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Council approves Winters Highlands unanimously

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The controversial Winters Highlands development application reached a climax at the April 5 meeting with the surprise addition of \$200,000 to the applicant's offering. The council approved the map unanimously.

The planning commission had approved the 413 lot tentative subdivision map 4-3 at the March 14 meeting. The nay votes at the March 14 meeting were a disappointment to the developer, according to Rich Cheney, a partner of Granite Bay Holdings.

This city council meeting was a key confirming step for the application and the vote was 4-0 in favor, with Mayor Dan Martinez not participating because of a conflict of interest. Martinez owns property adjacent to the site being considered.

Cheney made an emotional presentation in support of the project and added a new item to the long list of negotiated amenities extended to the city. The \$200,000 he offered was to go towards a General Plan revision.

Some planners and council members had expressed their interest at this meeting and the March 14 meeting to have such a contribution, in part to control even larger future projects and to make changes to the plan to support industrial development. Commissioner Woody Fridae made it clear in the discussion that this item would secure his approval.

Planner Heidi Tschudin introduced this "final action hearing." She said there are these three issues to discuss: Alternate 3, which is a small on-site wildlife mitigation proposal, the number of large lots in the project, and proximity to ag land.

Cheney took the podium, and described this meeting as "our day in court" and "our final hour."

"Our goal was to connect with existing landscape and maintain the character of Winters," he said. "Our intention was not to create an island, but to develop a project that would be a woven addition."

The project is to be built in five phases over six

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Photo by Elliot Landes

Mayor Dan Martinez presents a proclamation to former Winters Express City Editor Dawn Van Dyke at the April 4 city council meeting in recognition of her 12 years covering city council meetings. Van Dyke left her position at the Express in February to take a job with the Community Alliance for Family Farmers.



Photos by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters Police Officer Todd Barnett (above) places Johnny Lucero under arrest for felony drunk driving as part of the Every 15 Minutes program staged on April 6. Behind him, paramedics attend to Kathryn Rominger as the "walking dead" (who represent one person killed every 15 minutes in the US by a drunk driver) look on. Below, Winters firefighters remove Freddie Lewis from his vehicle. The two-day program educated Winters students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Every 15 minutes

◆ Students learn about realities of drinking and driving

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

It was an average Thursday afternoon, just like any other. Except for the demolished cars and bloodied bodies across from the high school parking lot on Railroad Avenue. Not to worry, the situation was staged, and most students already had an idea of what they'd see as Winters High School participated in the Every 15 Minutes program. However, as the scene progressed, most in the audience watched what transpired in stony silence.



A few students wiped tears from their eyes.

The students filled the bleachers at the side of the road and looked at the results of a head-on "collision," the result of a drunk driving accident. Johnny Lucero

portrayed the drunk driver, and sat behind the wheel with trails of "blood" oozing down his face. His "passenger," Natalie Cooley, was sprawled across the hood, with a gory head wound, complete with brain matter on the hood

of the car and a stream of blood draining onto the asphalt.

In the other car, seriously injured driver Freddie Lewis was pinned inside his vehicle while passenger

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High school adds AP literature to its curriculum

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

English literature will be offered as an advanced placement (AP) course this fall, joining six other AP courses already offered by Winters High School. Winters Joint Unified School District trustees reviewed the AP curriculum at their April 6

meeting and agreed to add it to the consent agenda for their April 20 meeting. Consent agenda items are routine, non-controversial items that are approved as a group.

Other AP courses at the high school include English composition, art, Spanish, physics, calculus and biology.

"Ten years ago we had

no AP courses, now we will have seven," high school principal George Griffin commented.

The courses are designed to challenge college preparatory students and give them the opportunity to earn three to five college credits for each course, depending on how well they place on a standardized national exam

after completing an AP course.

Trustees also have more vocational education opportunities for students on their radar, adding vocational education to their Governance Team Handbook under a section dealing with what they want to accomplish for

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
April 5	.37	53	46
April 6	.04	66	41
April 7	.01	66	44
April 8	.25	65	45
April 9	.02	67	50
April 10	.01	66	48
April 11	.27	66	49

Rain for week: .97

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Last year to date: 26.13

Average to April 11: 20.25

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Here, There & Everywhere from time to time

OBITUARIES

Demetrius Flores

Demetrius Andre Flores went to be with the Lord on April 3, 2006 in Hacienda Heights. He was 17 years old.

Demetrius was born on January 1, 1989 to parents Larry Flores and Olga Ramirez with his twin brother, Damon Flores. He is survived by his loving parents and his brothers Dominique, Damon and Darian.

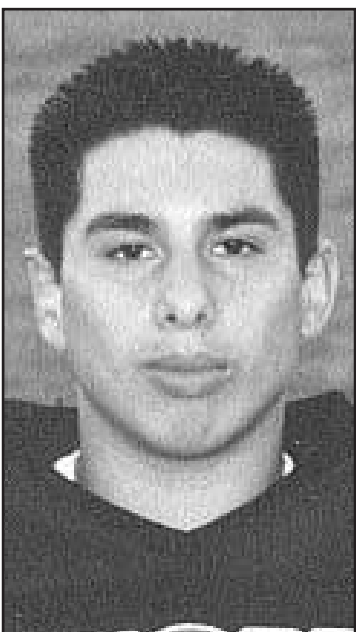
Demetrius is also survived by his grandmother, Conception N. Ramirez, paternal grandparents Larry and Teresa Flores, uncles Frank Nieto and wife, Rodolfo Ramirez Jr., Tracy Flores and wife, aunts Dolores Castro and husband, Luz Rodriguez and husband, Maggie Finely, Letty Nieto, Shella Ruba Calva and husband, Helena Flores, and numerous other relatives and friends.

Demetrius was preceded in death by his grandfather Rodolfo Ramirez Sr. and his great grandparents Manuel and Beatrice Gonzalez.

Demetrius was a Winters resident for most of his life and attended Winters public schools. He was passionate about football and played for the Jr. Warriors in Winters for several years. He recently relocated to Southern California to live with his father and was hoping to play High School football next year. He also loved hanging out with his friends, who will greatly miss him.

A memorial fund has been established for Demetrius Flores at the local First Northern Bank of Dixon to assist the family with burial expenses. Contributions can be made to the Demetrius Flores Memorial Fund at First Northern Bank of Dixon at 48 Main Street in Winters.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 11 a.m. at the Main Street Church (formerly Gateway Chapel). Pastor Al Calderone from Discovery Worship Center will officiate with translation into Spanish from Pastor Joe Mejia of Miracle Worship Center of Dixon. Graveside services and a reception to celebrate his precious life at the Winters Community Center will follow. All family and friends are invited to attend.



YESTERYEAR



Andrew Skaggs was elected Youth Day Mayor in 1978, and is shown here with Youth Day Sweetheart Levada Russell.

Meeting
scheduled
for parks
planning

The Winters City Council hired the HLA Group as design consultant for two new parks being planned for the city of Winters: a sports park, to be located off Moody Slough Road, and a linear park that will be part of the Winters Highlands subdivision.

An advisory committee is being formed to gather ideas about what facilities and equipment the community would recommend be developed at each park. The city is holding a community meeting on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center and is inviting all residents and members of local sports organizations to join in the planning process.

For more information, call Cheryl Rheuby, 795-4910 ext. 111.

35
YEARS AGO

April 22, 1971

Sam Lopez and John Schmucker were reelected to four year terms on the Winters School Board in Tuesday's election, with 806 out of nearly 1500 registered voters turning up at the polls. Lopez had 501 votes, to 460 for Schmucker and 375 for Janet Johnston.

The 35th annual Winters Youth Day will be held Saturday, with the kiddie parade starting at 9:30 a.m., followed by the main parade at 10:30. Richard Soto is mayor and Ellen Kammerer is the Youth Day Sweetheart.

One of the new events offered at Youth Day this year is a watermelon eating contest, to be held east of the high school library. There will be two classifications, elementary and senior, with David Jurewicz in charge.

Winters' Rich Chiles made his debut in big league baseball Tuesday afternoon as a pinch hitter for the Houston Astros in a game with the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field, Chicago. He batted for Tom Griffin, Houston's losing pitcher, but did not get a hit. It was Chiles' first day with Houston. He was called up from Oklahoma City's 89ers on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Barth, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born April 15, 1971 in the Woodland Memorial Hospital.

Yolo County Superior Court Judge Warren Taylor last Friday again refused to order the Winters School District to resume busing for low income children living over two miles from school.

Winters High School varsity trackmen, with David Crum winning first in discus and shot put, finished third in a SVL track meet at Winters April 14. Esparto won the meet with 56 points; East Nicolaus scored 43, Winters 41 and Lower Lake 8.

50
YEARS AGO

May 3, 1956

A crowd estimated at about 8,500 people were in Winters Saturday for the 20th Annual Winters Youth Day celebration.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has called for bids for the relocation of the Monticello Cemetery and other graves in the reservoir area to a new site at Spanish Flat.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dozier of Winters are the parents of a son, born at the Yolo General Hospital, Woodland, April 26, 1956.

Sp/3 Warren Johnston, stationed with the U.S. Army at Frankfurt, Germany, writes that this weekend he is to spend in Paris.

A permit was issued to the Brandt Construction Company last month to build a three bedroom house at 511 East Street for an estimated \$7,800.

The Yolo County Health Department has declared Putah Creek unfit for swimming from the site of the old percolation dam to the bypass.

Lake Berryessa became the official name for the lake behind Monticello Dam Saturday, after President Eisenhower signed a bill establishing the title.

At a beautifully appointed wedding taking place Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Miss Carmen Jean Cuberos became the bride of Mr. Joseph Rubio in the presence of some 400 friends and relatives.

65
YEARS AGO

May 2, 1941

The 9th Annual Youth Day program of parade, citizenship hour, picnic, sports and entertainment went over in a big way on Saturday, with some 2500 participating.

In the annual N.S.C.A.L. track meet on Youth Day, Winters won both the A and B divisions. Biasi, Guthrie and Covell were the outstanding performers for the Warriors.

Funeral rights will be held this morning in the Catholic Church for George W. Thissell, 82, a native of Pleasants Valley, who died Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Cadwallader of San Francisco were among the Saturday visitors. The Dr. was a practicing physician here 40 years ago.

The championship-bound Warrior baseball team downed Clarksburg last Thursday 5 to 1 behind the 5-hit pitching of Bob Lewis.

Eugene Ireland, Misses Barbara Gwartney and Rene Rossi, U.C. students were at their homes here for the Saturday festa.

Harry Willard, who has been stationed at Camp Roberts, near Paso Robles, the past two months was home for a weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.K. Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mahoney paid a weekend visit to their sons, Pat and Malcolm in training camp near San Luis Obispo.

Miss Juanita Thompson of Berkeley spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Furth, Alan and Carol Furth and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ish and son Bill of Rio Vista were Youth Day guests of Mrs. E.W. Fenley.

100
YEARS AGO

May 4, 1906

Beyond all question, the double ruin which fell upon San Francisco represents the worst catastrophe which has ever befallen a municipality in the United States.

Cache Creek has been almost shut off. A landslide at the Wilson ranch at what is known as the shale rocks, has dammed the water completely and an immense reservoir has formed above the slide.

William H. Dunnagan and wife lost everything by fire in San Francisco and are here temporarily. Mr. Dunnagan is assisting his brother T.E. in the barbershop.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wolf-skill, who had been visiting relatives here, returned to Yuba City Tuesday.

R. Morrison has taken R.A. Luce into partnership in his hardware business. Mr. Luce is a nephew of Mrs. Morrison and was burned out of business in San Francisco.

Rube Clark, who is down from Monticello, says the shake was harder than that of 14 years ago. It toppled over his big chimneys and threw a big chandelier to the floor.

The first green beans of the season to be shipped from Winters were sent May 1, by E.A. Martin & Son.

Charles Moody, whose place of business in San Francisco was destroyed by fire, is visiting his father.

Manager Nash is getting the cannery ready for the season's work. A awning has been built on the west side to keep the sun off and it will make that part of the building habitable in hot weather.

Joanne A. Cuellar

Mrs. Joanne A. Cuellar passed away on April 9 at the age of 96 in Vacaville.

Mrs. Cuellar was born in Vacaville and worked as a homemaker for 65 years. She enjoyed cooking and was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Winters.

Mrs. Cuellar is survived by her sons Manuel Jr. Cuellar and his wife Patricia of Dayton, Nevada, Joseph E. Cuellar and his wife Josephine of Vacaville, and Paul Cuellar of Sacramento; as well as six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Manuel P. Cuellar, whom she married in Winters in 1935.

A Catholic Prayer Service, officiated by Father Michael McFadden at McCune Garden Chapel, was held on April 12 at 1 p.m. in Mrs. Cuellar's memory. The service was followed by a burial in Vacaville's Elmira Cemetery.

Berryessa drops .53 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .53 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 9,340 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 441.90 feet above sea level, almost two feet above the spillway, and storage

was computed at 1,639,109 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 55 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 3172 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 60 acre feet of water per day during the week.

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Swimming pool project on next council agenda

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Derek Rampone of Moss Levy & Hartzheim will present the 2004-2005 Comprehensive Financial Report.
- ~ Consent agenda (contains multiple items approved with one vote).

- ~ Public hearing regarding weed abatement to consider objections from property owners.
- ~ Second reading and approval of ordinance adopting the Winters Highlands Development Agreement and ordinance rezoning and adding Winters Highlands to the Planned Development (PD) overlay; approve the Planned Development (PD) permit.

- ~ Economic development/industrial area strategy.
- ~ Swimming pool project overview.
- ~ Capital projects update and overview.
- ~ Trestle bridge name dedication.
- ~ Introduce ordinance regarding compensation of council members.
- ~ Planning commission vacancy.
- ~ Resolution regarding

Citywide Habitat Mitigation Program.

- ~ Preparation of agenda packets; deadlines.

The following items will be addressed by the council as Community Development Agency items:

- ~ Acceptance or rejection of bids for the Community Center shade structure.
- ~ Downtown Master Plan capital projects.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO
BECAUSE I SAY SO

WOW. OR MAYBE I SHOULD SAY 'WHEW.' Although this is the second time I've witnessed the shocking Every 15 Minutes program at Winters High School and I knew what was coming, this one hit me even harder. From "crash" to "memorial service," it could only have been more grueling if it had been real. By Friday afternoon, I was emotionally exhausted. And I was only the reporter.

Maybe it's because I have a child at Winters High School right now that it tweaked my worst fears. Last time around, my son was already out of high school and off to college. Besides that, he never showed any interest in driving while in high school and didn't even get around to getting a driver's license until he'd moved out. So, I never went through the learning-to-drive stage, as I did with my daughter, which primes the fear pump in the first place. You know they make driving mistakes because you've seen them with your own eyes. I watched from the passenger seat as Janine struggled to learn to park, shrieked as she pulled out in front of traffic at exactly the wrong moment, and nearly broke my ankle hitting the invisible "air brake" on my side of the car on multiple occasions.

Although Janine has become an excellent driver (possibly because I've saturated her with my obsessive, neurotic fears about taking your life in your hands when you drive), I still fret endlessly every time she pulls out of the driveway. To her tribute, I feel much better if she's driving than if she's a passenger with friends, because I'm not sure other parents have struck the proper amount of fear in their children's hearts as I have. Me, I can instill anxiety like nobody's business. I credit that skill to my grandmother, a native New Yorker, who weaned me on fear and dread. I can still hear her saying, "Watch out! There could be a stranger behind every bush waiting to grab you!" as I headed off for school in the morning. Oh yes, and have a nice day.

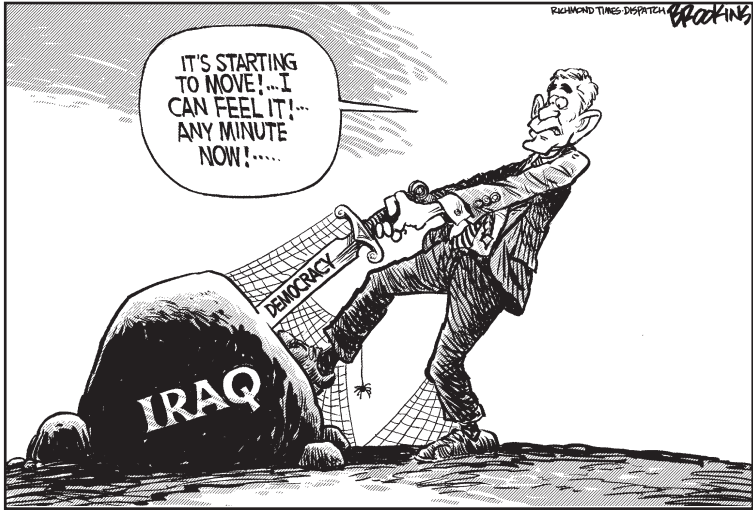
I admit it, I have a deep and broad array of worries to choose from when it comes to my children and the fear of auto accidents is one of the biggies. So, covering the Every 15 Minutes program was like poking a needle into my anxiety nerve. While the crash scene itself was disturbing, the memorial service was positively wrenching. From Chuck Draper's brave account of his own experience causing a drunk driving fatality to the emotional goodbye letters read by students, I don't think there was a dry eye in the house. The part that really balled my heart into knots was the testimony given by Theresa Lee, whose daughter died in a drunk driving accident a year and a half ago.

Lee told the story of what no parent ever wants to experience: the actual sequence of events when your child is killed in an auto accident. It was truly horrifying. However, when she pulled out her daughter's cute little purse, the one she had with her when she died, and showed how it still contained her cell phone, piercings and wallet, I just lost it. Then there was the last note Lee's daughter left her, that ended "I love you." That too had me wiping tears from my cheeks. It was a little too familiar. Janine and I frequently leave notes for each other on a little whiteboard and they most always end with "I (heart) U." That last note and the cute little purse (which, I know if it were me, I'd carry with me forever) just cut too close to the bone. I think it did for Janine as well. I got a tearful "I love you" phone call from her after the assembly, and when she got home that afternoon, the "welcome home" hug lasted a lot longer than usual. That Every 15 Minutes program really made you realize that horrible things really could happen to you or your loved ones, and thank God they haven't yet. Suddenly every moment, every hug, every "I (heart) U" seems priceless.

At the end of Friday's assembly, principal George Griffin gave a thoughtful, moving summary about the responsibilities of driving. He pointed out that it isn't just alcohol that can cause a crash. Horsing around, reaching for a CD, talking on a cell phone, inattention or even fatigue are all deadly behind the wheel. "Don't be stupid" he told the students just before they left the gym.

As I walked to my car in the high school parking lot, I wondered if the two-day event and Griffin's words would sink in. I hoped so. However, I was quite discouraged to see many students hop into their cars and zip around the parking lot in a rush to leave campus for lunch, driving much too fast for all the pedestrians in the parking lot, and was surprised when one student nearly hit me as I backed out of my space. As I was in the line of cars waiting to exit the parking lot, a student in a truck right in front of me stood up and leaned far out the window of the passenger seat. If the truck lurched forward, he could've fallen right out. Unbelievable. After all they'd seen and learned, many were driving like maniacs within mere moments.

What does it take to convince teenagers that cars aren't toys and driving isn't a joke, and that dying behind the wheel is a really horrible and unnecessary way to go? The real thing?



LETTERS

We must find common ground

Dear Editor,

We have just concluded negotiations with the last and biggest of four developers. The total of these four developments will be close to 800 units in the north-west quarter of Winters over the next six years. Whether or not you're in favor of fast growth, we've got some pretty robust growth planned for the next several years. I think the latest decision on the Winters Highlands subdivision was the hardest decision I have ever faced on the city council.

I think the planning commission did a great job of reviewing all the data and studies presented, and made great recommendations to the city council. They put in long hours and did a lot of hard work, listening to specialists and expert testimony, making sure that the impacts on the community were mitigated by developer fees and infrastructure. They asked the right questions and worked through building consensus to forward the projects to the city council for consideration.

Commission chair Ed Ross did a fantastic job of running a tight meeting and allowing all views to be expressed and I can see why the vote was split. It was a very difficult decision. I will miss Ed's calm demeanor and analytic mind working for us on the planning commission. I'm sorry to see him go.

City Manager John Donlevy and the city staff have also done a great job of negotiating with developers to get the best possible deal that we could. This latest project will set the standard for what will be expected for other communities. Some even say that we asked too much, but the Granite Bay Holdings, developer of Winters Highlands, went the extra mile to really put together a good package for the council to consider.

Of course, not everyone can be completely satisfied with the results. I, for one, am not happy with the rate of growth. Anyone

who knows me knows that it was very difficult for me to agree with the high numbers of units being proposed. We're looking at 6 percent over the next six years, quadruple the average for the state. But we need a boost for our local economy and for school enrollment. And after several years of hardly any growth, some initial growth will be good for the economy. I believe that we should not look towards any more residential development for a while, but rather look at ways to have future growth be more measured and controlled.

I think everyone loves the small-town attitudes and the congenial atmosphere that we grew up with, or found here when we chose to be a part of Winters. Indeed, I think the most recent round of letters to the editor demonstrate the fact that people care so much about the town. Sometimes that zealotry may threaten the very qualities that we are trying to preserve. Obviously, these issues are very important to people. And we all may have made mistakes in tone or accuracy in order to make a point.

I think it's time to move on. I think we need to look toward things about which we all can agree, and focus our attention on those efforts. We will be building a new swimming pool, a new library, a new police and fire facility, a new park, and doing many things to improve our downtown business area. The other thing about which I think we can all agree is that we are not going to do much more in residential development for a long time. I think everyone agrees that what we need now is business (in the right places), clean industry and jobs. Those are the directions towards which we must focus our energies now.

In the spirit of Youth Day, let's start a new beginning and really make some great things happen here, and keep that small town spirit.

WOODY FRIDAE
Mayor Pro Tem

Needs to set some facts straight

Dear Editor

Last week, Bill Spalding accused the current city council of commissioning Centex Homes to do the feasibility study for developing the north part of town, and likened it to putting the foxes in charge of the hen house..

Wrong.

We have not commis-

sioned anybody to do any planning, and we have not given up control of any of our planning processes — nor can I ever imagine the city doing so.

Fiction is stranger than the truth — and, it too often seems, more prevalent.

TOM STONE
City council member

Youth Day parade needs vehicles

Dear Editor,

The Winters Youth Day Committee is in dire need of cars to carry our visiting and city dignitaries in the upcoming Youth Day Parade on April 29. Since this is our 70th anniversary, we were hoping to get cars from each decade from the 1930s to the present. Well, so far we have

one vehicle and we need at least 10.

If anyone has a car, convertible or large-window vehicle, that can carry a dignitary in the parade, please contact Parade Chairman Mike Sebastian, 795-2091.

MIKE SEBASTIAN
Youth Day Parade Chairman



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

I'M SHOCKED. When I write this column each week I sometimes wonder if anyone is reading it. After last week's letter to the editor from Bill Spalding I'm hoping my permanent tenant doesn't read the paper at all. If you read Spalding's letter, he said I'm a partner in the only nightclub in town, (the Palms), which isn't true. If just one person who disagrees with my slow growth, trust the council attitude, decides not to go to the Palms because of Spalding's railing against me, he owes Dave Fleming a personal apology.

For the record, I own a home in Winters, part of the Winters Opera House building, the Winters Printing Company, Inc., and am a partner in the Winters Express, LLC. I lease the Express buildings from the Guy that is supposed to be on Page 2. I wish I was partners with the Palms, the Buckhorn, Town & Country Market or any other successful business in Winters, if there are any.

Back to my wife not reading the paper. According to Spalding I'm going "to make a mint on the hordes of new residents . . ." Just like I did when he moved into his new subdivision. If my permanent tenant thinks I'm getting rich and am involved in new business ventures, I'm in real trouble. As for the Express rolling in the dough, I partnered with the Davis Enterprise several years ago because we were making so much money. I don't think I'm allowed to sell the Express again.

One problem I have with people who don't like growth, and don't like to be called anti-merchant, is that they don't believe anyone should be allowed to make money. Making money isn't a sin, and if there isn't money involved, nothing is going to get done. People who open up businesses in Winters aren't going to get rich. If they are lucky, and I do think it takes some luck, they can create a nice life for themselves and their families. Not everyone can work for the government. Someone has to take a chance and invest in Winters or we would be more of a commuter town than we are now.

When the topic of growth comes up, you don't see many second generation people objecting. Is it because they don't care or is it they understand that if you aren't growing you're going backwards? Operating a city is a little like running a business, or your personal finances for that matter. Your cost of goods or services keep going up and either your income keeps up, or you cut expenses. Businesses come and go, but as a city you have to supply at least the minimum level of service. If people aren't willing or able to pay more taxes, you either grow or cut services.

Why would someone having a heart attack in Winters drive themselves to Sutter Davis Hospital? Because he knows if he calls for an ambulance, he'll have to wait for the ambulance to come from Davis to Winters and then back to Davis. Why do police officers work alone, without backup? In Winters there isn't anyone else on duty, and that bothers our officers and it should bother us all. Our volunteer fire department is having trouble attracting volunteers and the four paid members put in a lot of hours, some without compensation. Our sidewalks need attention and we don't brag about the condition of our streets. Public Works is having a problem just keeping up with patching broken pipes, let alone doing routine maintenance.

Will growth solve all of our problems, or make merchants rich? No. Will 700 new homes over the next decade help solve some of our problems, you bet. When you hear people spout off about our growth rate, remember we haven't built a home in years and I'll bet a lunch at Cody's there won't be five homes built in Winters in 2006. I'm counting on Councilman Fridae and wanted-to-be Councilman Harrington to finish their homes this year, otherwise we might have zero homes built in Winters this year.

A question for those who argue we are growing too fast, or think we will grow too fast in the future. Do we get to count the past years of no growth towards future percentages, or do we start computing our growth rate once we actually build a new subdivision? I love the optimistic annual number of homes being bantered about like they are real. I'd like to see a few homes built this year, and I'd like to see the Kings win a championship this year, too, but neither is going to happen.

So those who favor growth, hold your breath and hope that the economy continues to be strong. For those who don't want any growth, hold your breath and hope I'm wrong about going broke while we wait for new homes to be built. And, for those who agree with me and think everything will turn out just fine, continue to enjoy the good life and marvel at what we spend our time debating.

Have a good week.

THANKS . . .

All family members of the late Talmage Constant "Shorty" would like to thank our families, friends, neighbors and town people for the beautiful floral arrangements, cards, prayers, kindness, food, phone calls and emails.

A special thank you to Pastor James Allen for his wonderful words and prayers offered to help us ease our loss. Also, a thank you to Pastor Allen and church members for opening the church doors and helping us in any way they could. Also, a thanks to Chris' Florist for all her beautiful work with so many flower arrangements. Thank you to "Shawn" of Wiscombe's Davis Funeral Chapel for the kindness they gave on all matters. It's a very hard time and they asked our wishes and did all of the phone calls, leg work and everything else. It was a blessing of all their thoughtfulness for family's in these times.

God Bless. Thank you again,
TALMAGE'S WIFE, MARY CONSTANT, and FAMILY

Epitaph to a small town like ours

Dear Editor,

Farewell to light traffic, to easy commutes, to arriving on time. Goodbye to cleanish air, to quiet mornings. Sayonara to short lines in the stores and filling stations. Adieu to friendly neighborhoods, to greeting

acquaintances on street corners, to smiling and saying hello to complete strangers. Adios to schools where children all know each other.

Goodbye to community. Hello developers.

TIM CARO

LETTERS

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Hula dancers need to raise funds

Dear Editor,

We are students of the local hula school, Halau Hula O'Lei Halia here in Winters. We dance in the Tiare class, which is the elite performing class of the group. The Tiare class has been presented a wonderful opportunity to compete in the Tahitian Heiva in June. There will be 7 females varying in ages from 14 to 36 dancing there, along with two men from our group.

We have been very busy fundraising to go on our trip. We would like to thank all of the families, friends and businesses in the community who have supported us by attending our luau, buying calendars, tamales, pizzas, food at the Harley run, and buying baked goods from our bake sales. There are still more fundraisers to come.

Our goal is to raise \$2,500 per person. Although we've worked very hard, we have been able to raise less than half of that.

We would like to invite those who wish to contribute to our experience to make a tax deductible donation to our non-profit account: Hula Dancers of Winters c/o First Northern Bank.

If you have any questions, please call Brian Oxley, our Fundraising Chairman, at 795-4552. Thank you again for all of your support! Also, please look for us at Youth Day, our car washes and one more tamale sale!

A warm Mahalo (Thank you),

THE TIARE GROUP
Michele Drumright, Gina Brice, Alyssa Oxley, Melissa Arellano, Frankie Lucero, Rochelle Akoni, Kristyn Lucero, Lindsey Mayhew-Hughes, Aaron Drumright

Why central government doesn't work

Dear Editor,

Political talk is a constant for the Winters Express, and rightfully so. But remember the politician's bottom line: Get re-elected. That intense focus leads to corruption, smoke and mirrors confusion, and integrity loss.

The reason I'm now writing about politics is because of the recent, untimely death of one of the most insightful writers of our time, Harry Browne. As a young man I was positively influenced by his book, "How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World." In a later book, he cuts through the thicket of political misinformation about the actions of central government.

Following is an important and timely Harry Browne quote from that book, "Why Government Doesn't Work":

"The Founding Fathers had good reason to limit the federal government to a few simple functions. They knew that government is coercion — and that coercion is a dangerous weapon. They believed that whatever coercion seemed necessary should be administered very close to home, where citizens keep it from getting out of control. We need to either get politicians off our back or assign ourselves to government getting larger and larger, taxes getting more and more oppressive, Social Security taxes rising and rising, and the debt becoming more and more of a burden on our children."

ED DAWKINS

Movie is worth seeing

Dear Editor,

In his speech to the nation, upon leaving the White House, President Eisenhower warned of the "military-industrial complex" — in fact, he coined the term. For the most part, however, his warning has gone unheeded, and the riveting documentary "Why We Fight" explores the consequences. Both Eisenhower's son and granddaughter are featured prominently in the movie.

I wouldn't normally send a movie review as a letter to the editor, but it is an important and timely topic. The film is currently playing at the Crest Theater in Sacramento; I hope readers will take the time to see it.

NANCY PATTERSON

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SCHOOLS

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Winters students.

“We talk about it, but we aren’t doing anything about it,” trustee Robert Nickelson said.

Personnel actions

Trustees approved draft academic coach position descriptions for Winters Middle School and Waggoner Elementary School. The academic coaches will provide 430 hours of service at each school to help improve student achievement.

The positions are part of the federal sanctions imposed on the district for failing to meet all of the federal No Child Left Behind Act criteria at the two schools. The district will use approximately \$50,000 in federal Title I funds and specialized grant funding to support the academic coaching positions.

Trustees approved a resolution releasing two temporary certificated em-

ployees at the end of the school year.

They reviewed the description for a new administrative position, Director of Educational Services. The new position combines duties for Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and for Director of Projects. These duties are currently shared with the principal positions at John Clayton School and Wolfskill School. Trustees also reviewed a new, part-time Teacher on Assignment position description. That position is designed to assist the Director of Educational Services and also provide administrative support for the Wolfskill, Independent Study and Preschool programs that will be on the John Clayton School campus, beginning with the 2006-07 school year.

In other personnel actions, the trustees:

~ Accepted the retirements of John Clayton principal Pam Scheeline, independent study teacher Marilyn Perrone, John Clayton secretary

Connie Crum, administrative technician Liz Justus, custodian Ed Scianna and high school secretary Susan Southworth;

~ Accepted the resignations of high school music teacher Cynthia Wildman, high school library clerk Christina Lanzaro and district bus driver Yvonne Scoggins;

~ Hired bus driver Patricia Havens and workability program students Juan Avalos-Zalva, Ivon Munoz-Raya and Capri Rivas;

~ Approved 2006-07 leaves of absence for teachers Joanie Bryant, Joan Jusell, Erica Lara, Lynda Nichols and Rachel Skinner and extend the leave for instructional aide Mary Lou Moreno.

Recognitions

Trustees recognized Shirley Rominger Intermediate School students Franky Mora for exceptional academic accomplishment and Alex Balasek for personal growth and maturity achieved during the school year.

Rominger parents Kim

Olivas, Andrea McKenna and Donetta Stewart received certificates of recognition for their volunteer classroom work and other contributions to Shirley Rominger School.

Next meeting

The next school board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on April 20 at the Waggoner Elementary School multipurpose room.

Entry deadline extended for Youth Day Main Parade

The deadline for turning in entry forms for the 70th annual Winters Youth Day Parade has been extended to Friday, April 21. There are several entries expected from within Winters, but they have not been received yet. Entries

received after April 21 can still participate, but will be ineligible for any awards.

Entry forms are available at Winters City Hall, 318 First Street or by calling parade chairman Mike Sebastian, 795-2091.

City council member shares growth facts

By TOM STONE
Winters City Council member
Guest columnist

There has been much discussion lately about growth and our future. Unfortunately, not all of what has been disseminated has been accurate. I appreciate the opportunity to add to what has already been written about our future, and maybe clear up some misconceptions.

We have a wide variety of growth-related constituencies and interests here in Winters. We have no-growthers, slow-growthers, moderate-growthers, developers, business owners, and those who aspire to be business owners. We have open space enthusiasts, and we have a large group clamoring for more parks and youth sports fields. We have people who want more houses available so their children can move back to their hometown, and others who want to move into something newer- maybe bigger, maybe smaller, but newer for sure.

One of the issues facing those favoring more open space is exactly what that looks like. Some view it as totally natural and inaccessible, except for maybe around the edges, while others view open space as having hiking trails where their dogs can accompany them on a daily romp. Open space, Ag Preservation, Habitat Conservation and Habitat Mitigation are all routine topics of conversation at Winters Planning Commission and City Council meetings.

Centex Homes created quite a stir recently when they hosted a town meeting, announced some fairly grand plans and tried to convince all in attendance how good they would be for Winters. That did not go so well for them.

At the time it was completed in 1992, the General Plan predicted that the population of Winters would be around 12,500 in

the year 2010. It was believed that our growth rate would be steady, but that has not happened.

It was *not*, however, anticipated that our growth rate would be slow — not as the term is being bandied about today, anyway. In order to go from start to finish in the General Plan, something like 140 homes per year would have to have been built. We haven't seen anything near that, nor do I think the chances are very good that we will see that level of activity in the future.

In any event, we are now over three-quarters of the way through the General Plan period, growth has not been steady, and Centex has created and/or amplified fears that we will be forced to add 5,000 people to our population in the next four years.

Well, folks, it just isn't going to happen.

First of all, there are about 300 acres of land that are located in the General Plan area that are *not within the city limits*. This land would have to be annexed to the city before any development could take place on it, and *no-body* can force us to annex that land.

Next is the flood problem. Flooding has always been a concern in the north and northeast areas of the city, and this winter has been no exception. In the current political climate statewide, flooding concerns and mitigation are getting more scrutiny, not less. *One half of the General Plan area is in a flood zone*.

Mitigation in our flood zones will be very, very expensive. Many developers have deep pockets, but the bottom line is they are in business to make money. Within the current city limits, no developer will be able to put together a flooding-mitigated housing project and still sell houses at a marketable price. Period. Perhaps someday, but not in the current market.

There is also the issue of

the wastewater treatment plant. It is almost at capacity, and will require a major expansion to accommodate the anticipated growth, including some land acquisition. This will take a considerable amount of time and effort.

Perhaps the biggest impact we should consider when discussing growth for Winters is our schools. *The sole cause of the school closures and changes the school board is facing is declining enrollment*. That's right, despite the new houses we have added, school enrollment is declining. It has dropped slowly but surely for the last eight years, and the WJUSD is being just as slowly but surely strangled by the losses.

We are under a court-approved Consent Decree stemming from a lawsuit from 20 years ago over low- and moderate-income housing availability. While we are certainly not required to solicit development, we do have a responsibility to see that this type of housing gets built when developers come forward with proposals.

We are still an agricultural community, and ag jobs cannot be described as high-paying by any stretch of the imagination. Some of these low- and moderate-income homes will be bought by the very same workers who perform such important work for our community.

The General Plan population number is 12,500. That number was settled upon as the number that would best allow us to keep our small town atmosphere, but still have enough people living here to have a vibrant economy and excellent small town amenities. Agree or disagree with it, that's how the number was settled upon. We can change it, sure, but there is no chance we are going to reach that number anytime soon.

We have an imbalance of available jobs here, when

compared to the number of residents. Charlie Rominger has proposed some expansion of our industrial zones, which would allow development of industry in some non-flood zone areas. It's an interesting idea, and we will give it full consideration.

From a purely idealistic viewpoint, though, I believe the focus should be on the Interstate 505 corridor, where the noise and other by-products of industry will join the similar noise and traffic by-products already there. Currently, development of the east side of I-505 is barred by the Williamson Act status of most of the properties there for another nine years. Nine years certainly presents a long enough planning period to do some great things over there, with two caveats: No residential development east of I-505 and some kind of permanent urban limit line that will preserve agricultural land and prevent straying too far inland from the freeway.

Tim Caro stood up at a recent planning commission meeting, and stated his preference for a seven-year build out. He is most certainly going to get his way.

Is it time to consider limiting any near-future annexations to commercial and industrial uses only? Probably. We needed more houses, and we will be getting them. We desperately need more industrial and commercial, as long as they are the right type and done right. Our downtown is doing well, but as several business owners said at the planning commission meeting, it's sometimes touch-and-go. More citizens and more jobs will be helpful.

The bottom line is that we are not going to give up what we so dearly love about this place — ever. The sky is not falling. Chicken Little is not in the building.

Musicians sought to perform at Art Walks

Art Walk Saturdays are great opportunities for budding musicians (and established musicians) to play their music, get some exposure, and add to the art envi-

ronment of Winters. The next Art Walk is May 6.

Any musicians interested in performing during an Art Walk Saturday can contact Mary King, 795-2756.

Winters Police Department seeking applicants

The Winters Police Department is accepting applications for the position of police officer. The ideal candidate must have the ability to solve problems and communicate effectively, especially with diverse groups. He or she must also be able to demonstrate proficiency in modern technology, intelligence, education, maturity, and commitment to service.

Applicants must possess a California POST Academy Certificate, or proof of current enrollment in an academy, or California POST Basic Certificate, or Lateral. Contact City of Winters for application, list of salary and benefits package, and other requirements.

To apply for a position or for more information, contact the City of Winters, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694, or call 795-4910 ext. 100.

COUNCIL

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years, with the course of phasing depending on market conditions. The project has a long background going back to 2001, including 13 hearings and significant redesigns.

“We’ve spent a lot of money to analyze this town,” he said.

Cheney proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation. The project site is in the north west portion of the city. It is a 103 acre residential subdivision to create 413 lots (including 36 duplex lots). There is a two-acre lot for 30 units in a multi-family apartment building. Phase One is 69 home sites along the northern part of the project. The homes would include a mix of styles. The 36 duplexes are positioned on corner lots and are designed to have a single family home appearance.

This first phase would put in the north third of the 10-acre park. The park is to run north-south in a narrow strip that connects from Grant Avenue to the proposed regional park to the north of Moody Slough Road. The park is 33 acres and will cost \$3.2 million. When he first saw his staff’s park design, he said “I like it but I don’t want it,” alluding to the expense.

Granite Bay will contribute \$100,000 for development of a wetlands/open space area in the northeast corner of the project. The actual design 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 in Solano County. He expressed resistance to Alternate 3. He also presented a map of bike pathways that run through various parts of the development.

The benefits for the City with the Highlands project include:

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

He addressed individually critical comments citizens had made at the March 14 planning meeting.

“The controversy that the project caused in Winters saddens my heart,” he said, adding he was troubled by hate mail and the quitting of jobs.

“I want to walk in this town with my head held high,” he said.

The discussion was opened to public com-

ment. Father Chuck Kelly of St. Anthony Catholic Church supported the project. Land the church owns could become wildlife mitigation and he described it as becoming “5.3 acres of art”. Glenn Negri spoke in favor of the project, describing Granite Bay’s “unprecedented level of willingness to enhance Winters.” He commented that builders in Sacramento were very “surprised and concerned” about this level of contribution, because it set the bar very high.

Dry Creek stream keeper Rick Marevich said that the erosion problems on Dry Creek are primarily caused by Monticello Dam and urban runoff from developments like this one have little effect.

Sally Brown said that Granite Bay had done a good job listening to citizens, but supported a longer ten-year buildout and a cessation of additional projects until 2016 to allow time for industrial growth. She supported finding a temporary fix for the pool. City Manager John Donlevy said that the a new pool would not be ready before late summer 2005 and it is not known what is causing the leakage in the old pool or whether it can be repaired.

Tim Kehoe calculated the growth rate in Winters as six percent and said it is excessive and four times the state rate. David Springer said he had found Granite Bay open to working with his energy consulting company after all (he had said otherwise at the planners meeting). He strongly supported changes to increase the buffer between agriculture land and this development.

Rory Linton expressed support for the project and said he was sorry to see the angry comments in the paper. Kevin Jackson spoke in favor of Alternate 3 and noted the lack of detailed explanation as to why it was being rejected.

Mark Westihue, project biologist, said small natural areas as envisaged in Alternate 3 often fail.

“Big chunks are better and the bigger sites work better if you leave them alone,” said Westihue. He prefers “mitigation banking.”

The council took up the discussion at the end of the public comment. Councilman Steve Godden noted a discrepancy between the language of the school agreement for \$3.10 for school fees and additional \$3.10 that would not apply to low income units. There was discussion of language that stated the actual amount, or avoided stating the amount in case the standards called for a drop or an increase in fees. Special Counsel Steve Rudolph proposed language that would eliminate the discrepancy.

Tschudin explained the objections to Alternate 3,

which included the resulting smaller lot sizes, the tendency of smaller size wetlands to fail, as well as hydrology and topography issues.

Councilman Fridae spoke in favor of Alternate 3, pointing out that it was not surrounded by development as is the wetlands proposed for the northeast corner of the project. A motion to not invoke Alternate 3 was made and carried, with Fridae abstaining.

The applicant was then asked to stand up and affirm acceptance of various changes to the agreement made at this meeting. The wording of the \$200,000 planning contribution was discussed, with the applicant not accepting a generalized description of the use of the funds. The final wording called for \$200,000 for an “update of the General Plan or other planning processes for the city council.” “Yes, we’re good to go,” said Cheney. The vote was called, and the motion to approve was passed.

Other items:

~ A proclamation was announced and passed to honor Mike and Janet Kimes for their contributions to the community as owners of Kimes Hardware. It noted their support of Youth Day, Friends of the Library, the Chamber of Commerce, the Winters Participation Gallery and Rotary Club and the fact that they had sold more tickets to community events than anyone.

~ A proclamation was passed honoring Dawn Van Dyke for her service as city editor for the Express, and her “objective reporting of city meetings no matter how controversial they were.”

Councilman Tom Stone announced the Youth Day Fun Run and said that streets would not be closed off, but traffic cones would be put out to alert motorists. Councilman Harold Anderson asked if Stone would be running, and Stone replied that he was not “running it” but just helping out. The route will include Hemenway, Neiman and Moody Slough Road.

City Manager John Donlevy said that the Rotary Park expansion is underway and that business people have asked to participate in a design committee for the park, which is currently scheduled to become just grass with a path and sprinklers. Fridae asked if Rotary members were going to be on the committee and suggested that he would be glad to serve on the committee as council liaison to Rotary. The committee was approved with a motion.

A motion was passed to approve issue of revenue bonds in the amount of \$6,500,000 by the California Municipal Finance Authority for the purpose of financing the CHOC multi-family rental hous-

ing development at 110 East Baker Street approving execution of the joint powers agreement relating to the authority. Planning Director Dan Sokolow said the project

targets people with 30 to 60 percent of median family income. Mayor Dan Martinez asked if this affects our bonding capacity. The CHOC representative responded “not in any

way.”

A motion was passed to contact property owners along Dry Creek to discuss potential uses of \$61,000 assessment funds designated for erosion control.

EVERY

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Katherine Rominger, with blood oozing from her face, sat motionless in the seat.

Over the loudspeaker, a 911 call was heard. A frantic student told the operator of the crash, adding “There’s a lot of blood! All I can see is blood and glass!” Soon the sound of sirens wailed ever closer and Winters police officers Todd Barnett and Scott Leach arrived to check out the scene. As Barnett covered Cooley’s body with a plastic yellow sheet, the air echoed with multiple sirens as the Winters Fire Department arrived next, then ambulances and sheriff’s vehicles.

The scene sprang into a beehive of activity, as paramedics tended to the wounded. Meanwhile, Barnett did a field sobriety test on Lucero as the fire department brought out the jaws of life to cut Lewis and Rominger free from the vehicle. A helicopter rumbled overhead and blew clouds of dust in the air as it landed in the high school parking lot to transport a victim. As the scene played out, the “walking dead” — students who’d been pulled from class at 15 minute intervals all morning — watched from the sidelines, their faces covered with gray paint.

As the fire department cut the roof from Lewis’ vehicle, Rominger was pulled free and placed on a backboard and then a gurney. She was hooked to real emergency apparatus, such as an oxygen mask, and transported by ground ambulance to Sutter Davis Hospital, where she experienced going through emergency room treatment. Lewis was also cut free and placed on a backboard, complete with neck brace and tubes attached where IV tubing would go, and was actually transported to the hospital by helicopter, also experiencing firsthand what that might be like.

Meanwhile, Lucero, who’d failed the sobriety test, was handcuffed and placed in the back seat of the squad car, and even though none of it was real, the sad, stunned expression on his face as he observed all that transpired hinted that the seriousness of the situation was really hitting home. Lucero was transported to the Winters Police Department, where he found out what it feels like to be booked and arrested.

As the living were cared for accordingly, it was time for the most unpleasant task of all — dealing with the dead. Firefighters removed Cooley’s limp, bloody body from the hood of the car and placed it on a plastic sheet on the asphalt, as the county coroner and her assistants examined and photographed the body. When they were finished, Cooley was zipped into a body bag and transported to the county morgue, and finished her afternoon as a corpse by being placed on a gurney and wheeled into the refrigeration unit for storage.

How realistic was it? Becky Allen, a paramedic for AMR ambulance, said the scenario was pretty typical but that the mock scene was “a little calmer” than the real thing. For example, when asked if it really takes that long to remove a person using the jaws of life (about 20 minutes), Allen said it really does often take that long. That’s a long time to be in pain.

Was the scenario common?

“It happens more often than we’d like,” said Allen. “Accidents are particularly bad around graduation time.”

From the sidelines, students watched in silence. Sophomore Abby Valk



Yolo County Coroner Mary Koopin Williams (far right) photographs Natalie Cooley, who “died” in the Every 15 Minutes program, staged at Winters High School on April 6.

said the program really made her think.

“It’s really depressing to realize how many people actually die from drunk driving — one every 15 minutes,” said Valk. “It made me realize that it’s really important not to go around doing stupid things like drinking and driving.”

The program also made an impression on sophomore Rachel Chapman.

“It made me realize how horrible it is to have this happen,” said Chapman. “Even though it’s not real, it still affects you in a real way. You see how it would all actually play out. It makes you realize how many people do this every day and die every day, and how horrible it really is.

Even faculty and community members couldn’t help but be impacted by the crash scene.

“I’ve been to too many student funerals and it’s absolutely the most difficult thing to deal with,” said Winters High School principal George Griffin. “I’m not good at funerals in the first place, but those are the worst. Even though it’s staged, it brings up the feelings of when you dealt with it for real. Handcuffs and body bags. It’s pretty depressing.”

Community member Marty Powell watched from the sidelines and said he also was moved by what he saw.

“It reminds me of when I was a kid,” said Powell, who grew up in Winters and attended Winters High School himself. “I rolled my Jeep while drinking and driving. Now that I have a daughter that age, it really makes you think about it.”

Following the mock crash, the students who participated as well as the “walking dead” went to a retreat to talk about their feelings and what they’d learned. Many wrote letters to their parents, some of which were read the following day at a special assembly.

Somber services

The assembly the following day was even more wrenching than the mock crash. A “funeral” was held, complete with a hearse, casket and flower arrangements for Cooley. The “walking dead” followed a bagpiper into the packed high school gym, each carrying her or his own headstone, placed it to the side and took a seat. Many of the students wept as the assembly proceeded, realizing that had they died in real life, a scene much like the one they saw before their eyes at that moment would actually be taking place. Parents of the students, who’d all been prepared in advance so as not to be traumatized, sat in line of chairs in front of the audience.

Senior Jordan Shugart, who brought the Every 15 Minutes program to Winters High School as his senior project, addressed the audience and reemphasized that although it was a theatrical event, its meaning was very real.

“I still respect the fact that these things really do happen, and it isn’t a joke,” said Shugart. “I

know it’s a problem. And it’s not just about drinking and driving, it’s about life choices.” Prior to the crash scene on Thursday, Shugart admitted that drinking and driving among Winters High School students is “an issue.”

“People drink and drive, and take it too lightly,” said Shugart.

Driving that point home was former Winters High School student Chuck Draper, who took the podium after Shugart at the assembly, telling the story of four friends involved in a tragic car accident on Sept. 10, 1977.

“We sat in those seats where you’re sitting right now,” Draper told the students in the audience, describing a night where some partying following a school football game and dance ended up in the death of one of his friends. After drinking beer, they drove down Putah Creek Road, the driver lost control of the vehicle and it rolled seven times, ejecting two of the passengers. The car rolled over one, a freshman named Billy, who died from his injuries.

“All it takes is one bad choice and it could be the last night of your life,” said Draper. “I am the driver that made that choice that took Billy’s life and changed so many others.”

Draper admitted that he was asked to tell his story the last time Every 15 Minutes was enacted in Winters, but it was still too painful. This time, he felt compelled to share the tragedy.

“I’m appearing today because you might hear something that makes you think about your choices,” said Draper, visibly still tortured by what happened on that night 28 years ago. “If I could change one thing in my life, it would be that I didn’t drink and get behind the wheel of a car. I know today that there’s no such thing as ‘It’ll never happen to me.’”

Draper said he’s told his own children that the best way to make sure they don’t drink and drive is not to take the first drink.

“That’s the only way to be sure you won’t drink and drive.”

Draper’s emotional testimony was followed by that of Theresa Lee, who told how her own daughter was killed in a drunk driving accident on Interstate 80 a year and a half ago. Traveling at over 100 miles per hour, the driver spun out of control and crashed into a tree, the impact so violent that the car was torn in two and all three inside killed instantly. Even seatbelts and airbags were of no use.

Lee told of the agony of having the chaplain come to one’s house and announce that your child is dead. When she held up her daughter’s purse, still containing her cell phone, wallet and earrings, many in the audience were wiping tears. Lee’s daughter was a passenger in the vehicle, and she advised students to keep a phone number for a taxi cab, a credit card for an overnight stay in a hotel if necessary and a list of

Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

phone numbers for parents who will pick them up “no questions asked” to make sure they don’t get in the car with a driver who’s been drinking. Better yet, she said, trick the potential drunk driver into giving you her or his keys by saying, “I can read a person’s personality by the type of key ring they have,” and taking the keys away. She noted that a drunk person will rarely give up his or her car keys willingly.

Next was a video showing a series of snapshots of smiling Winters High School students, as Joe Crocker’s “With a Little Help From My Friends” played. Then an action video of the previous day’s “crash” was played, as Sarah McLachlan’s “I Will Remember You” played. Seeing the crash on video was nearly as traumatic as the live event, as evidenced by the many students, parents and staff who dabbed their eyes.

The wrenching emotion continued as some of the “walking dead” read letters to their parents and friends, saying the good-byes they might not be able to say if they’d really died that day. Rebecca Lopez’ voice choked with tears as she told her mother how much she loved her. Brian Williams and Kasey Parker also took the chance to pour out their feelings, and as Danielle Murphy’s father read a “goodbye” letter to his “walking dead” daughter, Murphy clung to her friends and wept as she heard her father’s words.

CHP officer Phil Gruidl then gave a moving demonstration by asking everyone to stand up, one at a time, who would be affected if someone died in a drunk driving accident — from policemen to coroners to district attorneys and on to friends and community members. As one by one, everyone in the gym came to their feet, Gruidl asked, “Do you see anyone sitting down? No one should be because it affects us all.”

“Your decisions will affect a lot of folks,” said Gruidl. “It’s not a joke.”

Principal George Griffin wrapped up the Every 15 Minutes program and told students how many times parents tell their kids to be careful when they leave the house. Griffin says his preferred warning is “Don’t be stupid” and then defined “stupid” as something that holds “great risk for little or no benefit and tremendous potential cost.” Such as looking down to change a CD or find a cell phone while driving, or horsing around while behind the wheel. It doesn’t even take alcohol to make a bad decision while driving.

“Don’t be stupid,” Griffin told the audience. Students then filed out of the gym, many wiping tears, many rushing up to hug their “walking dead” friends in relief that none of this nightmare actually happened. And, hopefully, some of them were a little more careful when they got behind the wheel to drive home that day, or headed out to a party that night.

Weekly police report

April 1

~ On the 100 block of Broadview Lane, parties were involved in a physical domestic dispute. The case forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

~ On the 400 block of Columbia Way, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$4.

April 4

~ On County Road 90, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was open and operating. There was no determination as to why the alarm activated.

April 5-6

~ On the first block of East Main Street, a vehicle front passenger window was broken with an unknown object. Damage: \$200.

April 6

~ A 14-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana on school grounds.

~ On the 1100 block of McArthur Avenue, a bicycle was stolen from the carport of a residence. Loss: \$100.

April 7

~ On the 200 block of First Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The janitor was inside the business. The officer checked the interior of the business and everything appeared to be in order.

~ Brandon Alexander Speegle, 27, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department warrant of arrest charging him with vandalism, tres-

passing and public intoxication. Speegle was also arrested for resisting/obstructing a police officer. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

April 8

~ The driver of a homemade mini motorcycle evaded an officer when the officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The driver of the mini motorcycle fled on several streets, in a reckless manner, until he crashed and fled on foot. A canvass of the area did not reveal the driver. The mini motorcycle was taken as evidence.

~ At Railroad Avenue and East Abbey Street, a motor tube was used to launch two fireworks without a valid permit. The motor tube was located in the dirt parking area northeast of the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Abbey Street. A canvass of the area produced no suspect information.

~ On the first block of Main Street, the window of a business was broken. Damage: \$800.

April 9

~ Ovidio Alex Loarca, 19, of Winters was arrested for vandalism. Loarca was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

April 10

A found cellular telephone was turned over to the police department.

Community

Worship services announced

The Winters Ministerial Association (WMA) has announced community services for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The Good Friday service will be held April 14 at the Winters Community Center at 7 p.m. Pastor Jorge Chavez, pastor of the Templo Jesucristo es la Respuesta, will be speaking and Pastor Chavez's Worship Band will be leading the music. Translation services will be provided so that all may participate.

A community Easter Sunrise worship will be held at the Winters Gazebo on Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 a.m. All Association Pastors will be sharing an Easter greeting. Sean Conklin is scheduled to lead the worship music. Coffee and pastry refreshments will be provided.

Da Vinci comes to life during The Last Supper



Courtesy photo

Members of the Main Street Church will take a close look at the famous painting "The Last Supper" by Leonardo Da Vinci, which portrays the moment right after the Lord said, "One of you will betray me." Residents are invited to join the Main Street Church to witness a living reproduction of Leonardo's painting on Sunday, April 9 at 10 a.m. at the church on the corner of Second and Main.

Daughters invited to remember their mothers at retreat

Daughters Without Mothers, a one-day retreat sponsored by Yolo Hospice, will be Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Blanchard Room of the Davis Branch of Yolo

County Libraries, 315 E. 14th Street.

Daughters who have lost their mother prior to 2006 are invited to honor her memory, life and death in a day of re-

flection and renewal. Participants will share their stories and enjoy short performances by dancers and the Threshold Choir. Participants are invited to bring a photograph of their

mother to share.

The cost to attend \$5. Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required. To reserve a space, call Yolo Hospice, 758-5566.

Thanks for all those tickets



Photo by Elliot Landes

Mike and Janet Kimes were honored at the April 4 City Council meeting for their contributions to the community as owners of Kimes Hardware. Their support of Youth Day, Friends of the Library, the Chamber of Commerce, the Winters Participation Gallery and Rotary Club, as well as their achievement of selling more tickets to community events than anyone, was also recognized.

Six new members join Lions Club

BY JUANITA RAMOS
Special to the Express

The Winters Lions Club met Wednesday, March 22 at Tomat's. President Frank Ramat presided.

It was a very special evening as we had 6 new members joining the Winters Lions Club. P.D.G. Walt Flanders had the honor of installing our new members. Also attending with P.D.G. Walt Flanders was his wife,

Rena, both from the American River Lions Club.

Congratulations to the new members: Lions John Neil, Karen Benson Neil, John Rodriguez, Jean E. Rodriguez, Andrew Pignataro and Nancy Pignataro.

Ramos reminded the club that the blood drive was Monday, March 27, at the Community Center, 3-7 p.m. Member brought cookies and refreshments were served.

The fundraiser for the Winters High School Music Department was held on March 19 during the Vernal Equinox run. The club thanks Roy and the V.F.W. for cooking Polish hot dogs. The Neils supplied the ice and Winters Lions provided sodas and water. It was a busy day for all from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many thanks for helping.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 12.

Nine-week parenting skills class offered

Yolo Family Service Agency will offer a nine week series on parenting skills, open to anyone in the community. Sessions will be on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The series begins on Tuesday, May 9 at YFSA's Woodland office,

455 1st Street at the corner of Lincoln Street. Parking is available.

Parenting Classes will focus on child growth and development. Parents will better understand issues of self esteem, child behaviors and appropriate

interventions and guidance skills. \$50 will cover the full series. An adjusted payment schedule is available. Joanne Fuller, MFTI will facilitate the sessions. She can be reached at 662-2211, ext. 37 for further information.

Spring hikes planned at Stebbins Cold Canyon

The mission of the Stebbins Cold Canyon Presentation Program is to explore the natural beauty and scientific importance of this unique habitat. Toward that goal, presentations are structured for interactive participation. This allows participants the freedom to discover art and science for themselves and give meaning in their own way.

Presentations are offered free of charge. To attend any session, contact Jeff Falyon, jfalyon@ucdavis.edu or call 795-3864. Include your name, presentation date, phone number and/or e-mail address. Also, indicate whether you need directions. Most outings are limited to 15 people.

The spring and summer schedule is as follows:

~ "Loop Trail", Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The loop trail at Stebbins Cold Canyon is 5+ miles of ups and downs. There is a 2000 foot elevation gain (with many steps), a distinctive change in plant communities and breathtaking views in all directions. This outing is for those who love to challenge themselves a little and reward themselves on a large boulder overlooking the expanse of Lake Berryessa below. Bring sturdy shoes, at least a liter of water, sunscreen and a snack. Guide: Stephen McCord.

~ "Treasure Hunt For

Kids," Saturday, April 22, 9-11 a.m. Kids search for treasures along the trail near the creek and then meet up with a magical character who offers them a treat in exchange for what they have collected. For ages 4-7. Guide: Lyndsay Dawkins.

~ "Visita Guiada A Stebbins Cold Canyon," Domingo, 23 de Abril, 9 a.m. - mediodia. Vengan a conocer uno de los paisajes naturales mas bonitos de la region. Puede ser el sonido del agua atravesando Cold Creek, o la diversidad de animales y plantas. En Cold Canyon siempre hay algo que disfrutar. Guia: Pelayo Alvarez

Food vendors sought for Youth Day

The Winters Youth Day Committee is seeking vendors to serve food at City Park on Youth Day afternoon. Very few applications have so far been received.

For a booth application or more information, contact Chris Jones, 795-3279.

*Lordy, Lordy...
Look who's 40!*



*Happy 40th
Birthday, Dawn*

*Love, Mom, Dad,
Den, Jenn, Mollie
and Megan*

Schools



During this school year we have placed a significant instructional emphasis on helping students learn grade standards. These standards were originally developed several years ago with the idea of ensuring that students participate in a rigorous educational program that will enable them to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully attend college and/or pursue a career. Through a variety of teaching strategies and numerous learning opportunities, we support student learning. Shortly, the annual state assessments that measure student learning will be administered.

Following spring break, students in grades 2 - 11 will be taking tests as part of the State Testing and Reporting (STAR) program. The results from these assessments will be used to measure the academic progress of individual students, of schools, and of our district. This information is normally received and distributed during the late summer. The results will also be used to determine how well schools and the district meet state and federal accountability requirements. This information is typically reported in September and October.

As important as the quality of the learning opportunities in the classroom are, we also know that there are several other variables that influence how well our students perform. These include, but are not limited to, student motivation to do her/his best, student willingness to work collaboratively with the teacher and with peers in the learning process, parental expectations regarding the students' efforts and success, and the health and well-being of the student in areas such as sleep and nutrition. These variables may either contribute to increased student success or diminished performance on the assessments.

One of the things that is most interesting about the entire testing scenario is that while the emphasis is on the student demonstrating high achievement levels, it is the variables above that that significantly influence student academic success and success in the workplace. Students are more successful in school when they are motivated to succeed; employees are more successful in the workplace when they are motivated to do their best. Students who collaborate with teachers and fellow students to learn are more academically successful; employees who are able to collaborate with their employer and colleagues are more productive employees. Students who have high expectations for their performance and parents who have high expectations of their students' performance will find that these students are more successful in school; employees who have high expectations for their performance will be more successful in the workplace. Students who engage in healthy behaviors are more successful in school than those who do not; employees who engage in healthy behaviors are more productive in the workplace.

The STAR testing in April will assess academic knowledge. What it won't assess are the more critical skills that contribute to success in the classroom and in the workplace: motivation, collaboration, high expectations, and healthy behavioral choices. The presence or lack of these elements will ultimately play a greater role in a students' success as an employee or employer than the academic knowledge measured on a standardized examination.

Our staff members have strived to help students learn grade level standards and to be successful on the STAR assessments, but they also help students learn to be motivated, to collaborate with others, to have high expectations, and to make healthy behavior choices. Thank you to our talented school professionals, our caring parents, and our community members who unite to promote academic learning as well as to develop positive qualities in the children of Winters.

The happiest dancers on Earth



Courtesy photo
On April 19 and 20, a group of 34 dancers from Studio C, ranging in age from 3rd graders to college students, were invited to perform at Disneyland Park. They were given half an hour of stage time and were able to take a master class with Kathy Rizzo, who is the choreographer of Hercules on Broadway, as well as numerous Disney parade routes. Front row, from left to right, are: Amanda Hanson, Gabrielle Boisrame, Nicole Jordan, Kristen Rheuby; back row (l to r): Cara McCoy, Meghan Hyde, Nicole Rheuby, Keeley Nickelson, and Haylee Clay.

Shirley Rominger Honor Roll announced

At an assembly on March 29, Shirley Rominger Intermediate School announced Gold and Silver Honor Roll.

Gold Honor Roll is awarded to students who receive straight A's on their report card and Silver Honor Roll is awarded to students who receive a combination of A's and B's or all B's.

Gold Honor Roll

5th Grade: Jossten Childs, Sarena Cliché, Brandon Emery, Martin Gutierrez, Nikole Hartwell, Lupita Ibarra, Henry Nicholson, Jacob Nicholson, Justin Nitzkowski, Kelli, O'Neil, Deziree Padilla, Allison Reynoso, Natalie Roberts-Kane, Alondra Ruiz, Zachary Stewart, Paige Wright

4th Grade: Ka'imi Drumright, Marlen Guzman, Karissa Karlen, Jill Oates, Nikoli Rojas, Viviana Vazquez

Silver Honor Roll

5th Grade: Maurilio Angel, Morgan Brace, Alexis Braun, Taylor Burke, Cale Castro, Jose Correa, Yasmin Cota, Fernando Del Rio, Karina

Eaton, Miguel Fierros, Caitlin-Ann Flaws, Logan Fox, Alexis Garnett, Ashley Gongora, Steven Gutierrez, Vanessa Gutierrez, Dakota Hagy, Justin Handy-Pereira, Kevin Lane, Elias Layne, Gariella Leal, Lorenzo Lopez, Juliana Magallon, Darren McClymonds, Liliana Medina, Jose Angel Mejia, Lidia Montiel, Francisco Mora, Willie Nations, Cristina Ochoa, Morgan Olivas, Kari O'Neil, Guadalupe Orozco, Andrea Palmerin, Gisela Prado, Daniela Salas, Alma Silva, Julia Stack, Brittney Thompson, Juana Torres, Timothy Tweedt, Alyssa Winslow,.

4th Grade: Cassidy Allen, Morgan Anderson, Angelica Arellano, Taylor Biasi, Morgan Braun, Connor Brickey, Diego Camacho, Cristian Carabez, Hector Carrillo, Cassandra Ceja, Chrisitian Corrales, Fernando Cortes, Alexandra Cushman, Crystal Del Rio, Sidney Dickinson, Eko Ferrell, Maria Gomez, Domingo Gonzalez, Cinthia Gutierrez, Sandra Gutierrez, Jessica Handy-Pereira, Ha-

ley Hartman, Jacob Ivory, Morgen Johannessen, Sarah Kimes, Ellie Kreun, Tichelle Leslie, Tiffany Lichwa, Valerie Lizarraga, Zuleca Lopez, Nicholas McKenna, Karen Melendez, Colten Montgomery, Samantha

Nickelson, Olivia Orosco, Sylvia Orosco, Christopher Paredes III, Jacquelin Plascencia, Natalia Ramirez, Trevor Ray, Betzabeth Rodriguez, Melissa Rodriguez, Jessica Sanchez, Esmeralda Valadez, Jackquiline Woods.

Community input sought for textbook adoption

Social science textbooks for kindergarten through 8th grade are currently being taken through the adoption process.

Reflections by Harcourt for grades K-5 and Discovering Our Past by Glenco for grades 6-8 are under consideration for approval. All of these textbooks have been presented to the Curriculum Steering Committee for discussion. Pending community input, the Curriculum Steering Committee is

expected to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on May 4 concerning adoption of these textbooks.

Reflections and Discovering Our Past will be on display at the Winters Public Library during the hours of 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday 10 to noon from February 13 to March 20.

Community members are encouraged to pre-

view the Reflections and Discovering Our Past and to provide their input by filling out a Course Selection Form available at the Winters Public Library. Input may also be provided by attending the Curriculum Steering Committee on May 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the District Office, 405 West Grant Avenue.

Any questions concerning the above procedures should be directed to Curriculum Director Pam Scheeline at 795 6157.

Parade entry forms available

Entry forms are available for the annual Youth Day Kiddie Parade, to be held on Saturday April 29. The annual parade showcases the finest in decorated bikes, pets, floats and a number of other entries. Pre-registration forms can be obtained at City Hall, 318 First Street, or by calling Kiddie Parade Chairman Lauren Sebastian, 795-2091.

Forms can also be filled out at the registration table on Youth Day morning at 4th and Main streets starting at 8 a.m. There is no entry fee.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Kasey Parker reads goodbye letters to loved ones at a memorial service held on April 7 in the high school gym for Natalie Cooley, who “died” in the Every 15 Minutes program. Parker was one of the “walking dead” who also “died” on April 6.

Letters she would have liked to write from ‘beyond’

By KASEY PARKER
Special to the Express

Dear Mom and Dad,
Where do I begin? Today I died. Through dying, I have learned how better to live my life. I have learned that to live your life, you have to breathe in each moment and savor it. You have to take what comes at you and make the best you can out of it. You have made this a reality for me.

I have heard all of the sayings about life, but it would not be possible if you did not guide me in the right direction. You taught me to find my passion in life and pursue it until I have reached nothing but my goal. Thank you.

I know we have had our rough times and that I hardly ever tell you that I love you. So let me say it now... I love you, Mom and Dad. Thank you for everything that you have done

for me and for making me the person that I am today. I love you.

Dear Christopher,
My brother, my friend. I know we haven’t always gotten along very well, but I want you to know that I truly love you. All of this has make me realize that If I had really died today, I would never get to see you, hug you, or tell you that I love you again.

You are in the Army now, and who knows what could happen. You are all the way across the country from me right now, but I love you just as strongly as if you were standing here next to me today. You are one of the most influential people in my life; you may not know it, but you are. You are my only brother and I don’t know what I would do without you. I love you. Thank you.

Dear Maraka,
To my dearest friend. Thank you for being you. In just the few short years

that I have known you, you have made a huge difference in my life. Going through this experience, I have realized that I take advantage of our friendship way too much. We have had our tough times, but my life has been better because of you. I love you. Thank you.

Dear Jordan,
Today I died because of you. But I could not express my gratitude to anyone more. If you had not arranged all of this, then my life would have just gone on the same. But by dying today, I have rethought about a lot of things in life. Your life can change in a split second, so don’t ever hesitate to tell someone that you love and appreciate them; whether you are going to see them in five minutes or five years. But mostly, I have realized that life is too short to take things for granted.

You never know when

you or your loved ones are going to die. Jordan, thank you for all of this and for everything. I love you.

To everyone that I have ever known, thank you for being you and making a difference in my life. I am sorry for anything that I have done in the past, and for any differences that we may have had, but I want to make a change today so that I will never have to regret not telling you that I appreciate you and that I love each and every one of you with all the love of a daughter, a sister, and a friend. I love you. Thank you.

Love always,
KASEY CHRISTINA PARKER

(Editor’s note: Kasey Parker was among the “walking dead,” “killed” in last week’s Every 15 Minutes program. She read these letters at the memorial service on Friday, April 7.)

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15-year-old. I’m sure my letter was not unlike those written by other parents. Mine followed an “I’ll remember...” format that listed such attributes as beauty, creativity, laughter (especially at dad’s corny jokes), and love for horses. It concluded with, “I will remember that I should have said, ‘I love you,’ more often.”

Yes, it was an emotional exercise, but one that should reap long-term rewards in parent to teen communication.

I missed my daughter that Thursday night.

The next ride on the emotional roller coaster was seeing the tombstones of the “victims,” all together, when I arrived for the high school rally on Friday. Get a grip, dad, or you’ll embarrass yourself, and your daughter. Then the bagpipes began, and the “victims” — seen for the first time since the accident — entered the gym, each carrying his/her tombstone. Choke back those tears.

The testimonials that day were sobering — spoken, through pain, from the heart. Thank you for the courage to share your misfortunes so others can learn and realize that bad decisions can have bad consequences.

The letters, read both by parents and students, were revealing in their similarities. Yes, there is strife among parents and teens, but there is also a deep bond and love that runs both ways.

The video of the accident and its aftermath put me over the edge. Raw emotion. Let the tears come. If the dads sitting on either side of me can do it, so can I. Besides, the sobs from the bleachers behind me suggested that there wasn’t a dry eye in the house.

Powerful? Yes.

I can only begin to imagine

the pain experienced by parents who have lost a child, but at least I can begin to think about it. If Every 15 Minutes, by fostering awareness and communication,

spares even one family from that experience, it has been successful.

Thank you, to everyone involved in bringing this event to Winters.

Entertainment

You can see ‘Hawks’ in Winters at the Palms

I See Hawks in L.A., a country band playing at the Palms Theatre on April 15 at 8:30 p.m. don't play tidy, genre faithful music, folks. "California Country" is a dark and daring turn for the once reclusive Hawks, who talked their band into existence on a wandering winter walk through the East Mojave desert, never planning on playing live. But when the Hawks twice won L.A. Weekly's Country Artist of the Year and San Jose Mercury News's Best New Country Artist, and their 2004 release "Grapevine" hit #1 on the Freeform American Roots chart, #2 on XM prog country radio, and 15 "Best Of 2004/05" Lists, the boys knew they'd be on the road.

And a rich and twisted road it's been: daring the lightning at Seattle's outdoor Hempfest, playing for convicts at a Vermont pen, hosting a no amps allowed weekly revival in a skid row L.A. bar, challenging hard core mountain music fans in North Carolina. The Hawks are as tricky to pin down as their namesake, sometimes showing up with fiddle, dobro, and guitar, sometimes leading a patriotic twin Telecaster and steel guitar psychedelic assault.

"California Country" takes you through all of the above: a honky tonky lament on the paving over of California; a rock anthem tale of a showdown with Slash from Guns N' Roses; a banjo fueled So-Cal murder/suicide barnburner with a brief Jefferson Airplane time warp; a fiddling waltz valentine to cranky Senator Robert Byrd's heroic moment; and musings on End of Empire, graffiti on the Natchez Trace, donkeys, government agents at the front

Aeromodelers plan open house

The public is invited to the Woodland Davis Aeromodelers annual Open House and free pancake breakfast at the Mavis Henson Flying Field, 20179 County Road 102 in Woodland. The pancake breakfast begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, along with the other festivities, which end at 4 p.m. The Open House continues on Sunday, April 23 from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Flying demonstrations of all types of aircraft ranging from turbine jets, war birds, helicopters, sea planes, aerobatic and antique planes, and gliders will be featured, as well as a u-control aerobatic demonstration.

door, and coming home with the tour money blown in Jackpot, Nevada.

Simply put, no one's ever written songs like this: playful, deeply but obliquely political, flirting with despair but innocent at the core, boldly literate and complex—and it's country.

Singer Rob Waller's complex tenor-baritone, and twangy, semi-in-control guitarist/dobroist Paul Lacques lead the hard charging band, anchored by top session guys Paul Marshall (bass, vocals, Strawberry Alarm Clock) and Shawn Nourse (drums, Dwight Yoakam, James Inveltdt).

Lighting up this landscape are top notch bluegrass mandolin and fiddle from Chris Hillman (Byrds, Flying Burrito Brothers), Brantley Kearns (Dwight Yoakam, Hazel and Alice, David Bromberg), and Rick Shea (Dave Alvin Band); Cody Bryant's virtuoso banjo; B-3 and celeste from Danny McGough (Social Distortion, Eleni Mandell); and heavy metal screamer Tommy Funderburk (Boston, Whitesnake, Motley Crue) soaring over the Hawks rich three part harmonies.

Western Seeds Records will release "California Country" on May 9, and I See Hawks In L.A. will reprise their summer 2004 tour and then some, hitting all parts of the U.S., with a maiden voyage into the midwest and a tour of the British Isles.

Tickets for the April 15 show at The Palms are \$12.

For more information about the band, contact Susan Clary at Big Monkey, 323-653-4987 or scbigmonkey@earthlink.net. And visit the nest of I See Hawks In L.A. at <http://www.iseehawks.com/>

The public will have an opportunity to try their hand at flying a radio control club trainer. This event benefits the Woodland Fire Department, the Woodland Police D.A.R.E. program, and the Woodland Parks Foundation.

For more information call Forrest Barton, 662-6324.

Coming to The Palms



Courtesy photo

Lesley Gore, the most commercially successful solo artist of the "Girl Group" era of the 1960s will appear at The Palms on Sunday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. Gore's hits include "It's My Party" and "You Don't Own Me." Tickets are \$30, and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and at the door if not sold out.

Middle Earth Festival coming to Downtown Vacaville

The second annual Middle Earth Festival will come to life in Historic Downtown Vacaville on April 22-23 as a free, fun-for-the-whole-family event. There will be craft and merchandise vendors, entertainment, games for the kids, demonstration of old time skills, music, dance, fantasy and food.

The festival celebrates "The Lord of the Rings" and J.R.R. Tolkien. Even folks who have never read the book or seen the movies will find the days full of fun and interest. Some may stretch their minds with trivia contests, or enjoy the antics of the Gollum impersonation contest, and seek the best costumed elf, dwarf, hobbit, and other dwellers of Middle Earth. A Troll Stroll and Forums on the Themes of Tolkien are planned for this "only one of its kind" festival.

Cat Taylor with Avalon Rising, playing Celtic and

Medieval Hobbit Rock will be featured in the Saturday line up. Adam the Juggler, Stefan Barboza, Christopher Smith, Scott Davis, the Sylvan Singers and more will entertain. Characters from the books will mingle with the crowds and delight us with their costumes. Favorites from last year are returning. Dale Shinn, the Hurdy Gurdy Man is scheduled both days. At Saturday night's "Long Awaited Party" the Rats in the Haggis will return for your dancing and listening pleasure.

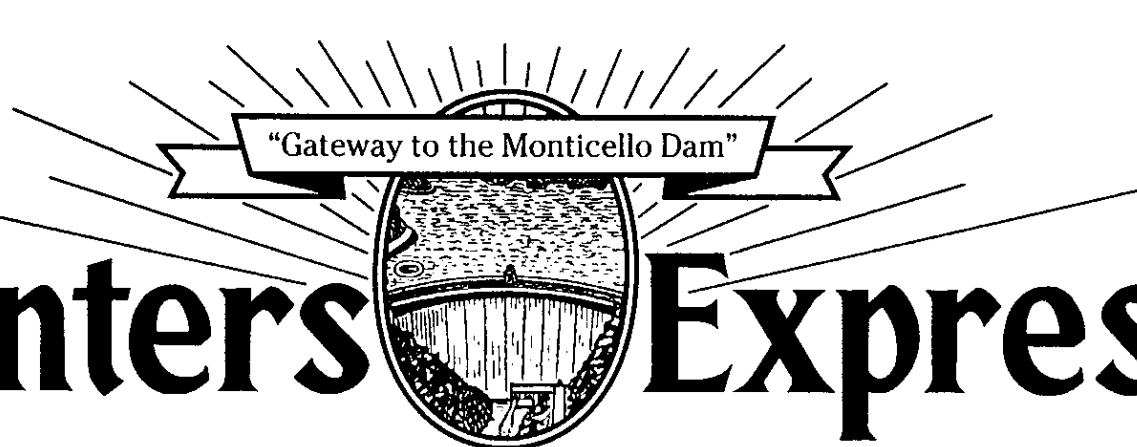
Listen closely on Saturday April 22, and you may hear echoes of voices of ancient Ents caring for all that was good and green. This family oriented festival is hosted by the Downtown Vacaville Business Improvement District. www.downtownvacaville.com

For more information go online to www.middleearthfestival.com, or call (707) 451-2100.

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really
happened
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Two teens killed, one injured in crash

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

(Editor's note: This story is a fictional account of what might have been written had the Every 15 Minutes accident portrayed on April 6 actually occurred. Although the names in the story are real, all remaining details were staged.)

Two Winters High School students were killed and one seriously injured in a midday auto accident on Thursday, April 6. The head-on collision happened at about 12:30 p.m., just before the lunch hour.

According to Winters Police Officer Todd Barnett, who arrived on the scene first with Officer Scott Leach, a Honda Accord driven by a Winters High School junior was traveling northbound on Railroad Avenue when the driver lost control and crashed into a Ford Tempo driven by an unlicensed Winters High School freshman.

The impact of the collision threw a Winters High School senior through the windshield of the Accord. She landed on the hood of the car with visible facial and head injuries. The passenger in the Tempo, a junior, was also severely injured in the crash.

Although Barnett was unable to release the names of the driver or the victims because all are juveniles, witnesses at the scene identified the driver of the Accord as Johnny Lucero and his passenger as Natalie Cooley. Freddie Lewis was identified as the driver of the Tempo and Katherine Rominger was his passenger. Winters High School personnel later confirmed their identities.

Within moments of the crash, much of the high school student body gathered at the roadside as the lunch hour began and observed in horrified silence as emergency crews arrived. Cooley was declared dead at the scene

and her body was covered with a plastic tarp. As Winters Fire Department personnel tended to the surviving victims while waiting for AMR ambulance personnel to arrive, Barnett commenced with a field sobriety test on Lucero, which he failed.

Rominger was extracted from the vehicle unconscious and taken by ambulance to the Sutter Davis Hospital emergency room, where it was determined that her neck was broken. Her prognosis is that she will likely be paralyzed from the waist down. Lewis was trapped inside the vehicle, and fire fighters used the jaws of life to cut him free. Both students suffered severe trauma injuries. Lewis was taken by emergency helicopter to Sutter Davis Hospital, where he later died from his injuries. Coroners from the Yolo County Sheriff's Department also arrived at the scene to examine Cooley's body and transport it to the county morgue.

Lucero was taken to the Winters Police Department, where he was booked for felony drunk driving, vehicular manslaughter and driving without a license. He is being held at the Yolo County Juvenile Hall, where he will await trial.

Winters High School Principal George Griffin, who was among those gathered at the roadside after the accident occurred, expressed great sadness that this tragedy struck Winters High School once again. Ironically, a nearly identical accident occurred on April 15, 2002, in exactly the same spot, in which two students died and one was severely injured. That accident was also the result of drunk driving.

"It seems like when we'd finally healed from the last tragedy, it happened again," said Griffin. "Nobody learned from it. We had the same kind of event."

Griffin said a tragedy



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

A Yolo County coroner's assistant takes photos of Natalie Cooley, who died at the scene of a car crash in front of Winters High School. The accident was caused by a drunk driver. (Note: this is a staged photo.)

such as this effects everyone — students, teachers, staff, parents and the entire community as well.

"The worst thing on earth is going to a teenager's funeral or seeing them badly injured," said Griffin. He noted that Winters High School counselors were available for the remainder of the week for any student having difficulty dealing with the accident or loss of a friend.

A memorial service was held for Cooley on Friday, April 7, in the Winters High School gym. She was buried in the Winters cemetery. Funeral services for Lewis are pending.

(Editor's note: This was a fictional story. See page A-1 for the story on the actual Every 15 Minutes program, held at Winters High School on Thursday, April 6, and Friday, April 7.)



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Johnny Lucero sits in a Winters Police squad car after being arrested for felony drunk driving in a crash that killed two teens and injured a third. (Note: this is a staged photo.)



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Katherine Rominger is removed from a vehicle before being taken to Sutter Davis Hospital. (Note: this photo was staged.)

Recalling what it was like the day the police came

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

"I regret to inform you that your daughter was killed in an automobile accident this morning."

I knew what to expect when I saw the police car arrive. The formalities: Can I see your identification? Is your wife home? Can you have her come outside? Is that your daughter's picture on the monitor in the car?

But I wasn't prepared for the emotional impact of those words.

Yes, that's my daughter.

The accident was on Railroad Avenue, across from the high school gym. She was a passenger. On the police monitor, she was in her 8th grade graduation dress, posing for proud parents. The picture was the reality, not the accident.

Most teens killed in automobile accidents weren't even supposed to be there, the officer said. They were somewhere else, doing what their parents thought they were doing. The most dangerous times are Thursday through Saturday nights.

I still can't get that picture, juxtaposed with the police monitor, out of my mind.

When my daughter told me that she was going to participate in an "Every 15 Minutes" program at Winters High School, I had no idea what she was talking about. As she described the program, I had reservations. I wasn't sure I wanted her to "die," even if it was only for a couple of days. In retrospect, I probably didn't want to think about the "unthinkable" — the real risk of her dying in a real automobile

accident.

I didn't think much more about it until 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 6. That's when the police came. That's when reality crashed head on into the "unthinkable." I became emotionally involved, and by Friday afternoon, emotionally drained.

Along with parents of the other 21 "victims," I drafted a letter to my daughter, a process that focused on the positives of her life and negated other realities of living with a

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
April 5	.37	53	46
April 6	.04	66	41
April 7	.01	66	44
April 8	.25	65	45
April 9	.02	67	50
April 10	.01	66	48
April 11	.27	66	49

Rain for week: .97

Season's Total: 30.67

Last year to date: 26.13

Average to April 11: 20.25

Stay alive — don't drink and drive

Sports

JV softball loses to Wheatland then Sutter

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School JV softball team lost to the Wheatland Pirates at home on Thursday, March 22, 17-2 in a Butte View League game. Francisca Valencia pitched for the Warriors. Chelsea Corrales led the Warriors at the plate batting 3 for 3 with a double, while Savannah Waldron batted 1 for 3 and scored a run.

On Friday, March 24, the Warriors played in the River City tournament and took on Yuba City in their first game. The Warriors lost 19-0. Mattielyn Long led the Warriors at the plate batting 2 for 3. Valencia and Olivia Wingard both batted 1 for 2, while Lindsey Mayhew-Hugh batted 1 for 3. Valencia pitched for the Warriors.

In game two the Warriors lost 13-6 against Rio Americano. Corrales pitched this game for the Warriors. Kaelene Callison batted 2 for 3 to lead the Warriors at the plate. Keeley Nickelson and Rebecca Lopez both batted 1 for 2, while Mayhew-Hugh, Long and Valencia each batted 1 for 3 for the Warriors.

On Thursday, March 30, the Warriors lost both games of a double header against visiting Sutter. Francisca Valencia pitched the first game for the Warriors striking out one batter. Lindsey Mayhew-Hughes, Chelsea Corrales and Ari Ruiz all had two hits, while Callison and Wingard each had one hit for the Warriors. Winters lost 16-5.

In game two Corrales pitched for the Warriors and had five strikeouts. Mayhew-Hughes and Elena Leal both had two hits, while Callison, Long and Rebecca Lopez each had one hit. The Warriors lost game two 10-5.



Courtesy photo
Nick Medina, takes a swing at a recent varsity baseball game.

Thomson and Thorne throw a pair of no-hitters

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Warriors varsity baseball team proved why they are ranked number one in the north section division two by beating number three ranked Willows 10-0 then beat Gridley 7-1 and 7-0 in a double header. On Thursday, April 6, Alex Thomson threw a no hitter against the visiting Willows Honkers and had eight strike outs in five innings. Thomson walked three batters and improved his overall record to 3-0, 2-0 in Butte View league games.

At the plate Brock Neil led the Warriors batting 2 for 3 with a RBI and a run scored. Nick Hedrick batted 2 for 4 with 2 RBI. Thomson helped himself out batting 1 for 2 with 2 RBI and a run scored. Nathanael Lucero batted 1 for 2 with a RBI and 2 runs scored. John Avellar batted 1 for 2 with a RBI double and 2 runs scored. Danny Campos batted 1 for

4 with a 2 RBI double. Brenden Benson batted 1 for 4 with 2 runs scored, while Sebastian Salas and Jacob Thorne each scored a run for the Warriors.

On Friday, April 7, the Warriors were able to get in two games against visiting Gridley and won both games convincingly against the defending league champs. Lucero improved his overall record to 3-0 and 2-0 in the BVL with a 7-1 victory over the Bulldogs in seven innings. Lucero also helped himself out at the plate with a 3 run home run as he batted 1 for 3 with 3 RBI and a run scored. Thorne led the Warriors batting 2 for 3 with 2 runs scored. Salas batted 1 for 2 with a RBI single and a run scored. Hedrick batted 1 for 2 with a run scored. Jorge Huizar batted 1 for 3 with a RBI and a run scored. Benson batted 1 for 4 with a RBI double and a run scored

In game two Thorne led the Warriors on the mound

See VARSITY on page B-2

Varsity softball continues to improve

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity softball team lost both games of a double header against visiting Sutter on Thursday, March 30. Playing on the new fields at Shirley Rominger School for the first time was a little soggy but an exciting moment for the Warriors despite a 12-2 loss. Jessica Graham christened the new field with a two run home run. "Jessica's home run was a bomb," said coach Traci Calvert. Graham also pitched for the Warriors. Caitlin Calvert led the Warriors at the plate batting 2 for 3 with two singles.

Game two didn't go much better for the Warriors as they fell to the Huskies 17-1. "Sutter doesn't make many er-

rors," coach Calvert said. "So we had to fight for every hit. The girls were hitting the ball they were just hitting it right to them. Defensively we are cutting down on our errors but we still have a lot of work to do in that department."

Calvert pitched for the Warriors and batted 1 for 3 at the plate. Graham stayed hot batting 2 for 3. Adrienne Lizarraga batted 1 for 2, and Fabiola Hernandez scored a run for the Warriors.

On Thursday, April 6, the Warriors hosted the Willows Honkers and lost 10-3. "This was truly the best game we have played all year," said Calvert. "Offensively everybody was hitting the ball." Kraintz batted 2 for 4 with a double. Calvert batted 2 for 4 with a double, while Graham, Kelsey Fox and Amber Johnston each had singles for the Warriors.

On Friday, April 7, the Warriors played a double header against league opponent Gridley and were able to get in both games officially before the rain took over. In game one the Warriors lost 7-0. Calvert pitched five innings giving up 7 runs; on 6 hits and 4 errors only 1 run was earned. Graham had the only hit for the Warriors.

In game two the Warriors just started to hit the ball and the game was called due to rain. "It would have been interesting if we could have played the next two innings," said Calvert. "Gridley used their same pitcher and we finally started to put the ball in play but it started raining." Graham pitched for the Warriors giving up 4 runs, 4 hits and had 4 strike outs. Johnston and Jesse Fowles each had a single for the Warriors.

JV team splits double header with Sutter

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School JV baseball team played host to Sutter in a doubleheader league game on Thursday, March 30. The Warriors won the first game 14-5 then lost the second game 8-0.

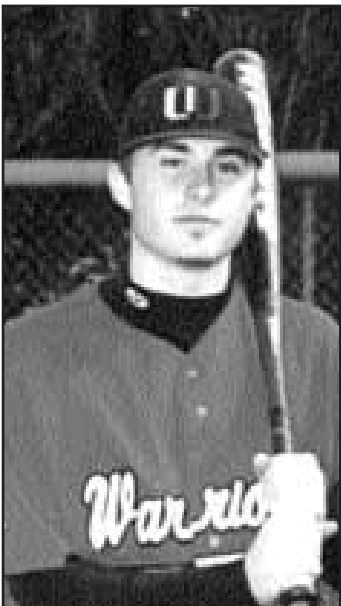
"It was a complete turn around," said coach Daniel

Ward. "It was like two different teams playing. We totally lost focus in between games."

In game one Rafael Martinez picked up the win throwing the first four innings giving up three runs, while Wesley Kraintz threw the last three and gave up no earned runs. Cody Campos led the Warriors batting 4 for 6 with a double, a triple and four runs scored. Kevin Rowell batted 3 for 5 with three

RBI and two runs scored. Martinez batted 2 for 2 with a double, two RBI and a run scored. Ray McIntire batted 2 for 3 with two RBI and a run scored. Patrick Keuhn batted 2 for 4 with two RBI and a run scored and Taylor Brickey batted 1 for 2 for the Warriors. Davis Adams, Wayne Holland and Donnie Garcia each scored a run for the Warriors. In game two Keuhn was the only Warrior to get a hit.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Alex Thomson

Alex Thomson, a junior on the Winters High School varsity baseball team is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week. Last week Thomson improved his pitching record to 3-0

when he threw a no-hitter against the Willows Honkers in a 10-0 shut out. Thomson also helped lead the Warriors to three victories by batting 4 for 9 with 3 RBI runs scored and two doubles.

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

Nuestras Noticias



Mantener el español de su Niño

Los Estados Unidos es la tierra de la oportunidad donde cada uno puede estudiar, trabajar y esforzarse por un futuro mejor. ¿No sería ideal, si junto con las más grandes oportunidades, también hubiera formas para mantener el idioma de su niño y el amor por la cultura Hispana/Latina?

Mantener el español de su niño es muy importante. Ser bilingüe es una destreza valiosísima de tener en la fuerza laboral de hoy día. Hay muchas oportunidades apasionantes de trabajo que los profesionales que hablan español buscan más y más cada día.

Desafortunadamente, con el estilo de vida tan ocupado de hoy día, no es siempre fácil encontrar el tiempo o la paciencia. Muchos niños Hispanos/Latinos se rebelan en contra de su idioma nativo y su cultura negándose a hablar español. Esto puede suceder por muchas razones. Tal vez alguien hizo burla de ellos en la escuela, tal vez sus compañeros de clase no hablan español y ellos desean integrarse. Tal vez han comenzado a sentir los efectos de la discriminación y subconscientemente están tratando de distanciarse ellos mismos de su grupo étnico. Desarrollar una identidad doble puede ser un proceso muy doloroso y difícil para algunos niños. Si su niño se está rebelando en contra de hablar español pregúntele por qué y trate de saber qué es lo que está sucediendo. De esta forma usted será capaz de encontrar la forma más efectiva para alentarles a hablar español.

Algunas estrategias usadas por padres para motivar a sus niños a hablar pueden ser las siguientes:

Converse, converse, converse—con ellos en español lo más que pueda. Haga un esfuerzo.

Léales en español—¿Ha notado que las secciones de niños en la mayoría de las bibliotecas están llenas con libros y cintas grabadas en otros idiomas? Ciertamente no era así hace 20 años. ¡Saque ventaja de esto y léales en su idioma nativo tan hermoso!

Escriba cartas—Alíenteles a escribir cartas o mensajes electrónicos en español a su abuelita, tío, u otros familiares que hablan español y quienes viven muy lejos. También puede tratar de encontrar para ellos un lapicero y libreta de notas. En esta forma ellos podrán ver la importancia de ser capaces de comunicarse en ambos idiomas y ellos practicarán sus destrezas en escritura aún sin darse cuenta de ello.

Muéstreles qué quiere decirles—Si su niño no entiende qué es lo que usted dice ayúdeles a descifrarlo desde el contexto mismo. En lugar de decirlo inmediatamente en inglés, trate de mostrarles qué es lo que usted quiere decir usando el idioma del cuerpo o expresiones faciales.

Seleccione los compañeros de juego—Si sus niños tienen un grupo de amigos que también hablan otros idiomas, ello evitará que se sientan diferentes por hablar dos idiomas. Si sucede que los compañeros de juego hablan español, entonces ellos proporcionarán una forma divertida para que su niño practique.

Seleccione la Guardería Infantil—Si su niño pasa algún tiempo con una cuidadora de niños o con un proveedor de guardería infantil puede ser útil si usted selecciona a alguien que pueda hablarles en español. En esta forma ellos estarán desarrollando sus destrezas aún cuando usted esté lejos de ellos.

Hágalo divertido—Aprender Español no tiene que ser siempre acerca de diccionarios y libros. Llévelos a fiestas, películas, conciertos, teatro, donde la mayor parte de la acción es en español. Usted también puede rentar cintas de videos y mirar televisión en Español. Saque ventaja de los recursos nuevos—Hoy día hay dibujos animados bilingües en la televisión, muñecas, libros y juegos. Diviértase explorando todas las cosas que existen para ayudar a criar a su niño en forma bilingüe.

Dígalos que valen por dos—Destaque cómo ellos pueden gozar de tantas cosas porque ellos entienden dos idiomas.

Si usted puede, viaje—Viajar al extranjero puede ser una de las mejores formas para expandir los horizontes de su niño, enséñeles lo pertinente que es conocer más de un idioma y ayúdeles a obtener la mejor forma de práctica que hay; inmersión total.

Comience temprano, hágalo a menudo y sea consistente. Vale la pena el esfuerzo. La sociedad de hoy aquí en este país sé esta transformando completamente hacia una sociedad en donde el español va a ocupar un lugar importante, quizá tanto como el ingles, a pesar de tantos radicales que solo quisieran que aquí se hablara el ingles, pero la realidad es otra.

Varsity

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as he threw a no-hitter in a 7-0 shutout in a five inning game. Thorne has one win and one save on the season. At the plate Thomson led the Warriors batting 2 for 3 with a double and 2 runs scored. Campos batted 2 for 4 with a RBI and 2 runs scored. Lucero batted 1 for 2 with a RBI double and a run scored. Neil batted 1 for 2 with a RBI. Thorne helped himself batting 1 for 3 with 2 RBI April 15.

and 2 runs scored. Avellar batted 1 for 3 with a double. Hedrick batted 1 for 4 with a RBI and 2 runs scored, while Benson scored a run for the Warriors.

The Warriors are on a nine game winning streak and will play in the Woodland tournament on Monday, April 10, through Wednesday, April 12, then will host their annual Spring Classic tournament on Thursday, April 13, through Saturday, April 15.

Justo o Injusto: discusión de la inmigración

No hay nada más importante para el futuro de Estados Unidos que la inmigración. La economía subirá y bajará. El terrorismo, en un momento dado, dejará de amenazarnos. Pero los inmigrantes cambiarán para siempre la cara de Estados Unidos. Y eso es bueno. Pienso que nadie va a quedar satisfecho con la decisión que tome el congreso norteamericano sobre una reforma a las leyes de inmigración, cualquiera que esta sea. Sin embargo, es fundamental para el futuro de Estados Unidos que cualquier reforma incluya la legalización de 12 millones de inmigrantes indocumentados y visas de trabajo para los que vienen detrás.

Cuando le llaman "ilegales" a los indocumentados, muchos se imaginan a criminales y terroristas. Y esa percepción está equivocada. Porque estamos hablando de gente —mujeres, abuelos, niños, campesinos, trabajadores...— que no tuvieron absolutamente nada que ver con los actos terroristas del 11 de septiembre del 2001. Y si bien es cierto que rompieron la ley al cruzar la frontera o al quedarse más allá del tiempo establecido en sus visas, también lo es que miles de empresas los contratan y millones de norteamericanos se benefician de su trabajo. Todos somos cómplices de los indocumentados.

Todos sabemos que prácticamente es imposible pasar un día sin beneficiarse del trabajo de los indocumentados: comemos lo que ellos cosechan, vivimos en las casas que ellos construyen,

cuidan a nuestros niños, pagan impuestos, crean empleos, toman los empleos que los norteamericanos no desean, mantienen la inflación bajo control y pagan por el retiro de una población que envejece rápidamente.

Otra percepción equivocada es que los indocumentados toman más de lo que aportan a la economía. Falso. En 1995 la Academia Nacional de Ciencias (National Academy of Sciences) concluyó que todos los inmigrantes, legales y no, contribuyen 10 mil millones de dólares a la economía cada año. Pero lo que sí es cierto es que el gobierno federal no reparte correctamente el ingreso que recibe de los inmigrantes a las ciudades, condados y estados más afectados por los gastos de salud y educación de los inmigrantes. Eso no es culpa de los indocumentados y se puede cambiar en el presupuesto.

Es increíble que la nación más diversa del planeta someta a millones de seres humanos a la oscuridad y el miedo. Los indocumentados son seres invisibles para la mayoría de los estadounidenses. No existen en ningún registro oficial. Pero por sus contribuciones económicas y culturales se merecen estar aquí.

Esa legalización resolvería una parte del problema —la de los que ya están aquí— porque la alternativa es impensable. Pudiera costar hasta 240 mil millones de dólares deportar a la mayoría de los indocumentados.

No creo que vayamos a ver videos en televisión de agentes federales arrestando

en Los Angeles, Chicago y Houston a familias con niños en los brazos, sacándolos por la fuerza de su casa y poniéndolos en cárceles o centros de detención antes de ser deportados. La imagen de Estados Unidos se dañaría irremediablemente en todo el mundo y la posibilidad de violaciones a los derechos humanos es enorme.

La otra parte del problema migratorio es la de los que siguen llegando. Cada segundo un inmigrante cruza ilegalmente de México a Estados Unidos. Medio millón llega cada año. Y así seguirá ocurriendo mientras en Estados Unidos un trabajador gane 15 o 20 veces más que en México por realizar la misma labor.

La paridad de salarios no se va a lograr en menos de dos décadas. Para acelerar ese proceso se requiere un programa masivo de inversión extranjera en México y Centroamérica. Y eso no existe. Por lo tanto, la única solución a corto plazo es que sea más fácil para un inmigrante el conseguir una visa o permiso de trabajo que el colarse ilegalmente por desiertos, ríos y montañas. El construir muros a lo largo de la frontera sabemos todos que no va funcionar. El hambre es más fuerte que el miedo. Un hombre o una mujer con hambre hace hasta lo imposible por cruzar. No tiene nada más que perder porque ya lo perdió todo.

Cuando Bush llegó a la presidencia en el 2001 murieron 336 inmigrantes en la frontera. El año pasado, con la frontera reforzada, esa cifra aumentó a 460 inmigrantes

muertos. Lo que esto quiere decir es que una reforma migratoria que refuerce la seguridad en la frontera —un derecho legítimo de Estados Unidos— pero que no ofrezca también una entrada legal a los cientos de miles de indocumentados que llegan cada año tendrá un efecto fatal e inmediato: más muertes en la frontera.

Por último, el partido Republicano pagaría un altísimo costo político si los votantes hispanos lo hacen responsable de una ley que no trata con justicia a los inmigrantes. Los hispanos no solo definieron la elección presidencial del 2000 y son ya la minoría más grande del país: para el año 2125, según cálculos basados en la oficina del censo, habrá en Estados Unidos más latinos que blancos (no hispanos). Los votantes latinos sabrán muy pronto quienes son sus verdaderos amigos.

La identidad y fuerza de Estados Unidos está basada en su diversidad y en su apertura hacia los nuevos inmigrantes. Eso ha quedado demostrado en la gran marcha de Los Angeles —donde participaron mas de medio millón de personas— y en las constantes protestas de jóvenes latinos de high school en todo el país que se rehusan a quedarse callados ante la forma en que se quiere criminalizar a los inmigrantes.

Ahora le toca al senado hacer su tarea para proteger el futuro multiétnico y multicultural de Estados Unidos. No es regalar una amnistía; es lo justo.

La Asociacion Ministerial de Winters anuncia el Calendario de Servicios de Semana Santa

La Asociacion Ministerial de Winters (WMA) anuncia a la comunidad el Servicio del Viernes Santo y Domingo de Resurreccion. El Viernes Santo se llevara acabo el día 14 de abril a las 7 p.m. El pastor del templo Jesucristo es la Respuesta; Rev. Jorge Chavez estara Predicando. El grupo de Alabanza del Pastor Chavez, nos estaran rigiendo en la musica. Se proveera de Traductores a su Idioma, todos pueden participar.

Easter Sunrise Worship se estara llevando acabo en Winters Gazebo el día Domingo 16 a las 6:30 a.m. Todos los Pastores de la Asociacion estaran compartiendo saludos de Resurreccion. Sean Conklin estara acargo de la Musica. Se proveera de Pastores y Café a todos los asistentes. WMA le anima para que comienza su domingo de Resurreccion con Alabanzas.

Amnistia 2006

Los Códigos de Construcción de California requieren un honorario de investigación, el cual se cobrará aparte del permiso, cuando un trabajo que requiere permiso se ha comenzado sin primero haber obtenido el permiso requerido. Después

del 30 de Junio 2006, el honorario de investigación se impondrá estrictamente al doble del costo del permiso de construcción requerido.

Llame al Departamento de Construcción de la Ciudad de Winters al 795-3586, ext. 117 para mas asistencia. Gene Ashdown, Jefe de Inspección de Construcción.

Track washes up, not out, at Wheatland

BY JAY SHUTTLEWORTH
Special to the Express

WHEATLAND: Last Wednesday, the Winters High School track and field team traveled to Wheatland for a planned Butte View League opener with host Wheatland High School and Sutter Union High School. However, with at least three field events deemed unsafe due to flooding, coaches agreed that the meet could not be scored toward championship standings. This was the third week in a row that Winters' league action was postponed due to rain.

Therefore, with the meet deemed an exhibition, Sutter withdrew and did not attend; Gridley High School, with their meet also rained out, joined Wheatland and Winters in the exhibition meet.

On Wheatland's brand-new all-weather running surface, Winters' track and field athletes turned in some outstanding early-season marks.

Junior Leslie Contreras won the 100 meters (13.2) and the 200 meters (28.4). To boot, she erased the 2004 100 meter record held by Krystal Majorovas and the 200 mark held by Ane Todnem (2003) and teammate, senior Courtney Carner (2005).

Contreras also joined with senior Natalie Cooley, junior Lauren Yehle, and Carner to improve upon their existing school mark in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 4:32.3. Inter-

estingly, this squad was topped by BVL rival, Gridley, who nipped Winters in a time of 4:31.5 — also a school record.

Cooley shaped up by winning the mile (5:58) and the event she was the North Section D-II champion in last year, the 800 (2:41.8). Carner joined Cooley and cruised into second place with a mark of 2:42.5. Senior Vanessa Rubio clocked in at 2:58 and senior Erica Jordan nabbed 3:08. Rubio also ran the mile in 6:31, and Jordan finished the two-mile in 15:45.

Yehle fell at the finish line and still won the 100 hurdles, and despite clocking a personal best 50.3 (an improvement on her existing school record) she finished second in the 300 hurdles.

The 4x100 relay of freshman Danielle Murphy, Yehle, junior Jessica Jordan, and Contreras won in a time of 54.9. Murphy also finished third in the 300 hurdles (51.9), and team captain Cara McCoy finished fourth (56.4), senior Gabrielle Boisrame was fifth (57.8), and junior newcomer Katherine Rominger was sixth in her first meet in 58.9. Jordan was also third in the 200 (30.3).

Despite soggy conditions, senior Mayte Herrera tossed a personal best 75-0 in the discus and went 26-2 in the shot put.

On the JV girls side, sophomore Julia Millon capped a fine effort in the two-mile with a time of 15:47.0. That time eclipsed the 1999 school

record held by Rosanna Figueroa. Millon also clocked 6:55.3 in the mile. Teammate Krista Blandin ran 6:59.3 in the mile and 3:09.6 in the 800.

Freshman Catherine Hasbrook recorded a fine early-season mark of 1:01.5 in the 300 hurdles. In the 200, Hasbrook clocked 32.1 behind freshman Karissa Sais (31.6) and freshman Alyssa Oxley (31.0). The trio joined Blandin to cap the meet in the mile relay. Sais also recorded a respectable 14.9 in her first-ever 100.

On the varsity boys side, junior Mat Catalan finished fifth in the mile (5:11) and third in the 800 (2:21.8). In his first-ever open competition, junior John Harper clocked strong times in the mile (5:31) and two-mile (13:08). Catalan joined with junior Curtis Holabird, junior Johnny Lucero, and Alvaro Zaragoza to finish second in the mile relay (3:52.5).

In the 400, Lucero placed second (57.3), Holabird was fourth (59.9), and senior Julian Fischer was fifth (1:01.9). Fischer also clocked 26.8 in the 200, and junior Ozzy Arce recorded a 27.2. In the 100, Fischer went 12.5, and Arce notched a 13.3.

In their first-ever 300-hurdles race, senior Dominic Mandolfo clocked 54.5, and junior Sefan Vallecillo ran 55.7. Vallecillo (23.2) and Arce (22.9) also braved their first-ever 110 high hurdle race.

For the jayvee boys, freshman Cody Shafer won the 300 hurdles in 43.9. His mark was

less than a second off Nick Ramos' short-lived jayvee career mark of 43.2 set in 2003. Freshman Ryan Hofstrand was second in the 300 hurdles in 46.7, and he won the 100 intermediate hurdles (18.5). Shafer was second in the 100 hurdles in 18.8, and freshman Logan Garcia was third in the 300 hurdles (51.9).

Sophomore Sam Lanfranco streaked to fine early season marks in the mile (5:19) and 800 (2:22.6). Sophomore Andrew Fridae notched a 5:29 in the mile and an impressive 12:20.3 effort in the two-mile. Freshman Robby Emery went 5:30 in the mile and 2:35 in the 800.

Sophomore Jayson Garcia notched a personal best when he placed second in the 400 in 57.4. Trailing him were teammates Hofstrand (57.8) and freshman Andrew Medina (59.3). Garcia was also second in the 200 in 24.9 with teammate Shafer finishing in 26.5, Medina in 26.8, and freshman Emanuel Lanzaro in 31.6.

The next BVL contest will be against Oroville and host Sutter on April 19. Select qualifying athletes will compete in the prestigious Woody Wilson Invitational at UC Davis on Friday, April 14. The Rio Vista Relays, originally slated for last Friday, has been rescheduled to April 28. The rained-out BVL contest between Wheatland and Winters has been rescheduled for a double-dual meet at Orland on May 3.

Sparring to victory



Courtesy photo
Javier Martial Arts students attended a tournament in Vallejo at the Amapa Bay Area Challenge. Justin Johnson (left, with coach Javier) was awarded second place in the 17 year old Brown Belt Sparring Division.

Young wrestlers do well in Reno tournament

Winters wrestlers were Reno bound for the Reno World's National Tournament. Competing in one of the nations largest and toughest tournaments were Zachary Linton, Dan Hausler, Morgan Nicholas, Mason Rodriguez, Eric Iannone, Ben Case, Tim Tweedt, Brian Case, Cody Linton, Chris Calderone and Jesse Hellinger.

The tournament became a real eye opener for the kids as they realized the tough competition they faced. Jesse Hellinger did an outstanding job, earn-

ing seven wins and two losses, just missing the medal round. Mason Rodriguez, who had one win and three losses, and Tim Tweedt, who had two losses, both placed 4th in their divisions. Cody Linton had the second best record with two wins and two losses. Brian Case, Chris Calderone and Ben Case all had one win and two losses. Zachary Linton, Dan Hausler, Morgan Nicholas and Eric Iannone all had two losses.

The young wrestlers traveled to Elk Grove on a recent Saturday to wrestle

in a freestyle tournament. Zachary Linton had a great day with three wins and no losses, winning first place. Taking home second place was Jacob Lowrie and Morgan Nicholas. Dayton Campbell had a tough loss to get third place. Logan Just, Bobby Ehnman and Chase Waldren also wrestled, but did not place.

Next, the wrestlers are going to the Coastal Mountain Championships in Santa Rosa for both Freestyle and Greco Roman wrestling.

Boca '91s advance to State Cup Sweet 16

By LYNNE CREAMER
Special to the Express

Lemoore, CA — Despite wet and cold conditions the Capital Athletic Boca Juniors '91 girls took care of business in CYSA State Cup group play to advance to the Sweet 16.

Boca opened the competition Saturday morning with a 4-0 victory over the West Marin Mavericks. In the first minute of State Cup play Boca got on the scoreboard when forward Timery Mueller passed the ball to Mallory Creamer of Winters. Less than a minute later outside back Brianna Levinson hit a diagonal ball to forward Rachel Mercik who beat a defender and slipped the ball through the goalkeepers legs for the second goal of the match. Then in the 13th minute Mercik and Creamer combined to assist Danielle Lovato for another goal. Boca took a 3-0 lead into the half. With eight minutes remaining in the game Boca struck once again when Mueller and Alli Kelly combined to assist Creamer for her second goal of the match.

In the afternoon, Boca matched up against Santa Rosa United Gold. Once again Boca got off to a very quick start. In the opening minutes, Creamer slipped a pass to Mueller who shot it from 35 yards over the SRU goalkeeper for the 1-0 lead. Moments later Mercik beat her defender down the left flank and crossed the ball to Creamer

who out jumped the SRU goalkeeper and headed in the 2-0 advantage.

SRU pulled within a goal just before the end of the first half on a corner kick. In the second half Rost was forced to make three outstanding saves to preserve the lead. Forward Natalie Perez helped control the possession for Boca and she created multiple opportunities in the final 20 minutes of the game. With less than 10 minutes remaining in the match Mueller put the game out of reach when she beat her defender down the right flank and chipped the goalkeeper for the 3-1 win.

Boca entered the final match of group play needing to win or tie. The team they were playing, CVSC Cyclones Red from Fresno, had also won both of their games defeating SRU 3-1 and West Marin 1-0. Boca's crisp passing led to the first goal of the match. A combination play down the flank led to a cross by Mercik. CVSC's cross was blocked by Mueller and al-

lowed Creamer to slot the ball back post for the 1-0 lead in the third minute. Three minutes later midfielder Teagan Seman slipped a perfect pass to Lovato who shot the ball from 30 yards low and to the back post for the 2-0 advantage. Almost exactly three minutes later Creamer passed the ball to Mueller who for the second time in the weekend blasted a shot into the goal from 35 yards out. Mueller scored again to make it 4-0.

In the second half Mercik shot two goals in a two minute period early in the period to give Boca the 6-0 victory and assure them of advancing to the Sweet 16. Boca received outstanding contributions for forward Margaret Alvarez.

Next up Boca will play Sonoma County Alliance in the round of 16.

Mallory Creamer, an 8th grader at Winters' Middle School, is the starting Center Forward for Boca, and leads her team in 40 goals and 25 assists.

Features

Heart disease tests can be falsely positive

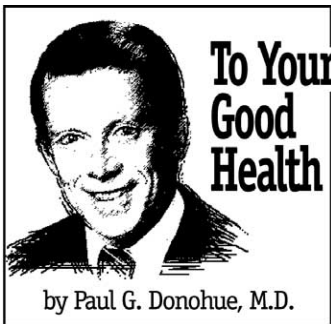
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My doctor wanted me to have a stress test. After a few minutes of the test, the doctor stopped it and sent me to a cardiologist. He told me upfront that I had blockage in my heart arteries but, to be sure, he wanted a nuclear stress test. That was more abnormal than the first test, so he went ahead with a heart cath. Nothing wrong was seen on the heart cath. How could I have had a false positive stress test? Now I am afraid to exercise. I am a 60-year-old woman. —G.M.

ANSWER: It's a kick in the head to learn that such an involved test as a stress test can yield erroneous results, but no medical test is 100 percent reliable.

A basic EKG — one of the more simple heart-illness detection tests — identifies heart disease only 50 percent of the time — not exactly a monument of dependability.

A stress test — a continuous EKG taken while a person is on a treadmill — gives better information. Every three minutes the treadmill speeds up and the incline increases. The increasing pace of exercise "stresses" the heart and determines if the heart gets enough blood when it must pump harder. A stress EKG detects heart disease accurately close to 70 percent (true positive) of the time, a definite improvement over a resting EKG. But it misdiagnoses heart disease 20 percent (false positive) of the time, showing changes that look like a heart problem when there is no heart problem. This is especially the case for women. The reason isn't known.

A nuclear stress test — a stress test done along with the injection of a radioactive tracer to take pictures of the heart and its arteries — can reliably detect true heart disease 85 percent of the time. Still, there are misdiagnoses even with it. A cardiac cath — injecting dye directly into heart arteries — is



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

the most trustworthy test available. You can believe its results, and you can exercise if your doctor says so. The other tests were falsely positive.

The coronary (heart) artery disease booklet provides details on the detection and treatment of this most common illness. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 101W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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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.

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Access to alcohol should also be restricted

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You can turn on your television and still see appeals to the macho and the glamorous, but for alcoholic beverages. Sports, seemingly without beer, scantily clad females and cute animated animals is an anomaly. The young underage viewer is more susceptible to the subliminal messages inherent in these very expensive 30 seconds of entertainment. We all want to be accepted, males want to be macho and attract beautiful women. Women want to be attractive to men and be part of the good time. And if this product provides glamour, sex and achievement, then we want it.

You cannot purchase a package of cigarettes unless you are 18 years of age (presumably you're adult enough to make that decision) and cigarettes are placed behind a locked cabinet and cannot be shoplifted by a underage person. Many stores have special caps on bottles of liquor and in some cases, have the alcohol caged off. However, some stores still have easy access to their alcohol, and in our community you can walk in stores and see aisles of alcohol that teens find as an invitation to purloin their favorite hard alcohol and exit the store before they can be apprehended.

A recent accident in the Placerville area that caused the deaths of two young people is directly related to this easy accessible alcohol. The theft was videotaped by the store's surveillance camera. We became aware that this store was being targeted by teens, and notified store management that they were getting alcohol there because it was easy to lift a bottle anytime

they wanted.

Now, smoking a few cigarettes and getting in your car is not known as a leading cause of automobile accidents but alcohol is a totally different mind-altering ingredient. We read and see too often the tragic consequences of drinking and driving.

I'm not suggesting we return to prohibition, but alcohol is a much larger menace to innocent lives on our roadways and if we're going to restrict access to cigarettes because of their harmful ingredients, then we should also do the same for alcohol, regardless of the industry's insertion of "drink responsibly" at the end of their 30-second spot. It does nothing to deter many adults from being irresponsible, and for teens it does even less. We need to take the glamour out of alcohol consumption and perhaps balance the commercials for these beverages with messages for moderation and the consequences of drinking.

When you see that screen star light up that cigarette and drink those beers and cocktails, remember that, yes, this is America and you have the right to consume certain products known to be harmful to you. But you don't have the right to do anything to excess and harm others.

Drunkenness is not funny. Drinking and driving is dangerous, and along with excessive speed, one of the leading causes of fatalities on our roadways.

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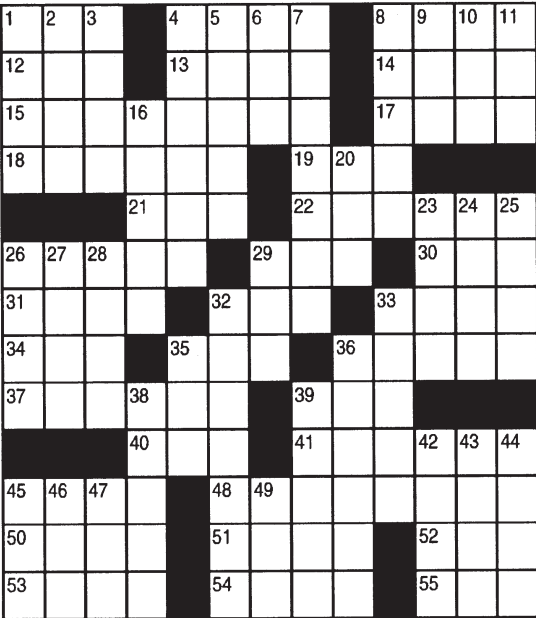
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City Council Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
DATE: April 18, 2006
THROUGH: John W. Donlevy, Jr., City Manager
FROM: Nanci G. Mills, Director of Administrative Services/City Clerk
SUBJECT: Public Hearing – 2006 Weed Abatement To Consider Objections from Property Owners

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council holds the public hearing to consider objections from the individual property owners.

BACKGROUND: At the April 4, 2006 City Council meeting, the Council adopted Resolution 2006-10, a Resolution declaring weeds and rubbish on certain lots and parcels within the City of Winters to be a public nuisance and ordering the institution of proceedings to abate said public nuisances.

On April 11, 2006, notices were sent to all parcels informing them of the need to abate weeds on their particular parcels and that there will be a public hearing at the April 18, 2006 City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action unless at such time the parcel owner does not abate the property or does not pay for the contractor hired to do the abatement. The City would then pay the contractor and a lien would be placed on the property and the City would be reimbursed.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Winters will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 318 First Street, Winters, CA. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive input from the community regarding an adjustment to City Council Compensation from \$75 to \$150 per month.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the time of the hearing. Those unable to attend may submit written comments to the City Clerk, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694-1923. Written comments will be received at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Publish, April 13, 2006

Notice of Public Hearing

The Winters Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: 600 – 606 RAILROAD AVENUE, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 003-151-24 & 25.

APPLICATION TYPE: The Planning Commission is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments regarding the proposed Parcel Map application.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project applicant, Richard Tortosa, proposes to subdivide the existing 14,285 square foot parcel (approximate size) located at 600 – 606 Railroad Avenue into two parcels 5,637 and 8,648 square feet in size. The Yolo County Assessor Parcel Map book lists the property as two separate parcels; however, the legal description defines the property as one parcel. The property (APNs 003-151-24 & 25) is approximately 14,285 square feet in size, has a General Plan land use designation of Central Business District, and is zoned Central Business District. This project will require Parcel Map approval from the Planning Commission. Current uses of the property include a bakery, dental office, hair salon, and chiropractor's office.

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

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

PURSUANT TO SECTION 65009 (B) (2), OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT CODE "IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING(S) DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AT, OR PRIOR TO, THIS PUBLIC HEARING".

Dan Sokolow – Community Development Director
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