end of

the half, to make it a 28-25 game. Oroville then put the pressure on both offensively and defensively and the Warriors couldn't respond. Winters was outscored 23-4 in the third period and 15-10 in the fourth, as they went on to lose 66-39.

Crabtree led the Warriors with 9 points. Dominic Mandolfo scored 8 points. Salas and Thompson each scored 6 points, Lucero and Neil each had 4 and Jurado put in 2 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors hosted Colusa on Wednesday, Feb. 22, for the first round of playoffs, with the winner going on to play at Wheatland on Friday, Feb. 24. Game times are 7 p.m.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Soccer player Danielle Murphy grimaces after a "header" during a recent soccer game. The girls are currently in the playoffs.

Girls' soccer team advances to second round

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Warriors girls' soccer team advanced to the second round of the northern section division II playoffs last Thursday, Feb. 16, with a 1-0 victory over Orland.

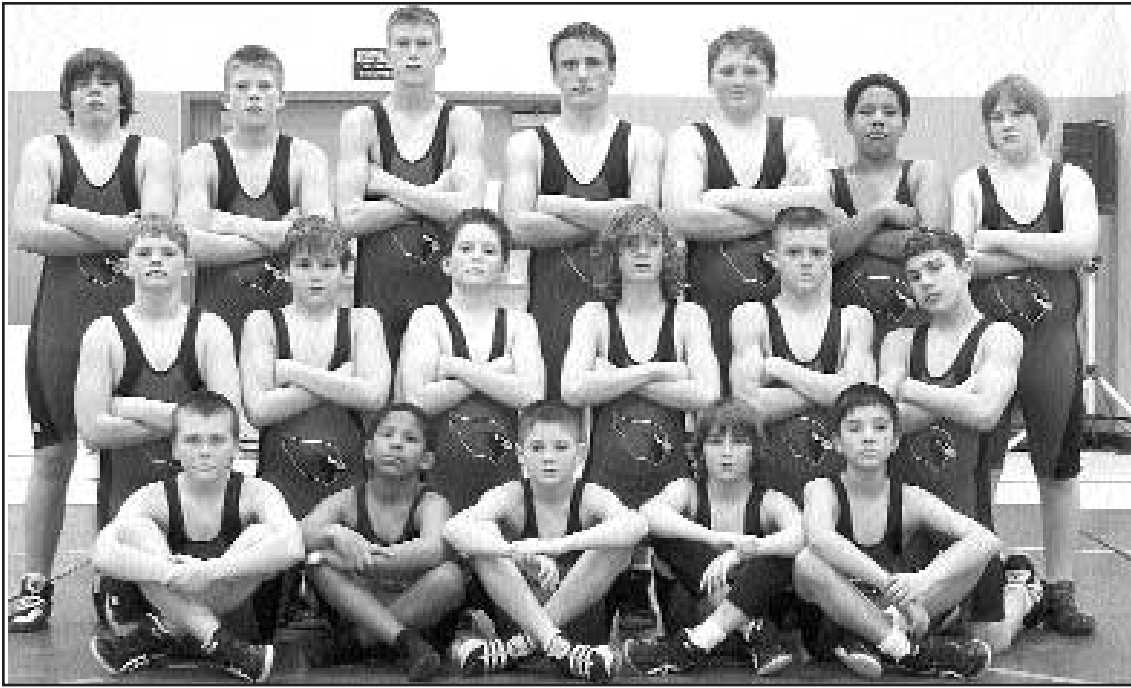
Courtney Young scored the game's only

goal in the second half for the Warriors.

Winters improved their overall record to 12-4 after finishing league play with an 8-2 record and in second place. Maribel Escobedo and Martha Lopez shared duties at goal keeper for the Warriors shutout.

Winters played in Colusa Tuesday, Feb. 21, with the winner moving on to the championship game.

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The Kids Wrestling Club includes, from left, (back) Chris Caldarone, Jared Ney, Dillon Ney, Billy Rotenkolber, Thomas Damon, Darian Clark and Cody Linton; (center) Joe MacIntire, Wyatt Taber, Jackson Waldron, Marshall Fredricks, Brian Case and Chris Hurst; (front) Austin Calvert, Brently Wiesman, Brad Case, Curtis Elliot and Derek Harvey. (Not pictured, head coach Will Hausler, and assistant coaches Ken Elliot and Rory Linton.)

Kids Wrestling participates in State Folkstyle

The Winters Wrestling Kids Club had four wrestlers go to San Jose Folkstyle State at Piedmont High School last week. Going undefeated was Mason Rodriguez and Zachary Linton both receiving gold medals. Taking a silver for second place was Dan Hausler and a bronze medal for third went to Morgan Nicholas.

Freestyle wrestling will start next month. Anyone interested can stop by Shirley Rominger School on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. and check it out or sign up.

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Warriors wrestle well at meet

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

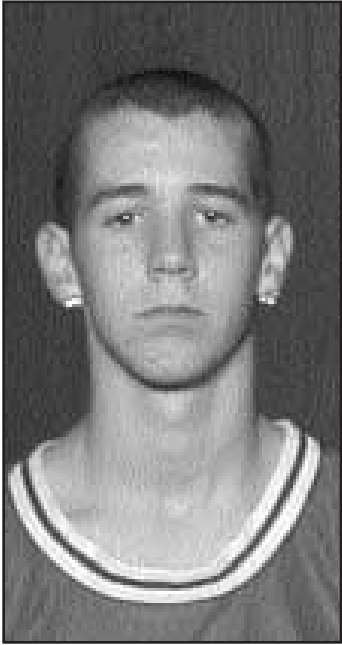
The Winters High School wrestling team competed in the sub-section meet last Saturday, Feb. 18, and had an impressive showing.

As a team, the Warriors tied with Central Valley for seventh place out of 10 teams with 64 points. Anderson took first place overall.

Danny Campos and Jesse Hellinger both won their weight classes, 191 pounds, and 147 pounds, respectively. Jessica Rubio placed fourth in the 127 pound class and Brandon White took fifth in the 173 pound weight class.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cody Shafer



Cody Shafer of the Winters High School boys' freshman basketball team is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week.

In the final two games of the season, Shafer averaged 15 points a game with 16 points against Orland on Tuesday, Feb. 14, and a 14 point effort against Oroville on Thursday, Feb. 16.

JV boys beat Orland, fall to Oroville

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School JV boys' basketball team played their final two games of the season last week, starting with a huge victory over visiting Orland on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Winters jumped out to a big lead, then watched it slip away with less than 30 seconds remaining in the game until sophomore Donnie Garcia hit four straight free throws to put the game out of reach. The Warriors ended up beating the Trojans 67-62. All five starters for the

Warriors scored in double digits led by Kelven Leverett with 17 points. Aaron Geerts and Garcia each scored 15, while Kaplan Smith and Kevin Rowell both had 10 points for the Warriors. On Thursday, Feb. 16, the Warriors traveled to Oroville to take on the Tigers in their final game of the season. Unfortunately, the game didn't go quite like Tuesday's, as the Warriors lost 62-33. Leverett once again was the high scorer with 16 points. Garcia scored 7 points, Geerts had 4, while Smith, Alex Huizar and Eric Hernandez each scored 2 points for the Warriors.

Oil disposal available in town

Winters residents may dispose of motor oil, providing it is not "polluted" with other liquids such as anti-freeze or other chemical-bearing substances, at Pisani's Service on Mondays-Fridays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sundays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. To dispose of oil, ask a

Pisani's employee to unlock the disposal tank. There is no limit on the amount that may be disposed. Oil filters may also be discarded at Pisani's. Filters must have been drained for 24 hours before disposal. Pisani's Service is located at the corner of Railroad and Grant Avenue.

Supporting cyclists



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Professional Bicycle mechanic Michael Berna, owner of Velo City Bicycle Center in Winters, was recently selected to support the racing team Kodak Gallery-Sierra Nevada in the Tour de California bicycle race Feb 19-26. His wealth of knowledge as an experienced race mechanic with cycling teams across the United States in 1997 and 2001 contributed to qualifying for this significant undertaking. He will be tasked with daily maintenance of the racing team's Eddy Merckx bicycles and fixing malfunctions, such as flat tires or broken chains, during the race to ensure victory for the team. Help congratulate Michael on this distinct honor and follow his web blog during the race from the shop website www.velocitybicycles.com.

Freshmen win first league game

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School freshman boys' basketball team won their first league game last Tuesday, Feb. 14, at home against Orland by a score of 62-46. "We played a solid game," said coach Matt Baker. "We've been playing better towards the end of the season." Woody DeVries led the Warriors with 17

points. Cody Shafer and Max Mariani each scored 16 points. Jules Damey scored 7 points, Patrick Leslie scored 4 points and Maurice Ackridge put in 2 points for the Warriors. Thursday, Feb. 16, the Warriors traveled to Oroville and lost 43-28 in a BVL game. Shafer led the Warriors in their last game of the season with 14 points. Leslie scored 6 points; DeVries scored 4, while Ackridge and Mariani each had 2.

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Schools

Talent show to benefit Katrina victims

Although Hurricane Katrina has passed and some may think of it as old news, there are many people still having to rebuild their lives from the horrible devastation. The Winters community is invited to attend the Helping Hands Talent Show, a community fundraising event coordinated by Brittany Vigil and performed by the talented youth of the Winters Community. It will be held on Saturday, March 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

This event is part of Brittany's Senior Project and all proceeds from the event will be donated to the victims of the Hurricane Katrina catastrophe. Tickets will only be available at the door and will be sold for a minimum donation of \$5. Refreshments will also be sold. Please come and join us for a night of fun and helping others.

For more information, contact Brittany at 795-1728.

Students earn degrees

By BRENDEN BENSON
Winters FFA reporter

Eight Winters FFA members will receive their State degrees on March 17 at San Joaquin Delta College official state ceremony. The State Degree is the highest degree that a FFA member can receive by the California Association. This year's recipients are Breanne Benson, Thomas Martin, Jorge Huizar, Ashley Krintz, Sara Hayes, Brock Neil, Mike Smaystrla and Tyler Cross.

The requirements for the FFA State Degree are that a member must earn or in-

See FFA on page B-5

Artists sought for competition

Representative Mike Thompson (D-Napa Valley) is seeking entries for "An Artistic Discovery," an annual art competition for high school students sponsored by the House of Representatives. Thompson is encouraging young artists from the First Congressional district to enter their work into the competition.

One student from the First Congressional District will be chosen to have his or her artwork displayed in the United States Capitol for one year. This year's winner will receive three roundtrip airline tickets to Washington D.C. as well as automatically qualify for a \$3000 scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Semi-finalists will be chosen from each of the seven counties in the First Congressional District (Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa and parts of Sonoma and Yolo). >From those, one finalist will be selected.

"I encourage our high school students to participate in this competition. We have had a great response in the past and I am always tremendously impressed with the quality and originality of the entries," Thompson said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to recognize the outstanding talent of the students in our district."

The competition is open

to high school students only and the deadline for entry is March 29. To register for the competition, interested students should contact their art instructor or one of Thompson's local congressional offices listed below:

Eureka Office*: (707) 269-9595
Fort Bragg Office: (707) 962-0933
Napa Office**: (707) 226-9898
Woodland Office: 662-5272

*Humboldt and Del Norte County students should contact the Eureka office.

**Sonoma and Lake County students should contact the Napa office.

Childhood education conference to be held in Davis

First 5 Yolo is offering a rare opportunity for Yolo County child care providers, educators and parents to hear and learn from recognized experts in early childhood education by inviting them to attend the highly insightful and informative conference, "Protecting the Spirit of Childhood II: School Readiness through Meaningful Literacy, Nurturing Relationships and Play." The conference will be held Saturday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Freeborn Hall on the University of California, Davis campus.

First 5 Yolo, a co-sponsor of the event, will underwrite registration through scholarships, which will enable large

numbers of Yolo County child care providers to learn about and discuss best practices with educators and child care advocates from Northern California. The conference will feature Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D., an internationally recognized authority on brain development and learning. His appearance will be enhanced by a diverse array of workshops, which will include bilingual sessions.

Participants at the event will gain an understanding about the impacts of their care-giving styles and approaches, as well as have the opportunity to establish professional relationships for future networking. Interested parties can register online at www.steinercollege.edu. Registrations also are accepted at the door. For more information about the conference, call (916) 961-3932. Scholarships for Yolo County childcare providers are available by calling 668-3773.

First 5 Yolo is committed to improving the lives of children 0 to 5 years of age and their families in Yolo County. First 5 Yolo focuses on ensuring these children are healthy and ready to learn by providing grant funding to programs in Yolo County that benefit young children by improving their health and providing access to developmental activities. For more information about First 5 Yolo programs, visit www.yolochildren.org.

8th graders consider agriculture classes

By JESSE BECKETT
Winters FFA President

In just a few weeks, the 8th grade students at Winters Middle School will be developing their freshmen class schedules for next year. Freshmen at Winters High School will have the opportunity to fill their schedules with two elective periods. When making this selection, agriculture education is an outstanding choice as agriculture touches everyone's life.

Freshmen students at Winters High School enroll in the Agriculture Core 1 class, which is an introductory class that covers FFA, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, record book keeping, agriculture history, importance of agriculture in our society, careers and more.

This interactive class encourages student participation. Students will actively engage in the FFA creed speaking, parliamentary and individual and group presentations. The components of the FFA organization will be covered and students will become aware of the vast opportunities that the FFA offers. Students are highly encouraged to participate in FFA activities such as FFA meeting, leadership conferences, Christmas tree sales, harvest festival, donkey basketball, and many other competitions and events. Students can also have the opportunity to learn to drive a tractor, weld, and raise animals. Students in the Agriculture Core 1 Class are eligible to exhibit at the Yolo County Fair and make sizable profits through the junior live-

Cal Grant deadline approaching

Attention students who want to attend college, but don't know if they qualify for financial aid: Cal Grant awards cost nothing to apply for, require only two forms and, best of all, do not have to be repaid. The deadline for applying is March 2.

To apply, students must submit a free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which can be completed online and file a Cal Grant Grade Point Verification Form.

For help in completing the forms, call Teresa McLeod, Financial Aid Outreach Specialist at Solano College, at 864-7000 ext. 452. Teresa offers specialized financial aid assistance to students, parents and/or guardians.

Some families think they earn too much to qualify. However, more students are eligible than realize. Students who have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher can receive as much as \$8300 for higher education from Cal Grants.

Go online at www.calgrants.org, call the Solano College Office of Financial Aid at 707-864-7103, or visit the college website at www.solano.edu and click on financial aid, then Cal Grants for information.

Features

Looks like gout, but it isn't gout

DEARDR. DONOHUE: Suddenly, about a month ago, I developed a red, hot, swollen and painful knee. I thought I had arthritis. The pain got so bad I saw my doctor, who had me go to a rheumatologist. The doctor drained the knee. He looked at the fluid with his microscope and told me I had pseudogout. What is it? Is it a form of gout? —PW.

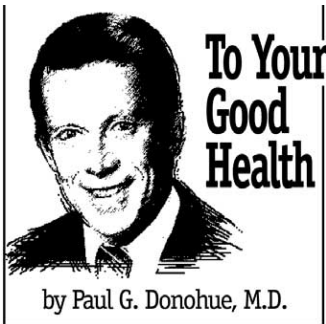
ANSWER: "Pseudo" is the Greek word for "false." Pseudogout resembles gout in some respects, but it is neither gout nor a form of gout. It's its own unique condition.

Gout arises when blood uric acid levels rise, and uric acid diffuses into joints, causing joint pain. In a first gout attack, the joint at the base of the big toe is the one usually acting up. In pseudogout, it's a form of calcium that seeps into joints to cause the swelling, heat, redness and pain. The joint most often involved is the knee, but the shoulder, wrist, ankle, elbow and hand can also be affected.

Looking at joint fluid with a microscope, the doctor can see the distinctive crystals of pseudogout. Gout's crystals have an entirely different appearance.

Most of the time no cause can be found for pseudogout. It isn't due to high blood calcium levels except in one instance, when the parathyroid glands are overworking. Those glands regulate blood calcium levels. It can also be seen in conjunction with the inherited iron illness called hemochromatosis. And sometimes it occurs when blood magnesium levels drop.

The same medicines used for gout control often work for pseudogout. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs — NSAIDS — like Indocin can often relieve the pain and swelling. Colchicine, a gout medicine with a long history, can also be used. If attacks of pseudogout are frequent, treatment with low doses of colchicine



To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

are taken daily to prevent them.

The booklet on gout and pseudogout answers most of the questions readers have on these two illnesses. To obtain a copy, write to: Dr. Donohue — No. 302W, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada, with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My son, age 7, has what his pediatrician calls night terrors. I asked the doctor if he would grow out of them, but I didn't get an answer. Will he? —J.C.

ANSWER: Night terrors are frightening dreams that wake a child up, often screaming. The child is confused and might be sweating and have a fast-beating heart. He or she remembers little to nothing of the dream, so it's a waste of time to quiz the child about it.

Did you or your husband have night terrors as a child? Frequently, one parent of an affected child had them too. Children usually outgrow them by late adolescence.

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

The science of skin color

In the last year or two we have started to understand much more about the evolution of skin coloration in people. In general, human skin color gets darker as you go towards the equator, to protect us against the sun. But it is a little more technical than this. It is the ultraviolet light from the sun's rays that are harmful to us and there are more ultraviolet wavelengths reaching the earth's surface near the equator because the atmosphere there is relatively thin. As you go further north or south, through the tropics and into the temperate regions, light from the sun strikes the earth more obliquely and so it has to pass through increasingly more layers of the atmosphere. Consequently, less ultraviolet radiation reaches the earth, least of all reaching the poles.

But there is more: ultraviolet radiation increases with altitude because of atmospheric thinning and it decreases with atmospheric water vapor in the form of rain, clouds or humidity.

Taking measurements of radiation at ground level, and determining the color of people's skins in different areas of the globe, two scientists, physical anthropologists, Jablonski and Chaplin, have shown that radiation predicts 77% of skin color in the northern hemisphere and 70% in the southern hemisphere.

Why? Jablonski and Chaplin think that two issues are involved. The first is a cost. Radiation breaks down many compounds in the skin, the most important of which is vitamin B folate.



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OUTSIDE THE BOX

We need this vitamin. If this was the only game in town, everyone should have dark skin. But there is a benefit. Ultraviolet radiation promotes synthesis of vitamin D which is also something we need. So skin color is a compromise between skins light enough to permit penetration for vitamin D synthesis but dark enough to stop folate breakdown.

So at higher latitudes with low radiation levels we have paler skins to permit vitamin D synthesis but at low latitudes with high radiation levels we have darker skins to stop loss of vitamin B folate. Skin color is a physiological trade-off wherever you are. In addition, women in all populations have paler skin than men owing to the greater need for calcium and vitamin D during pregnancy and lactation.

But it is the exceptions that are really interesting. Skin colors are darker higher up mountains than in the valleys — more protection needed against vitamin B breakdown. Skin color is far darker than expected among the Greenland Inuit. This is because they traditionally obtained vitamin D from their marine mammal diet of seals and whales which are very rich in this vitamin. Now that modern Inuits are going to supermarkets, they are suffering

from one of the world's most severe vitamin D deficiencies.

Another unexpectedly dark skin color is found among southern African Bantu speaking people who migrated to southern Africa only 2000 years ago. Their skin color has not had time to lose their dark skins of Equatoria.

Finally, unexpectedly light skins are found in peoples from Cambodia, the Philippines and Vietnam who migrated towards the equator from high latitudes only recently in evolutionary history and have not had time to evolve darker skins.

Juxtapose these dry facts against thousands of years of discrimination on the basis of skin color. Generations ago people didn't understand the reasons that some people are dark and some are light and they persecuted people of other skin color. That historical legacy is still with us to a lesser or greater extent all over the world. So humans have evolved sophisticated physiological mechanisms for surviving in different climates all across the planet. Contrary to all expectations, however, social attitudes seem not to have evolved so fast. Those attitudes still prevent our species from realizing its full potential and from finding our place in the sun.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Time is on your side in the early part of the week. But anything left undone by midweek will need to be put into rush mode. The weekend offers choices for you and someone special.

TAURUS (April 30 to May 20) Finally getting credit for a contribution is nice for all you idea-generating Ferdinands and Fernandas. But don't sit on your laurels under the cork tree. Use it as a first step to a bigger opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Despite the progress made, a hint of doubt might set in. That's OK. You need to stop and consider not only what you're doing but also how you are doing. Make adjustments where needed.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The dreamer is dominant in the Moon Child's aspect, but a dollop of hardheaded practicality is coming up fast and jockeying for space. The challenge is to make room for both modes.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to start assessing what they've done and what they plan to do. Moving to a new environment — home or job-related — is a possibility for some Cats.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week calls for Virgos to make tough decisions, but in a way that leaves the door open for changes. Ask for advice from someone who has been in the position you're in now.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Disappointments are never easy to take, but you have the ability to learn from them and go on to success. Meanwhile, continue to build up your contacts. You'll need them soon.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things might still be going much too slowly to suit you. But you need the time to make sure they're going in the right direction. It's easier to make a course correction now rather than later.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Showing some temperament at the way things are going is one way of getting your point across. Just don't overdo it, or you risk turning away more moderate supporters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Things could change more quickly this week than you like. But don't fret; you'll most likely find that you're up to the challenges. The weekend offers much-needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Big challenge coming up? Uncross those fingers and believe that you're going to do well. And keep in mind that so many people have faith in your ability to succeed.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Testing the waters is a good way of learning about an opportunity before plunging right in. Ask more questions and be alert to any attempts to avoid giving complete answers.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people — and animals, too — feel special and loved. (c) 2006 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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1 Arizona city

6 Emerald, e.g.

8 Campus area

12 Ernie's stain remover

14 Padded part of tongue

15 Labyrinth beast

16 On in years

17 Have a bug

18 Monopoly pieces

20 Beetle drummer

23 Use a sponge

24 Hang in the balance

25 Goddess of wisdom

26 Still

29 Expert

30 "— say!"

32 Mosque tower

34 French entrance

35 B.P.O.E.

36 Lover of Daphne

37 Three-card monte decoys

40 Seek restitution

41 Soundbite

42 Troubadour

47 Hydron rival

48 Like some parents

49 Radicals in dependence

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1 Roman 1920

2 Yale student

3 Baltimore newspaper

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5 Objective

6 School's URL suffix

7 Strict disciplinarian

8 Friend

9 Inmate

10 Midcourt golf

11 Clothing

13 Commotion

18 Admitting clients

20 James Bond, for one

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22 Gun opponent

23 Henry VIII had six

25 Sharpshooter

26 Test tube

27 Saxophone range

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31 Shelter

33 Ozzie or Harriet

34 Isolated area of a city

36 Point barge

37 Garbage

38 Torricelli's opponent

39 Nelson

40 Nose-in-the-air act

43 Mrs. McKinley

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY MOLTINOFF

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ
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Delegación Mexicana en Washington

Cuando una delegación del Congreso mexicano visitó la semana pasada al Congreso estadounidense para abordar un tema tan delicado como el problema migratorio, se les informó amable pero categóricamente que la opinión pública mexicana, la latinoamericana y de hecho la mundial importan poco a los legisladores de este país.

La notificación pudo haber parecido una sorpresa pero en realidad no lo fue. En este país, “la política es local” y al margen del tema que se trate las poblaciones en otros países tienen poco peso en la votación de EU.

El tema es tanto más triste cuando se considera que la cuestión de la migración de indocumentados tiene una importancia extraordinaria para México, y que de hecho lo que hacen el gobierno mexicano y en realidad el aparato político del país es tratar de recurrir a la sabiduría o los buenos sentimientos, al presentar sus puntos de vista en un debate donde el resultado depende de lo que piensen, de las modas o del estado de ánimo de la población de otro país.

No se trata en todo caso de una situación a la que se haya llegado súbitamente. Es el resultado de una acumulación de hechos, decisiones y problemas a través de décadas. Es una culpa compartida entre gobierno y sociedad. Lo peor, México y los mexicanos buscamos respeto pero a menos que se comience a trabajar seriamente ya se corre el peligro de quedar en un simple proveedor de materias primas y de mano de obra barata.

La delegación legislativa que estuvo aquí la semana pasada aseguró que en el tema migratorio, y específicamente en lo que se refiere a la oposición al muro fronterizo promovido por algunos legisladores estadounidenses, todos los mexicanos están unidos sin importar partido o ideología. Pero quizá hubiera sido más alentador que informaran que hay un acuerdo nacional en el que ya es urgente buscar un mayor desarrollo y una mejor distribución de la riqueza.

En todo caso valdría la pena subrayar que sólo unos cuantos países son relativamente inmunes a la presión de la opinión pública internacional. Estados Unidos, por tamaño, por potencia, por inclinación y de hecho por su propia democracia, es uno de ellos. Para un legislador estadounidense es importante tener el oído pegado al piso y estar atento a lo que piensan quienes votaron por él.

Y lo que puedan pensar ciudadanos de otro país le tiene sin cuidado. Ciertamente, una posición así hace muy poco por fomentar la buena voluntad con otros países, pero también es una indicación de la realidad que atraviesan las relaciones entre Estados Unidos y el resto del mundo, muy especialmente México.

Al igual que los políticos mexicanos, los políticos estadounidenses sólo gustan de escucharse a sí mismos y de atender únicamente a aquello que confirme sus opiniones y realce sus posiciones, en el marco de lo que muchos consideran como una permanente campaña de reelección de la que no están exentos el uso de los fondos gubernamentales para favorecer las propias ambiciones.

Pero también hacen falta congresistas más atentos a las necesidades y exigencias de sus distritos o sus estados, en una situación que con frecuencia hace de lado las lealtades partidistas para hacer énfasis en las necesidades del legislador.

Y por ello, cuando los legisladores mexicanos llegaron aquí fueron advertidos de que todo trabajo para azuzar a la opinión pública internacional en contra del muro suena bien en términos de la opinión pública mexicana, pero tiene si acaso un impacto mínimo en la opinión del cuerpo legislativo que determina su realización. Buena semana.

Amnistía 2005

Los Códigos de Construcción de California requieren un honorario de investigación, el cual se cobrará aparte del permiso, cuando un trabajo que requiere permiso se ha comenzado sin primero haber obtenido el permiso requerido. Si Ud. or alguien conocido a hecho algún trabajo sin obtener el permiso de construcción apropiado, esta es la última oportunidad de ahorrarse estos costos de investigación. Después del 30 de Junio 2006, el honorario de investigación se impondrá estrictamente al doble del costo del permiso de construcción requerido.

Todos los dueños que entregan una solicitud para un permiso de construcción antes del 30 de Junio, 2006. El trabajo se puede completar como Dueño Constructor o por un Contratista Con Licencia.

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Marcha Inmigrante

Enrique Morones, uno de los coordinadores de la marcha, explicó que el grupo pide que “se legalice a las personas que ya están en EEUU, no se construya el muro, y se humanice la legislación migratoria”. El pasado dos de febrero partió una caravana humana que recorrió varios estados con el objetivo de llegar a Washington DC antes de que los senadores voten sobre la iniciativa de ley de inmigración HR4437.

La ley de inmigración HR4437, aprobada por la Cámara de Representantes a finales de diciembre de 2005 y también conocida como “Sensenbrenner”, por el legislador que la propuso, endurece las leyes de inmigración y plantea, entre otras medidas, la construcción de un muro a lo largo de la frontera con México.

La caravana, integrada por decenas de representantes de organizaciones de derechos humanos, eligió como punto de partida a principios de mes un lugar a escasos metros del muro de la valla metálica que divide la frontera entre México y EEUU. En el mismo, los miembros de la Coalición Gente Unida clavaron cruces de madera con nombres de indocumenta-

dos que han perdido la vida al tratar de cruzar la frontera.

Morones insistió en que el mensaje de la marcha es el de “decirle a la gente que más de 4.000 muertos en la frontera, personas que venían a buscar trabajo, no es un número insignificante, no es un hecho que quede olvidado, sepultado con una nueva iniciativa de migración”.

La marcha llegó a Washington tras pasar por 20 ciudades de Texas, Luisiana, Misisipi, Alabama, Georgia, Carolina del Norte, Wisconsin, Minnesota, entre otros estados.

En la capital de EEUU los líderes de la marcha se reunieron con varios senadores republicanos y demócratas, así como con representantes del Caucus Hispano. En su recorrido por el país, los activistas colocaron 4.000 cruces blancas en honor de los inmigrantes fallecidos en la frontera.

El pasado 18 de febrero la marcha organizó una manifestación delante del Capitolio, tras lo cual clavaron en las cercanías algunas cruces. En 2005, un total de 465 inmigrantes murieron a lo largo de la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México, y más del 50 por ciento se produjeron en el desierto de Arizona.

El secreto de las remesas

En el lado norteamericano, las remesas, entre otras cosas, son artificios económicos que atenúan la inflación; y en el lado latinoamericano, ese capital disperso se inserta como un circulante extra y acelera el intercambio de bienes y servicios. Es decir, genera mayor ímpetu económico. No obstante, en los países receptores puede producir inflación debido a que el flujo incontrolado de las divisas extranjeras pueden llegar a debilitar el circulante ya establecido en ese mercado.

El nuevo jefe de la Reserva Federal y los consejeros económicos del presidente George W. Bush tienen muy claros los efectos devastadores de la inflación en la economía. Por lo mismo, el gobierno creó procesos legales que permiten la dispersión del capital a través de las remesas. Y el mercado simplemente se encargó de generar agencias formales de transferencia de ese capital

(Giromex, México Express, Sigue, Vigo, etc.) para dispersar esos dólares a otras partes del mundo, especialmente hacia Latinoamérica.

En México, el ingreso de las remesas ya sobrepasó al ingreso total del sector turismo y está segundo después del petróleo. De acuerdo a fuentes federales de este país, el año pasado se captaron más de 20,035 millones de dólares anuales. Los países centroamericanos también viven del aroma de las remesas. En 2005, los guatemaltecos enviaron 2,900 millones de dólares; es decir, 9.5% del Producto Interno Bruto (PIB). En El Salvador, las remesas se han convertido en un lucro estatal, convirtiéndose en la mayor fuente de ingreso.

Debido a la globalización económica y al flujo de capital en dólares, la moneda estadounidense ya desplazó a otros patrones monetarios

La “Marcha por el Inmigrante” a su paso por Arizona exigió que se tomen medidas para acabar con las miles de muertes de indocumentados en la frontera y pidió una reforma migratoria comprensiva que tome en cuenta sus derechos. La muerte del inmigrante Guillermo Martínez el 31 de diciembre pasado, tras resultar herido por una patrulla fronteriza, fue el incidente que motivo la marcha.

El fallecimiento de Martínez fue “la gota que derramó el vaso, fue cuando nos reunimos y decidimos que teníamos que hacer algo”, dijo Vicente Rodríguez, miembro de Gente Unida.

Sacerdotes jesuitas, grupos de derechos humanos y conocidos de los integrantes de la caravana proporcionaron alojamiento a los activistas que participan en la marcha con sus propios recursos. Durante el recorrido, se realizaron reuniones y conferencias en varias ciudades del país. La caravana comenzó el pasado dos de febrero, en referencia a la fecha aniversario del Tratado de Guadalupe donde México cedió más de la mitad de su territorio a Estados Unidos.

en tierras latinoamericanas. Panamá fue uno de los primeros en tomar el camino de la dolarización, luego le siguieron Ecuador y El Salvador. En otros países, como Bolivia, Perú y Argentina, el dólar funciona como una moneda alternativa viable, incluso, como un referente monetario de intercambio.

Las remesas son, probablemente, una de las pocas bondades que ofrece la globalización económica. Los países emisores de divisas se benefician a nivel macroeconómico, mientras que los receptores a nivel microeconómico. Por consiguiente, en vez de atenuarlas, como demandan algunos sectores de la nación, el gobierno federal y estatal deberían más bien modernizar sus operaciones. Es una forma inequívoca de inicio para una integración de mercado de capitales entre Latinoamérica y Estados Unidos.

El sector privado

La casa propia es para el inmigrante una afirmación de estabilidad en la nueva tierra. Es un lazo fuerte con la comunidad a la que se integra. Al mismo tiempo, representa un compromiso de convivencia con los nuevos vecinos, un interés especial por las escuelas locales y un interés maduro por su futuro. Ser propietario de su vivienda es un paso importante en el progreso para alcanzar el sueño americano.

Por eso, los grupos rabiosamente opuestos a la inmigración están en contra de que bancos, que aceptan la matrícula consular como documento para préstamos inmobiliarios. A grupos como Save Our State les molesta esa combinación de beneficio corporativo (como en el caso del banco, que gana con la operación) y el reconocimiento de la presencia y aporte del indocumentado.

Por fortuna el mundo empresarial de nuestro país se ha involucrado en el debate migratorio abogando por un camino a la legalización de los indocumentados. Esto no es un acto de bondad; es una decisión empresarial que reconoce la necesidad que tiene el sector privado de incluir a estos trabajadores para poder cumplir adecuadamente con la demanda del consumidor estadounidense. La mano de obra inmigrante, ya no como en el pasado, hoy es vista como un consumidor, por lo cual su valor y contribución a la economía se multiplica.

La campaña contra las empresas que respetan al indocumentado como consumidor es otra muestra del desfase de estos grupos con el presente.

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

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

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Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

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Feb. 23, March 2

Order to show cause for name change

Superior Court of California, County of YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case# PT06-227
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Thursday, April 6, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Dept. 11
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. WINTERS EXPRESS.
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FBN NUMBER 2006-143

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Borgo Taro Partners, 18190 Mallard St. Woodland, CA 95695..

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Richard J. Fenaroli, 18190 Mallard St. Woodland, CA 95695.

This business classification is: A limited partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on N/A.

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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 30, 2006
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FBN NUMBER 2006-119

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Bee Happy Candles, 307 Main St. Winters, CA 95694.

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Jan Schubert, 307 Main St. Winters, CA 95694.

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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Feb. 10, 2006
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Granny's Pet Sitting Service, 410 Dry Creek Lane, Winters, CA 95694..

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Gloria Davenne Massei, 410 Dry Creek Lane, Winters, CA 95694
Renato A. Massei, 410 Dry Creek Lane, Winters, CA 95694.

This business classification is: Husband & wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on Feb. 10, 2006.

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Notice of public hearing

IMPROVEMENT SECURITY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. before the Winters City Council 318 First Street, Winters, California. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider adoption of City of Winters Ordinance No. 2006-01, an ordinance amending Section 16.16.40 of the Winters Municipal Code relating to Improvement Security for the performance of any act or agreement. This ordinance is summarized as follows: The ordinance amends the same section of the Winters Municipal Code to provide that, at the approval of the City Council, security will be in the form of a deposit of cash or negotiable bonds with the City, an irrevocable instrument of credit, or, upon a showing of good cause, a bond by an authorized corporate surety. The public may appear at the time and place of the hearing to be heard, or may instead submit written information in lieu of appearance, provided the same is provided to the Winters City Clerk, 318 First Street, Winters, California, prior to the hearing. If adopted the ordinance will take effect April 6, 2006.

Feb. 13, 2006
/s/ John C. Wallace
City Attorney
City of Winters.

Feb. 16, 2006

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 18, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Elleigh 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 I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 19, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Elleigh 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

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Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006

Petition to Administer Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

of Zella N. Sawyer.
Case# PB-06-021
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both, of Zella N. Sawyer.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Russell Scheeline in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.
The PETITION requests that the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 23, 2006, 8:30 a.m. Dept. 11, 812 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the Petitioner
Elton R. Garner, Jr.
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Willows, CA 95988
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