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Officers to be honored at next meeting

Winters police officers Jose Ramirez and Scott Leach will be honored at the March 21 city council meeting, for years 2004 and 2005 respectively. The meeting begins at 7:30 in the council chambers at City Hall.

The following items are also on the agenda:

- ~ Comprehensive fee study — Maximus.
- ~ Continued public hearing and consideration of Winters Highlands Tentative Subdivision Map. The project is a proposed residential subdivision of 102.6 located north of Grant Avenue along Moody Slough Road (County Road 33) in the northwestern portion of the city of Winters.
- ~ City staff are recommending that this item be continued to the April 4 city council meeting.
- ~ Introduction of Grant Avenue access study.
- ~ Public hearing for alignment alternatives and architectural elements for the Putah Creek bridge replacement.

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
March 8	.02	64	38
March 9	.03	62	43
March 10	.01	62	38
March 11	.02	54	32
March 12	.07	57	39
March 13	.10	48	34
March 14	.41	57	42

Rain for week: .66
Season's total: 25.32
Last year to date: 22.76
Average to March 14: 19.03

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Plan features business district changes

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

After months of committee meetings, the Winters City Council approved the Downtown Master Plan unanimously, following a public hearing. The esthetic upgrades to the downtown area include bulb-outs and streetscape improvements at the intersection of Main Street and Railroad Avenue, as well as design improvements to Railroad Avenue, new parking standards, and alley and parking area improvements.

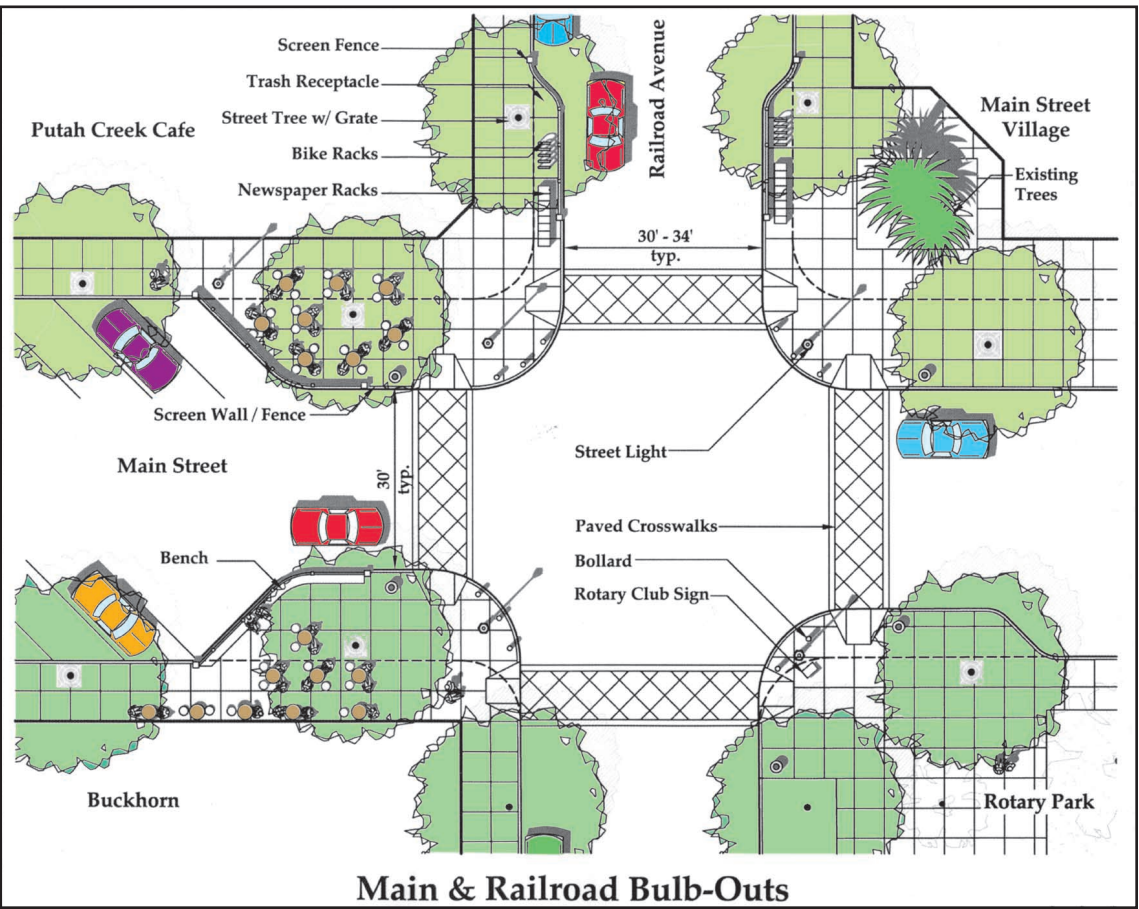
A “Vision Concept Plan” was presented by redevelopment consultant Terry Bottomley, who emphasized that the suggested changes are not set in stone, and can still be shaped according to the needs and desires of the community.

“The plan is still a concept. Things are flexible as we go along,” said Bottomley, who gave a slide

presentation on various ideas for Winters, as well as comparisons to other cities such as Palo Alto that have used redevelopment funds to upgrade their business districts.

The Vision Concept Plan extends beyond the downtown core area, extending north to Anderson Avenue, south to Putah Creek, East Street to the east and Second Street to the west. One of the first things Bottomley noted was that there is a parking shortage in this area of 168 spaces, according to the parking-to-commercial space ratio set in the city's zoning ordinance for the downtown area. The Downtown Master Plan would address this shortage.

Another feature of Bottomley's presentation included ideas for the northeast corner of Railroad and Grant, envisioning an “interpretive ag retail”



Graphic courtesy of Bottomley Associates Urban Design & City Planning

This is an artist's conception of how the corner of Railroad Avenue and Main Street might look when Downtown Master Plan features are put in place.

See PLAN on page A-6



Sky high

Photos by Charles Wallace

This aerial view of Winters (above) and the Monticello Dam and Glory Hole (right) was taken on March 4 from the Spirit of America jet, owned and piloted by Bob Button. Lake Berryessa is nearly two feet above the Glory Hole spillway, which empties into Putah Creek.



Crash closes highway

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Russell Boulevard was closed for about an hour in both directions at Interstate 505 on Tuesday, March 7, as two cars collided, sending one spinning onto its side. The accident occurred at 5:55 p.m., when Philip Simcock, 27, of Eggham, England, pulled off northbound Interstate 505, stopped at the stop sign, changed his mind about pulling off and proceeded to go straight onto the northbound onramp across Russell Boulevard.

According to Officer Robert Lagomarsino of the Woodland office of the California Highway Patrol, Simcock said he had not yet grown accustomed to oncoming traffic on his left, as he was visiting from England where traffic travels on the opposite sides of the road. He pulled his 2006 Pontiac Montana van in front of an eastbound 2004 Dodge Neon driven by Eric Apodaca, 18, of Winters. Apodaca applied his brakes but was unable to avoid hitting the van.

The front of the van struck the rear of the Neon and spun counterclockwise, overturning on its side. The driver was the only one uninjured in the accident. Apodaca and his passenger, Nathan Apodaca, 20, of Winters, and Tracy Simcock, 27, of Eggham, England and David Jones, 25, of Eggham, England, all sustained minor injuries and were transported by ambulance to Woodland

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NEWTON WALLACE
HERE, THERE
& EVERYWHERE

COOL WEATHER: Monday morning the 24 hour high temperature was 48 degrees, and this is the middle of March. A year ago, March 13, 2005, the high temperature was 84 degrees.

SUNSHINE WEEK: March 12 to 18 has been designated as Sunshine Week, with newspapers, radio and television stations pointing out the value to the public of access to knowledge about what elected and other officials are doing. It is just a week to remind all of us that California's Ralph M. Brown Act gives us the right to know what city councils, county boards of supervisors, school district and other agencies are doing.

MARCHMADNESS: With 64 college basketball teams vying for the national championship during March madness, critics are complaining about good teams left out. One solution would be to expand the tournament by three days and expand the competition to 128 teams.

RECOGNITION: Margaret "Peg" Dozier received a well-deserved honor at the March 7 city council meeting when she was honored for her service to the city as treasurer for more than two decades. City Manager John Donlevy also pointed out that she had been named honorary parade marshal for the 2006 Winters Youth Day, to be held Saturday, April 29, 2006.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Friday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day and as usual, Winters will have the largest parade in Yolo County. It starts at the gazebo at 10 a.m., complete with a bag piper and sponsored by naturally, the Irish Pub.

NOT RUNNING: Mayor Dan Martinez has announced that he is not seeking reelection to the city council, so thanks for an outstanding four years of service. Some of us voted for him four years ago, thinking that we were voting for his father.

OBITUARIES

Nola Pittman

Nola Pittman of Colusa died Monday, March 6, 2006.

Born in Woodland on October 12, 1932 to Omar and Eliza Dickson, she lived in Woodland for 30 years before moving to Winters and living there for 30 years, and then to Colusa in 2001. She was a bookkeeper for 10 years and before that she managed the Plainfield Station Restaurant. She was a member of the Lighthouse Christian Church in Winters until moving to Colusa where she attended Charity Baptist Church.



Nola enjoyed crafts, ceramics, crossword puzzles and helping her grandchildren with homework. She was a member of one of the first pioneer families in Yolo County, the John Stoddard family. They settled on Road 27 in Woodland after coming to the United States from Scotland.

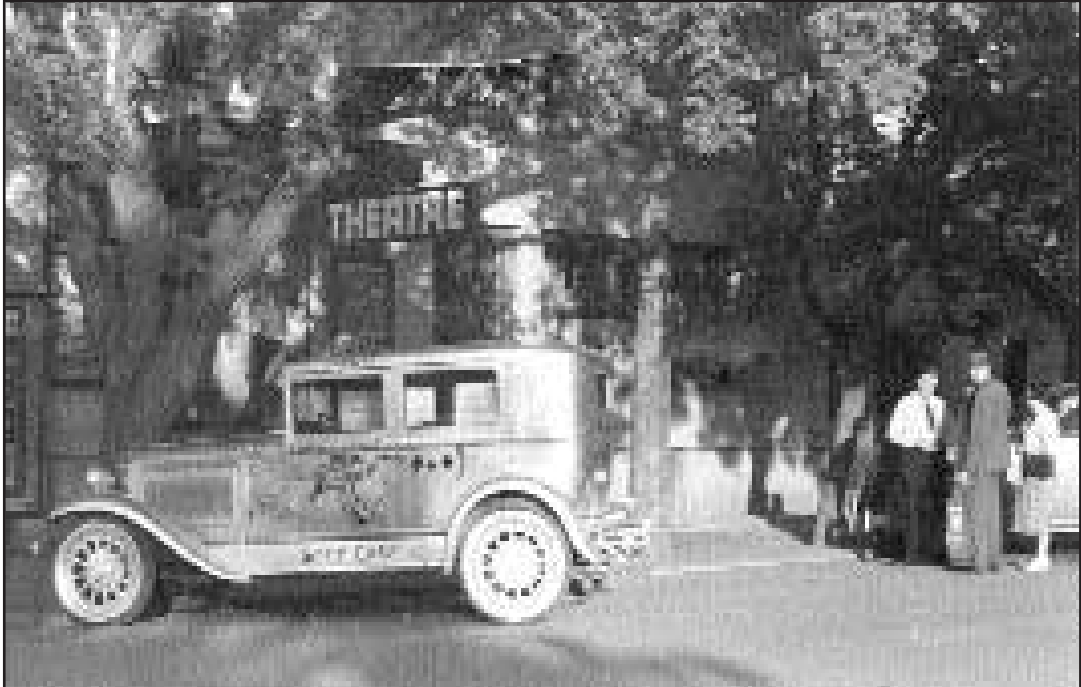
Nola is survived by one daughter: Bobbie McMahon of Colusa and husband Steve; and sons Gerald Dinsdale and wife Wendy of Dixon, Michael Pittman and wife Marla of Winters, Steve Pittman and wife Flo of Williams, Alan Pittman and wife Bobbie of Knights Landing.

Her grandchildren are Shawn Humphrey and husband Devin of Williams, Erin McMahon, Steven McMahon and Ryan McMahon of Colusa, Dustin Pittman and Brooke Pittman of Winters, Shyla Trojanowski and husband Jason of Winters, Jennifer Pittman Kayla Pittman, and Megan Pittman of Williams, Aaron Dinsdale, Myra Dinsdale and Owen Dinsdale of Dixon, Jessica Morse and boyfriend Kevin Foster of Woodland, and Jamie Nesbitt, John Nesbitt and Robert Nesbitt of Knights Landing. She is also survived by great grandchildren Alyxandra and Alexis McMahon of Colusa, Payton and Landon Humphrey of Williams, Derrick and Logan Pittman of Winters, Ian and Aislyn Trojanowski of Winters, and Elora Foster of Knights Landing.

She was preceded in death by son Richard Dinsdale, brother Leon Jones and Dick Dickson, and sisters Jacquilin Hallet, Theresa Hill and Leona Frei.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the Charity Baptist Church, 2150 Wescott

YESTERYEAR



Rod Baker collection
Pictured above is a Chevrolet "Jalopy" given away as a promotion at the Winters Theatre in May, 1938. Judge R.E. Degener, operator of the theatre, is at the curb in the white shirt.

35
YEARS AGO

March 25, 1971

Mrs. Nancy Wolfskill Thurber, 93, a lifetime resident of Winters, died last night in a Woodland rest home. Funeral services will be held at McNary's Chapel, Woodland, Friday at 10 a.m.

Plans were approved by the Winters Planning Commission Tuesday night for the reopening of the Winters Nursery at 501 East Street. Proprietors of the venture will be Vernon C. Bruhn, Vernon E. Bruhn, Robert C. Bruhn and Thomas Ehnat.

Yolo County Assessor Marian Baker told the county board of supervisors that Winters and Esparto school districts were hardest hit by losses in assessed valuation through inclusion of farm land in agricultural preserves during the past year.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning in the Kraft Funeral Chapel, Woodland, for Carl Rodgerdts, 67, Winters city attorney, who died last Wednesday night.

Dr. Jack Forbes of the Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University board of trustees has invited the public to the symbolic transmittal of the deed to the former communications site east of Winters by the federal government April 2, at 2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to paint the Scout Cabin at Fourth and Main streets on Saturday, March 27, according to Gail Wingard, administrative clerk for the city of Winters.

Mrs. Marilyn Maier was elected president of Beta Alpha Beta sorority at its last week's meeting, held in the home of Mrs. Mike Carbahal, with Mrs. John Kammerer acting as co-hostess.

Home from the California State Polytechnic College for a week's between quarters break are Charles Wallace, Tony Turkovich, Mardi Dozier and Joe Martinez.

50
YEARS AGO

March 29, 1956

The Winters Elementary School Board of Trustees will open bids on April 16 for the construction of a new school, to be built at the west end of Baker Street.

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight this week announced the reappointment of Thomas S. Pleasants of Winters to the Yolo County Fair Board. He was first appointed to the board in April 1950.

A building permit was issued by the city this week to John Ramos, to build a six room house at 436 West Main Street.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company is considering the possibility of buying the Pleasant Creek natural gas field here in order to use the basin to store natural gas brought in from Texas.

Last weekend, the Western Auto Store moved from the Maywood building on the north side of Main Street to the old Hotel Building on the south side of the street. Lin Schroeder, owner of the store, moved most of the stock and fixture on Saturday.

A 2/c Henry Sunderman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Sunderman, arrived on Sunday from Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, to spend a leave at home.

Miss Marilyn Vasey is home this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Vasey. She is a teacher in the Richmond schools.

Visitors Sunday with Mrs. Viola Sale were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sale, of Sacramento, and her daughter, Mrs. E.P. Bogart and son Dennis, of Vista.

B.P. Bellport, construction engineer for the Monticello Dam, said this week that Bureau of Reclamation engineers estimate that 800,000 acre feet of water has come down past the dam since last fall.

Louis Invernion and Raymond Johnson have enrolled for spring semester at Sacramento State College.

65
YEARS AGO

March 28, 1941

The incessant winter rains have proven too much for the apricot crop and also almonds. Taking the district as a whole, some estimates place the apricot crop at 20 to 30 per cent.

Harold Long and Go Quay Long, of Wolfskill District were listed among the group that answered the call to selective service and left Fairfield Wednesday for induction in San Francisco.

Supervisor W.O. Russell told members of the Winters Service Club Monday night that the low water bridge, at Tucker's crossing, was to be reconstructed as soon as the water would permit operations to begin.

New officers of the Fortnightly Club are: President, Mrs. Richard Frisbee; 1st vice pres., Mrs. W.W. Stark; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. A.R. Gale; recording secretary, Mrs. W.R. Pugh; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R.E. Veall; and treasurer, Mrs. T.K. Willard.

At the election of Youth Day officers held at the high school Wednesday, Teddy Mermod, freshman and senior nominee, was elected mayor.

Norman Dalgaard has enlisted for three years U.S.A. service and plans to leave Monday for Moffett Field.

Mrs. Arthur Shreeve, member of the Rebekah order for over 20 years was given a birthday surprise party Thursday evening by a group from the local order.

Ground was broken the first of the week for the 5-room bungalow for Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Freeman, at the corner of Grant Avenue and Third Street.

Miss Verna Rice and D.H. McCoy attended funeral rites Tuesday in Woodland for McCoy's cousin, J.H. Laugenour.

Berryessa
drops 1.66
feet in week

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by 1.66 feet during the past week with a reduction in storage of 32,427 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District. The lake is still 1.73 feet above the spillway.

Faulkner reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 441.73 feet above sea level with the storage computed at 1,635,805 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 55 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 3,910 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 42 acre feet of water per day during the week.

100
YEARS AGO

March 30, 1906

Sheriff Griffin's good little mare Princess David started in her first race at Emeryville Tuesday and surprised the talent by winning the event handily.

"The Last Loaf" was all right. It has a good appreciative crowd, and the high school piano fund is about \$75 to the good.

Will Wolfskill, J.B. Griffin, Joe Griffin, T.J. Goodin and Henry Peters will go to Samuel Springs tomorrow for a few days' fishing.

Miss May Dexter, county superintendent of schools, visited the Winters schools Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and the Buckeye, Apricot and Fairfield schools later.

Hoy's orchestra, enlarged to six pieces, will furnish the music for "Roanoke" Saturday night. This promises to be a treat for music lover.

Court Winters No. 87, L. of A. have elected Ed. Dunnagan as delegate and P.S. Bertholet, as alternate to the grand court of Foresters, which convenes in San Jose, May 1.

Ray Moler made a trip to Winters Wednesday, and will be here again Saturday evening. He is traveling for Baker & Hamilton.

P.N. Ashley, county surveyor, was here this week running the line for the irrigation ditch of the Highland Ditch Company.

Mrs. Mattie Lee arrived in Winters last Saturday from Baxter, Tennessee, and is visiting her mother Mrs. M.A. Wolfskill.

The announcement of the betrothal of Emma Grace Griffin and Harry Lyle Huston was made Friday last by Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Griffin at their home near Winters.

Get ready to rock

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

It's not often adults encourage kids to make noise, but that's just what's going to happen at the School of Rock, a new endeavor undertaken by Pastor Al Calderone of Discovery Worship Center. However, it won't be noise for long. Calderone plans to have students playing music in a band in no time.

Calderone says he noticed an after-school niche that needed to be filled in Winters. Although there are plenty of sports activities, there aren't many opportunities for local youth to get exposure to fine arts and music. A bass and guitar player for 38 years, a music teacher for 15 years, and currently member of a rock and roll band, Calderone decided to turn his expertise into a business. His School of Rock, although housed at Discovery Worship Center, is a completely independent undertaking, with a separate business license and insurance.

He stresses that the School of Rock is not evangelical in nature, and is not a youth ministry. It's all about the music. Inviting all the youth in town to come play music is a big endeavor for just one person, so Calderone will be joined by pianist Kellie Shafer, who began playing piano and keyboards since she was in junior high school, and has been playing in a band for 12 years; Michael Wade, with 10 years experience, will



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

All ready for aspiring music students are Rockin' Pastor Al Calderone (left) and Kellie Shafer. The School of Rock starts on Monday, April 3. Tuition is \$65 per month. For more information call Calderone, 902-0559, or Shafer, 795-0559.

teach drumming, and Cel Galabasa, one of Calderone's students and a band member, will assist in teaching bass and guitar.

Anyone over the age of 10 is welcome to participate, and although the program is geared toward youth, adults are also welcome. The mode of teaching will be to actually have students play as fellow band members, and learn as they go along.

"We'll get 'em onto the fast track," says Calderone, adding that musical talent is not a necessity, only a will to learn and a desire to have fun while doing it. "Anybody can learn an instrument. Talent helps, but it's not required. But fun is. No deadbeats allowed."

Calderone and Shafer both emphasize that fun will be central to the en-

tire process, which they describe as lively and upbeat while also educational.

"We just come here for the fun," says Calderone.

"Lots and lots and lots of fun," adds Shaffer with a smile.

Although musical theory will not be central to teaching, Calderone says students will pick it up as they go along, and those who wish to learn music theory can get that guidance as well.

Just teaching a group of new students to play a variety of instruments in a band setting is a task by itself, but Calderone doesn't plan to stop there. He envisions an eventual recording studio, live performances both locally and in neighboring communities, and a website with streaming music and video, as well as Podcasts

and a way to log in and get help with their music or make their own web pages.

With live performances, Calderone says students not only fine-tune their musical skills, they can overcome shyness and stage fright, and when they start to hear applause for their performances, that in itself is a motivating factor to keep going with their music.

"Get them hooked on applause — the free drug," says Calderone.

The type of music at the School of Rock will, of course, be mostly classic rock and roll. Calderone says the movie of the same name is what inspired him to start his own school locally, and adds that it may be the only one of its kind in Northern California.

Classes being on Monday, April 3, 4:30-5 p.m. at Discovery Worship Center,

315 Edwards Street. Classes will be held weekly, and cost \$65 per month per student. Anyone who wishes to participate but finds the tuition to be a hardship can talk with Calderone about applying for a partial scholarship.

Students should have their own instruments, but it's not an absolute requirement, and Calderone adds that all will have an opportunity to practice on professional quality instruments in the class.

"These aren't WalMart guitar specials," he says.

To sign up for the classes or for more information, call Calderone, 902-0559, or Shafer, 795-0559. Students can also show up on the day of the class.

Marquez gets life sentence

Antonio Marquez, of Winters, was sentenced on March 10 to 105 years to life, plus 14 years, eight months consecutive for the forcible molestation of two of his granddaughters. Honorable Michael Sweet, who presided over the trial, pronounced the sentence.

Marquez was convicted by a jury on June 20, 2005 for seven counts of violation of California Penal Code Section 269 (aggravated sexual assault of a child under 13 years of age). The assaults including rape, penetration by foreign object and oral copulation), eight counts of violation of Penal Code Section 288(a) (lewd and lascivious behavior with a child under the age of 13), one count of violation of Penal Code Section 422 (criminal threats) and one count of violation of Penal Code Section 288.5 (continuous sexual abuse of a child under 13). The children were 5 and 1 at the time of the offenses, which occurred in Woodland and Winters.

"Mr. Marquez is a violent sexual offender who molested his two granddaughters. I am gradified that he will never be able to victimize other children. Instead, he will serve out the remainder of his life in prison," said Deputy District Attorney Patricia Lenzi after sentence was pronounced.

Three turn in council seat papers

Although several people took out papers to run for the three available council seats in the June election, only three actually turned them in by press time on Tuesday: incumbent Harold Anderson, Glenn DeVries and Mike Martin. Because incumbents Steve Godden and Dan Martinez did not take out papers to run for office, the deadline to turn papers in was extended to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15.

Also turning in papers to run for office are incumbents Nanci Mills for the office of city clerk and Mike Sebastian for the office of city treasurer.

Golf lessons offered in Davis

The Davis Senior Center and Wildhorse Golf Course will provide golf lessons to both new and experienced golfers. In this three-week course, participants will learn the fundamentals of golf or brush up on already existing skills. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m. at the Wildhorse Golf Course. The six sessiond begin on April 10 and costs \$60.

To register or for more information, call the Davis Senior Center at 757-5696.

School board meets Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, March 16, at 6 p.m. at Winters Middle School in Room 1. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Recognition of Winters Middle School student Raeann Ramos and parent Patricia Ramos.
- ~ Recognition of students nominated for ACSA Every Student Succeeding Award: Ivett Arellano, John Clayton Kinder School; Aaron Maher, Waggoner Elementary School; Lupita Ibarra, Shirley Rominger Intermediate School; Aldo Guzman, Winters Middle School; Canny Campos, Winters High School; Xarielle Loki Tedder, Wolfskill High School.
- ~ Board workshop to review and discuss

technology in the Winters School District (6:20-8 p.m.).

~ Communication and reports.

Action items

- ~ Second period interim report; standards and criteria report.
- ~ California Fresh Start pilot program.
- ~ Course descriptions for Wolfskill High School.
- ~ Emergency fire alarm repairs at Winters Middle School; resolution authorizing the preparation of a contract in accordance with public contract code.
- ~ Resolution regarding eliminating positions and ordering layoffs for designated positions in the classified service due to lack of funds and lack of work.
- ~ Consent agenda (minutes, warrants, etc.)

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

HESITATE TO TELL YOU this story. It's like admitting you sneezed and peed your pants in a fancy restaurant or farted in yoga class — like one of those dreams where you're suddenly naked at the mall and frantically trying to hide behind a Starbucks cup. Too late. Everyone's seen you. And they're pointing and staring.

Most people shove these experiences deep into their psyches and never tell a soul. Me, I write columns about them. I decided this story will be a public service, for everyone out there who wet herself at Biba's or farted while perfecting his Proud Warrior; for everyone who did or will do something totally humiliating. They can think, "At least I didn't make as much of a boob of myself as Debra," and go merrily on their way. I'll suffer so you don't have to. It's just the kind of columnist I am.

I know, I know — get on with it.

First, some background. I had two thoughts when my daughter was accepted into San Francisco State to study art: "Fabulous!!!" and "Expense!!!" Sure, local community college is cheaper, but art's highly competitive. For serious art students, there's San Francisco, New York and "elsewhere." Janine isn't an "elsewhere" artist. She has a gift. I don't always understand that gift, because she doesn't draw cute little duckies and horsies. Her work requires more viewer effort than that. And it's not really, how shall we say... comfortable... artwork either.

Nothing perturbs her more than when I look at her work, cock my head, and say, "I don't get it," as one might do while stretching a string of bubble gum from one's mouth and twirling it around a finger. "It means whatever it means to you," she'll reply in temperamental artistic exasperation.

Such was the case with her 3-D piece, two forearms in a yin-yang-ish pose. Oozing from the sliced-open arms are delicate strands of red flowers, rather than blood. One hand holds a needle and thread, stitching the other back together. I think it's about turning pain into beauty; healing your own wounds. At least that's what I think on a good day. When I'm feeling maternally inadequate, I'm sure it means "You suck."

My daughter's art teachers chose this piece for a recent regional student art show at the Crocker Art Museum. Just being included in the exhibit was an honor, and we were delighted to discover upon arriving at the artist's reception that the piece won the Ruth Jansen Award for Best 12th Grade Entry.

But now, more background. Before getting in the car that day, I'd spent the entire morning fretting about college. One year's tuition and housing is roughly equivalent to my entire annual net income. That's a problem. Grants? Drop in the bucket. Scholarships? Easy for star football players. Artists? Who needs art? This is America! We don't want sculpture! We want touchdowns!

The impending college expense follows me around like a pet elephant, tapping me on the shoulder with its damp, stinky trunk, reminding me that very soon, it'll trample me flat, bellowing "Feed me!" like the gigantic alien plant in "Little Shop of Horrors." My pet elephant doesn't just shadow me, it follows my daughter around too. That morning, Jumbo had pestered us both. Relentlessly. I patted Janine on the knee as I drove and said, "Don't worry, we just need a little miracle."

Fast forward to the reception. Janine accepts her honors and returns to her seat. The announcer adds that there's a monetary award attached, and to come see her afterwards. A nearby woman turns to me and says, "That's a lot of money!"

Wowie! Could this be that little miracle? After the ceremony, the announcer said she needed Janine's Social Security number and that the award would be mailed. Hmmm. If she needed a Social Security number, this must be a substantial award.

"How much?" I asked.

"Fifty to 100," she replied.

My hopeful brain immediately filled in "thousand," and I burst into tears, babbling like an idiot, while total strangers patted me reassuringly. A waterfall of relief gushed through me. So this is what "luck" feels like! I could see Jumbo drifting into the air and bursting into oblivion like a big, fat soap bubble. Then my daughter nudged me and said, "Mom — it's 50 to 100 dollars."

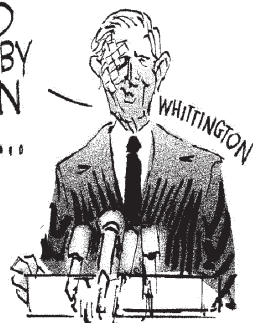
Oh.

Sniff sniff. Sniff.

Anybody got a Starbucks' cup?

Oh well, I thought as we drove home, look at the bright side. We weren't even expecting an award, so that was a wonderful surprise. And my daughter's artwork has hung at the Crocker, and she isn't even out of high school yet. That's very cool. And the spirit of Ruth Jansen smiled upon her. That's gotta be a good thing. Yes, all in all, everything's fine, fine, fine. And then I noticed old Peanut Breath sitting in the back seat.

I'M DEEPLY SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I CAUSED THE VICE PRESIDENT BY GETTING MY FACE IN HIS LINE OF FIRE...



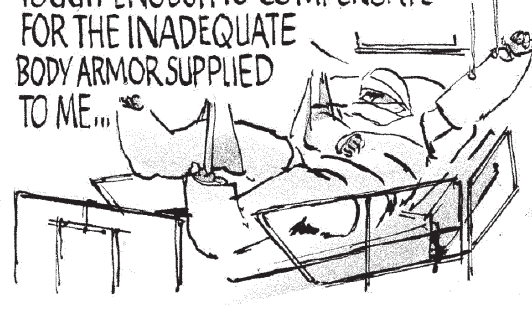
I'M DEEPLY SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I CAUSED THE ADMINISTRATION BY ALLOWING MYSELF TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED WHILE BEING TORTURED...



I'M DEEPLY SORRY TO HAVE INTERFERED WITH THE EAVESDROPPING POLICY BY BEING INNOCENT...



I'M DEEPLY SORRY MY BODY WASN'T TOUGH ENOUGH TO COMPENSATE FOR THE INADEQUATE BODY ARMOR SUPPLIED TO ME...



LETTERS

Uncontrolled dogs potentially dangerous

Dear Editor,

I just read your horrific story on the pit bulls that killed the little lhasa. It brought a lump to my throat and more than one tear to my eyes. I remember when I was growing up in rural Winters and loved running through the almond orchards with my dog in the spring when the trees were in bloom. But... even then, my boxer, Nick, was on a leash.

Hindsight is always 20/20 but I agree that Bailey and Lady should have been on leashes. At least the owners were present. However, that does not excuse the owner of the pit bulls. At the top of my pet peeve list are irresponsible "dog parents." If these dogs are so vicious that, in his own words, the owner cannot control them, this is an accident ready to happen.

This could have been small children strolling with their parents. I understand that the police department must follow the laws, but common sense should also figure into this, to prevent further instances with these dogs that are killers by instinct.

"Nice" dogs don't kill other dogs for sport. To blame the victim is just as unfair as turning these dogs back to the owner who cannot control them and exposing others to their uncontrolled behavior. I hope your article has made residents aware of not only this potential danger, but others as well. Thanks for letting me vent.

JOYCE MORRIS

Loose dogs are problem

Dear Editor,

As a local pet-sitter and dog lover, I'll add my two cents to the loose dog problem here in Winters.

My heart goes out to the Neils, who lost their beloved Bailey in the recent pit bull attack. I can't even begin to express my anger toward people who keep dogs that have been under-socialized, trained to viciousness, and yet admit they "can't control them." And it's not just pit bulls. Shepherds, little yapper dogs and even labs have seriously bitten people or other dogs. The dog's owner should be held responsible for his actions, whether or not he was the one who let them out.

Every week I walk dogs around town and almost every time, I see loose dogs out on the streets, no own-

er in sight. They usually have no collars or tags, but I know some are not strays. I know where they live. The owners sometimes have a genuine problem keeping their dogs confined — better fencing, training and good signage (please shut gate) could help. But others purposely let their dogs roam, unconcerned that their "beloved" pets could get hit by a car, shot, poisoned, stolen or lost.

Yes, the Neils were walking their dogs off-leash. Leash law or not, most people in rural areas feel safe letting their dogs run free while they are with them, in control of them, and not near sheep fields. And most dogs off leash do get along. I see that every week when I go to the Davis Dog Park. If Bailey had been on a leash, the pits may still have come after him and injured his owner as well. Or, what if kids had been playing in that field?!

BONNIE McMANUS

Express opinions on web site

Dear Editor,

Six weeks have passed since the Winters School Board vote to move the kinder school and in that time some of the anger and dismay caused by the vote has dissipated.

The effort to recall some of the Board of Trustees encountered a technical set-back due to a mistimed filing and has been effectively been put on hold so that the pulse of the community can be taken on this and other school district related issues.

Despite this set-back, I think that it is a tribute to the community that a vote to take away the John Clayton kindergarten from Winters has not been accepted in silence, for what would it say about our community if a facility as special as the kinder school died in a silence born of apathy?

The people in charge of our schools have made many mistakes in recent weeks in terms of their communication with the public. This, in turn, has created an atmosphere of mistrust and suspicion. There are also many questions left unanswered in relation to past, current, and future school district actions.

In an effort to keep the community informed and to get a sense of where the community stands on issues, a web site is now available to allow Winters residents to better stay abreast of school district

activities and express themselves on school district topics that concern them. The web site is not intended to simply present one side on issues. The Superintendent and Board members have been invited to submit their insights to be posted on the site. Everyone is encouraged to visit www.wintersrecall.org and express their opinions and to take part in a Winters email based poll.

Finally, I wanted to set the record straight on one issue. There was a lot of confusion after the February 2 Board vote as to whether the creation of two K-5 schools had been included in the Option A the Board approved. In my last letter to the editor, I had stated that one member of the board did not realize that the K-5 restructuring had been part of the proposal on which he voted. As it turns out, he seems to be one of the few who actually understood that the K-5 proposal was not part of the vote that evening. Although I did not mention the member by name, I extend my apologies for having misrepresented the situation.

TIM HOLMES

(Editor's note: Of course, we encourage citizens to also express their opinions the old-fashioned way, on the Express opinion page.)

Where is our civility?

Dear Editor,

Even though I personally love Bush bashing, I'm beginning to wonder whether Charley was right after all when he decried our collective loss of civility.

As a relative newcomer to Winters, I have been depressed about the tone of the debate over budget cuts in the Winters public schools. Critics of the superintendent and school board, who do not like recent decisions about moving kindergarten classes, talk as if these public servants are part of some evil cabal of selfish power mongers who don't have the integrity to take on their top superintendent.

Don't we want our school board members to respect the judgment of their top administrator? Some people would call this cooperation and a good working relationship. Boards that micromanage districts and fight with their superintendents make headlines: they are called dysfunctional, and their districts are usually in big trouble.

Why does the debate have to be personal? This is about educational poli-

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right to edit or reject any letter.

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

We will accept letters of thanks naming individuals and local Winters businesses.

Charley's column will return next week.

LETTERS

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cy, civilian governance and hard-working people who care about schools. It is not the school board's fault that the district is suffering from declining enrollment, cuts in state and federal revenue, record numbers of government mandates and students with diverse and complicated needs. School boards have the hard job of balancing competing and legitimate interests in order to keep the doors open

I don't have an opinion about whether the kindergarten program should move, but does there always have to be a bad guy when people disagree over policy? Can't decent, well-meaning people have honest debates about policy, and can't we admit that sometimes there is no "right" or "good" alternative?

I would oppose spending money on a recall; we have plenty of worthwhile programs that would make better use of my tax dollar.
CAROL BRYDOLF

Youth Day volunteers needed

Dear Editor,

Plans for the 70th Anniversary Winters Youth Day Celebration on April 29 are in full swing and donations continue to come in. Every bit of money goes right into the preparation of the annual event and is very much appreciated. Our major sponsor sign will be in place in early April on East Grant Avenue, so please let us know of any major donations so we can get your name or business on our sign in time.

Volunteers are still needed for help in the Kid's Faire area, the most popular area in the park on Youth Day afternoon. Several people are needed for relatively short shifts in the area to help supervise the children and booths. To help with the Kid's Faire, contact Kathy Donlevy at 795-1747.

Cars will be needed to help carry some of our dignitaries in the parade and a volunteer is needed to

help coordinate this portion of the parade. To help, contact me at 795-2091.

Thank you,
MIKE SEBASTIAN
Youth Day
Parade Chairman

Thanks for supporting my show

Dear Editor,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Winters community for supporting my senior project and talent show fundraiser at the community center on March 4. I was able to raise \$346 for Hurricane relief efforts, which will be donated via the American Red Cross of Yolo County.

I want to offer a special thanks to Town and Country Market, Lester Farms Bakery and Chuey's Taqueria for their generous donations of prizes for the event. I would also like to thank the Hill family and Elliot family for their support and help and the City of Winters for donating use of the Community Center.

I love how this community comes together in support of positive events and I felt very lucky to have the participation and support of all who contributed.

BRITTANY VIGIL

From pub to pizza

Dear Editor,

This is a very difficult letter to write. I am filled with mixed feelings. Charlie Martinez is leaving the Irish Pub. She has been offered the management position at the new Pizza Factory, which is scheduled to open in April, if all goes as planned.

I am so happy for her. This move will encompass and showcase her many talents. I plan on supporting her in this new endeavor. We wish her the very best.

The best part is, we can still visit her and have a very fine pizza—the best of both worlds.

Good luck Charlie, feed us well.

SUZY BONIN
Irish Pub & Coffeehouse

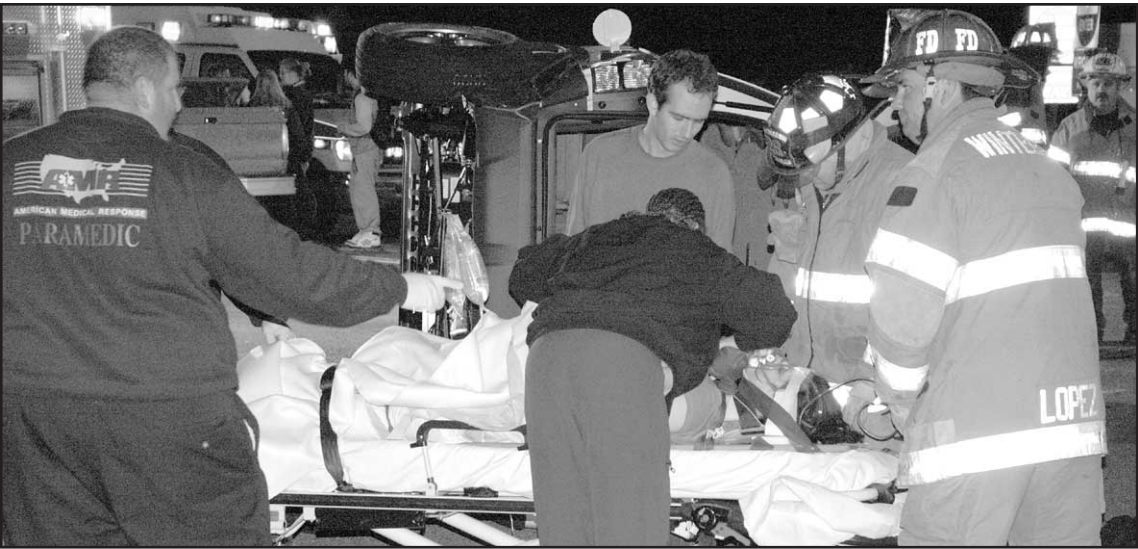


Photo by Charles Wallace

An unidentified person is tended by emergency personnel following a March 7 auto crash.

Time to take West Nile Virus precautions

◆ Mosquito season expected to arrive early, say experts

By **KATHY KEATLEY GARVEY**
UC Davis Entomology Department
Special to the Express

Standing water from winter storms, warmer temperatures and longer daylight hours spell two "B" words for mosquitoes: breeding and blood-sucking. Medical entomologists at UC Davis and mosquito abatement districts are adding another "B" word: Beware — mosquito season, and with it the West Nile virus (WNV), is arriving earlier this year.

Culex mosquitoes, the principal carriers or vectors of WNV, are usually the most active in California from April through October, but the unseasonable springlike weather awakens them like an alarm clock from their winter semi-hibernation, said medical entomologist Gregory Lanzaro, director of the UC Mosquito Research Program, director of the UC Davis Center for Vectorborne Diseases, and a professor of entomology at UC Davis.

"These conditions are like their wake-up call," Lanzaro said. "The mosquitoes that were infected with WNV before they went into their semi-hibernation or diapause, still have the virus. They're loaded and ready to go."

The disease, transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito, last year killed 18 people in California and infected more than 900 others throughout the state. Health officials found WNV in all 58 counties.

Last year's WNV outbreak in California was not an isolated case, said medical entomologist Robert Washino, chair of the UC Davis Department of Entomology and a 32-year member of the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito Vector Control District Board. "It's a preview of what's to come unless we take proactive actions."

"This year we're heading for a very high mosquito population," Washino predicted.

Long-term studies show that a high mosquito population accompanies a trio of specific weather conditions: heavy snowpacks in the Sierra Nevada mountains, a series of hard-hitting storms in the valley

with abnormally high rainfall, and springlike weather. That's why it's important to empty, turn over, throw out or cover all containers accessible to mosquitoes, and to take precautions with fish ponds, bird baths and fountains, the entomologists said.

"Excess water," Washino cautioned, "can result in heavy mosquito breeding."

The female mosquito, the designated drinker of

CRASH

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Memorial Hospital. Rebecca Earl, 24, of Eggham, England suffered major injuries and was airlifted by helicopter to the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

All except Tracy Simcock were wearing seatbelts. No alcohol or drug usage were suspected in the accident, which is still under investigation.

Mosquito vector control

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Al-Anon meets weekly in Winters

Al-Anon meets weekly every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 205 Russell Street.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of al-

coholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. Their philosophy is that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

PLAN

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outlet on the immediate corner, that would allow local growers to sell their produce, and a townhouse community surrounding it. A "Downtown Gateway" sign was also proposed at this corner, directing visitors to the core area. Bottomley noted that the ag retail outlet has been dubbed "Growers Station," and has generated much enthusiastic response.

"It will be an emporium for local ag businesses to display and sell their wares," said Bottomley.

One of the first priorities for the Downtown Master Plan will be the construction of bulb-outs at Railroad and Main, which will shorten the pedestrian crosswalk span, allow angled parking on the east side of Railroad Avenue and theoretically reduce traffic speed.

Council Member Steve Godden expressed concern over how tractor-trailer type delivery trucks would navigate narrower corners and park for deliveries in angled parking zones. Noting that the Downtown Master Plan includes improvements to the alleyway north of Main Street, which is frequently used for deliveries, Godden was concerned that changes in this area would further constrict delivery trucks.

"How are we not going to make that problem worse," asked Godden.

Bottomley assured him that the changes would not constrict the flow of traffic any more than it is now, and that the ability for delivery trucks to use the alley as they do now would not change.

"We didn't make it better, but we didn't make it worse," said Bottomley.

Not quite convinced, Godden noted that the police department often looks the other way when delivery trucks are unloading illegally, because when the downtown streets were built 100 years ago, no one envisioned tractor-trailer rigs needing to make deliveries. He also noted that the rigs are getting longer and longer, and even pulling into the alleys can be difficult.

Bottomley said that the relocation of the fire department may alleviate some of that problem, and may include a courtyard and more parking along the alley north of Main Street.

Council Member Tom Stone, while commenting, "I think the entire plan is fabulous," also cautioned that some of it may still be pie in the sky. Referring to the ideas for Railroad and Grant, he noted that "the property owners on the northeast corner have held that property very dear." Anything that happens on that corner would be dependent upon the owners' willingness to see. The property currently houses Double M Trucking.

Stone added that he is interested in bringing another supermarket to town, and inquired about locating it on that corner. Bottomley responded that some committee members preferred a location closer to Main Street. City Manager John Donlevy added that most chain supermarkets won't consider locating in a town of less than 16-18,000 in population because they have become so large, serving not only as supermarkets, but drug stores, bank outlets and coffee kiosks as well.

Council Member Woody Fridae expressed a preference for a Railroad Avenue redesign that incorporated narrow street designs, noting that inn towns like Santa Rosa, where the roads narrow in

the downtown business district, the narrowing streets force traffic to slow down.

"Narrow streets are safer," said Fridae.

Earlier on, Bottomley had mentioned the possibility of a stop light at Railroad and Main to accommodate left-turn lanes, and Fridae expressed concerns that this corner not end up looking like the corner of Railroad and Grant. Fridae said he's heard many comments that while people like how well the lights work and sense traffic, they are unhappy with how wide the street is when crossing the corner on foot.

"It's the worst — like a football field between you and the other side," said Fridae, asking, "How'd we get that aspect of it wrong? CalTrans?"

"You got it exactly right — CalTrans," responded Donlevy.

Following council commentary, the public hearing was opened. Sandy Vickrey, owner of Realty World, 37 Main Street, said, "It's an interesting plan. I've lived here all my life. Change is not always an easy thing." Her main objection was to the bulb-outs.

"The bulb-outs are atrocious," she said. "They take up two parking spaces at the corner, which can be vital if The Palms or the Buckhorn are busy. That is eight spaces lost on a corner."

Vickrey also expressed displeasure over the concept of three-story buildings in the downtown area, and said she'd like to see more focus placed on repairing the sidewalks.

"People trip on them all the time."

She added that the memorial benches and new garbage cans have made the downtown area much nicer, and hoped these things would remain when other changes take place.

"Let's keep the character of Winters and not totally change it," said Vickrey.

Glenn DeVries, who operates a business at 112 Main Street suggested the town of St. Helena as a role model for Winters, and agreed with Vickrey on the bulb-outs.

"They're too small, they take up space, and they're confusing," said DeVries, and also expressed doubt about whether the owners of Double M are interested in relocating from Railroad and Grant, and agreed with Godden regarding the difficulty in accommodating large delivery trucks downtown.

"We can't move the buildings," said DeVries. "We have to make do with the streets we have."

Stone asked Bottomley if the bulb-outs are "a done deal." Bottomley replied that they are not, adding, "Either you love 'em or you hate 'em." Donlevy pointed out that a bulb-out in front of Putah Creek Café would make eating outdoors more enjoyable on that corner.

In addition to delivery truck difficulties, Godden added that parking is congested downtown because business owners and their employees take up much of the available parking spaces.

"Business owners and employees take up the bulk of the downtown parking," confirmed Donlevy, suggesting that parking meters or starting to actually enforce the parking restrictions might discourage this.

Mayor Dan Martinez, Council Member Harold Anderson and City Attorney John Wallace were all present for the meeting, but did not comment due to conflict of interest as business owners within the Downtown Master Plan area. Fridae and Stone also have conflicts of interest as residential property owners in the

area. City protocol allows for the drawing of straws in these situations so the council can still function. By straw vote, Martinez and Anderson stepped down and left the room. Wallace is not a voting member of the council. The Downtown Master Plan was approved unanimously, in a concurrent vote of the Community Development Agency.

Godbe survey

Donlevy recapped the results of a survey done by the Godbe Research Firm, which surveyed 148 residents by telephone to find out the likelihood that each would support an increase in city fees to pay for a variety of things, such as park improvements or increased police staffing, to determine if there is enough voter support for a measure to increase taxes on the June or November 2006 ballot. Based on the responses, Godbe determined that there is not enough voter support to pursue a tax measure on either upcoming ballot.

Donlevy said the study showed a need for "additional community education" to show the need for higher taxes before proceeding, and recommended tabling the issue until a later date. Fridae commented that the survey still offered an opportunity for the council to listen to citizens' concerns.

Planning Commissioner Ceceila Curry, who was present in the audience, asked if the results will be published. Donlevy said they are available at City Hall for anyone who wants to read them.

Habitat Mitigation Plan

Before opening a public hearing on the Habitat Mitigation Plan, Community Development Director Dan Sokolow asked for a delay of action to adopt a citywide habitat mitigation program until after a meeting with the Yolo County planning staff, which has yet to view the final proposal. Questions remained over using ag land to satisfy habitat mitigation and allowing flexibility in the plan for "unique situations," such as small bits of land where species such as Swainson's hawks or burrowing owls may be nesting.

Although action on the plan was not taken, the council proceeded with the public hearing to allow public commentary. Maria Wong, executive director of Yolo County Habitat/Natural Communities Conservation Plan Joint Powers Authority attempted to clarify confusion over why Winters can't mitigate habitat in Solano County. Explaining that although mitigating habitat across county lines may meet the requirements for a developer under state law, each county must meet a specified amount of mitigated habitat within its boundaries. Therefore, any habitat mitigated in another county would not count toward that county's requirements.

Sokolow pointed out that this can cause frustration because, for example, Swainson's hawks are already nesting in Solano County, within the seven-mile mitigation zone, so it makes more sense to include them in the city's mitigation area.

"It's not just a matter of political boundaries," said Stone, "in many ways it divides our community."

Kathryn Kelly, executive director of the Yolo Land Trust, also provided clarification about mitigation relating to conservation easements on ag land. A conservation easement is one way a developer can mitigate for property that was once ag land on which, for example, Swainson's hawks forage.

If that foraging land is developed into housing, the developer can pay a farmer a one-time fee for the same acreage of nearby land in similar ag production. For that fee, the farmer agrees to restrict the types of crops grown to those the hawks favor.

"Ag land may not be taken out of production for purposes of qualifying for mitigation," said Kelly. "Land needs to stay in production, but we won't force farmers to stay in production if the commodity prices aren't there. But they have to keep the land remaining usable. It can't go to shoulder-high weeds. We try to meet the needs of the hawks and the needs of the landowner."

Martinez mentioned that "there is money in the bank" for conservation easements, but none have yet been purchased. Sokolow pointed out that two or three housing developments will break ground this year, and he'd like to have the habitat mitigation plan worked out by then so that in-lieu fees aren't the only local mitigation option for developers.

"We have an immediate need to get those easements in as close proximity to the city as possible," said Sokolow.

Katherine Portman of the Burrowing Owl Preservation Society also addressed the council and pointed out the various aspects of the mitigation plan that met with her group's approval.

Fridae requested that the city's planning consultant, Heidi Tseudin, also review the habitat mitigation plan before it comes back before the council.

Zoning issues

~ As with the discussion of the Downtown Master Plan, Martinez, Anderson

and Wallace once again had to step down due to conflicts of interest for discussion of how to deal with property owned by Glenn DeVries at 112 Main Street. DeVries purchased the building as commercial property in the central business district, and would now like to have it rezoned as residential. However, the city's zoning ordinance does not allow for commercial property to be reverted back to residential in a mixed use zone, even if the property was originally residential when it was built, as this one was.

"We have a zoning ordinance — what does it say?" asked Godden. "If it says he can do it, he can. If it says he can't, he can't."

Godden added that he was uncomfortable being put in a position where it felt like the council had to take sides.

"We have a zoning ordinance. Either it meets the zoning ordinance or it doesn't. Let's follow the ordinance," said Godden. "Whether it's a house or a business, I don't care. I want to be consistent with city law."

Fridae respectfully suggested to Godden (the city's former police chief for 21 years) that the council is not quite the same as law enforcement, and that although it enforces city codes, the council is also in the position to change them.

"We look at ordinances, we follow them, but we have the power to change the ordinance," said Fridae. However, he added that changing ordinances is a lengthy process. "It's not something we undertake lightly."

DeVries said he was in a bind with the property, unable to get a business loan because the property

wasn't properly converted to commercial standards, even though the commercial zoning was approved by the city, and he is unable to use it as a residence because it is zoned commercial. However, he pointed out that with residential property on both sides of his building, "no one is complaining about what I want to do."

As it was getting quite late in the evening, the council directed city staff to investigate the issue in more depth and bring it back on a future agenda.

Other items

~ Margaret Dozier was honored with a city proclamation for 21 years of service as the city treasurer. It was announced that she was also chosen as this year's Youth Day Honorary Grand Marshal.

~ Charlie Simpson, public works director for the city of Winters, accepted a proclamation on the city's behalf, recognizing March 7, 2006 as California Arbor Day.

~ A proclamation was presented to Katie Villagegas, recognizing the Children's Health Initiative Healthy Kids Kick-off program.

~ A resolution declaring March 2006 as Women's History Month, with the theme of "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams" was passed unanimously.

~ Fridae was chosen as the liaison to the county's homeless issues committee.

~ Approved an ordinance amending sections of the Winters Municipal Code requiring financial security for improvements required as part of new developments. A public hearing was held prior to the vote; no one spoke.

VIRUS

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districts throughout the state are gearing up for the onslaught.

“It’s important to take preventive measures now because if we can reduce the numbers of the first generation of mosquitoes, it can prevent mosquito populations from reaching their full potential later on in the season,” said Dave Brown, manager of the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District. “WNV is here to stay, so we are going to have to be diligent at keeping mosquito populations low to avoid transmission of the virus.”

First discovered in the West Nile district of Uganda in 1937, West Nile virus was identified in New York in 1999 and in California in 2002. For the last two years, California’s WNV deaths and infection rates led the nation. Sacramento County, the nation’s “hottest hot spot,” tallied a record 175 human cases in 2005.

Statistics throughout the United States last year showed 2949 cases of WNV and 116 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Although most WNV infections are mild, with flu-like symptoms, WNV can cause severe infections that may include neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis, and rarely, death, Lanzaro said. The most serious is encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

CDC officials estimate that about one in five people bitten by an infected mosquito will become ill, and less than one percent of infected individuals will require hospitalization. People over 50 and those immune-compromised are most susceptible to West Nile disease. The mosquito-borne disease also infects and kills horses and birds.

The Culex female, which lives about three weeks, can lay approximately 250 eggs in her lifetime. The egg stage lasts one to two days; larva stage, about 7 to 12 summer days; and pupa stage, two to three summer days.

Brown said WNV prevention starts with “eliminating standing water on your property.” Anything that can hold water for more than a few days can be-

come a breeding site, the mosquito experts said. This includes the more obvious rain barrels, recycle bins, uncovered trash cans, flat roofs, roof gutters, street gutters, ditches, catch basins, wheelbarrows, fountains, plastic wading pools, and livestock watering troughs, but also window boxes, pet watering bowls, lawn ornaments, tree holes, flower pot saucers, ashtrays, candleholders, old tires, table umbrella bases, tin cans, jars and bottles, and children’s toys, such as wagons, beach buckets and tire swings.

Other spots include tire tracks or ruts; plastic pipes and pipefittings; tarp covers over boats, recreational vehicles, woodpiles and grills; unmaintained swimming pools, spas, hot tubs and septic tanks; covers of swimming pools and hot tubs; backyard or back-porch aquariums; tops of light fixtures; tops of heating and air conditioning units, low spots in lawns (from overwatering or rain); and leaky areas beneath faucets.

“When people irrigate their lawns or gardens,” Brown said, “they should avoid using so much water that it runs off into the roadside ditch or catch basin. Irrigating only what needs to be irrigated saves precious water and eliminates mosquito breeding, which can turn into a cost savings for everybody concerned.”

Favorite breeding spots include old water-filled tires. Residents should remove them from their property or drill holes in them. This includes drilling holes in children’s tire swings and in tires used for landscaping retaining walls.

Other tasks that residents can do to help eliminate mosquito breeding sites include:

~ Clean or hose out birdbaths and fountains at least once a week, preferably twice a week.

~ Stock fish ponds with mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis), which eat the larvae.

~ Remove excess vegetation around ponds and yards; females like to lay their eggs in algae at the edge of the pond, and adult mosquitoes like to rest in dense shrubbery.

~ Use dunks (doughnut-shaped pellets) or Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. israelensis (BTI) to kill

mosquito larvae in larger ponds. Both are non-toxic to animals.

~ Clean clogged roof gutters, which can produce millions of mosquitoes.

~ Overturn wheelbarrows and plastic wading pools to prevent water accumulation.

~ Drill holes in permanent backyard containers to drain any water.

~ Keep water fresh in pet bowls.

~ Maintain swimming pools and spas with chemicals and filters.

~ Remove trash such as discarded tires, cans, cups, tin foil, plastic and paper.

~ Adjust tarps over vehicles or firewood to allow water runoff.

~ Fill tree holes with dirt or cement.

~ Empty any excess water in dumpsters, trash cans and recycle bins, and overturn the lids.

~ Make sure window and door screens are “bug tight.”

~ Replace outdoor lights with yellow “bug lights,” which tend to attract less mosquitoes than ordinary lights.

~ Screen back porches if you like to sit outside in the open air.

Even the plastic sheeting that landscapers place under bark or rock to prevent weeds from poking through can be a “water bed” for eggs, larvae and pupae, the mosquito experts said. The sheeting should be replaced with a landscape fabric that prevents weeds yet allows drainage.

Although Culex mosquitoes do not lay their eggs in fast-moving creeks, they can and do lay their eggs in water-filled tin cans and other trash thrown in the water. Earth Day (April 22) should be observed every day, the mosquito experts agreed.

Brown recommends the 7 D’s of West Nile virus precautions and protection: Dawn, Dusk, Drain, Dress, Defend, Door, DEET and District:

~ Dawn and Dusk: Avoid spending time outside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

~ Drain: Empty standing water on your property.

~ Dress: Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt outdoors when mosquitoes are the most active. Wear loose clothing of a thick material.

~ Defend: Use effective repellents such as DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus, as recommended by the EPA. It is crucial to follow the label instructions.

~ Door: Be sure your door and window screens are tight-fitting so mosquitoes can’t pass through.

~ DEET: This insect repellent, for adults, is effective on your clothing, but should be used sparingly on exposed skin. Be sure to follow the label and read the precautions on the EPA Web site, /www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/deet.

District: Mosquito vector and control district personnel are on hand to address any mosquito problem.

Since the State Legislature authorized the formation of mosquito abatement districts in 1915, some 61 mosquito and vector control agencies now serve the people of California, according to Christopher Voight, executive director of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California, Sacramento.

The California districts incorporate a three-pronged attack-surveillance, public education and mosquito control. The agencies monitor and control larval and adult mosquito populations; monitor activity of vector mosquitoes and disease agents, and provide information to the communities.

More information is available from the UC Mosquito Research Program Web site at www.ucmrp.ucdavis.edu or call 752-6983; the Mosquito Vector and Control Association of California Web site at www.mvcac.org/ or call (916) 440-0826; and mosquito abatement districts throughout the state, including the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District at www.fightthebite.net/ or call (800) 429-1022.

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Weekly police report

March 1-2

~ On the first block of Main Street, a black permanent marker was used to write graffiti on the back of a business.

March 6

~ On the 500 block of East Street, eggs were thrown at a residence.

~ A vehicle owned by Felipe Cruz Hernandez, 36, of Winters was parked in the parking lot between 42 and 48 Main Street. The driver of a vehicle backed up and collided into the front of Hernandez’ vehicle. Both parties checked their vehicles and found no damage at that time. The parties did not exchange information. Hernandez later found a dent on the front bumper of his vehicle.

~ On the 800 block of West Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

March 7

~ Ryan Joseph Koziol, 18, of Vacaville was arrested for possessing a dangerous weapon (metal knuckles). Koziol was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

At Russell Blvd. and I-505, an officer assisted the

California Highway Patrol with a vehicle accident.

March 8

~ David Eugene Dearing, 21, of Checotah, Oklahoma, was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver’s license.

March 9

~ On the 600 block of First Street, a vehicle was vandalized. Estimated damage: \$1,000.

~ At Edwards Street and Second Street, a purse was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$600.

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

~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

March 10

~ On the 200 block of Wild Rose Lane, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

~ On the 1000 block of Adams Lane, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

March 10-11

~ On the 200 block of Fourth Street, a fence was vandalized. Estimated damage: \$200.

Community

Winters Cub Scouts win Youth Day theme contest



Courtesy photo

Winters Cub Scout Pack 600 was the winner of this year’s Youth Day theme contest. Their entry was “Celebrating Youth Generation by Generation.” From left are (front) Nathan Lester, Tommy Halbach, Nicholas McKenna and Morgan Johannessen; (middle) (name withheld by parent’s request), Loren Tolley, Austin Freed, William Halbach, Dante Mazza, Tristen Gomez, Matthew Pomeroy, Liam Allen, Brandon Freed, Tynam Spalding, Christopher Kays, Zachary Cox and Robert Warwick-Sabino; (back) Jane Kays, Robert Sabino, Tony Freed, Sheri Lester and Clinton Freed.

Yolo County food bank hours

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible Winters residents on March 17 at Yolo Housing at the Child Development Center, Road 32. The distribution will begin at 8:30 and will end around 9:30 a.m. The food bank will return again on March 24 at First Baptist Church, on 512 First Street. The food bank will be available from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Commodities to be distributed may include green beans, cling peaches, peanut butter, peas, tuna, and vegetable soup. All commodities may not be available at both sites. Participants may receive food at only one site. Eligible participants are asked to bring a bag to carry their food home. For information call the Food Bank of Yolo County at 758-6821.

Hazardous waste drop-off day announced

The Yolo County Public Works Department is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off Day at the Yolo Landfill on Saturday, March 25. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. only. The Yolo County Central Landfill is located at the intersection of County Roads 28H and 104, Northeast of Davis. Call 666-8729 or visit www.yolo-county.org/recycle for directions or more event information.

Types of materials that will be accepted include: batteries, cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, antifreeze, aerosol cans (no empties), garden pesticides and herbicides,

electronic devices with a circuit board (VCRs, cell phones, microwaves, telephones, printers, radios, computers, monitors, TVs), latex or oil based paints, solvents, poisons, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, electrical switches/relays, pilot light sensors, mercury thermostats, used motor oil and used oil filters.

The Department of Transportation regulations allow residents to haul up to 125 pounds or 15 gallons of household hazardous waste.

Household hazardous waste will be accepted from Yolo County residents only. No agricultural, medical or infectious waste, please.

Entertainment

Quique Critique

By Debra Lo Guercio

OK, THEATRE SNOBS will cringe as I say this, but it's a bit disappointing to see the stage production of "Chicago" after you've seen the movie. Particularly if you're up in the nose-bleed seats. Without binoculars. Those dancers were mighty tiny way down there, but mighty spectacular from all the way up there nonetheless. That was the strongest feature of this play — the dancing and choreography. It was innovative, fresh and sharp, particularly the "Cell Block Tango" (with it's famous "He Had It Comin'" number), and both leading actresses Michelle DeJean as Roxie Hart and Terra McLeod as Velma Kelly knew their way around their dancing shoes.

DeJean made for a spunky Roxie Hart and has a fabulous voice, and gave an overall solid performance. McLeod had a powerful stage presence, but her singing voice has a strange flatness to it that grates on the ears at times. Greg Evigan as Billy Flynn was adequate, and Kevin Carolan as Amos Hart was most endearing. Carol Woods as "Mama" has an impressive set of lungs, and an amazing ability to flutter a single note out to several measures long and octaves high and low. But she can belt it out.

Something about this production seemed "off." Maybe because it was a Sunday matinee and the weather was lousy, who knows. It was an enjoyable play, no doubt — how can you go wrong with "Chicago"? But the energy was off in a can't-quite-put-my-finger-on-it sort of way. A "phoned it in" kind of way. On the other hand, maybe after you've seen Catherine Zeta Jones virtually sizzle on the screen as Velma Kelly, the bar is set so high that anything else is a letdown. But don't let me stop you — go see "Chicago" and decide for yourself.

"Chicago" continues at the Community Center Theatre through March 19. For tickets, call the Community Center Theatre box office, (916) 264-5181, or go online to www.sacBroadway-Series.com.

Happy
St. Patrick's Day
from the
Express staff

Phantom notes



Courtesy photo

Phantom Rhythm Revival have been playing together for over a quarter century. They originally practiced at Keith Carey's shed but under George Sanders leadership were able to practice in the Masonic Hall. Those of you who have followed their music are in luck for the band is appearing in *Note of Elegance* on March 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. *Note of Elegance* raises money for the music programs in Winters schools, a cause much supported by these band members. Tickets (\$12/\$15) can be purchased at the high school or at Ace Hardware. Band members are, from left, Richard Hemenway, Dwight Howard, Linda Eastman and Bruce Brewer.

'Arms and the Man' quite enjoyable

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

With its latest production, George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man," the Winters Theatre Company reinforces its solid track record of presenting an enjoyable evening celebrating the small miracle of taking a handful of locals, practicing for weeks and molding it all into a fine little stage production. "Arms and the Man," showcased both some familiar favorites as well as some relative newcomers, and the performance was even and entertaining.

The story revolves around the hijinks after a desperate soldier from the Serbian army (he's actually just a Swiss hired gun) climbs a wall and hides in the bedroom of the daughter of a Major in the Bulgarian army, circa 1885. The daughter, Raina Petkoff (Amy Vyvlecka), is the fiancé of Bulgarian soldier Sergius Saranoff (Ryan Favorite). But of course, Raina starts to have second thoughts about Sergius after hiding Captain Bluntschli (Trent Beeby) in her bedroom and feeding the hungry soldier chocolate creams. Hence the resulting confusion over who (or what) the Chocolate Cream Soldier is.

Further complicating matters is the tempestuous servant girl, Louka (Helen Dahlberg), who has her eye on Sergius, and servant Nicola (Rodney Orosco), who has his eye on Louka. In the midst of all this, Major Petkoff (Tom Rost) remains clueless until the end about everything transpiring around him — he has an army to worry about. Of course, his wife, Catherine (Germaine Hupe), does her best to keep him as clueless as possible.

Confused? Go see the play, and you won't be. It all works out in the end.

As Raina, Vyvlecka captures the spoiled daughter of wealth quite nicely. Raina is a sweet little brat — a princess — and Vyvlecka communicates this very well. She shows

much promise on stage, and will be fabulous as she gets more roles under her belt. Contrast to Vyvlecka's Raina is provided by Dahlberg as Louka, who brings anger, bite and cunning rebellion to her character. Dahlberg would be fabulous in a dramatic role. She hints at having much more dramatic range than this role allowed. Hopefully, she'll have future opportunities to bring them to the stage. I see her as "Katherine" in "Taming of the Shrew."

Then we have the veterans, Beeby, Rost and Hupe, who have all appeared in several WTC productions. Beeby gets more and more comfortable in his roles, following a smash performance in the last WTC play, "A Christmas Story." He has learned the art of toning the "Acting!" down enough to really become his character. Ditto for Rost, who seemed as comfortable in his role as the Major as if wearing old sneakers. Of all in the play, Rost seemed the least like he was Acting!, which is a difficult skill to master. Hupe, of course, is lovable, animated and bubbly, in this role as in all others. It's hard not to smile when she comes on the stage.

Ryan Favorite, of all the characters, seemed to tickle the audience's funny bone the most (given, it was a strange audience that laughed at inexplicable moments — the audience gets a huge "thumbs-down" for this performance) and has a huge stage presence. Favorite did a great job with the role, but is still Acting!, and doing so at full volume. When he's in a scene, it's like listening to a stereo when the bass or treble is turned up too high and drowns everything else out. In every play, there should be at least one "room for improvement" suggestion. For this play, it would be to balance the "stereo" amongst the actors. Maintain Favorite's humorous portrayal and antics, but turn down the volume a bit. A little Favorite goes a

long way.

Orosco, as Nicola, was quite interesting on stage. Like Dahlberg, he brings qualities to the stage that his particular character didn't offer a chance for him to explore and was a bit miscast. Orosco's Nicola was strangely creepy. Sinister almost. Orosco also should stretch his dramatic range if the opportunity arises. If any upcoming plays are searching for a dark villain or ax-murderer, Orosco is your man. He has excellent control of his dialogue, and needs to graduate to roles that allow more acting. (Note: acting, not Acting!)

"Arms and the Man" was artfully directed by the most excellent Howard Hupe, with assistance from JoAnn May. The play continues at the Winters Community Center on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. The March 18 show is a dinner/theater benefit for the Yolo Family Service Agency.

Tickets for the March 17 and 19 shows are \$9 general admission, \$6 for students and seniors. For tickets or reservations, call 795-4014.

Tickets for the March 18 dinner show are \$40 each with tables of eight available for \$320. Ticket price for the dinner show includes meal, beverage and reserved seating. Sponsorships ranging from \$150 to \$1,000 are available, and include event tickets with priority seating, complimentary beverages, and marketing benefits.

Tickets for the March 18 showing must be purchased from Yolo Family Service Agency. Tickets may be purchased at 455 1st Street between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets may be reserved by calling 662-2211. YFSA accepts Visa and Mastercard.

Sports



Photos by Eric Lucero
Damon Miles (above) swings and Sebastian Salas (right) runs home at a recent baseball game.

Warriors beat Woodland Christian, Esparto

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Warriors varsity baseball team bounced back from their season opening loss to Will C. Wood and picked up two victories at home starting with a 14-3 win over Woodland Christian on Thursday, March 9. Brock Neil got the win for the Warriors as he started on the mound before being relieved by John Avellar and then Jacob Thorne.

At the plate Danny Campos led the Warriors batting 3 for 4 with 2 runs scored. Brenden Benson batted 2 for 2 with 3 runs scored. Nick Hedrick batted 1 for 2 with a homerun and 2 runs scored. Nathanael Lucero batted 1 for 3 with a double. Alex Thomson scored 3 runs; Brock Neil scored 2 runs, while Sebastian Salas and Thorne each scored one run for the Warriors.

On Saturday, March 11, the Warriors were glad the weather stayed dry enough to get in a game against Esparto as they went on to beat the Spartans 14-8. The game didn't start out

the way the Warriors had wanted as they gave up five runs in the first inning. But the Warriors didn't wait long to get them back as they scored five of their own in the bottom of the first. Winters scored two more in the second, five more in the fourth, then two more in the fifth for the victory.

Joe Fiori started on the mound for the Warriors and threw the first inning. Lucero pitched the next four innings while striking out four batters, no walks and no hits. Salas came in for his debut to throw the next two innings and gave



up just three runs and just one hit.

Salas batted 2 for 4 with a run scored and 3 RBI. Lucero batted 2 for 4 with a double, 2 runs scored and 2 RBI. Hedrick batted 1 for 1 with a triple, 3 runs scored and 3 RBI. Jorge Franco batted 1 for 3 with 3 RBI. Sophomore Cody Campos was brought up from the JV team for the game and batted 1 for 4 with 3 runs scored in his varsity debut. Danny Campos scored 3 runs. Fiori had a RBI on a sacrifice fly, while Nick Medina and Damon Miles each scored a run for the Warriors.

Varsity softball team wins one loses one

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

of hitting," said Coach Calvert. "But we improved as the game went on."

On Saturday, March 11, the Warriors played host to Esparto and suffered a disappointing 11-5 loss in eight innings of play. After falling behind early in the game the Warriors staged a comeback and tied the game in the bottom of the seventh when Calvert led off with a double, stole third then scored on a single by Lizarraga. Winters had bases loaded with just one out in the seventh but were unable to score a run for the victory. Esparto then took advantage of a pitching change and some Warrior errors and scored five unanswered runs in the eighth inning. Calvert pitched seven innings for the Warriors, struck out 10 batters, allowed five hits and five runs.

Graham batted 2 for 4 with a RBI; Lizarraga batted 2 for 4 with 3 RBI's. Calvert batted 2 for 5 for the Warriors, and Fox had one hit for the Warriors.

JV boys beat Esparto 10-1

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School JV baseball team beat the visiting Esparto Spartans on March 11, by a score of 10-1. Kevin Rowell led the Warriors on the mound as he threw the first four innings and struck out the first seven batters he faced and finished with eight strikeouts, gave up two hits, and walked just one in four innings. Wesley Kraitz pitched the next three innings and had six strikeouts, gave up just two hits and two walks. "We had a good day on the mound," said coach Daniel Ward. "We did a good job defensively and were very patient offensively."

Aaron Geerts, Alex Huizar and Taylor Brickley each batted 2 for 2 to lead the Warriors at the plate. Ray McIntire batted 2 for 4 and Rafael Martinez had one hit for the Warriors. "We had eight walks and no strikeouts," Ward said. "Like I said we were very patient at the plate."

Girls soccer team receive awards

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Girls soccer team held their annual awards ceremony on Thursday, March 2, and placed seven players on the Butte View

All league team. Leslie Contreras, Cindy Houck, Mariabel Escobedo and Danielle Murphy were all named to the first team all league, while Ari Hoover, Fabiola Silva and Maria Lopez all made honorable mention. Lilian Biosrame was given

the coaches award and Cara McCoy earned the Senior Scholar athlete award. The Warriors finished the season with a 12-5 overall record and had an 8-2 record in the BVL for a second place finish.

Warriors fall in semi-finals

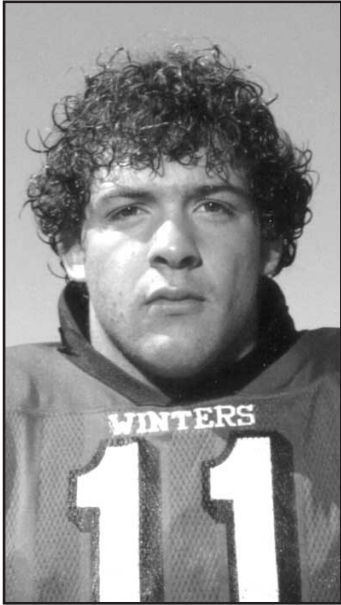
By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity girls basketball team lost to Orland 58-46 in the semi-finals of the Northern Section division IV playoffs on Wednesday, March 1, at Orland to put an end to their championship run. Despite the disappointing loss the Warriors have to be proud of their season as they tied a school record with 21 wins this season and took second in the Butte View League.

Jaclyn Stocking led the Warriors with a double-

double as she scored 13 points, pulled down 14 rebounds, and had three assists, a steal and two blocks. Natalie Cooley scored 11 points, had five rebounds, six assists, two steals and a block. Rebecca Salas scored nine points, had two rebounds, a steal, and one assist. Courtney Stocking scored seven points, grabbed six rebounds and had two steals. Lauren Yehle scored four points, had three rebounds, two assists, a steal and a block, while Brittney Allen scored two points and had two rebounds for the Warriors.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Danny Campos

Danny Campos, a senior on the Winters High School varsity baseball team is this week's Cody's Market and Deli athlete of the week. In the Warriors' first three games, Campos has led the Warriors offensively batting 5 for 7 with six runs scored, three walks and three RBIs.

FOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
Each Cody's Athlete of the Week receives a FREE Lunch

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Wrestlers end season

The Winters Middle School wrestlers finished off their season this last weekend with five wrestlers competing at the Northern California Tournament of Champions.

It was a great honor to send Chris Hurst, Bryan Case, Marshall Fredericks, Cody Linton and Billy Rotenkolber to this tournament. Each qualified for the tournament by how well they placed at tournaments during the year. Billy Rotenkolber had the best outing of the day as he went 2-2 and was one match away from the medal rounds. Coach Hausler was pleased to see 8th graders Case, Fredericks, and Rotenkolber do as well as they did considering it was their first year wrestling. Coach Hausler says that he is excited for Hurst and Linton, because they now understand the quality of wrestling at which they are.

Congratulations to the whole team on their first season. We look forward to what the future of Winters Wrestling holds for us.

Wrestling Club sweeps tournament

The Winters Wrestling Kids Club traveled to Oakley and brought home six first place medals, three second place and one third place. “The kids wrestled very well” said coach Dan Nicholas.

Placing first in both Greco and Freestyle Midget division was Ben Case. This was the first time Ben has wrestled Greco. In the Bantam division first place went to Andrew Calderone and Morgan Nicholas. The rest of the Midgets division placers were Mason Rodriguez for first, Micah Calderone for second and Jacob Lowrey for third. Wrestling hard in the Novice division was Tim Tweedt for first and Mike Lopez for second. The only kid in the School Boy division was Chris Calderone, placing a strong second.

Next week the club will be traveling to Healdsburg for a Dan Gable folkstyle tournament.

Sacramento Zoo hosts fun run

Jog on down to the annual ZooZoom, Sunday, April 9 from 7 am to noon at the Sacramento Zoo. The course winds through scenic William Land Park along flat, tree-lined streets. This 5K and 10K, as well as a 1 mile children's fun run, will benefit the Sacramento Zoological Society.

Early registration deadline is March 31. For race fees and information, please visit www.ffaac.com or call the race coordinators at 916-443-6223. Fee includes a ZooZoom t-shirt, refreshments and free admission to the Zoo for runners and their immediate families on race day.

Schools

Grad Nite dinner was a success Two ‘Imagination’ teams advance

By SUSIE STOCKING
Special to the Express

What are the odds that the same group would win the \$7,500 grand prize at Senior Spirit Nite two years in a row? It happened on March 11, when the fifth annual fund-raiser was held at St. Anthony Parish Hall. The fundraiser is held to benefit Winters High School's Grad Nite. The Grad Nite Parent Group hosts the annual Grad Nite party for the graduating senior class.

This year's grand prizewinner was once again Soroptimist International of Winters. The second place winner of the \$1,500 prize was Cecilia Curry of Winters and the consolation prize of \$1,000 went to Dolores Cooley of Dixon.

The excitement built throughout the evening as names of ticket holders were pulled from the big board until the last 10 names remained. All of those whose names were left were beckoned to the stage by emcee, Curtis Stocking. One by one, the



Courtesy photo

For the second year in a row, Soroptimist International were the winners of the \$7,500 grand prize check at the Spirit Nite fundraising dinner.

names were drawn until the final two remained.

Another high point of the event was the drawing of a raffle ticket to determine the winner of an exclusive dinner for 10 at the Buckhorn restaurant, hosted by John and Melanie Pickerel. That

lucky winner was Jill Shugart and she was the envy of all who purchased the limited number of tickets for that raffle.

The evening was an overwhelming success for the WHS Grad Nite Parent Group and all had a good time.

The Destination Imagination (DI) regional tournament was held Saturday, March 4 at Monterey Trail High School in Elk Grove and Winters did very well.

DI is an extracurricular school-supported program. Teams formed in October and began preparing for the regional tournament. Teams trained in problem-solving and teamwork skills. Each team competed in two areas at the tournament. They competed in an instant challenge, which emphasizes quick on your feet thinking. They had five to 10 minutes to solve an unknown challenge with surprise supplies. They also competed in one of five central challenges, which was the long-term project they have been working on since November. All solutions were completely solved by the team and no interference by parents was allowed. This included all ideas and construction. For more information on this program visit www.destinationimagination.org.

Winters was well represented with five teams. The Political Duct Tape Lovers was managed by Theresa Borchelt and had six members from Winters Middle School: Xavier Borchelt, Eric Oates, Trevor Johnson, Tyler Tufts, Dale Stephens, and Logan Fox. They competed in the challenge Back At You

where they had to build a device to shoot, catch and return ping pong balls. The team What's the Question? was managed by Janet Andersen and had five members from WMS: Ashley Andersen, Alex Panattoni, Myla Passantino, Nia Maldonado, and Emma Hesz. They competed in the challenge Kidz Rulz where they devised a skit where the regular laws of motion do not apply. The Funky Frogs was also a team from WMS and was managed by Shelbi Ellis-Allen and included Kenzi Ellis, Ilene Reynoso, Stephanie Blevins, Ellie Johannessen, and Shawnee Halbach. They competed in the challenge How'd That Happen where they devised a skit based in a foreign nation where strange things happen. The Winters Smarties also competed in How'd That Happen. They were managed by Julie Orosco and had seven members from Shirley Rominger Intermediate School: Olivia Orosco, Marlenn Guzman, Ellie Kruen, Angelica Arellano, Nick McKenna, Cody Hagy, and Emily Donlevy. The Winters Jamkats also competed in How'd That Happen. They were managed by Lezlie Johannessen and had five members from Shirley Rominger Intermediate: Morgen Johannessen, T.J. Andersen, Jake Ivory, Kayleen Rogers and Allie Reynoso.

Nearly 80 teams of students

in kindergarten through high school competed in the tournament. The region includes Winters, Woodland, Davis, Dixon, Sacramento, Elk Grove, Roseville, South Lake Tahoe and other local communities.

Our Winters teams all demonstrated amazing creativity in their solutions. All teams are congratulated for successfully completing all aspects of their challenge. Both the Winters Jamkats and What's the Question? placed third for their challenge in their division and will be advancing to the state tournament.

The California Finals Tournament will be all day on Saturday April 8 at Sheldon High School and T.R. Smedberg Middle School in Sacramento. This is the first time in a long time that the state tournament is local. If you want to support your local teams or if you are curious and want to find out what DI is all about, come check out this free event. You will discover amazing performances and unbelievable creativity all created completely by kids.

For more information, you can contact Janet Andersen at andersen@onramp113.org or 795-5030. If this program sounds like fun, watch for it in October of 2006 when the next season will begin.

Lecture series begins at Fairfield campus

Solano Community College's annual Ethnic Studies series presents free lectures. Upcoming lectures to be held at SCC's Fairfield campus at 4000 Su-isun Valley Road include:

On Wednesday, March 15, from noon to 12:50 p.m. in room 626, "Raising a Normal Kid in This Disabled World" by Susan Tom. Susan Tom moved to California in 1966, married and had two sons. She went on to adopt two daughters, divorced, and then went on to adopt ten more children with different disabilities. She and her family were

recently featured on "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

On Tuesday, April 4, from 11 a.m. to noon in room 626, "Harlem Renaissance" by Alena Hairston. Alena Hairston, an English instructor at Solano College, is an accomplished writer, teacher and performer. She received the John Hawkes Memorial Prize for Fiction from Brown University, and her manuscript "The Logan Topographies" won the 2004 Poetry Fellowship from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

On Wednesday, April 5, from noon to 12:50 p.m., "The Filipino American Experience" by Mel Orpilla. Mel Orpilla is the Executive Director of Filipino American Social Services and works as the Director of Community and Public relations for Kaiser Permanente. He is a columnist for the Vallejo Times Herald, writing about the Filipino experience in America.

For more information, contact Sanford Wright, Ph.D., Coordinator of Ethnic Studies at 864-7000 ext. 429.

Solano College hosts community health faire

Solano Community College, in conjunction with the Student Health Center and Student Development Office, invites the public to attend the 15th Annual SCC Health & Community Resource Faire. This annual event takes place on Wednesday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Student Union Lobby, building 1400.

The faire will feature free blood pressure, blood glucose, hemoglobin, and other health screenings. There will also be a vast array of health-related and social service-related providers with information on nutrition, drug rehabilitation, smoking cessation, AIDS, diabetes, food programs, women's shelters, legal services,

child care, and housing assistance. There will be informational displays with free education materials and handouts.

Any health, social services, or community agencies which are interested in participating should contact Shirley Lewis, Director of Student Development, at 864-7168.

Davis Civic Center Gym offers birthday packages

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

ages 3 to 10 years include a giant obstacle course, time on the tumble track, parachute fun and a craft project. Birthday parties for children ages 10 to 14 can include learning gymnastics routines, dance routines or cheerleading

routines.

Interested parents can book a birthday party at the Civic Center Gym by calling 757-5627, or going to the Parks and Community Services office located at 23 Russell Blvd in Davis.

Are you worthy of a wordly trophy?



Courtesy photo

The winning team of the Winters Friends of the Library's Quiz Show will win \$300 and get their names on this trophy created by Jeff Hesemeyer. The annual fundraiser will be April 1, at 7 pm at the Community Center. Registration forms are available at the library.



In The Spotlight

Brandon Wade and Tommy Halbach attend Winters Community Christian School. Brandon is creative, a good athlete, is good with numbers and plays the drums on the chapel praise team. Tommy is a hard worker, a good musician, loves to play the bongos and likes drama and performing.



Left to right: William Halbach & Brandon Wade



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Features

Acne can persist into adult life

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter, who is now 55, has had a serious acne problem since her early teens. About 12 years ago she tried Accutane, which worked for a while but then stopped. Her acne is now so severe that it erupts all over her face. She has just begun a new treatment where her skin is bathed with a blue light. Is it safe? Any advice you can give would be appreciated. — J.W.

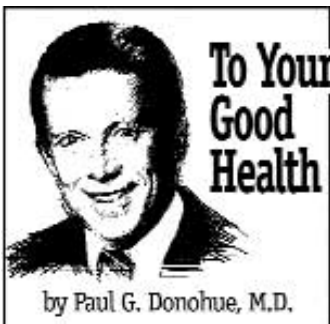
ANSWER: About 12 percent of women older than 25 must still deal with acne, so it's not something limited to adolescents. Your daughter, however, is an exception to the general acne rules in two respects. Female adult acne most often tapers off as women approach menopause. And her acne far exceeds the severity of most. Acne is due to plugging of oil ducts together with the action of a skin bacterium that thrives in oil. The ducts become distended with oil and eventually break and release oil and bacteria into the surrounding skin. Acne pimples then pop up on the skin surface.

Acne treatments aim to unplug the plugged oil ducts or to reduce the number of skin bacteria involved with acne outbreaks. Creams, gels or lotions like Retin-A, Differin, Tazorac, Azelex and benzoyl peroxide unclog oil ducts. Similar preparations with antibiotics such as clindamycin or erythromycin act on the acne-causing bacteria.

Oral medicines are used when the above medicines, which are applied directly to the skin, aren't getting the job done.

Medicines that counter the action of male hormones are also useful for acne control. It's the male hormone that promotes oil production. Birth-control pills are frequently prescribed. Spironolactone, a medicine originally designed as a water pill, has an anti-male-hormone effect and can help rein in acne.

Accutane (isotretinoin) is a powerful acne drug, reserved for the most resistant cases. It's surprising it didn't work for your daughter. It has serious



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

side effects and has to be used with utmost caution. It can cause birth defects and is under investigation as possibly contributing to depression and suicide.

Facial peels, which are most often used for acne scars, can sometimes resolve resistant acne. Narrow-band blue light destroys the acne-causing skin bacterium. It's safe. Its place in acne treatment is being evaluated.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: These days I keep hearing "He or she is bipolar." Would you please explain what that means? — N.W.

ANSWER: "Bipolar" has replaced "manic depression" to describe people who suffer mood swings from the heights of elation to the depths of gloom. It afflicts 1 percent of the population and generally comes on during the 20s or 30s. The cause is believed to be an imbalance in the brain's chemical messengers that affect communication between the brain's nerve cells. Medicines can keep most people with this illness on an even keel.

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

ATM and debit card theft on the rise

By Clyde Brooker
Special to the Express

Credit unions and banks have worked hard at making it easier to transact business. Along with all the convenience however, come additional dangers. Thankfully, taking a few simple precautions will eliminate nearly all the risks.

The banking industry has seen a jump in ATM fraud recently and the Sacramento area has seen more than its share. Crooks have recently been successful in placing a skimming device and overhead cameras on ATMs in Sacramento. The crooks are able to create a new ATM card with information from the skimmer and match it with the overhead camera capture of the Personal Identification Number (PIN) being entered. With this information they have all they need to start withdrawing cash and purchase merchandise with your money.

Some of these crooks are very sophisticated and connected. The information they have gathered can and is transmitted any-

where in the world and the first sign something is wrong is when you see unauthorized transactions on your account from as far away as Europe or Asia.

The industry is combating the actions of these crooks with technology. However, the implementation is seldom cheap and there is a considerable time lag before the latest technology is installed. The crooks are then generally on to the next scam. Yolo Federal Credit Union and most financial institutions will take quick action to replace a compromised ATM card and not charge the member for verified unauthorized transactions. We also regularly check our ATMs for any unusual device or unauthorized cameras.

We could also use your help in cutting down ATM fraud, saving all of us the hassle and expense of replacing ATM cards and having our information end up in the wrong hands.

First, protect your PIN. Don't write your PIN on the card or anywhere else. Cover the keypad when you enter your PIN and don't share the number

with anyone. If possible, keep your eye on your card if the clerk takes it from you to swipe it - it only needs to be run through one machine to enact the charge.

When you use the ATM, take a second to look around. Does the ATM look unusual or have something added on where you enter your card? Look up to see if a camera is trained on the key pad - security cameras do not point that direction. If it looks weird or something is out of place, find another ATM. It is true that most fraudulent ATM transactions occur at night so, if possible, do your transactions during the day.

Let your credit union or bank know if you think there was something wrong at the ATM. All financial institutions would very much appreciate such a call and you may help us catch a crook.

It is very important to check your account for fraudulent withdrawals and report any unauthorized transactions to your credit union or bank right away.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Consider moving beyond the usual methods to find a more creative means of handling a difficult on-the-job situation. Avoid confrontation and, instead, aim for co-operation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seasonal change creates a new look for the outdoors. It also inspires Taureans to redo their own environments, and this is a good week to start redoing both your home and workplace. Enjoy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs to be straightened out so the wrong impression isn't allowed to stand. If necessary, offer to support the use of a third party to act as an impartial arbitrator.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A career change offering what you want in money and responsibilities could involve moving to a new location. Discuss this with family members before making a decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Feeling miffed over how you believe you were treated is understandable. But before you decide to "set things straight," make sure the whole thing wasn't just a misinterpretation of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Showing you care makes it easier to build trust and gain an advantage in handling a delicate situation. What you learn from this experience will also help you understand yourself better.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Planning for the future is fine, especially if you include the roles that family members may be asked to play. Don't be surprised if some hidden emotions are revealed in the process.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Making choices highlights much of the week, and you have a head start here, thanks to your ability to grasp the facts of a situation and interpret them in a clear-cut manner.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Carrying a torch can be a two-way situation: It can either keep you tied to the past or help light your way to the future. The choice, as always, has to be yours.

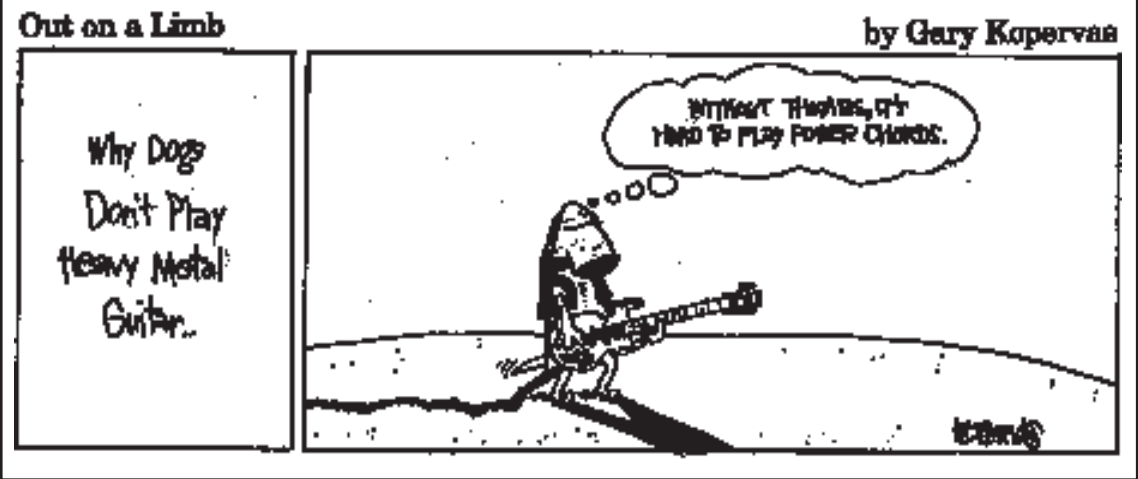
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your watchwords this week are: "Focus." "Focus." "Focus." Don't let yourself be distracted from what you set out to do. There'll be time later to look over other possibilities.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A workplace opportunity might require changes you're not keen on making. Discuss the pluses and minuses with someone familiar with the situation before you make a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Love and romance are strong in your aspect this week. If you've already met the right person, expect your relationship to grow. And if you're still looking, odds are you'll soon be finding it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You approach life in a wise and measured manner, which gives you an edge in many areas.

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Pleased to meet you

Name: Mike Kimes
Occupation: Avoiding work.
Hobby: Working on his boat.
What's best about living in Winters: "It is a place where a very unspecial person can feel special."
Fun fact: Has worn shorts every day for at least ten years, except for weddings, funerals and bar mitzvahs.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wound cover
- 5 Favorite
- 8 Robin Cook novel
- 12 Siles
- 13 Raw rock
- 14 "Planet of the ..."
- 15 A Baldwin
- 16 Rose Parade venue
- 18 Hoodlum, e.g.
- 20 Appare
- 21 Brazilian river
- 23 Houshied
- 24 NBC soap opera
- 25 Fly with the eagles
- 31 Illustrations
- 32 African capital
- 34 Hoobar
- 35 "Yup"
- 37 Meadows
- 39 - long way
- 41 Luminary
- 42 Exaggerate
- 45 Undergoing recession
- 48 Jewish holiday
- 51 Good coat
- 52 Sheltered
- 53 Puncturing tool
- 54 Clea's water
- 55 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 58 Grazing land (Var.)
- 57 Being to Brutal

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- 4 Arm muscles
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- 6 Historic time
- 7 Criterion
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- 11 Pronto, in an e-mail
- 17 Wednesday precader
- 18 Pace
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- 24 Remuneration
- 25 Edel
- 26 Play area
- 27 Sonoral
- 28 Shook and -
- 30 Literary mono-
- 33 Impale
- 36 Cinderella's mice
- 38 Sueve
- 40 Fuse
- 42 October stone
- 43 Crooner Jerry
- 44 Squashed circle
- 46 Rainbow
- 47 Zeroes
- 48 Mortimer
- 50 Farm female

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"The uglier a man's legs are, the better he plays golf. It's almost a law."

~ H.G. Wells

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

Wow! Your ad could be here! Call Charley, 795-4551, for assistance.

Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ
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No hablaron de migración

El asunto de la regularización migratoria no está incluido en la agenda que abordarán los presidentes Vicente Fox y George W. Bush durante el encuentro que, junto con el ministro canadiense Stephen Harper, sostendrán a fines de este mes en Cancún, Quintana Roo. “El tema central de la reunión no es la migración”, anticipó en conferencia de prensa Rubén Aguilar, el portavoz oficial de la Presidencia de la República.

Pese a la importancia que este tópico representa para nosotros los mexicanos radicados en Estados Unidos, el funcionario gubernamental puntualizó que el mismo “no está en la estructura de la agenda” de negociaciones para tal entrevista. Especuló que sería probable que los dos mandatarios “tomen unos minutos y pueda haber otro encuentro de carácter bilateral”, en cuyo “espacio” el fenómeno migratorio podría ser uno de los temas a tratar.

El no tratar el tema de inmigración llama la atención debido a que la reforma migratoria es uno de los principales aspectos que es debatido actualmente en el seno del Congreso de los Estados Unidos. Más si se toma en cuenta que en dicha discusión se están considerando una serie de medidas antimigratorias como la negación de la ciudadanía a los hijos de indocumentados, así como acciones de seguridad fronteriza como la militarización y el levantamiento de una barda a lo largo de la franja limítrofe.

El debate en torno a la migración se desarrolla en las instancias legislativas de Washington, al tiempo que la comunidad latina, organizaciones obreras y sectores de la Iglesia llevan a cabo manifestaciones a favor de la regularización de este fenómeno. Aquí en Estados Unidos viven y trabajan alrededor de 12 millones de indocumentados, de los que la gran mayoría son mexicanos, de acuerdo a recientes reportes oficiales independientes.

Expertos consideran que uno de los mayores fracasos de Fox es no haber concretado un acuerdo migratorio con Bush, así como lo fue de gobiernos anteriores no haber incorporado este asunto al Tratado de Libre Comercio con América del Norte, que lo compromete desde mediados de la década pasada con Estados Unidos, coinciden expertos en la materia.

Pese a este panorama de alta prioridad, el portavoz del presidente Fox informó que “el tema central de la reunión” no es otro que el de “elevar los niveles de la relación en el ámbito económico, político y también de seguridad”, en el marco de la Alianza para la Seguridad y la Prosperidad de América del Norte (ASPAN).

Aguilar recalcó que el propósito consiste en mejorar la “competitividad de la región y hacer frente a la competencia a nivel internacional”, y subrayó que “éste es el tema central”. Durante las sesiones que en ese marco lleven a cabo los secretarios de Estado de ambos gobiernos, anunció, se hará una “revisión de los avances logrados”, así como “comentar la agenda a futuro de este mecanismo”.

La llamada trilateral, ASPAN, establecida en marzo del 2005, fue diseñada con el propósito de promover el bienestar económico y la calidad de vida de los ciudadanos en el norte del continente americano, e incrementar la seguridad en los tres países.

A través de este mecanismo, según Aguilar, los gobiernos de Canadá, Estados Unidos y México realizan acciones de “cooperación en muy diversas áreas que son pilares para fortalecer la economía de cada una de las naciones y crear una región más competitiva”.

Por consiguiente, agregó, la reunión brindará oportunidad a los tres mandatarios, quienes se reúnen por primera ocasión tras la reciente elección en Canadá, para “intercambiar puntos de vista y atender asuntos de interés común a nivel bilateral y/o trilateral”.

Vigil planned to protest Iraq War

Opponents of the war on Iraq will mark the third anniversary of the U.S. invasion with a vigil, Sunday, March 19, 5-6pm, at the E Street Plaza in Davis (between Second and Third Streets). There will also be a 24-hour fast against the war, beginning Saturday evening and culminating with a breaking of the fast following the vigil.

The fast and vigil are being held in conjunction with The Winter of Our Discontent, a national campaign to strengthen grassroots opposition and

nonviolent resistance to the continued war against the people of Iraq.

The Winter of Our Discontent with a 33-day fast at the doors of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington D.C. The group is demanding an end to U.S. military and economic warfare against Iraq and full payment of U.S. war reparations.

I thought the least I could do was help organize a one-day event here.

For information about Winter of Our Discontent, contact Lotter, 756-6904.

No se moverá el Preescolar por ahora

La mesa directiva del distrito escolar de Winters, voto a favor de que el preescolar permanezca un año mas hasta el año escolar 2007-2008 en el mismo lugar de ahora. Se acordó que el dinero necesario para mover el preescolar se tomaran de los fondos del distrito, y no de los fondos del estado que son usados para el programa preescolar.

Esta votación se llevo a cabo en la reunión del 2 de

marzo del 2006. El superintendente Dale Mitchell ofreció información relativa al traslado del preescolar. Por el hecho de ser un salón portátil, el estado tendrá que mandar un arquitecto, además por el costo y la fecha limite para hacer el cambio, es casi imposible que se realice para el año escolar 2006-2007.

En reuniones anteriores de la mesa directiva del distrito, maestras del

preescolar, padres de familia y la directora del Kinder Pam Scheeline hicieron la petición de que el preescolar se moviera junto con el Kinder, ya que estos dos programas están conectados y comparten muchos programas de enriquecimiento juntos, como música, gimnasia, paseos escolares, y días de todos juntos.

Esperamos que la decisión que se tome en la

renunciación del preescolar sea la mas indicada y favorable para los niños, que al final de cuentas son los más importantes, y esperamos que la mesa directiva haga todo lo posible por que el próximo año, estos dos programas sigan trabajando juntos como hasta ahora. Y vuelvan a estar juntos en Wagoner.

Middle school students visit UC Davis

BY MARIBEL LOZA
Special to the Express

We've all been to Davis, but have you ever visited UC Davis? The middle school students from Winters Middle School who participate in the Education Talent Search (ETS) program recently visited UC Davis. These students had the opportunity to spend time at the college, and see what it was like to be a college student. Many of the ETS students were surprised at the size of UC Davis.

When the ETS students arrived, they listened to a panel discussion by current UC Davis students, an administrator, and an admissions officer. The panelists said that anyone could go to college if they worked hard enough starting as early as middle school. They also said not to let the cost of college stop a prospective student. There is money available to any college student.

Following the panel discussion, ETS students were taken on a tour of the campus that included a tour of dorm rooms. Some ETS students commented that they were surprised



Courtesy photo

Winters Middle School students recently visited the UC Davis campus.

by how small the dorm rooms were and you had to share a room with someone else.

Finally, the ETS students had the opportunity to hear a lecture by children's author, Pam Muñoz

Ryan at the Mondavi Center. She talked about how her stories come out of experiences that happen in her life. She said that it took her many rewrites to create a book, but anyone could do it.

Overall, ETS students had a positive experience from their day at UC Davis. All students agreed that it wasn't a question of "Can I go to college?", but "I will go to college."

Hotline helps seniors with Medicare drug plan

With all the chaos surrounding enrollment of Medi-Cal "dual beneficiaries" in the new Medicare drug plan, thousands of other Californians are still unaware that they too are eligible for deeply discounted membership in "Part D."

These are Medicare enrollees whose incomes and/or savings make them not quite eligible for Medi-Cal but are low enough to qualify for Part D "extra help." As a whole, in fact, they have the most to gain from the new program. But they need to apply.

Through the May 15 enrollment deadline, staff and volunteers at the Senior Legal Hotline can help callers learn whether they qualify for the subsidy and can submit an application for them to the Social Security administration - all in a single phone call.

Individuals with liquid assets less than \$11,500 (couples, \$23,000) and income of less than \$1,245 (\$1,670 for couples) a month are eligible. But not all income and assets count - anyone who thinks she

or he might qualify has nothing to lose by trying.

The Senior Legal Hotline (SLH) is a Sacramento-based free, statewide service for anyone over 60, under the auspices of Legal Services of Northern California, a non-profit agency. Californians over 60 can call (916) 551-2140 locally and (800) 222-1753 statewide. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. weekdays, and until 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Information is also available on the hotline's web site, www.seniorlegalhotline.org.

Hotline staff provide advice to seniors on any legal issue, without regard to income, and they are able to answer questions of all sorts about the new Medicare drug plan. But SLH is especially interested in making sure that people with limited income take advantage of the 'extra help' Medicare is offering for prescription coverage.

For help choosing a plan, Medicare members should contact their local HICAP program by calling (800) 434-0222 or speak with their pharmacist.

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Help Wanted

Truck Drivers Dixon Based Company, local flat bed deliveries, great pay, nice equipment, Class A with min 2 years exp. DMV printout and drug screen. 707 693-6584 7-52p

Veterinary Assistant. Starting pay \$10/hr. Full time. Bilingual & computer literate helpful. Call Orchard Vet Services at 795-3735. 5-2tp

Drivers: great pay, benefits & bonuses. The lifestyle you deserve! Regional & teamwork. Werner Enterprises. 800-346-2818, ext. 123. 5-3tcc

Help Wanted

Departmental Aide Position: Lake Solano County Park is now accepting applications for part time positions. Applicants will be required to collect park fees & rent boats. Need own transportation, must be at least 16 years old and be able to pass a background examination and drug test. \$7.84/Hr. April-October. may be required to work weekends and holidays. P/U applications at park. 6-3tc

Coffee House in Winters looking for a self-motivated, responsible, customer service oriented person with food service experience who is looking to advance to management and a long-term position. Part to full-time. Must be 18 or over and available for some morning, day, weekend and evening shifts. Pay based on experience and availability. Apply in person, fax to 795-2303 or send resume to Steady Eddy's Coffee House, 5 E. Main St. Winters, CA 95694.

Help Wanted

Local service company looking for office help to answer phones and do dispatch weekends, some evenings possible, health benefits. Call Rachel 795-4782. 4-2tp

Landscape Supervisor. Busy Sod. Co. is seeking an energetic, confident individual to supervise a crew of 5-10 employees. Bilingual a must. Clean DMV. 693-6584. 4-4tp

Local service company looking for office help to answer phones and do dispatch, Days shift and evening/weekend shift health benefits. Call Rachel 795-4782 6-2tc

DENTAL RDA PT/FT, some eves. & Sat. Must enjoy working in a caring, energetic atmosphere. Bilingual Spanish a+. Exc. salary & benefits. Fairfield practice. Fax resume 707-427-5508

Help Wanted

Program Assistant Rosewood Care Center Lic#577001547 Has a position avail working with mentally ill adults in a specialized residential care program. Must pass bkgrnd check / drug screen. Send resume to 16730 County Rd. 87, Esposito, CA 95627 or call 530-787-1719 7-tn

DRAFTING/DESIGNER Property development company seeking individual for drawings/design work of small construction/ remodeling projects. Submit resume/qualifications c/o The Davis Enterprise PO Box 1470 Box B Davis Ca 95617

Your ad could be here for \$5 per week. Call 795-4551 for more info.

Help Wanted

Sales: DIRECT TV satellite salespeople needed in your area. Earn high income. 800-779-7953 866-810-9290 directcomm@charter.net

Truck Driver-Seasonal Tomato Jul-Oct, Williams or Los Banos, CA. Free CDL training provided in exchange for 1 paid season of work. Free housing at work location. Paid by load \$900-\$1,000/wk avg. (includes end of season bonus). Good DMV req'd. The Morning Star Trucking Co. (530)473-3648.

Driver Wanted Part-time position 25-35 hrs./week \$8.75/hr.

The Davis Enterprise 303 G St., Davis. (530)756-0826

Autos for Sale

'88 Toyota 4 cy. p/u, long bed w/canopy shell. Excel. condition. White, \$3000. (530) 795-1996 cell (530) 574-2393

2001 Santa Fe. Gold, 4wd, 4dr, AT, alarm, cruise, serviced, 72k. Warranty Tow pkg, 56k mi, \$11,000 (530)276-3552

'89 Honda Accord LX, white, brown interior. 146K miles. \$1800 obo. (530)756-3817.

'89 Honda Accord LX, white, brown interior. 146K miles. \$1800 obo. (530)756-3817.

'94 Toyota Truck 4X4 w/ camper. Good condition. \$4,500. (530)304-7547.

For Sale: 1988 BMW 325iS. 185k miles. \$1800. Leave message (530)759-8568.

Dodge Minivan 2000. Silver, AC, CC, V6 3.0, dual air-bag, 9300 miles. \$5195, (530)753-4181 evenings.

1998 Honda Prelude Excellent condition. 62,000 \$10,000. (530)220-0559.

1994 Honda Civic LX sedan, Good condition 165k miles, \$2900. obo Power everything. (530)759-9761 Arthur

1994 GMC 4X4. V8, 84K miles, White. Excellent condition. Fully loaded, king cab, electric windows, doors and seat. Stereo cassette surround. Complete with tow package, truck boxes, full pipe and lumber racks, \$9,500. (530)312-9242

1991 Accord Lx Coupe. 127K, White, new tires, new brakes, transmission, New CV Boots. Call for a Great Car! (530)756-4977

Autos for Sale

1999 300M, 119k miles, tan leather interior, pale green exterior. Excellent condition. \$6,500. (530)756-2470, (530)219-7833

2001 Santa Fe. Gold, 4wd, 4dr, AT, alarm, cruise, serviced, 72k. Warranty Tow pkg, 56k mi, \$11,000 (530)276-3552

'94 Toyota DX P/U, snugtop shell, 147k, smogged, 5 spd., cd, new brakes, \$4600 obo. (707)280-6816

'82 El Camino 5.0, V8. Many new parts. \$5500. (707)422-4989

**500! Police Impounds. Honda/Chevys/Jeeps, Etc. Cars/Trucks From \$500! 800-749-4260, x-7412

**500! Police Impounds. Honda/Chevys/Jeeps, Etc. Cars/Trucks From \$500! 800-749-4260, x-7637

'92 Dodge Stealth 5 spd. \$3200 obo. Contact Aron 707-816-6096 707-330-3524

'05 Corolla Sport, AT, AC, PW, PL, Spoiler, Moonroof. 24k mi.(all hwy. mi.) Car in exc. cond. \$16,500. 916-844-4249

'05 Toyota Avalon LIMITED Navigation, Auto Start, Smart Key. Like New Loaded. Asking \$32,750 775-677-0303

'91 Mercedes 300 Series, Runs good. Smogged, \$4000. (707)712-0850

'98 Contour 80K miles, clean car, smogged, \$4000. (707)712-0850

'04 Accura TL 33K mi., deep green pearl, XM radio paid, \$27,000. (707)208-4710

Notice of Public Workshop

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP VILLAGE ON THE PARK SUBDIVISION

The Winters Planning Commission will conduct a public workshop on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: PROPERTY (ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 003-036-05 & 18) GENERAL-LY LOCATED NORTH OF THE SELF-STORAGE FACILITY AT 807 RAILROAD AVENUE AND SOUTH OF THE NC FOLIAGE BUSINESS AT 1029 RAILROAD AVENUE, THE PROJECT SITE EXTENDS FROM RAILROAD AVENUE (EAST) TO WALNUT LANE.

APPLICATION TYPE: The Planning Commission is conducting a public workshop to introduce the project, a Tentative Subdivision Map consisting of 75 single-family lots (town home units), and receive comments from the public.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project applicant, Village on the Park, LLC, plans to subdivide the project site (APN 003-036-05, approximately 10 acres in size and APN 003-36-18, approximately 0.65 acres in size) into 75 single-family lots and a separate common area lot that will contain a 2,320 square foot clubhouse, swimming pool/jacuzzi and recreation deck, green space, and an entry fountain feature adjacent to Railroad Avenue; and a park/open space area. Potential features for the park/open space area could include a walking trail, benches and tot lot play area, a basketball court, dog runs, and open space. The 75 single-family residential lots proposed for the project will have an average size of 1,273 square feet and will include attached two-story residential units ranging in size from 1,488 to 1,768 square feet. The units will be either 3 or 2 bedrooms and will have 2 baths.

Proposed street/circulation improvements include right-of-way dedication along the project's Railroad Avenue frontage to accommodate the widening of Railroad for a 4-lane arterial roadway including a Class I bike path on the west side, the extension of Dutton Street from its northerly terminus to a location just south of the NC Foliage facility, and the construction of a 10-foot Class I bike path on the southerly border of the project from Railroad to Dutton. The General Plan land use designations for the project site are High Density Residential and Recreation and Parks while the project is zoned High Density Multi-Family Residential and Parks and Recreation.

The purpose of the public workshop is to provide the public with an opportunity to get acquainted with the proposed project and receive their input on the project. The Planning Commission will take no actions during the workshop and the public is encouraged to participate in the workshop. If you are unable to attend the public workshop, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 112. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Dan Sokolow – Community Development Director
Published March 16, 2006

Notice to Contractors

CITY OF WINTERS REDEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

1. Sealed proposals will be received by the Redevelopment Consultant, City of Winters, 318 First St., Winters, California until 2:00 PM April 6, 2006 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for performing work in accordance with plans and specifications, therefore as follows:

Community Center Shade Structure,

201 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694

2. Bids are required for the entire work as described below.

The work consists of the following: a) To provide for the replacement of both the east and west glue lam barge rafters at the south gable end of the Community Center and all associated flashing, repair, sealing and painting related to their replacement. Material and color selections are to match the existing. This work is to be completed prior to the commencement of the work for the Shade Structure.

b) To provide for the erection and construction of a wood-clad, steel framed, Shade Structure at the south side of the Winters Community Center on the existing patio deck per the construction documents. Provide concrete demolition and removal, excavation for foundations, the fabrication and erection of steel bents, the application and modification as required of City provided redwood dimensional lumber components to the bents, the installation of City provided purlin rafters and the attachment of exposed fasteners, painted, formed sheet metal roof panels, flashing, gutters and downspouts. Work shall provide for the footings, the patching and repaving of the areas excavated for footings with masonry and concrete to aesthetically complete the concrete patio deck.

3. Specifications, plans and proposal forms to be used for bidding can be obtained from the Redevelopment Office/Community Development Department, City of Winters, 318 First St., Winters, California upon payment of a non-refundable fee of fifteen dollars and no cents (\$15.00) per set, plus a non-refundable fee of five dollars (\$5) for mailing. ALL CHECKS SHALL BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF WINTERS. Specifications, plans and proposal forms to be used for bidding are also available at no charge in pdf format and may be e-mailed as attachments upon request by contacting the Redevelopment Consultant at (530) 795-4910, ext. 118 or via e-mail at steve.streeter@cityofwinters.org

4. No bid will be considered unless it is made on the blank forms incorporated in the Contract Document, and unless it is accompanied by a Proposal Guarantee in the form of cash, bid bond, or certified check, or a cashier's check made payable to the City of Winters in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid amount. Each bidder must be licensed as required by law.

Each proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the work and the name of the bidder.

5. Bidders are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 1770 et seq. of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California has ascertained the general prevailing rate of hourly wages and rates for legal holidays and overtime work in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft or type of worker or mechanic needed to execute the contract which will be awarded the successful bidder. The prevailing rates are on file in the office of the Community Development Department, 318 First St., Winters, California, and are available to any interested party on request.

Bidders' attention is hereby called to the nondiscrimination clause contained in Part 5.00 of the General Conditions of these Specifications.

6. Bidders shall contact the City the day prior to bid opening to obtain any addenda information.

7. Submittal of a signed bid shall be evidence that the bidder has obtained this information and that the bid is based on any changes contained therein.

8. It shall be mandatory upon the bidder to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all laborers, workers, and mechanics employed by them in the execution of the contract.

9. Notice is hereby given that all bidders may be required to furnish a sworn statement of their financial responsibility, technical ability and experience before award is made to any particular bidder.

10. The successful bidder will be required to furnish two surety bonds: one for Faithful Performance and the other for Labor and Materials. Each bond is to be executed in a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. Bonds shall be secured from a surety company acceptable to the City of Winters. The successful bidder will be required to obtain a business license from the City of Winters and pay related fees.

11. The City of Winters reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities or minor irregularities in a bid.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

12. For information concerning the proposed work, contact the Redevelopment Office at (530) 795-4910, ext. 118 or the Building and Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department at (530) 795-4910, ext. 117.

13. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the project site at 8:30 AM on March 23, 2006. Nanci Mills, City Clerk

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Notice of Public Workshop

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP MARY ROSE GARDENS SUBDIVISION

The Winters Planning Commission will conduct a public workshop on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: 415 GRANT AVENUE (ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 003-524-19, APPROXIMATELY 5.69 ACRES IN SIZE) WHICH IS NORTH OF THE WAGGONER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SOUTH AND EAST OF THE CARTER RANCH PHASE I AND II SUBDIVISIONS, AND WEST OF CEMETARY LANE.

APPLICATION TYPE: The Planning Commission is conducting a public workshop to introduce the project, a Tentative Subdivision Map consisting of 27 single-family lots, and receive comments from the public.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project applicant, DAS Homes, Inc., plans to subdivide APN 003-524-19 into 27 single-family lots including a duplex lot and an 18,433 square foot "green" space. The proposed lots will range in size from 5,207 to 9,379 square feet with an average lot size of 6,590 square feet. Eight of the lots will be 7,000 square feet in size or larger. Potential features for the green space could include a play area for young children, a gazebo, lawn, and benches. The green space will also provide pedestrian and bicyclist access from the subdivision to Grant Avenue.

Proposed street/circulation improvements including the widening of the northern section of Grant Avenue along the project's frontage. The Grant improvements will also include a landscaped strip and a bicycle/pedestrian pathway. The General Plan land use designation for the project site is Medium Density Residential while the project is zoned Single Family Residential, 6,000 Square Foot Average Minimum.

The purpose of the public workshop is to provide the public with an opportunity to get acquainted with the proposed project and receive their input on the project. The Planning Commission will take no actions during the workshop and the public is encouraged to participate in the workshop. If you are unable to attend the public workshop, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 112. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

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Notice of Public Workshop

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP BRZESKI SUBDIVISION

The Winters Planning Commission will conduct a public workshop on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: 723 RAILROAD AVENUE (ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 003-322-20), FORMER LOCATION OF MC REFRIGERATON BUSINESS.

APPLICATION TYPE: The Planning Commission is conducting a public workshop to introduce the project, a Tentative Subdivision Map consisting of 24 residential lots (town home units) and nine commercial spaces, and receive comments from the public.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project applicant, Eva Brzeski, plans to subdivide APN 003-322-20, which is approximately 2.13 acres in size, into 24 residential lots, a common area green space lot, and potentially one or more additional common area lots. The property is the former location of the MC Refrigeration business, which closed its operations in 2005, and includes a 27,000 square foot warehouse that housed the former business. The Railroad Avenue frontage of the project will include five three-story buildings with a total of nine residential units. These residential units will be located above a 500 square foot first floor commercial space and be 1,400 square feet in size with three bedrooms and two baths. The remainder of the project site will include eight two-story buildings with a total of 15 residential units. These residential units will range in size from 1,200 to 1,500 square feet and have either two bedrooms and three baths or three bedrooms and two baths. Three of these units may include a 400 square foot bonus room that could be rented as a separate residence or used as a home office.

Proposed street/circulation improvements include right-of-way dedication along the project's Railroad Avenue frontage to accommodate the widening of Railroad for a 4-lane arterial roadway including a Class I bike path on the west side and the extension of Anderson Avenue from its easterly terminus to the end of the project site. The General Plan land use designations for the project site are Central Business District and Office while the project is zoned Central Business District and Office.

The purpose of the public workshop is to provide the public with an opportunity to get acquainted with the proposed project and receive their input on the project. The Planning Commission will take no actions during the workshop and the public is encouraged to participate in the workshop. If you are unable to attend the public workshop, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 112. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

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