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The hometown paper of Colleen and Stanley Tufts

Winters Express

"Gateway to the Monticello Dam"

Hog heaven



Photo by Charles Wallace

Downtown Main Street was filled with Harleys and people who love them on Sunday, March 19. Vallejo Harley Davidson sponsors the annual event, called the Vernal Equinox Run, which starts in Vallejo and ends in Winters with music and food. There were more than 500 registered participants in this year's run.

Winters Highlands map approved

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff Writer

The Winters Planning Commission held a special meeting on March 16, regarding the only item on the agenda, a "continued public hearing" of the Winters Highlands tentative subdivision map.

The meeting was very well attended, with a crowd overflowing outside where a monitor was set up for those who could not find a seat. At the end of the meeting the commission approved the map as proposed by staff in a 4 to 3 vote.

Planner Heidi Tschudin said this was an "action hearing" and described the project. The proposed map is for a 102.6 acre subdivision. It will create 413 single family lots (including 36 duplex lots) on almost 50 acres, a two-acre multifamily lot for 30 apartments, a 10.6 acre park site and a 7.4 acre wetlands/open space area. The project is located north of Grant Avenue along Moody Slough Road in the northwest portion of the Winters.

Tschudin said the program has a "long background" going back to 2001, including 13 hearings and significant redesigns. The approval was to include decisions on issues regarding location of wildlife mitigation, large lots versus small lots and proximity to ag land.

Winters Highlands representative Rick Cheney proceeded with a Power-Point presentation, showing that the project would be built over five years in five phases, with the course of phasing depending on market conditions.

Phase One is 69 home sites along the northern part of the project. This first phase would put in a third of the 10-acre park. The park will run north-south in a narrow strip that connects to the proposed regional park to the north of Moody Slough Road. There is \$100,000 being contributed for development of a wetlands/open space area in the northeast corner of the project. The actual de-

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Technology promises improved access to grades, attendance

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Despite limited funding and staffing, an aging infrastructure, old computers and myriad other challenges, the Winters Joint Unified School District is harnessing technology to improve education, administrative tasks, and school-to-parent communication.

Parents, at least parents of kindergarten and high school students, should be able to access student grade and attendance information from home sometime during the 2006-07 school year, and teachers will have remote access to the district's stu-

dent information system. These were some of the goals outlined by district superintendent Dale Mitchell and technology services manager David Cruz at the March 16 school board meeting.

The goals are subject to successfully solving security issues and completing the transition to a new Aeries student information system implemented by the district in August 2005. Student information for grades 1-8 is still in the district's older Filemaker-Pro system.

Getting teachers equipped, trained, and willing to use the new sys-

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Photo by Kari Mann

This year's Mr. Warrior is Jesse Beckett (center), with his parents John and Karla.

Beckett takes home the headdress

By VASEY COMAN
Staff writer

Jesse Beckett, senior at Winters High School, milked the crowd on Wednesday, March 15, to take home the headdress at Winters High School's annual Mr. Warrior Pageant. Senior Jacob Thorne, who was voted Mr. Congeniality by the high school staff in attendance, was runner-up, followed by junior Brian Williams, senior Gabrielle Boisrame and junior Alex Thompson.

The pageant, in which ten contestants were judged by how well they dressed in spirit and formal wear, showcased a talent and created or

parodied a television commercial, featured many memorable moments including Thompson's flashback to Flashdance, Williams' "The Debate-O-Matic" advertisement and contestant Colton Crabtree's basketball skills performance. However, it was Beckett's spirited parody of a current Carl's Jr. commercial in which a young man shakes a Holstein cow in rhythm to reggae-style music that won over the audience. High school teacher Liz Coman, dressed in a padded black and white costume, played the part of the cow — complete with sporadic "moos" — while Beckett danced

around the stage and shook her to the beat.

Along with Beckett's performance, the audience also enjoyed the routines of contestants Kim Rolls, Max Tedder, Dominic Mandolfo and Maraka Bouwens as well as an appearance by last year's Mr. Warrior, senior Brenden Benson.

Judges for this year's Mr. Warrior pageant were Dave Fleming, Sue Bridge, Janet Kimes, John Rodriguez, Linda Gonzales and Gary Pitek. Emcees for the event were teachers Polita Gonzales and Kent Benson.

The Mr. Warrior Pageant is hosted yearly by the Winters High School's Student Government class.

Seven seek council seats

Seven candidates will seek three available council seats in the June 6 election: incumbent Harold Anderson, Andy Bouwens, Cecelia Curry, Glenn DeVries, Marcia Gibbs, Mitch Korcyl and Mike Martin. The seats available in this election, besides Anderson's, are those currently held by Steve Godden and Mayor Dan Martinez. Neither Godden nor Martinez are seeking reelection.

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

FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

MIKENZIE LILLIAN HAPWORTH ELDRIDGE was born Friday, February 24, 2006, at the Sutter Davis Birth Center to proud parents Alison and Mike at 2:35 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21.25 inches long. She joins sisters Jessica, 15, and Ciara, 10. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Majbritt Hapworth of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Honoré and the late John Eldridge, also of Winters.

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Woodland, Davis, Capay Valley, Dixon,
Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
March 15	.02	61	42
March 16	.01	62	46
March 17	.22	61	45
March 18	.04	62	41
March 19	.01	64	45
March 20	.04	63	44
March 21	.26	54	40

Rain for week: .60

Season's Total: 25.92

Last year to date: 23.54

Average to March 21: 19.45

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NEWTON WALLACE
HERE, THERE
& EVERYWHERE

ELEANOR AND I: In the news earlier this month, that the McClatchy newspapers were buying the Knight-Ridder group of newspapers, the history of both newspaper organizations were outlined,

The Sacramento Bee, founded in 1857, with James McClatchy as editor, has been in the family since. In 1933 Eleanor McClatchy became publisher and held the position until 1978, when she retired and her nephew C.K. McClatchy became publisher.

In August, 1962, President John F. Kennedy invited a group of about 25 California newspaper publishers to have lunch with him in the White House. Publishers of the largest circulation daily papers were invited along with a few weekly papers that were active in the California Newspaper Publishers Association. I was among the guests.

We gathered in the Blue Room at the White House for cocktails, awaiting the arrival of the President, along with Press Secretary Pierre Salinger. A middle-age woman came in, and I correctly assumed that it was Miss McClatchy.

The guest list included publishers such as Senator Bill Knowland of the Oakland Tribune, Charles Theriot of the San Francisco Chronicle, Jim Copley of the San Diego Tribune, all strong Republicans.

So when Miss McClatchy came in, I introduced myself, and with a typical faux pas, I said: "I sure am glad to see another Democrat here." She informed me that she was not a Democrat, but had "declined to state" on her voter registration. I gulped, but then introduced her to a number of publishers in the room.

She had not been active in the CNPA, leaving that to her editor, Walter P. Jones, and seemed appreciative that I introduced her to others she did not know. I found her to be a very gracious lady.

President Kennedy and Pierre Salinger then joined the group and greeted all. Kennedy seemed well briefed as to his guests, with personal greetings to each,

We then went into the State Dining Room. At the luncheon, Eleanor, being the only woman present, was seated on the right of the president, and Bill Knowland, who had served in the U.S. Senate with Kennedy, was seated on the left. As for the rest of us, the White House staff had used a fishbowl with our names drawn out, to arrange the seating. I was seated between Charles Theriot of the San Francisco Chronicle and Jim Copley of the San Diego Union.

We waited to start eating until Kennedy picked up his fork, but complications began when desert was served and the president waived off the waiter. Eleanor McClatchy gave the starting signal by picking up her fork.

As for my faux pas, I still think that anyone reading the Sacramento Bee would assume that the publisher was a Democrat.

OBITUARIES

Ralph Soulier

Ralph Soulier of Rumsey died at Sutter Memorial in Sacramento on Tuesday, March 14 at age 78.

Mr. Soulier was born March 16, 1927 in Delano to Ralph and Angelina Soulier. He had been a Yolo County resident for 75 years. After 35 years of employment, he retired from Contadina.

Survivors include Mr. Soulier's sisters, Charlotte Apodaca and Virginia Wuest, both of Woodland and Gloria Lucero of Elk Grove; his brothers, Chenie "Senobeo" Soulier of Woodland and Robert Soulier of Winters; his niece, Lorraine Apodaca and numerous other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Florence Aguilar, Henrietta Gutierrez and Marie Losoya; and his brother, Eugene Soulier.

A funeral was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 20 at McNary's Chapel in Woodland. Internment was at St. Joseph's cemetery.

Berryessa drops .39 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .39 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 7,975 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 441.34 feet above sea level, about 15 inches over the spillway, with storage com-

puted at 1,628,226 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 60 second feet of water into Putah Creek South Canal and 3,109 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 76 acre feet of water per day during the week.

YESTERYEAR



File photo
In February, 1982, these junior high school cooks, members of the student chef class, prepared and served a spaghetti dinner for 90 people. Pictured, left to right: Rennie Wolever, Isabel Campos, Annette Rojo, Beverly Cook, Sherrie Carando and Angela Tsang.

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YEARS AGO

April 1, 1971

Captain William Brady, of Winters, is due home this weekend after a year's duty in Vietnam. Following a 30 day leave, the Brady family will follow Captain Brady to his new assignment at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Word has been received that HM3 Martin E. Kelly has been serving as a medic with the Second Combined Action Group in Diem Ben, Vietnam, about 30 miles from Da Nang.

Approximately 20 volunteers turned out Saturday to remove old paint from the Scout Cabin and give the building a first coat of paint. Mrs. David Harvey's Girl Scouts and Mrs. Robert Scadden's Brownie troop furnished coffee, cookies and cake, and California Market provided soft drinks.

David Mattos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mattos, was bitten by a rattlesnake in his left hand Saturday, while in the Lake Berryessa area. A companion, Hal Wulff, had a Boy Scout snakebite kit, and provided first aid. He was taken to the Davis Community Hospital, and expects to be released on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lorenzo and children, Bradley, John, Cheryl, Jeff and David arrived home on Monday, March 29, from a 33 day trip which took them to Morocco, where they attended the wedding of John Molina; through Spain where they visited with Al's uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lorenzo, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lorenzo and Mrs. and Mrs. William Lorenzo, all of Chiva.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hill, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born March 25, 1971, in the Woodland Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. David Veliz, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born March 29, in the Davis Memorial Hospital.

Winters' Rich Chiles was named Saturday to the Houston Astro's 25 man squad which will open the baseball season on Monday, April 5, in the Astrodome against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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YEARS AGO

April 5, 1956

Work on clearing up damage caused by winter storms to the Monticello Dam project is proceeding at top speed and construction should be resumed within 30 days, according to B.P. Bellport, resident engineer.

The Winters Merchant's Association is giving a free matinee movie this Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Winters Theatre for all children of the Winters community.

John Hricinak, who pitched for the Winters Merchants baseball team three years ago, is now pitching for the Los Angeles Angels in the Pacific Coast League.

Fred Heringer, regional director of the Farm Bureau, will be the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the local Farm Center, to be held April 11 at the Masonic Hall. He will be introduced by Charles Hamilton, center chairman.

A 1/c Lewis O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. O'Brien, took as his bride Miss Phyllis Vanoss of Baltimore, Maryland, at a pretty ceremony performed by Rev. Arnold Dockery at the First Christian Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Gregory, of Fresno, spent Easter Sunday with his mother, Mrs. L. H. Gregory, of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Todrank and three children of Sacramento spent Easter with Mrs. Todrank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Niemann.

Peter Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hunter, entertained a group of friends at a picnic party Thursday last.

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YEARS AGO

April 4, 1941

The stage is set for featuring the 12th annual flower show tomorrow afternoon and evening. Mrs. William Pugh is program chairman.

2.29 inches are recorded at the Edwin F. Udell ranch for the past storm making the total rainfall this season 32.13 inches against 23.64 in 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Chulick, Mrs. Henry Johnston and children, motored to Jackson Sunday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. M. Chulick, Jr.

Bob Crum, Berkeley student was a weekend visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Crum.

Mrs. W.W. Stark is substituting at the grammar school in the 8th grade class for Principal J.M. Clayton who has the mumps.

Irwin Harris accepted a position in the ammunition department at Mare Island about a week ago. He is home weekends.

Friends have received messages from Karl Forden, former resident, stating that he is in U.S. Navy service in Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Neel have received word that their son Edwin Neel graduated March 29 from the Air Corps Technical School in Chanute Field, Illinois.

Mrs. Burr Leach was hostess at a neighborhood party yesterday afternoon at her home in the McMahon district. Honor guest was Mrs. William Roeber of New Jersey, guest of relatives in the district.

Mrs. H. Roy Brinck, Mrs. Herbert Laycock and Mrs. E.R. Crum attended the book section meeting Saturday of the Vacaville Saturday Club.

Weekly
police report

Feb. 13-March 14

~ On the 1100 block of McArthur Avenue, forcible entry was gained to a vehicle and property was stolen. Loss: \$490.

March 7

~ At an unknown location, a rear license plate was stolen from a vehicle.

March 9

~ On the 200 block of Emery Street, a trailer hitch was stolen from a vehicle. Loss: \$50.

March 11

~ Mary Brennan Cooper, 44, of Winters was driving northbound on Railroad Avenue. A vehicle owned by Nancy K. Lester, of Rancho Cordova, was parked on the west curb line of Railroad Avenue south of

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YEARS AGO

April 6, 1906

The new firm of Anderson Baker Co. is now doing business in the Masonic building. The young men in immediate charge of the store are well and favorably known to the people of this vicinity, and Mr. Baker having had some ten years experience in the best stores of Sacramento will be able to keep a stock suited to the needs of the patrons.

T.T. Eibe this week purchased the Church place.

The stone for the Seaman monument, which the Bertholets will erect over the graves of the late Henry Seaman and wife, in Masonic Cemetery, has arrived.

Wm. Baker reached his 72nd birthday Sunday, April 1, and as has been his custom took dinner with Mrs. Walter Chapman, whose birthday occurs on the same date, Mrs. Baker accompanying him.

A picked baseball team, composed of the best players of Winters and Davisville, will go to Woodland Sunday to cross bats with the Woodland team. Among those who will go from here are Will Hoy, J.R. Griffin, R.H. Jeans and L. Moody Jr.

The polling place for the municipal election next Monday will be in the Bertholet building, corner of Main and First Street, instead of in the Cascade warehouse.

In a ceremony April 3 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Cook, Miss Mary Henderson (Eyerly), who made her home with the Cooks, was united in marriage to William Irwin Baker, son of Dr. S.K. Baker of Solano County, Rev. H.C. Culton officiating.

Garbage collection, recycling focus of community workshop

A community workshop dedicated to discussing new garbage collection and recycling programs and services will take place on Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. The city of Winters intends to open bids for a new garbage collection and recycling contract that begins on Sept. 1.

The new contract will include garbage collection and recycling services and programs for Winters residents and businesses. City staff are in the process of evaluating the programs and services to be included in the new contract and

are interested in hearing input from local residents and business owners.

Programs under consideration include:

- ~ New recycling carts for all residents.

- ~ Choice of three garbage cart sizes, with a variable monthly rate.

- ~ Collection options for appliances, furniture and household hazardous wastes.

- ~ Increased recycling opportunities for local businesses.

Anyone interested in helping to shape the city's solid waste management system is welcome to attend.

Parking lot contract awarded

The City Council awarded Vintage Paving a construction contract on Feb. 21 for the New Parking Lot at Winters Rotary Park. The project includes a new 84-stall public parking lot adjacent to the existing Community Center and Rotary Park. It also includes storm drain improvements, curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveways, decorative lighting and landscaping. The additional parking and landscaping improvements are being constructed to enhance the downtown commercial environment. Funding is being provided

from CDA bond proceeds.

The construction period is March 20 through July 7. During that period, accessibility to the existing Community Center parking lot will be restricted. Traffic restrictions on East Main Street, between Railroad and East, will occur from March 27 through April 14.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Alan Mitchell, Ponticello Enterprises, project manager for the Public Works Department, 795-4910, ext. 116.

Volunteers needed

The Winters Center for the Arts, located at 31 Main Street, is seeking volunteers to keep the gallery open on Thursday and Friday evenings, as well as from 3-9 p.m. on Saturday and hours to be announced on Sunday.

No experience is necessary. The main qualifications are reliability and interest.

For more information, call 795-2009.

Parade entry forms available

Entry forms are available for the 70th annual Winters Youth Day Parade to be held on Saturday, April 29, in historic downtown Winters.

Cash awards, trophies and ribbons are again being offered to the best in a number of categories including floats, autos, bands, marching units, fire trucks, novelty entries

and horses. Professional C.S.H.A. judging will be provided for all equestrian entries. There is no entry fee to participate and everyone is welcome.

For entry forms, call Parade Chairman Mike Sebastian, 795-2091, or go to Winters City Hall, 318 First Street. The entry deadline is April 15.

Household hazardous waste drop-off day planned at landfill

The Yolo County Planning, Resources and Public Works Department, Division of Integrated Waste Management is sponsoring another Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off Day at the Yolo County Central Landfill on Saturday, March 25. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.yolocounty.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, 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. Household hazardous waste collection events are held every other month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Remaining collection days for 2006 are: March 25, May 20, July 15, Sept. 9 and Nov. 18.

Residents are also encouraged to attend the reusable items day the Saturday following HHW drop-off events. The next reuse pick-up date is April 1, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Reusable items from the HHW event (paint, cleaners, etc.) are available free of cost at this event.

Business hazardous waste from small quantity generators is accepted for a fee by appointment only. Call (800) 433-5060 to schedule an appointment.

Workshops on planners' agenda

There are no action items on the Tuesday, March 28, planning commission agenda, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Following a status report on a planning review project, three workshops and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scooping sessions will be held for the Village on the Park residential project, located directly south of NC Foliage on Railroad Avenue, featur-

ing 75 townhouses or condominiums on five acres zoned R-4; the Mary Rose Gardens residential project, located on the remaining piece of the Carter Ranch project at 415 Grant Avenue, featuring 28 homes; and the 723 Railroad Avenue residential/commercial project, located at the former location of MC Refrigeration, featuring 24 residential lots for town homes and nine commercial spaces.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO
**BECAUSE
I SAY SO**

IT HAD TO ROLL AROUND sooner or later — the 2008 presidential election. Couldn't we think about something more pleasant, like income taxes?

The pollsters are already falling all over themselves over who's out in front and who will beat who and blabbity blabbity blab. So far, it seems Hillary Clinton is a shoe-in for the Democratic nomination. Which means a landslide Republican victory. This doesn't mean Clinton is unqualified or inferior. It just means she won't win. Too many people despise her, on a knee-jerk level. She's just, well, icky.

The only way the acerbic, wooden Clinton stands a chance of winning is against Republican Condoleezza Rice, the quintessential Good Girl who will tap dance double-time for a pat on the head and thinks George W. Bush pisses perfume. As I said before, it would be a race between the two most unlikely women on earth. Woe is us.

Should both gals get snubbed, I predict Dubya's heir apparent, John McCain, will finally get his moment in the Republican sun. If so, he needs to rub the brown off his nose with his "I support the President" drone.

McCain. Dude. Check Dubya's poll numbers! The man's poison! Approval rating 37 percent and falling like a rock. Don't utter his name except to say "George Who?"

As for the Democrats, they'll predictably nominate someone who's unelectable. Were I in charge, Senators Joe Biden and Barack Obama would be the Democratic ticket. Experience and youth. Black and white. Tough and eloquent. They'd be one fearsome duo to contend with. But McCain would give them a run for their money. He might even win.

Just imagine — McCain vs. Biden. Two articulate candidates with opposing views and a wealth of experience. We could actually get behind a candidate enthusiastically, rather than half-heartedly cast a vote for the least bad choice. But before we dare to dream about such a scenario, we must hit the rewind button to 2004. There's some unfinished business. It's not who won that's the issue, it's how they won.

The electronic voting machines used in the 2004 elections have come under fire from consumer groups and on web sites like www.blackboxvoting.org and www.bradblog.com. Pity the same can't be said of the mainstream media, let alone Congress. The facts are there. But nobody will touch them with a ten-foot pole.

The bipartisan General Accountability Office issued a report on Sept. 21, 2005 stating that "Studies found (1) some electronic voting systems did not encrypt cast ballots or system audit logs, and it was possible to alter both without being detected; (2) it was possible to alter the files that define how a ballot looks and works so that the votes for one candidate could be recorded for a different candidate; and (3) vendors installed uncertified versions of voting system software at the local level... some of these concerns were reported to have caused local problems in federal elections — resulting in the loss or miscount of votes — and therefore merit attention."

Noting "significant concerns" from election officials, computer security experts and citizen advocacy groups regarding electronic voting machines — including weak security controls, system design flaws, inadequate security testing, incorrect system configuration and poor security management — the report states, "there is evidence that some of these concerns have been realized and have caused problems with recent elections, resulting in the loss and miscount of votes."

"In light of the recently demonstrated voting system problems; the differing views on how widespread these problems are; and the complexity of assuring the accuracy, integrity, confidentiality, and availability of voting systems throughout their life cycles, the security and reliability concerns raised in recent reports merit the focused attention of federal, state, and local authorities responsible for election administration."

Need I point out that this focused attention never happened.

Included on the GAO's lengthy list of actual incidents of electronic voting glitches is this: "A malfunction in a DRE system in Ohio caused the system to record approximately 3,900 votes too many for one presidential candidate in the 2004 general election."

Please, please, please reread that last sentence. Remember Ohio's role in 2004? If this doesn't send chills down your All-American spine, I don't know what will.

What does this mean in 2008? It means all this fuss over who's ahead in the polls is moot. As are our votes. Who will get elected? Whoever the person at the end of the remote access likes best.

A little focused attention, please. And hurry.



"HECK, IF YOU WEREN'T RUNNING THE PLACE, I'D REPORT YOU TO HOMELAND SECURITY!"

LETTERS

Safe sidewalks first priority

Dear Editor,

Making Winters look pretty for prospective tourists is really great; it might even generate some revenue for the local businesses. I'm all for it... but! Doesn't anyone else think, maybe at this time the money would be better spent on the safety of our children?

I say use the money that is going to be spent on the corners of Main and Railroad, for putting in side-

walks along the high school on Railroad and Hemenway instead.

I've heard that we can't put a sidewalk along Hemenway because of the trees. Well cut the dang trees down and put some sidewalks in. It's a dangerous street to walk or ride a bike on — anyone who has done so knows it. Putting a tree above the safety of our children is terrible.

DAVE COX

Doesn't want bikers in town

Dear Editor,

Well, today (Sunday the 19th) was big hog day — the day the bikers can roar into Winters and let their hair down, drink as much as they can for the next four hours and roar out of town. Yes, at about 9 a.m. I awoke to the roar of bikers coming into town. What noise.

This year, I did a survey downtown. First, I went by the police station and counted the patrol cars parked. Hmm. There were four parked, with no drivers in sight. That meant two were watching the crowd of bikers, of about 250 bikes estimated. But after the first hour, no patrol cars seen.

So, three of us went in different directions through Winters. Nothing. We even went to the old hideout, the cemetery. We could not find one patrol car in town. This went on this way for the next couple hours, when at 2:30, one car showed up at the police squad room. He must have needed to go to the dump station assigned to them. Then he proceeded to leave in the other direction out of town. No drive by Main Street for drunk bikers.

Yes, folks, the foxes had the town to themselves for four hours with no police around. The big bar on Main Street could not keep up with the bar services. Lots of booze sold, folks.

At about 3 p.m., the bikers oozed out of town, doing rolling stops and doing their thing. Then we noticed at about 4:40 p.m. a patrolman drives into town through Main Street

and is gone.

We did this same survey on New Year's Eve. The chief was on duty at 9 p.m. in his unmarked car, running the command central, and all six patrol cars were in position. It was funny, because there were so many in the downtown area, they were almost the only ones moving — looking for drunks. Well, hardly anyone showed up to the local bars on New Year's Eve, so the six patrol cars concerted their efforts on the local Mexicans.

Now, the question is, how does this happen in our town? Well, it looks like our ex-chief, now a city father handpicked by the downtown bunched, LLC, that run Winters have put the squeeze on our new chief. Yes, the one that wanted to hire 10 more patrolmen, and the one that wants the \$1.3 million police station to control crime in Winters.

Heck, the city of Winters was on automatic without police today, and no one got shot or knifed. Just a lot of drunk bikers, though. The question that the taxpayers (should ask) is why does this happen? So three local bars can sell a bunch of booze? Yes, folks, that's the bottom line. All their money goes for beer and hard liquor.

It's about time the folks in Winters say "enough is enough." Our city council voted to have these bikers come in to Winters so three bars could clean up. What about the rest of the 99.9 percent of the taxpayers that don't want this in our city? Speak up.

RICH VILLALOBOS

Pet owners should be responsible

Dear Editor,

First of all, not every pit bull is a demon and not every violent dog is a pit bull. In my life I have encountered four different dog breeds that would bite if you got too close: sheltie, cocker spaniel, Doberman pincher, and Yorkshire terrier. One of the most affectionate and gentle dogs I have ever owned was a Staffordshire Terrier, commonly referred to as a pit bull.

In my opinion, the increased number of dog-attack-related columns boils down to this: If you're going to have pets, prepare to deal with the associated risks and responsibilities.

I acknowledge the risk if

my cats roam free; a car, dog, person, or other animal may do them harm. I accept responsibility for their safety by keeping them indoors. I acknowledge the risk that if my dog gets loose; he could do harm to other animals, people or property or be caused harm. I accept responsibility by insuring he's in the house while I'm home, in a secure yard when outside, and on leash when we're out.

My dog was not always a perfect citizen. He used to jump the fence. Ninety-five percent of the time, it was because another dog or cat was in our front yard. I took responsibility

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CHARLES R. WALLACE
**A QUICK
OPINION**

A VOTE FOR GROWTH. I was a little surprised by the 4-3 planning commission vote last week. Maybe I shouldn't have been, but I couldn't see how the planners could turn down the Highlands project after they okay the last three developments. Highlands is by far the better of the projects, especially if you consider all that we, as citizens, will receive from the developers.

There was a recent phone poll, which I participated in, asking if we would pay more for local services. There were also questions about the quality of police and fire service. According to the initial results most people said no to any type of new tax. Even \$10 a month is too much for most people to pony up for added city services.

The developers behind Highlands are going to pony up about \$3,200 for every person currently living in the Winters area, just so they can build in our wonderful city. Part of the estimated \$32,000,000 (that 32 million dollars) is going to pay for a new swimming pool, which won't be available for use this summer. Without development, we will no longer have a town pool. Maybe that is okay with some of you, but there are a lot of children, and adults, who participate in this summer activity.

When Al Vallecillo, Ed Ross and Pierre Neu voted against the Highlands subdivision, I saw it as a vote against the pool, the schools and Winters merchants. That might be too simple a thought process, and I'm sure they have their reasons why they voted against the project, but their no votes still surprised me.

I've preached before about how well we've done as a city keeping our growth rate down and the size of our city small. When you hear statements about how fast we are going to grow and how the next subdivision is going to be the ruin of us, I just roll my eyes and wonder how long they have lived in Winters, and why they think, all of a sudden, we've become competent enough to grow. You may think the official slogan for the City of Winters is "Winters, where springtime is forever." It is really, "Winters, too incompetent to grow."

If we use the graduation class standard for growth. Taking the graduating class and dividing by 2, you come up with the number of homes we should build each year. If we could average 75, I'd be a happy camper. Our city fathers are about to approve about 700 total homes and apartments. Divide by 75 homes per year, and you will see we won't be growing at an unreasonable rate. Remember, by the time developers build a new home in Winters we will be approaching six years without measurable growth. Not only do we have a declining student population, we have a declining citywide population, but I digress.

Highlands now moves on to our city council for final approval. I don't see a lot of opposition at the council level, but you never know. The council is also in charge of our money, so they have a better understanding of what \$32,000,000 will do for our city and schools.

When you think about how many people we've added over the last 20 years, look around and see who is running our community. A lot of the people volunteering are new to our community. Just because we add new homes doesn't mean our small town attitude toward each other has to change. I'll admit there are a few new people I'd like to send to Esparto, and there are a few older residents who would like to send me down Putah Creek, but that's life.

HOG HEAVEN. I enjoyed the motorcycles that came to town last Sunday. It seems not everyone shares my love of chrome, but I hope they return next year. These are perfect tourists. They come before lunch, spend a lot of money eating and drinking, and leave around 3:30 p.m., just in time to open up our downtown for the evening crowd.

Enjoy your weekend of sunshine, and have a good week.

Event planned to support soldiers

Dear Editor,

I'm sure that you know someone who has served our country at one time or another. Now is the time to show some support for our soldiers. Whether you support the war in Iraq or not, it doesn't matter because the main idea is that our soldiers, who are people just like us, need our support.

My name is Tiffany Martin and I am a senior at Winters High School. For my senior project, I have decided to raise money for the non-profit organization "Soldiers' Angels" which supplies the soldiers in Iraq and in other places throughout the world with care packages, pen-pals and whatever supplies are needed at the time. Soldiers' Angels allows the community to "adopt" soldiers who need a little extra support.

The organization has given me an opportunity to "adopt" a soldier, allowing me to pen-pal her in Iraq. I write to her every week and send care packages to her

every month.

On April 1, I am hosting a "Casino Night" fundraiser at St. Anthony's Parish Hall in Winters. The cost to get in is \$25 and you receive \$500 of play money. At the end of the night, you trade in your winnings for raffle prize tickets. You can place your tickets in a bag that represents the raffle prize that you are interested in.

We will have snacks and drinks available at any time, but because it's a casino night, you must be 18 or over to play.

Please email me at tiffany-martin2006@hotmail.com or call me at 220-4404 if you would like to purchase tickets or request further information.

And remember, all of the proceeds go toward Soldiers' Angels and their wonderful projects for the soldiers! Thank you in advance for your support of this cause. Hope you see you there!

TIFFANY MARTIN

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thanks will be edited out.

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Illegal immigration controversial

Dear Editor,

The Winters Express has not been shy to avoid controversial topics, among them gay rights and the bashing of the Bush. The immigration issue has been featured in Juan Fernandez's Spanish language column ever since he started writing it, and it is encouraging to learn that Debra has now joined the fray.

The whole "illegal alien" problem is a fear issue because it exposes a lot of insecurities and uncertainties, and provides fodder for politicians who realize a lot of people are upset about it. Mr. Fernandez admires the "indocumentado" and seems to be cheering him on. Debra, on the other hand, seems to have departed from her usual liberal agenda and has taken a hard-line position on the matter.

This is a sensitive subject that needs some dis-

cussion because it affects all of us. We now have 37 million people in California and because of population pressures, few of us can afford to buy a home in the undersupplied real estate market. The USA is the world's biggest energy user and worst polluter, and that means that the more people who move here, the more the Earth's environment will be damaged as a result.

On the other hand, Americans admire the work ethic and can't help feeling sorry for the person in a land where it is hard to make a living to look for opportunities elsewhere. And most Americans realize they are descendants of immigrants. As a result there is an ambivalent attitude toward the issue and it stymies intelligent discussion.

Mexicans and those of other nationalities find the issue close to their hearts. Resentment over the expansionist war of 1846-8 which gave the United States the North-

ern Half of Mexico has led some of the migrants to believe they are only re-inhabiting their own country and that everyone already here has to adjust to them rather than the other way around.

For those of us who were raised here, there is the fear that our own country is being taken away from us. But territorial changes are not unique to the United States or even Latin America, from where a large percentage of the unauthorized intruders have come from. Chile took Bolivia's coast, Costa Rica took the Nicaraguan province of Guanacaste, Panama declared part of Colombia a new country and Mexico annexed Chiapas from Central America, all part of the history of south of the border land grabs. If California was once part of Mexico, what was Mexico before that? It was, of course, taken from the Indians.

"Who's country is it anyway? We don't have to speak Spanish here!" These are some of the

emotional pitfalls that echo the cries of people perceived to be vigilantes. Mexico, out of its generous heart, allowed Americans in the 1830s to move to Texas, and what did those ungrateful gringos do? They rebelled and broke away! Maybe it can happen again in reverse. Whatever the opinion, it is clear that "open borders" is not a true solution. Mexico could open up its border with Guatemala but can't.

There was an amnesty here in 1986 and it didn't solve the thing it was supposed to solve but only encouraged more of it. Talk of another "amnesty" is in the air, but if it is enacted it will not be the last one. Meanwhile the "persecuted" undocumented aliens will continue to feed pigs, pull weeds and wash dish-

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sign of the wetlands will be directed by the city. Cheney showed a proposed wildlife mitigation preserve, which is a site four miles west of Winters. He expressed resistance to an alternate plan called "Alternative 3" that would include a small mitigation area on the site of the project.

The benefits generated for the city by the Highlands project include:

- ~ a top tier \$6.20 per ft. school fee.
- ~ \$3 million towards the new fire and police public safety center.
- ~ \$1.25m for the aquatic center.
- ~ \$90k towards the new water management plan.
- ~ \$150k towards a new library.
- ~ \$100k for preservation of Putah Creek.
- ~ \$50k for a high school cafeteria.
- ~ \$100k towards wetlands.

Chairman Ed Ross then opened the meeting for public comment, which brought comments from 21 speakers, for and against the project. Rory Linton supported the project, pointing out that most businesses in Winters are struggling and this project would help. A biologist and an attorney both spoke in favor of "mitigation banking" - creating a larger wildlife reserve area offsite. They did not support "Alternative 3," which would require a small reserve on the site. Phil Snow and Glenn Negri echoed Linton's comments in support of the project.

Tim Caro passed out a graph showing that the current projects along with this one would cause a much bigger than average growth rate in the next few years. He was in favor of delaying the Highlands project for two years and his graph showed that this change would produce a rate of growth that is more

consistent with our historical rate.

Kevin Jackson spoke in favor of "Alternative 3," which provides a Swainsons hawk reserve on the site. Charlie Rominger said the project would produce "awful traffic" on Grant Avenue, and that the closing of the Main Street circle should happen before this project. He supported industrial development in Winters before going ahead with the Highlands project and proposed moving the industrial zone out of the flood plain area to allow industrial projects in Winters.

"Where are these 2500 people going to buy their mustard?," Joe McCabe asked, referring to the lack of commercial sites in the area of the three current developments. Valerie Whitworth expressed concern about the erosion effects on Dry Creek. Sally Brown said that the current projects add 2500 people to the

population of Winters. "This is not smart growth, this is hyper-growth" said Brown

Chairman Ross closed the public comment part of the meeting. Commissioner Jack Graf expressed strong support for the project and praised Granite Bay developers for their "good faith negotiations." He particularly noted their agreement to the higher school fees.

Commissioner Joe Tramontana asked about Dry Creek erosion. Engineer Ponticello said that studies had found that recent subdivisions along Dry Creek had caused only minimal impact. Commissioners Cecilia Curry and Don Jordan spoke in support of Highlands and objected to the idea of delaying the project. Commissioner Al Vallecillo complimented the staff for their negotiations and their ability to "get the goodies." He supported slowing the phasing of the project. Commissioner

Pierre Neu said this was a "best development at the worst time." Ross supported giving priority to creating jobs through General Plan changes in the industrial zone.

Graf moved acceptance of the map with all staff recommendations intact. Neu proposed an amendment that would curb growth after this project to 1/2 of 1 percent until 2025, and move the industrial zone out of the flood plain. Graf did not accept the amendment. The motion carried with 4 yea votes (Graf, Curry, Jordan and Tramontana) and three nays (Vallecillo, Ross and Neu).

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tem are other challenges. Trustee Rodney Orosco, a Vacaville teacher, said that it is asking too much to have teachers input grades on a weekly basis. "We will get there," Mitchell responded.

The Aeries system also will be used by administrators and teachers to access individual student assessment data for improving instruction for English language learners.

The district allocates \$30,000 a year for technology improvements. System and infrastructure priorities presented to the board total well over \$200,000 for implementation, plus annual recurring costs for many of the suggested improvements. Improved system security and upgrading network connections account for much of the estimated costs, along with \$60,000 to move into a Microsoft Windows environment.

Trustees also had other technology-related concerns ranging from adequate computer classrooms and keeping the district's website up to date to who pays for and maintains teachers' laptop computers. They generally agreed that teachers are willing to buy their own laptops and would accept certain restrictions on those computers to insure system security in exchange for remote access

to district databases. They did not agree on the importance of an up-to-date website, given limited funding and other priorities. Trustees Robert Nickelson and Orosco thought the website should have a high priority because of the image it projects about the district. Trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa said that, considering limited resources, other areas are more important.

"We don't have the staff to maintain an up-to-date website," Mitchell responded.

The technology discussion was intended to keep the trustees current on the status of technology in the district.

Financial report

After hearing an interim financial report from district business officer Gloria Hahn, trustees unanimously passed a positive certification indicating that the district will be able to meet its financial obligations for at least the next two fiscal years.

Hahn noted that federal contributions to the school district's support continue to decrease and are down \$242,527 over the last two years. Despite budget cuts made last year and earlier this year, the district is projected to end the fiscal year with a \$187,618 decrease in its overall general fund balance and a \$361,160 decrease in unrestricted funds.

Hahn noted that, as

planning for 2006-07 begins, it will be critical to maintain the cuts already made and to continue to seek more efficient ways to use resources.

Personnel actions

Trustees, in a 6-1 vote, with Orosco casting the dissenting vote, approved a resolution eliminating secretarial, custodial and library positions that were casualties of recent cost-cutting action by the board.

The positions include two custodians, a full-time secretary and part-time (0.125 FTE) clerk typist at John Clayton School, a half-time independent study secretary, and a part-time (0.375 FTE) library clerk at Winters High school. The cuts are expected to save the district \$128,855.

Classified employee representative Rita Holder, earlier in the meeting expressed concern about the cuts and resulting workloads on the remaining staff.

In other employee actions, the trustees accepted the retirements of teachers Chris Castanon and Nick McClellan and the resignations of teachers Leslie Olaya and Priscilla Branthaver and part-time aides Barbara Levin and Dawn Mayes. They approved hiring Sari Johns as a payroll technician in the district office and Robert Riise as a part-time special education aide.

Linsey Murphy was hired as an intern counselor at the high school. Rosarie Espinosa-Cassidy, Leonila Fernandez and Sarah Moore were hired as child care providers.

Recognitions

Trustee recognized several students nominated for the Every Student Succeeding Award sponsored by the Association of California School Administrators. The students were Ivett Arellano, John Clayton Kinder School; Aaron Maher, Waggoner Elementary School; Lupita Ibarra, Shirley Rominger Intermediate School; Aldo Guzman, Winters Middle School; Danny Campos, Winters High School; and Xarielle Loki Tedder, Wolfskill Continuation High School.

The award recognizes outstanding achievement, often after overcoming personal or learning problems.

Trustees also presented certificates of appreciation to Winters Middle School student Raeann Ramos and parent Patricia Ramos for their accomplishments and contributions to the middle school.

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on April 6 at the district office, 909 W. Grant Ave.

Community

Ample rain lets star thistle flourish

BY MIKE McGRAW
Special to the Express

All the rain around Winters this season should give rise to a nice crop of spring weeds. The dreaded Yellow Star Thistle will reemerge in fields, poking at unsuspecting flesh, earning a well deserved reputation as one of the areas prime floral invaders (The yellow flower showing-up in people's lawns around town, right now, is the Bermuda buttercup, a less menacing weed). Looking beyond the showy Star Thistle is a group of weeds, not as conspicuous but equally deserving of scorn.

Grasses seem to be everywhere; covering school campuses, filling vacant lots, growing beneath woodlands, forming savannahs – swathing hill-sides, meadows and moors. So thorough is their presence, so subtle is their design that we forget to notice, to observe the intricacies of the world's most important plant family. Grasses are the oats that fatten the steer, the barley in my beer, the corn in the cooking oil, the wheat in French bread and the rice feeding better than half the world's population. Grasses have given us life and in return we have given some of them an opportunity to become weeds.

Mediterranean grasses have transformed California; short-lived annuals which turn a hillside brown before spring is half over. Species of oats, brome, rye and barley crossed the Atlantic with Europeans, first to elbow the native grasses then to push them aside, making the New World look Old. A field of dry withered brome in late April is an altercation to the land, something as incongruous to the natural scene as strip malls and freeways. When a grassy hilltop is cleared for a home, native habitat is affected but in many instances the dispossessed had themselves been 'dispossessors'. The new home is the latest change in a series of changes that had already taken place to the land.

If a person could go back in time, just a couple hundred years or so, before the rancheros and cattle, the picture of grasslands would be different. Instead of annuals, a livelier looking 'bunch' of perennial grasses, those species that survive a growing season, would dominate the scene. Densely tufted

clumps of Needle Grass would fill the open space between oaks with gently swaying blades of green and gold. Grasslands, even during oppressive summer months, might not resemble sun-scorched fodder but rather something inviting, a place where life continues through a calendar year. A walk into such a grassland could easily be done, space between bunches and a coarseness less evident than the annuals would make the experience enjoyable, possibly even inspiring enough to stop and write a poem.

The hills and fields around town are filled with weeds, making creative prose hard to come by when socks and shoes fill with Ripgut brome stickers. If cities, counties and the State had offered a bit of the same concern shown to native trees, perhaps more endangered grass habitat would be left to wax about. Native grasslands can be as impressive as oak woodlands. Thousand Oaks, in Southern California, at one time, could of easily been named "Million Bunches of Grass" – ok, not too lyrical, just trying to make a point.

Native grasses have not yet been condemned to a Dodo's fate. They can still be found smothered among non-native grasses and other weeds, vying for space against plants that mature, flower and set seeds rapidly. Annuals are able to out-compete perennials by monopolizing resources especially water during optimal periods of growth and reproduction.

Bromes, oats and ryes are often referred to as "Winter Annuals", grasses adapted to the cool, wet growing season of California's Mediterranean climate. Because an annuals life is short, a tremendous amount of energy is devoted to aggressively perpetuating the next generation. Time and limited resources is not wasted on excess leaves and roots, these are features of individuals planning to be around for awhile, not brief interlopers. Annuals are sparingly attached to the earth; just enough roots in the soil to gather water and nutrients to send-up a flowering stalk. Perennials, in contrast, produce many infertile leafy stalks as a means of ensuring that adequate photosynthetic energy is

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Big on enthusiasm



Photo by Charles Wallace

Winters bagpiper Dave Parkhurst brought some Celtic spirit to St. Patrick's Day by performing at the gazebo in Rotary Park on Friday, March 17. Although the crowd was small, the enthusiasm was big, even among the littlest spectators.

Art Walk musicians sought

The Winters ArtWalk group is looking for musicians to play at upcoming ArtWalks, which are held on the first Saturday of each month in downtown Winters.

"Art Walk Saturdays are great opportunities for both budding and established musicians to play their music, get some exposure, add to the art environment of Winters, and have a great time," says Rebecca Bresnick Holmes, publicity coordinator.

Any musician interested in performing can call 795-9505.

AA meets three times every week

Local meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are held on Thursdays at 8 p.m., Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. (book study) at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. Adults are welcome at all meetings. There is no charge to attend.

Blood drive scheduled

The Winters Lions Club and BloodSource will host a community blood drive on Monday, on March 27, at the Community Center, 3-7 p.m.

To give blood, you must be in generally good health, free from cold symptoms for at least 48 hours; be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent); and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit for donat-

ing blood. Prospective donors must bring a photo ID.

The entire process takes about an hour. All participants will receive a coupon for a free personal one-topping pizza from Round Table Pizza.

For more information, call (800) 995-4420, ext. 1007.

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acquired so below ground portions of the plant can survive periods of dormancy – often, a flowering shoot will not even appear until the second growing season.

An additional advantage annuals have over their long-lived relatives is an ability to readily self-fertilize. Since only a single opportunity is given to reproduction, it's essential that annuals not be too concerned about cross-pollination. Time cannot be wasted; genetic diversity can be put aside, it's more important to put seeds in the ground before the plant withers and dies.

The remains of annuals are always piling up on perennials. Brome wilts like a carcass over Needle Grass, smothering the bunchgrass, leaving it as forlorn as a song sparrow in a flock of starlings. Not only do exotic grasses greedily take the water while alive, they insist on taking the sun after death. A Needle Grass seedling has a tenuous hold on the grassland; competition for water, nutrients, light and two hundred years of overgrazing has put it at a disadvantage.

Annual grasses have displaced native perennial

grasses as well as affecting the overall diversity in a plant community. Bunchgrasses offer room between the bunches, a place for lilies, lupines and larkspurs to paint a field in spring color, whereas annual grasses, like Ripgut Brome, mat a field, reducing space for herbs to grow.

As far as being a weed goes, exotic grasses have a big advantage over most other non-native plants – the wind. Wind pollination, the ability to eliminate pollinators (the birds and the bees) and move grains of pollen by a breeze, has brought cosmopolitan success to the grass family. Wherever the wind blows, grasses can happily have sex while at the same time adding misery to the lives of allergy sufferers.

Exotic grasses are super weeds, opportunists that are here to stay by virtue of their survivability. However, restoring native grasslands is a worthwhile challenge. Attempting to meet this challenge keeps a little piece of old California from completely drifting away. The fuss people make about weeds in a garden needs to be broadened beyond the backyard. In doing so, we add beauty, recreational enjoyment and integrity to the land.

Spring eye allergy season is just around the corner

By ED ANDERSON, O.D.
Special to the Express

As the fruit and nut trees blossom and the hills turn green, allergy season is just around the corner. Many people who experience allergic sinusitis often experience ocular (or eye) allergies.

The front of the eye (the conjunctiva) is an extension of the sinuses and often gets red, inflamed, scratchy and itchy when you are experiencing allergies within your sinuses.

Oral allergy medications often help with these eye symptoms, but not always. Today, we have a variety of prescription eye allergy drops that are very effective. Your eye care or health care provider can prescribe them for you.

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es and take care of our needs in exchange for us looking the other way. It is really hard to weigh in on this subject. What is the solution? Is there one at

all, short of throwing up electrified fences and putting in land mines? Perhaps we should ask the Native American for advice. When asked on how to run things he said, “Watch your immigration”.

ROBERT FISCHER

DOGS

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for the risk he created by building an elaborate dog run, arranged doggy day care while we work and keep him indoors when we're home. I also invested a lot of time and effort into obedience training.

If you have a dog that consistently escapes, try crate training, keeping it indoors, or finding more suitable accommodations. If you have cats that wander the neighborhood, keep an eye on them or train them to be indoor animals. I beseech every animal owner to please identify your pets' risks and take the necessary responsibility to keep them safe.

Yolo County is the agency providing Animal Control but is not their responsibility to control your animal. Get it? We as a community have become remiss about the safety of our animals. They are only

animals and rely on us to protect them.

These stories of children being bit and family pets being mauled are undeniably tragic but; What are we as a community going to do about it? How many family pets will be mauled? How many more children chased? How many neighbors are going to resort to physical violence? Have you ever called Animal Control to report a stray dog? Have you documented and then complained about their response time? Have you ever called the city and filed a complaint? Have you reported the incidents of a dog charging you and scaring you half to death?

If you don't report, how can the city and county identify and deal with the problem effectively? As more houses are built and more people move in, the animal problem is going to get exponentially worse.

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Entertainment



Goudie to perform at Wesley Hall

Katie Goudie was born and raised on a farm in Winters. Her first experiences singing in front of people took place at a synagogue in Vallejo, where she studied the Hebrew melodies of the Torah for her Bat Mitzvah.

Goudie is a graduate of Winters High School class of 2000, where she not only played first chair piccolo and flute, but served as the drum majorette for the marching band as well. Soon she started to perform the National Anthem for football games and parades in Winters.

Goudie is a self-taught pianist who plays what she feels, and transforms her thoughts full of emotion into music. Her passion for vocal expression and natural talent has become evident with each new song Goudie has written. The alternative pop artist has written and recorded over 25 songs in the last year.

Recently, Gaudie has connected with producer Joe Menegus and signed with independent record label, Pocket Records. Together they have put together a band, seeking out musicians who are great players as well as great people. Currently Goudie and band are working in the studio on their first full-length album.

Goudie's unique sound and songwriting style has been compared to that of Joni Mitchell and Fiona Apple. She will appear Saturday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the Coffee House at Wesley Hall in Winters.

Wesley Hall is a family friendly venue featuring alternating concert and open mic entertainment every other Saturday night. It is located at 205 Russell Street.

Vacaville Farmers Market features entertainment

Starting on Friday, April 28, there will be a wide variety of family oriented entertainment in Town Square in Historic Downtown Vacaville.

Stop by on Wednesdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and enjoy lunch time performances by local musicians, dancers and artists. If Wednesday is too busy for you, stop by early Friday evenings from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and take pleasure in similar performances (except for June through August as the Creekwalk Concert series is taking place). Our Farmers Market will be taking place on Satur-

Ramblin' 'round



Courtesy photo

The Putah Creek Ramblers are putting the finishing touches on their bluegrass style songs for Note of Elegance. The Ramblers support school music by sharing their time and talents for evenings of local talent. On March 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, many local performers will come together to give the audience a great evening of music and dance. The tickets for this event, sponsored by Winters Music Boosters, can be purchased at Winters High School or Ace Hardware.

April Art Walk features special events

The next Winters Art Walk takes place on Saturday, April, 1 in downtown Winters, 12-6 p.m. On that day, Briggs & Co. will feature several special events in addition to regular Art Walk events. Some participants may have different Art Walk hours, as listed. The complete listing and map is available and printable online at www.PorFinPottery.com.

~ Steady Eddy's Coffee House, 5 E. Main St. 795-3588. Exhibit of ceramic art by Sharon Bloom, though May 6. Meet the artist and get her autograph. Sharon will be signing T-shirts with the new Steady Eddy's "Instantly Comfortable" logo that she designed. 4-7 p.m. Also through May 6, pottery by Rebecca Bresnick Holmes (www.porfinpottery.com). Art Walk hours: 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

~ The Palms, 13 Main Street, First Floor hallway, 902-0705, www.palmsplayhouse.com. Winters Tales: Oral History Project by photographer Jamie Chomas, ongoing. Art Walk hours: 4-8 p.m.

~ The Arte Junction, 308 Railroad Avenue, 795-3297, www.theartejunction.com. "Urban and Ruralscapes," by Deborah

Cushman of Sebastopol, through May 6. See calendar at www.theartejunction.com. Late afternoon artist reception. Art Walk hours: 4-8 p.m.

~ Briggs & Co., 820 Railroad Avenue, 795-9505, sbriggs@rustology.com. Art Instruction: painting with Marie Therese Brown, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with gourmet lunch served at 1 p.m. \$60 per person, space is limited. Meet paper mache artist Melissa Terrick. Calolea olive oil tasting. Art to benefit Charity Gala (proceeds to Yolo Family Service Agency) with live and silent auction, 6 p.m., featuring local artists, including Heidi Bekebrede, Marie Therese Brown, Philippe Gandiol, David Hollowell, Terry Hollowell, Linnea Wong and many others. Live performances by OK Chorale, Rubber Soul Mates, Flatland String Band and others. For more information, call 662-2211. Art walk hours: 12-10 p.m.

~ Berryessa Gap Vineyards, 15 Main St., 795-3207, sbriggs@rustology.com. Photography by Dale Stephens. Meet the artist 3-6 p.m. Art walk hours: 12-6 p.m.

~ Lester Farms Bakery, 606 Railroad Avenue, 795-1474. "Shadow/Light" pho-

tography exhibit by Larry Powell, through May 31. Artist reception 3-6 p.m. Larry and his wife live in Woodland. He photographs landscapes and nature locally and around California. He is a retired school teacher, last working in the Woodland School District. He has produced a published photo essay journal on the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial. He shows and sells his art work around Yolo County.

~ Winters Center for the Arts, 31 Main Street, 795-5301. "The Ingredients for Stew," paintings by Mick Sheldon, through April 30. "A collection of the most pleasant paintings of my last 10 years." A series of works using vegetables and meat of a hearty stew. Art walk hours: 12-8 p.m. Artist reception, 6-8 p.m.

~ Regalare, 11 Main Street, 795-9000, regalare@sbcglobal.net. Digitally enhanced photography inspired by the world of insects by Cindy Cloud. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There is no charge to participate in the Art Walk. For more information call or e-mail Rebecca Bresnick Holmes, 795-0692 or Rebecca@porfinpottery.com.

Houston Jones to appear

Houston Jones will be playing at The Palms on Friday, April 7, at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$12.

Houston Jones is a San Francisco Bay Area based high-octane Americana quartet. The band performs a mostly original repertoire that ranges from bluegrass and folk to electric blues, rock and gospel. Featured is lead

vocalist Travis Jones. Playing lead acoustic and electric guitar is Glenn Houston. On stand-up bass is Chris Kee, and on drums is Peter Tucker.

Joining the band at The Palms on fiddle and mandolin will be Chojo Jacques and on keyboard and accordion, Henry Salvia. Chojo, Chris, Peter and Glenn are all alumni of the Waybacks.

Sports

Varsity softball team falls to Dixon

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity softball team was shutout last Wednesday, March 15, by the Dixon Rams 14-0. "We put ourselves in a hole from the beginning," said coach Traci Calvert. "We gave up five runs in the first against a great Dixon team and they capitalized on our errors." Adrienne Lizarraga and Jessica Graham had the only hits for the Warriors both batting 1 for 2. "I've been very impressed with Adrienne's hitting this year and today the team was swinging aggressively at good pitches," said Calvert. "But we faced probably the best pitcher we will see this season," Calvert added.

Graham pitched all six innings for the Warriors and had six strike outs. "I'm never happy with a loss but I feel good about where we are as a team," said Calvert. "We know what we need to work on, unfortunately with all the rained out games we don't have much time before our league games start. This is a building year for us. As long as I see steady improvement, I'm happy."

On Saturday, March 18, the Warriors played host to Yamhill-Carlton, a traveling team from Oregon and lost both games 13-0 and 11-1. Caitlin Calvert pitched the first six innings for the Warriors allowing just six hits, while striking out four and had three walks. Calvert also had the Warriors only hit with a single in the fourth inning.

In game two Graham pitched for the Warriors allowing 10 hits, while striking out two and had two walks. "Our pitching has been very good especially when you consider their youth," said coach Calvert. "Our error count is down but you can't win too many games when you make seven errors."

The Warriors only had two hits, one from Calvert and a RBI single from Lizarraga.

The Warriors will host Wheatland on Thursday, March 23, at the Winters Middle School in a Butte View League game.

JV softball start season 2-0

The Winters High School JV softball team has started their season strong by beating their first two opponents by a 10 run rule. The Warriors beat the Rio Vista Rams then beat Esparto on Thursday, March 9, then on Saturday, March 11, respectively.

Winning on wheels



Courtesy Photo
New Davis Bike Club Junior Race Team rider Alexis Braun of Winters capped the junior race as the top female finisher. at the Land Park Criterium on Saturday, March 18. The team took home the perpetual trophy for the juniors race and won first place in the junior men's and women's categories.

Track starts up at Chico; BVL opener next week

By Jay Shuttleworth
Special to the Express

CHICO—After nearly two weeks of rain-outs, the Winters High School track and field team opened its preseason at the North State Relays, a non-league varsity invitational hosted by CSU, Chico. The meet included 23 Northern Section schools and featured perennial track programs from Enterprise, Corning, Red Bluff, Chico, Pleasant Valley, and West Valley High Schools.

The highlight of the meet came near the end of the afternoon as the girls' mile relay squad broke the school record by 3.5 seconds. The team, featuring senior Natalie Cooley (65.6), junior Lauren Yehle (70.6), junior Leslie Contreras (71.1), and senior Courtney Carner (65.9) clocked 4:33.3. That time eclipsed last year's mark

set by Cara McCoy, Sophie Sears, Cooley and Carner. Friday's mile relay finished 2nd and just nipped BVL nemesis Gridley.

The girls 4x100 relay also shined on Friday, finishing third overall. The contingent of freshman Danielle Murphy, Yehle, sophomore Cindy Houck, and Contreras finished in an impressive 52.9 seconds.

The girls sprint medley team (200-100-100-400) also finished third overall. The squad of Murphy (29.9), Houck (14.0), freshman Alyssa Oxley (14.2), and Contreras (68.0) clocked 2:05.8.

In the only individual running event in the otherwise relay-only meet schedule, Yehle won the 100 hurdles in 16.8.

Several other girls squads notched respectable early season ef-

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JV's beat Dixon in bottom of 7th

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School JV baseball team beat the Dixon Rams 5-4 on Tuesday, March 14, at Winters High School with a seventh inning rally. The Warriors trailed 4-2 as they came up to bat in the bottom of the seventh inning, but put together a three run rally with aggressive hitting and base running.

Alex Huizar led off the seventh with a base hit. Patrick

Kuehn came in to pinch hit and moved Huizar with a base hit of his own. Cody Campos then scored Huizar and moved Kuehn to second off another Warrior base hit. Coach Daniel Ward then got aggressive on the bases as he called for a double steal that put Kuehn on third and Campos on second. Ray McIntire then came up and got a base hit to score both Kuehn and Campos for the Warriors victory. "We played aggressively and didn't make too many mistakes," said coach Ward.

Rafael Martinez started on

the mound for the Warriors and threw four solid innings, giving up three runs (only one earned), struck out five and gave up just one hit. McIntire threw the last three innings and gave up one unearned run and struck out two batters for the win.

At the plate Campos led the Warriors batting 3 for 4 with a double, two runs scored and a RBI. Kevin Rowell batted 2 for 3, while McIntire, Martinez, Kuehn and Huizar each had one hit.

White and Hellinger wrestle at state

Brandon White, sophomore at Winters High School, and Jesse Hellinger, freshman, wrestled in the Freshmen Sophomore State Championships on the weekend of March 12. Although they were the only two wrestlers from Winters, they both made sure that everyone knew about the Winters High School Warriors.

Brandon White came home with a 4 and 3 record and an 8th place medal. In the first round, he got a bye. In the second he wrestled a kid from Ogden High School and beat him 3-2. The next round was probably one of the most exciting matches of the tournament. "I have never seen Brandon wrestle like that before," said teammate Jesse Hellinger. Coach Tim Hausler said, "Brandon came out and just wrestled fer-

cious, he gave the kid more than he could handle." The final score was 7-8 and Brandon took home the win. He lost his next match by 7-4. He beat his opponents by five points in the next two rounds. In the 5th round, he had to wrestle a challenger until the last five seconds. In the final round for 7th and 8th place, Brandon lost because he threw a move and it backfired on him. Brandon White is one of the eight wrestlers out of fifty in his bracket to get a medal.

Jesse Hellinger came home with a 6-2 record and a 7th place medal. In the first round, Jesse got a bye. In the second, third and fourth rounds, he pinned his opponents. In the fifth round, Jesse had to wrestle an opponent who took first place in the tournament. He wrestled him well, but couldn't pull it off

and lost the match 5-1. In the next match, Jesse wrestled a challenger from Bakersfield, one of the better-known schools for wrestling. It was a very hard-fought battle by both of the wrestlers, but Hellinger took the victory with a 10-4 final score. In the next round Hellinger wrestled the challenger who would eventually place 5th in the tournament and lost 6-1. And in the final match for 7th and 8th, Hellinger ended up winning the match 15-12. Jesse Hellinger is one of the eight wrestlers to get a medal out of the ninety-six in his bracket.

Both wrestlers did an outstanding job this weekend. They are the first two boys to place in a high school state wrestling tournament from Winters High School.

Fly Fishers of Davis will meet March 28 at 7:30 p.m, 2727 2nd Street in Davis.

Shad expert Al Smatsky will discuss fishing strategies.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Caitlin Calvert

Caitlin Calvert, in just her freshman year at Winters High School has made her presence known as the top pitcher on the Warriors varsity softball team. Last week Calvert pitched against Yamhill-Carlton from Oregon, a very competitive team that plays year around and struck out four batters. Calvert was clocked at a consistent 54 miles an hour by a radar gun the other team was using. In the two games against Yamhill-Carlton, Calvert also led the team in batting as she went 2 for 3 at the plate with the Warriors only run scored.

Schools

FFA auction supports scholarship for students

By JACOB THORNE
FFA Chapter Vice President
Special to the Express

FFA members are known for their leadership qualities and raising livestock, but one thing people may not know is that the Winters FFA works very hard at supporting their graduating seniors. This year is no exception, as the annual Winters FFA Scholarship Auction will be taking place on Wednesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

Students from the FFA program auction off their services in groups and will work for four hours. Each group of students has their specialty, from house cleaning to doing yard work. All local business and families are urged to bid on their services.

The money raised from the event is awarded as scholarships to seniors in the FFA program. The seniors must hold the FFA State degree, fill out an application, write an essay and go through an interview process before being awarded a scholarship.

This year's event will be highlighted by the sale of the cooking skills of Susan Southworth, Winters High School secretary, who will be auctioning off a home-cooked meal for six with all the trimmings.

Last year, FFA members combined to sell for over \$3,000, so they are optimistic that they will continue to receive the support from the Winters community. Everyone is encouraged to "mark your calendars and contribute to a deserving senior's education, without any work!"



Courtesy photo
FFA members Francine Jimenez, Chad Carrion and Danny Campos will participate in the FFA auction, which will feature the cooking skills of Susan Southworth (center).

Art auction benefits counseling

Art to Benefit Charities will present an art auction with proceeds benefiting the Yolo Family Service Agency, which supports counseling services for low-income families.

The art auction will feature local artists, including Heidi Bekebrede, Marie Therese Brown, Philippe Gandiol, David Hollowell, Terry Hol-

lowell, Linnea Wong and others.

Entertainment will include performances by OK Chorale, Rubber Soul Mates and Mary Neri King.

The auction will be on April 1, 6-9 p.m. at 820 Railroad Avenue in Winters.

For more information, call 662-2211.

Solano College bond committee seeking members

The Solano Community College Governing Board approved the increase of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) from seven to nine members. The CBOC is now seeking members to fill two new seats on the board.

The CBOC is an independent citizen's committee that meets quarterly to review the progress of the projects funded through Measure G. They issue an annual report to the public on the Measure G bond expenditures.

The oversight committee is

seeking two members who live in the Solano College district which includes Vallejo, Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun, Dixon, and Vacaville in Solano County and Winters in Yolo County. Potential members will be asked to provide their background

and experience in the building industry.

Applications for membership are due by April 14 and may be obtained from the Administrative & Business Services Office, 4000 Suisun Valley Road in Fairfield or by calling (707) 864-7147.

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forts. The girls 4x200 quartet of Houck (29.0), Oxley (31.8), freshman Catherine Hasbrook (32.4), and Contreras (27.7) finished sixth in 2:01.5.

In the girls 4x800, the squad of senior Erica Jordan (2:59.4), senior Vanessa Rubio (2:59.3) sophomore Julia Millon (3:17.4), and senior Gabi Munoz (3:37.4) clocked 12:52.2 overall. The distance medley team (800-400-1200-1600) of Jordan (3:06.7), Houck (72.5), Millon (5:15), and Cooley (6:02.1) finished in 15:36.2.

On the boys' side, several outstanding efforts were

notched despite the absence of any returning varsity athletes. The 4x200 team of junior Johnny Lucero (26.0), freshman Ryan Hofstrand (26.1), freshman Cody Shafter (25.9) and senior Julian Fischer (26.4) clocked 1:44.4.

The distance medley team of junior Alvaro Zaragoza (2:32.6) Hofstrand (58.6), junior Jon Harper (4:14.3) and junior Mat Catalan (5:23) clocked 13:08.3. The 4x400 team of Catalan (57.7), junior Colton Crabtree (58.8), junior Cory Haraga (62.7), and Zaragoza (56.7) notched a 3:55.4.

The 4x800 team of Catalan (2:14.4), junior Sam Lanfranco (2:27.7), Lucero (2:21.4),

and Zaragoza (2:17.6) timed 9:21.1. The sprint medley team of junior Curtis Holabird (25.8), junior Ozzy Arce (12.8), Haraga (12.5), and Fischer (60.7) clocked 1:51.8. The 4x100 squad of Holabird, Shafer, Haraga, and Hofstrand finished in 48.8.

The Warriors have an intersquad meet on Thursday, March 23. They open BVL competition next Wednesday against Oroville and host Gridley. This early season match-up figures to carry some significance since Oroville's varsity girls and Gridley's jayvee girls were last year's league champions. Meet time is 3:30 p. m.

Solano College will hold its annual Career Faire on Monday, April 3 at 9 a.m. The Faire is open to the public.

Livestock Judging Team brings home honors

By JORGE HUIZAR
Special to the Express

The Winters FFA Livestock Judging Team, traveled to UC Davis to compete in the first FFA Livestock Judging contest of 2006. The members of this year's livestock judging team are John Avellar, Amy Cross, Jorge Huizar and Alex Thomson.

Avellar obtained High Individual in Sheep, Beef, Reasons, and High Individual overall. Cross fell shortly behind receiving the second High Individual overall. At the end of the day, Winters walked away with the High Team awards of Beef, Sheep, and Reasons, and placing second in the contest right behind Modesto High School by five points.

With their eyes set on winning their first contest in Livestock Judging, Win-

ters traveled to Tulare on March 11, for the Great Western Livestock Judging Contest. It was a cloudy, windy, and extremely cold day, but that didn't stop the team from performing at their best of their ability.

John Avellar received multiple High Individual awards including, Sheep, Beef, Reasons and High Individual overall. Alex Thomson fell shortly behind with the second high individual overall. Jorge Huizar placed fourth overall and received second High Individual in reasons, and the High Individual award in swine. Winters had a long, exciting trip home as they left with the High Team awards of Swine, Beef, Sheep, Reasons, and overall.

Blue Star banners available

Winters VFW Post 11091 will distribute Blue Star Service banners to the families in the Winters area who have sons and daughters in the military service.

This banner is displayed in a home window to signify that someone from that family is serving our country.

To receive a banner, call VFW quartermaster, John Sexton, 795-0831.

Features

Have a migraine headache ?

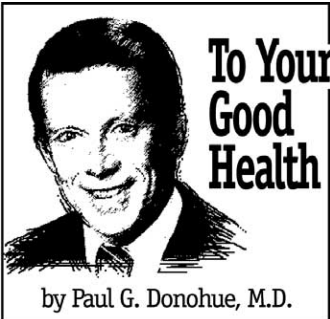
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have awful headaches. I sometimes see spots in front of my eyes and have a sick feeling in the pit of my stomach when I get the headaches. Everyone says they are migraines. Could you write something on this subject? — B.T.

ANSWER: Migraine headaches are almost always one-sided headaches with a pulsating beat to the pain that's often in synchrony with the heartbeat. Along with the migraine, people are frequently nauseated. The headache makes them sensitive to light and sound, and they look for a quiet, dark place to lie down. Activity worsens the headache. It lasts anywhere from four to 72 hours.

Some migraine sufferers experience what's called an aura before the headache begins. The aura can be flashing lights, a blind spot in the field of vision or a numbness of the face. Caffeine and some other foods and drinks can trigger a migraine. So can missing a meal. Menstrual periods can bring on headaches for some women. There are effective migraine medicines called triptans that have made life bearable for sufferers. There are also medicines that can prevent frequent recurrences of these headaches.

Tension headaches, the most common kind of headache, feel like a band of tightness that squeezes both sides of the head as though it were in a vise. They can last from 30 minutes to a full week. Usually there are no visual symptoms with the headache. I'm not convinced that you have true migraine headaches. See the family doctor. A few more pertinent questions can settle the issue. You might not have tension headaches, either. Yours could be one of the more uncommon types that need further investigation.

The headache booklet deals with this common complaint in depth. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue—No. 901 W. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is myopia inherited? Both my husband and I wear strong lenses for it, and we wonder if our children will also suffer from it. — K.D.

ANSWER: Myopia is nearsightedness — "sighted for near vision." Myopic people cannot clearly see things in the distance.

Genetics figure heavily into myopia. The chances are your children will also have it. They live in an era when glasses and contacts are not the only answer. LASIK procedures can reconstruct the cornea to clear myopia.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Why do I have ridges on my fingernails, and what can be done about them? — J.N.

ANSWER: Ridges that run from the base of the nail to its tip are usually age-related changes. They don't indicate any illness.

There isn't a whole lot to do for them. You can try buffing them with a soft file to make them less noticeable.

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.rbmamall.com. (c) 2006 North America Syndicate Inc. All Rights Reserved

Torture necessitates closure of Guantanamo Bay

It's really hard not to get upset when you hear Amnesty International's report "Beyond Abu Ghraib: Detention and Torture in Iraq." They report that nearly 4,000 people have been detained without charge for longer than a year, 200 imprisoned for more than two years. Some of the prisoners who are released report beating with plastic cables, electric shocks in flooded rooms, weight losses of 20kg, terrorizing with dogs, and the familiar black hoods still in use. Quite simply, allegations of torture continue to pour out of Iraq.

It's really difficult not to get upset when you hear about the force feeding of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. Eighty four prisoners started a hunger strike in order that they could face their accused. Habeas corpus that is central to our legal system. During the hunger strike, their blanket, towel, long pants and then shoes were taken from them; then they were put in isolation; then they were put in a chair and force fed. They were given "formulas" to open their bowels, strapped to a metal chair three times a day, and a tube was stuck through their nose to administer food. As one detainee said through his lawyer (no direct access to journalists is allowed), "Death in this situation is better than being alive and staying here without hope".

It's not easy to stay calm when you hear of Baghdad Air Force base in Afghanistan where thousands of prisoners are detained without trial, classified under a new term "enemy combatants" to circumvent US constitutional legal rights. Some are flown in from other countries on rendition flights from the US, where treatment is less harsh, to countries like Bulgaria, Poland,



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Romania and Afghanistan where anything goes — practices that are too revolting to mention even in the Winters Express.

Upset, why should you be upset? There are at least seven reasons. First, it is inhuman to treat people like objects. Whether you are atheist, agnostic, or of any religious faith, it is wrong. Completely and utterly wrong. Second, and counterintuitive, it denigrates the torturers themselves that they have been allowed to induce pain and humiliation on other human beings. Third, it disparages the military — no one is ever quite sure when you see a man or woman in uniform nowadays of quite what they did in Iraq. What were those covert operations anyway? Fourth, our failure to bring these bad apples to justice has been woefully inadequate — consisting simply of in-house military tribunals where the perpetrators are only admonished, fined, or occasionally demoted. Fifth, there is the accountability. Why does the buck stop at the lowly sergeant?

At Nuremberg, and we are not using the illustration lightly, following orders was no excuse for concentration camp practices. The British, French, Soviet Union, and yes, American victors charged those at the very top of the Nazi hierarchy with war crimes — the equivalents of Rumsfeld, Ashcroft and Gonzales at the time. Sixth, these practices instigated at Guantanamo, now spread like a cancer through the military, have damaged America's reputation for a generation. Brush that off if you will, but go abroad

and everyone is talking about these US-run hell holes.

It is not just in the Arab world where intense hatred of America and of western values is on the rise. Look at the worldwide antiwar demonstrations on the third anniversary of the Iraq war. Seventh, torture, implicitly state-sanctioned torture, witnessed in Cheney not signing the anti-torture initiative, undermines the very thing that we are ostensibly fighting for — the spread of democratic values. Detention without trial, no access to justice, thousands of allegations of mistreatment, and videos to prove it, are not on the democratic menu. How can we reconcile all this with what we have been taught as Americans — that we are the "good guys", that we don't commit atrocities, that the core values of our society are telling the truth and respecting others?

It is time to close Guantanamo as the UN, civilized nations and even Britain are now urging. Time to stop the practice of detention without trial. Time to stop rendition. As they say in Europe, the US definition of what constitutes torture differs from that of other civilized countries. Understatement indeed.

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Occupation: Recreation Supervisor for the City, hairdresser for 39 years (currently at Close Quarters)
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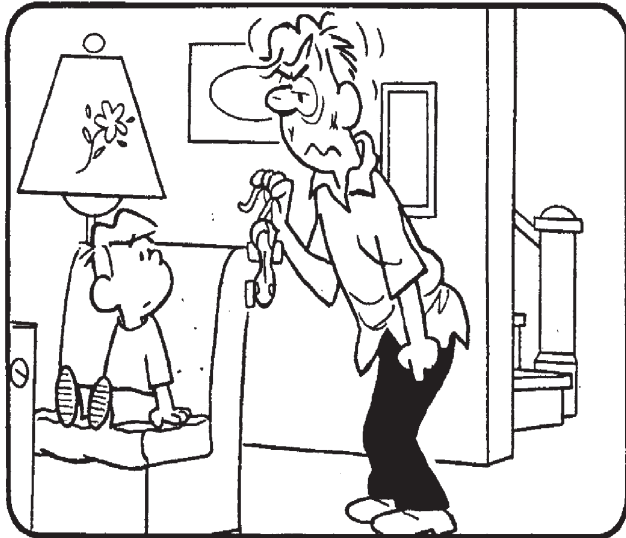
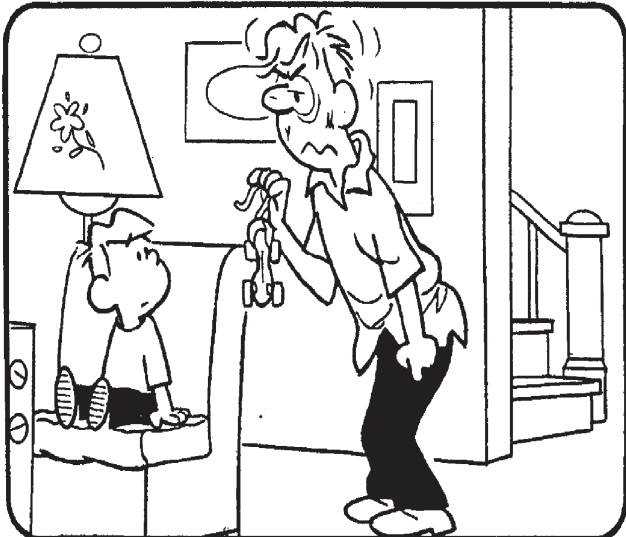
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Lamp is different. 2. TV dial is missing. 3. Stairs are moved. 4. Pants are different. 5. Skate wheel is missing. 6. Frame is thinner.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The week promises a calmer aspect. Although there might be some lingering effects of a recent job problem, things should continue to ease up. Also expect a change in a home-based situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) If you feel uneasy about a colleague's suggestion, it might be that your wise inner Taurean guide is alerting you to a potential problem. Stepping away could turn out to be the right thing to do.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A family get-together opens up new opportunities for renewing ties. It can be especially effective in dealing with disagreements that should have been, but were never fully resolved.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might be surprised at the response you get to a recent decision. You might be even more surprised by the reasons behind it. In any event, you'll learn something important.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your aspects favor resolving any tensions left over from a recent incident. You might want to consider having a "clear-the-air" talk as soon as you can. A call can lead to a change of plans.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid repeating yourself. If your first few efforts fail to connect, maybe it's because you haven't found the right way to get your message across. Try changing your approach.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good intentions plus a strong resolve to succeed can take you where you want to go. Don't give up just because someone suggests you might be pursuing an impossible cause.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected setback can be a blessing in disguise. Use it to recheck your facts and how you've presented them. Meanwhile, look for ways to expand your contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You should finally be seeing a positive change in a recent personal situation. However, an on-the-job matter might need more attention than you realized. Stay with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While you should be close to completing an important matter, you still need to focus on being focused. But things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A certain matter might take an unexpected turn. Don't simply accept it; ask for an explanation. What you learn might be helpful in shifting the situation around to your benefit.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Projecting a positive attitude helps restore calm even when you're confronting some pretty stormy situations. Stay the course. The outcome will be well worth your efforts.

BORN THIS WEEK: While you enjoy tradition and stability, you also appreciate the good things that change can bring.

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Se calcula que alrededor de un 40 por ciento de los hispanos en los Estados Unidos utilizan el Internet. Casi la mitad de ellos, un 48 por ciento, vienen usándolo desde hace menos de dos años, lo que quiere decir que no tienen todavía un alto conocimiento de las cosas que se mueven en ese sistema informático que mueve gran parte del mercado en el mundo moderno. Sin embargo, según estudio realizado por la firma American Online, el 43 por ciento de los 14 millones de usuarios hispanos utiliza el Internet para realizar compras y actividades financieras.

Estos números sumados al hecho de que la comunidad hispana tiene una capacidad adquisitiva calculada en 800 mil millones de dólares al año, son una muestra promisorio de la participación de la comunidad hispana en el mercado moderno en los Estados Unidos, pero también son cifras que provocan miedo si se toman en cuenta la enorme cantidad de delincuentes que existen en el Internet, y la poca experiencia de los hispanos en el uso de la red.

A diario llegan a los correos electrónicos trucos peligrosos que podrían fácilmente dejar a una familia en la calle. Los delincuentes envían correos a muchas direcciones supuestamente de bancos como Chase, Wells Fargo o de compañías que manejan cuentas como Paypal y ebay. Los correos tienen el logo de la instituciones bancarias y dicen que para seguridad de su cuenta el banco requiere autentificarla. Si quien lee el correo por casualidad tiene cuenta en una de esas instituciones puede caer en la trampa. El correo tiene un "link" donde clickear para acceder a la cuenta, si lo hace verá que se abre la página que usted regularmente ve cuando accede a su cuenta por Internet. Si pone su identificación y contraseña y hace click, ha enviado a los ladrones el acceso a su cuenta del banco.

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Se puede comprobar fácilmente el fraude con ebay, porque cuando usted entra en el link puede escribir en la casilla del usuario cualquier disparate como por ejemplo "ladrón", y al hacer click aparecerá la pantalla: "Welcome Ladrón", como si usted hubiera escrito su nombre de usuario correcto.

Otro tipo de robo muy común es el de una supuesta lotería que usted se ganó, por lo que le piden su número de cuenta para depositar en ella su premio. Otro es la historia de un supuesto millonario del Africa que tiene una fortuna sin reclamar y necesita su ayuda, que consiste en su cuenta con una cantidad de dinero. Estos dos últimos trucos se vienen haciendo desde hace más de 40 años por correo regular, pero ahora con el Internet resultan más efectivos y menos costoso para los delincuentes, pueden enviarlos a más personas y no pagar sellos de correo.

El peligro de ser víctima de robo es ahora más grande que nunca, porque así como la tecnología ha agilizado y viabilizado la forma de hacer fraude. La comunidad hispana en los Estados Unidos es actualmente entre los usuarios del Internet una de las mas vulnerables, porque produce dinero y no está lo suficientemente preparada para identificar los fraudes. Seamos desconfiados.

Bush, tres años después

El tercer aniversario de la intervención estadounidense en Irak se cumplió la semana pasada, pero bajo condiciones muy diferentes al apoyo unánime con que se inició. La razón es simple, afirma el coronel retirado Larry Wilkerson: "El pueblo estadounidense ha comenzado a despertar al hecho de que este gobierno le mintió". El lapidario juicio del que fuera jefe de asesores de Colin Powell mientras fue secretario de Estado parece hacer eco de lo que muchos piensan ahora.

Cuando el 20 de marzo de 2003 el presidente Bush anunció el comienzo de los bombardeos contra blancos en Irak, tenía el apoyo de más de 70% de los estadounidenses y había confianza en una rápida victoria y en una posguerra relativamente tranquila.

Un mes después del inicio de la guerra, 80% de los estadounidenses consideraba que el conflicto iba bien. Pero para el 17 de marzo de 2006, Bush enfrentaba el índice de aprobación más bajo de su gobierno. Desde hace meses, su popularidad está por debajo de 40% y 60% de los estadounidenses considera que la intervención en Irak va mal o de plano que no valió la pena, de acuerdo con la empresa Gallup.

Peor aún, el número de bajas estadounidenses desde el 1 de mayo de 2003, cuando el presidente Bush proclamó el final de las operaciones militares mayores en Irak, es 20 veces mayor que las registradas durante los combates. Las fuerzas estadounidenses

sufrieron 137 muertos en la invasión de Irak, pero la guerra de guerrillas posterior le ha costado 2 mil 176 efectivos.

El impacto doméstico ha sido relativamente pequeño, toda vez que no ha golpeado directamente al bolsillo de los estadounidenses, ni su dieta ni sus cortinas. Aún así, la guerra está presente en la conciencia de los estadounidenses y es cada vez menos popular, comentó el analista militar Stephen Donehoo, que como muchos apoya abiertamente a las Fuerzas Armadas pero considera que fueron enviadas menos de las necesarias, sobre bases falsas y con errores de conducción.

La guerra ha cambiado en gran medida la percepción de los estadounidenses sobre su gobierno y aunque un sector permanece fiel a la visión del presidente, las denuncias sobre las causas del conflicto y la influencia de ideólogos con visiones geopolíticas y ansias misioneras han contribuido a la erosión de la confian-

za en el presidente Bush.

En términos políticos, el presidente parecía por encima del bien y el mal hace tres años. Ahora, sus propios correligionarios se apartan de él y lo hacen ver como un mandatario debilitado a dos años de las elecciones de 2008.

Poco antes del conflicto, los estadounidenses fueron informados de que el petróleo iraquí ayudaría a sufragar los gastos de la guerra y la ocupación. Tres años después, no sólo no ha sido así, sino que el Congreso debió aprobar esta semana una ley de presupuesto adicional donde más de la mitad de los 91 mil 900 mdd aprobados en gasto deficitario serán dedicados a las acciones en Irak.

A tres años del inicio de la guerra, se sabe que las armas de destrucción masiva que llevaron al conflicto no existen. Empero, en la guerra iraquí se aplica lo que Powell definió como regla de comercio: "Si lo rompes, lo compras".



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Marcha en Sacramento

Se les invita a todos los trabajadores a una marcha para protestar por todos los ataques en contra de los inmigrantes. El HR 4437 y otras propuestas que hoy se discuten en el senado atentan en contra de la seguridad y los derechos humanos de las familias, hombres, niños, mujeres y ancianos mexicanos y latinos.

Existen mas de 12 millones de personas sin documentos viviendo en este país que serían seriamente afectadas si se llega a aprobar la ley racista HR4437. Entre los 12 millones de personas sin documentos se encuentran estudiantes en colegios sin posibilidad de graduarse debido a estas estrictas leyes racistas de inmigración.

La propuesta de ley HR4437 convierte en criminal a toda persona sin documentos legales, a sus familias y a quienes les ayuden o alberguen, tales como maestros, los consejeros, los párrocos, los amigos, cualquier gente que les preste servicio, empleo o de consejo, y los castigos son severos.

Nosotros somos un pueblo trabajador que construye día a día este país con su trabajo honesto, que paga impuestos y que contribuye a esta so-

ciudad con su disposición a tomar los trabajos aun los mas mal pagados. Somos un pueblo heredero de una rica cultura, de un pasado histórico que da orgullo. Por eso inculcamos a nuestros hijos el respeto y el estudio para avanzar en esta sociedad, y sin embargo se nos persigue mas y más, es hora de decir ya basta. Nosotros criminales.

Tenemos que encontrar maneras para que nos escuchén y formular leyes migrantes justas que garanticen residencia legal para todos, y la seguridad de que nuestros hijos podrán un día graduarse y seguir construyendo un porvenir mejor para nosotros y para la sociedad entera.

La marcha además tendrá también la finalidad de honrar a Cesar Chavez, la marcha será el 25 de marzo, empezando a las 10 de la mañana en el 600 de la calle 4 en West Sacramento, la marcha seguirá entonces hasta el parque Cesar Chavez en el centro de Sacramento en las calles 10 y J.

Para mas información sobre la marcha, direcciones para llegar a la marcha o para ayudar a combatir esta ley llamen al Tel 916-443-3424.

El debate inmigratorio en la hora cero

Lejos de los campos de tomate, de las cocinas grasientas, de las empacadoras de carne y los andamios, a la creciente población de inmigrantes ilegales que aceitan la maquinaria económica de Estados Unidos les ha llago la hora cero. Pocas veces 12 millones de personas se han jugado tanto en un debate como el que está en marcha en las majestuosas salas del Senado, en donde los miembros de la cámara alta tendrán posiblemente la última palabra sobre qué camino quiere tomar la sociedad norteamericana ante el dilema migratorio.

Sobre el tema de la inmigración ilegal hay dos alternativas que están sobre la mesa, las cuales parten hacia objetivos completamente distintos y sirven de marco a una controversia política que promete crecer en este año electoral. Para los inmigrantes, en el lado nefasto del debate se encuentra el proyecto de ley del representante Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis), el cual ofrece una respuesta represiva a un fenómeno tan complejo como el migratorio utilizando el tan sonado argumento de la seguridad nacional.

No sólo criminaliza al indocumentado, sino que contiene pasajes tan nefastos como la condena a cinco años de cárcel a cualquiera que asista a sabiendas a un inmigrante ilegal, con lo cual actos como proporcionar un simple aventón a un vecino sin papeles puede resultar en una aventura peligrosa. Eso sin con-

tar la muralla al estilo Berlín Oriental, censores de movimiento incluidos, con la que pretende sellar 700 millas de la porosa frontera con México.

La aprobación en la Cámara de Representantes en diciembre por amplia mayoría de un proyecto de estas características sacudió hasta los cimientos a las organizaciones pro inmigrantes y demostró hasta que punto se ha llegado a la histeria antirracista. En la otra orilla del debate parlamentario se encuentra la propuesta impulsada por el senador demócrata Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) y su colega republicano John McCain (R-Az), que ofrece lo que llaman una alternativa moderada a una situación cada vez más ideológicamente cargada.

La propuesta recoge el plan de trabajadores temporales favorecido por el presidente George W. Bush como vía de legalización de los indocumentados, pero vamos allá al crear una ruta para que obtengan al cabo de seis años la residencia permanente, en lugar de obligar a regresar a sus países.

A cambio, además de mantener un historial policial limpio, el interesado deberá aprender inglés y pagar una multa de \$2,000. "No podemos recompensarlos por violar la ley. Tendrán que pagar una penalidad por hacerlo, pero decir que se les debe devolver a su país es algo que alguien me tendrá que explicar cómo se hace, eso sin contar el aspecto humanitario del asunto", dijo McCain durante una re-

ciente gira nacional para publicitar su reforma. McCain asegura que su iniciativa cuenta con el suficiente respaldo como para recibir la luz verde en el Senado, pero luego tendría que ser reconciliada en conferencia con la radicalmente distinta de Sensenbrenner.

Por eso el presidente del comité judicial del Senado, Arlen Specter (R-Pa), ofreció una aparente tercera vía que busca satisfacer a ambos campos, aunque amenaza con lograr disgustar a todos. Specter abandona la idea del muro, legaliza al indocumentado mediante la oferta de visas de trabajo temporales, crea un programa de trabajadores temporales y aumenta las visas de trabajo.

A cambio, mantiene el concepto de criminalización de Sensenbrenner; no ofrece una vía hacia la residencia o la ciudadanía, y deja al inmigrante a merced del empleador a través del cual consigue la visa. Hallar una salida al laberinto migratorio que satisfaga quienes claman por una frontera segura, los que defienden la dignidad de los inmigrantes y los pragmáticos que advierten de la importancia económica de esta fuerza laboral es un imperativo una década después de la última revisión de las leyes migratorias. El problema es que este año hay elecciones legislativas en noviembre, y algunos parecen haber identificado la retórica anti-inmigrante como el pasaporte a la reelección.

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March 16

~ Cora Lynn Belcher, 21, of Concord was arrested for possessing a controlled substance and possessing controlled substance paraphernalia. Belcher was also arrested on an outstanding Contra Costa County bench warrant charging her with failure to appear on previous charges of evading a police officer with wanton disregard for safety and driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license. Belcher was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ On the 100 block of Russell Street, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, driving on the wrong side of the road and no proof of insurance. Jauregui was arrested on an outstanding Yolo County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and speeding. Jauregui was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a promise to appear.

~ On the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm at a business. The alarm was accidental-

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Abandoned Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER March 14, 2006
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Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-235
The following Fictitious Business Name: Dragonfire Toy Company, 414 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695 which was originally filed in Yolo County on 10/2/02 is being ABANDONED by the registrants listed below:
Mark Ontiveros, 2511 Pepper St., Sutter, CA 95982
"I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct."

s/Mark Ontiveros

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FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk
March, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2006

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Dragonfire Toy Co., 414 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695

Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Eustaquio, Phillip, Anguay, 25799 Duncan Dr., Esparto, CA 95627, Maricela R Anguay, 25799 Duncan Drive, Esparto, CA 95627.

This business classification is: Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on 3/14/06.

s/Maricela Anguay

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Petition to Administer Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

DONALD BUEL PHILLIPS. CASE NUMBER P41748

Filed March 10, 2006,
Linda Ashcraft, by V. Lee Deputy Clerk
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Donald Buel Phillips. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Cynthia Helwig in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano.

The Petition for Probate requests that Cynthia Helwig be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 19, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 16, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: Joseph M. Scalise, SBN 178668
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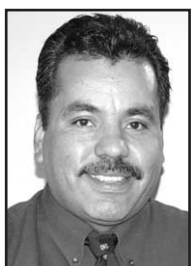
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