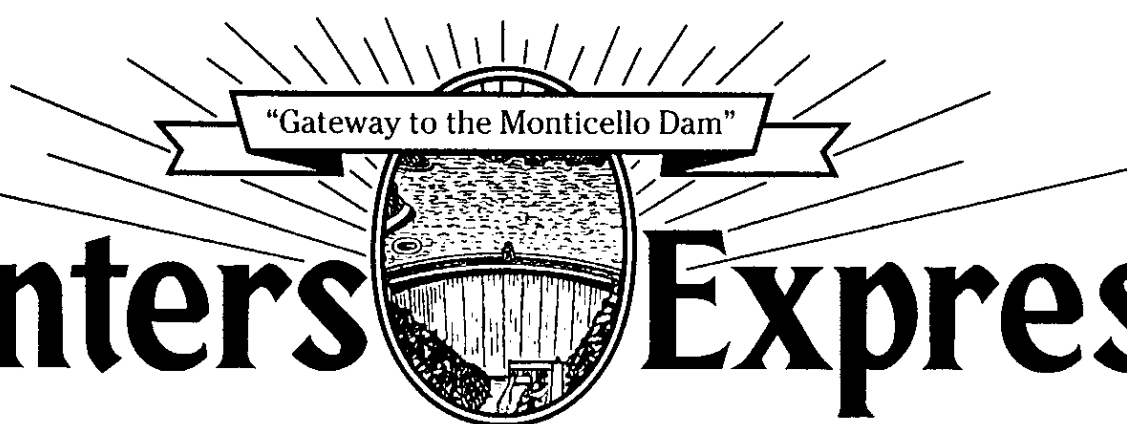




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A new approach to Winters

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

"Wow, that's a first," remarked city engineer Nick Ponticello. The Winters City Council audience is usually a tough house for a city engineer, but on May 16 the end of his presentation elicited a rare round of applause. He had completed a presentation of the Grant Avenue Access Study, together with the firm of Fehr and Peers, favoring roundabouts among various approaches to upgrading of Grant Avenue, also known as Highway 128.

The study was commissioned to focus on the portion of Grant between I505 and Railroad Avenue. The issues included planning for higher traffic caused by future growth and reducing current problems, including the high number

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They're tops



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

The valedictorians for the Winters High School Class of 2006 are, from left, Vasey Coman, Gabrielle Boisrame, Robert Warren and Nicole Rheuby. Commencement ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 2, at Dr. Sellers Field.

Developer files lawsuit against city over study

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Richland Planned Communities, which owns property northwest of Winters city limits, filed a lawsuit on Friday, May 19, against the city of Winters and Granite Bay Holdings, developers of the Winters Highlands subdivision. Richland has options on about 700 acres, all zoned agricultural preserve (A-P) or general agriculture (A-1). Only 176 acres of the property pertains to this lawsuit.

According to City Attorney John Wallace, Richland contends that there should have been a California Environmental Qualities Act (CEQA) study on the effect of planned expansion of the city's wastewater treat-

ment facility, which is located near Richland's property. Specifically, Richland Planned Communities filed a CEQA lawsuit regarding the approval of the Winters Highlands subdivision in Yolo County Superior Court.

As part of the Winters Highlands project, Granite Bay Holdings will fund Phase 2 of the expansion of the wastewater treatment facility before proceeding with their housing development. The wastewater treatment plant is nearing capacity, and must be expanded to allow for further residential and industrial development in Winters. If Richland wins the lawsuit, it may place an injunction against

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Two FFA teams win state titles

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

It would be tough for Winters Future Farmers of America (FFA) to match the spectacular success of their achievements in 2004, but they are doing very well indeed. In that year the Winters livestock judging team placed first in the state and the national contests, and then went on to be reserve champions at the 2005 world contest held in Edinburgh, Scotland. This year, both the new FFA livestock judging team and the marketing plan team have just become state champions.

The four livestock judging team members that became national champions in October 2004,

Jesse Beckett, Brenden Benson, Matt Hayes and Jacob Thorne, were not allowed by competition rules to compete again. They were on a roll, so they chose to move their energies to the FFA marketing plan competition, where they would be allowed to compete.

Competitors in the FFA marketing plan competition choose a product and take it through the development process from research to product line. For the 2005 marketing plan competition the Winters team chose to develop a healthy and natural alternative to potato chips. They wanted their subject to add value to a local Winters farm product.

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Courtesy photo

The FFA champs are, from left, (back) Brenden Benson, Jacob Thorne, John Avellar and Alex Thompson; (front) Jesse Beckett, Jorge Huizar and Amy Cross. Thorne, Benson and Beckett are members of the FFA marketing plan team and the rest are members of this year's FFA Livestock Judging team.

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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
May 17		99	59
May 18		101	56
May 19	T	98	59
May 20	.04	77	53
May 21	.02	79	57
May 22	1.24	72	53
May 23	T	73	58

Rain for week: 1.30

Season's total: 34.54

Last year to date: 27.78

Average to May 23: 21.13

School trustees revisit restructuring decisions

By GARY BEALL
Special to the Express

School district trustees on May 18 rescinded one of many items approved in a cost-cutting, restructuring package they had approved on Feb. 2. That package included either cutting or revising several positions in the district. One cut approved as part of the package involved eliminating the certificated librarian and library clerk positions at Winters

High School and replacing them with one noncertificated library technician.

High school principal George Griffin presented a letter to district superintendent Dale Mitchell and individual trustees at the May 4 board meeting suggesting an alternative staffing scenario that would retain the certificated librarian and still save the district money. Instead of reassigning the li-

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FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

*JENNA MAE SKAVDAHL is the firstborn daughter of Laura and Rance Skavdahl of Modesto. Born on May 20, 2006 at Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock, she weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Sherri and Charles Wallace of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Cheryl Skavdahl of Modesto and Dave Skavdahl of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Maternal great-grandparents are Ida and Newt Wallace and Gloria and Renato Massei of Winters. Paternal great-grandmother is Laura Thompson of Modesto.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 29 the submission deadline for news items, letters and display ads is noon on Friday, May 26

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OBITUARIES

Margaret (Peg) Dozier

Margaret (Peg) Dozier passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at Vaca Valley Hospital. Born on Feb. 6, 1925 in Iowa, she was 81 years old.

Mrs. Dozier is described by family members as a loving mother, not only to her children, but to all the children she helped raise in the Mermod Road area of Winters. She arranged many a parade up and down Mermod Road, along with her ever-popular hotdog cookouts.

She married Richard (Dick) Dozier in 1946. They moved from Susanville to Winters in 1952 where they acquired the Roseberry Drug Store and renamed it Dozier's Pharmacy. Mr. Dozier ran the pharmacy while his parents, Len and Lura operated the soda fountain and ice cream parlor. Mrs. Dozier served her community well with many years of service in the Winters Fire Department. She was a board member for the Winters Health Care Foundation, and served as treasurer for the city of Winters. She was recently chosen as Honorary Grand Marshal for the 2006 Youth Day Parade.

Mrs. Dozier was proceeded in death by her daughter Susie in October 2005 and her husband in 1994.

She is survived by three other children, Mardi Langdon of Winters, Scott Dozier of Winters and Rick Dozier of Vacaville; grandchildren Tiffany Dozier and Josh Dozier of Winters, Don Jones of Woodland and Ian Morris of Woodland; great-grandchild, Chloi Bruhn.

At Mrs. Dozier's request, a small family service will be held at a later date. She requested that persons wishing to donate in her memory do so to the Winters Health Care Foundation.

Weekly police report

May 16

~ At Buckeye Road and County Road 31, an officer assisted California Highway Patrol with a roll over traffic accident.

~ On the 100 block of Broadview Lane, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

~ On the 400 block of Russell Street, an attempt was made to steal a tailgate from a vehicle.

May 18

~ On the first block of Main Street, a suspect grabbed a victim's arm, causing redness.

May 20

~ Kelly Kay Smith, 32, of Vacaville was issued a notice to appear for driving without a license.

~ On the 500 block of Manzanita Way, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

May 21

~ Antonio Osorio, 19, of Woodland was issued a notice to appear for speeding and driving without a license.

~ A 15-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana, possessing tobacco products and walking across a street outside of the crosswalk.

May 22

~ A 16-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for driving without a license.

~ On the first block of East Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ On the 700 block of Foxglove Circle, a door was broken off a residential mail box.

May 23

~ Fabian Isaac Ceja, 20, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Davis Police Department warrant of arrest charging him with burglary, theft and shoplifting. Ceja was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Solano County website redesigned

Solano County has changed the appearance of its web site, www.solanocounty.com, to a more user friendly system. This change is in keeping with the County's continuing effort to make public access to department and other county information easier via the internet.

The new layout has incorporated drop down menus at the top of the page for swift and trouble free access to all County departments and the various services provided.

The Quick Links section offers fast access to the most frequented pages of the County web site by visitors. In addition, County press releases will be available to the general public and archived for reference.

Web sites play an important role in today's fast paced society, particularly for those in need of information. This new design should provide county residents with a less complicated approach to locating that information.

YESTERYEAR



File photo
Pictured above are award winners of Rudy's Fruities, a team that captured first place in the Women's Softball League in 1984. Top row, l to r: Isabel Campos, Kathy Gordon and Teresa Garcia; bottom row; l to r: Elsa Aguirre, Polita Carrasco and Veronica Carrasco.

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YEARS AGO

June 3, 1971

Voters of the Winters Joint Unified School District will go to the polls next Tuesday, June 8 to decide whether or not to approve a request for a 75 cent tax override, increasing the maximum tax rate from \$2.79 to \$3.72 for each \$100 of assessed valuation.

Winters police, assisted by members of the Yolo County cooperative narcotics unit, raided a house and arrested four men on a variety of narcotic charges, Friday night.

Winters Merchants will sponsor a Western Days Beauty Contest on Saturday, June 26, during what is hoped to be the first annual Western Jam-boree.

At the high school graduation exercises Friday night, Joe Ogando was named the outstanding boy athlete in the Class of 1971.

Apricot shipping started last week in the Winters area, with local packing sheds reporting an increasing number of shipments, although cool weather has slowed the season somewhat.

James "Spider" Thomas, of Winters, who has been pitching for Pawtucket, Massachusetts in the Eastern League, has been transferred to Louisville, Kentucky, in the International League, an AAA classification. Both clubs are in the Boston Red Sox organization.

Rudy B. Rodriguez graduated Sunday, May 29, from the University of San Francisco, with a BA degree.

Co-hostesses at a reunion of the Graf family, held on Sunday, May 30, at the Alfred J. Graf residence, were Mmes. Jack Thomas, Bill Cody, Jack Graf and Alfred Graf.

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YEARS AGO

June 14, 1956

The Bureau of Reclamation last week notified the Hansen-Bryan Funeral Home and Nicholson Bros., of Fairfield, that they were the successful bidder of the removal of the Monticello Cemetery. The bid was \$50,899.96.

Winters was the honored city at the June meeting of the Sacramento Trade Club, held in Governor's Hall at the State Fairgrounds last night. The local delegation was headed by R.A. Frisbee, president of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives from eight canneries are reported in the Winters area, offering a price of \$120 per ton of apricots, the highest in history.

Funeral services for Grant Gray, 47, who passed away yesterday morning, will be held at the McNary Funeral Home, Woodland, Friday at 10 a.m.

Miss June Stumbles spent the weekend with her folks in San Mateo.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drury and son of Stockton and Mrs. Drury's mother, Mrs. Lucy Berg of Berkeley, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Mermod.

Mrs. Earnest Merrell and daughter Sharon of Cashmere, Washington, are visiting with Mrs. Ann Flanery.

Jeffery Brinck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brinck of San Francisco, arrived this week to spend the summer ranching with his grandmother, Mrs. Roy Brinck.

Berryessa drops .27 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .27 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in temporary storage of 5,215 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

Faulkner reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 439.93 feet above sea level, with storage com-

puted at 1,600,931 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 370 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 2,319 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 216 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Winters weekly fire report

May 15

Medical Aid 100 Block of Elliot St. for difficulty breathing.

Vehicle accident Buckeye Rd and CR31 for overturned vehicle.

May 16

Medical Aid 100 block of Riverview Ct for a patient feeling ill.

Medical Aid 100 block of Grant Ave for heat related problems.

Medical Aid 1st block of Main St for a diabetic problem.

May 18

Medical Aid 300 block of Peach Place for unknown

medical problem.

Medical Aid 100 block of Wolfskill for a juvenile with a face injury.

May 19

Medical Aid 100 block of 2nd St for seizures.

Vehicle accident NB I505/South of Russell Blvd.

May 20

Medical aid 800 Block of Taylor St for ill subject.

Grass fire CR34

Medical Aid 100 block of Caselli Ct for anxiety attack.

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YEARS AGO

June 13, 1941

Francis Jacobs, local employee in the P.G. and E. office for several years has been transferred to Vacaville. Glen Kidder of Fairfield has been chosen to take Jacobs' place.

President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University this week announced the award of the Harry A. True Memorial Scholarship to Oscar C. Holmes, Jr., of Winter. Holmes is a sophomore at Stanford.

John F. Griffin, a member of Buckeye Lodge No. 195, F. and A.M. for 50 consecutive years was presented with a 50 year Gold Button of the Grand Lodge on June 5.

Victor Guthrie and James Hale will represent Winters youth next week at the annual Boys' State in Sacramento.

Roy Peterson, who has been working in Nevada mines, arrived Monday for a week's vacation with his mother, Mrs. Leta Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Holmes plan to attend commencement exercises tomorrow night at San Jose State College. Their daughter, Miss Mae Holmes will graduate with district honors.

The new residence being built by M. Rhodes for Mrs. Bell Dunnigan on her lots opposite the park is fast nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy July 1.

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees of Apricot School, Mrs. Grant Gray of Esparto was chosen to succeed John Dutton, resigned.

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School board postpones preschool move again

By GARY BEALL
Special to the Express

Vowing to take the time needed “to get it right,” school district trustees on May 18 refused to consider an action item authorizing a design phase for a district preschool facility to replace the one at John Clayton School.

By not considering the item, trustees acknowledged that the preschool program will probably remain at its current location through the 2007-08 school year. Had the design phase been approved, the district’s facilities staff would have been authorized to begin reviewing possible locations as well as configuration, and structural foun-

dation designs for a new preschool facility and be on target for moving the program by the 2007-08 school year.

Concern about what to do with the preschool facility is a result of board action on Feb. 2 to move the kindergarten program, but not the preschool program, from John Clayton School to Waggoner Elementary School. A bid to keep the two programs together failed when, on March 2, trustees voted to postpone any move of the program until the 2007-08 school year.

The delay beyond 2007-08 is influenced by a possible change in grade level configuration of Winters schools. Trustees hope to

come up with a pre-K through grade 8 plan during the 2006-07 year. One of the options that will be considered is the establishment of two K-5 schools in the district — one at Waggoner School and one at Shirley Rominger.

Possibilities for preschool include establishing a magnet program at John Clayton, Waggoner or Shirley Rominger schools; having the preschool at Waggoner; or having preschool programs at both Waggoner and Rominger schools.

In addition to determining a new grade level configuration for district schools, decisions influencing design of a future preschool facility include

voter approval or rejection of the Universal Preschool Initiative on the June 6 primary election ballot, and the possibility of partnering with the Yolo County Head Start program.

District superintendent Dale Mitchell said that passage of the preschool initiative could double enrollment. The district also has been approached by the Yolo County Office of Education for possible use of a facility to house Head Start.

Trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa suggested that the board hold a workshop for more in-depth preschool planning.

The school board meets next on Thursday, June 8, at the district office.

Memorial Day services planned

Memorial Day services are planned on Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m. at the Winters Cemetery and at 11:30 a.m. at the Cottonwood Cemetery, located 10 miles north of Winters on County Road 89.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Fredericks will be the guest speak-

er at both services. Fredericks is the Commander, 60th Mission Support Squadron, at Travis Air force Base.

The entire community is invited, and anyone needing seating is advised to bring a folding chair. Refreshments will be provided at the Winters ceremony.

LAWSUIT

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Granite Bay Holdings preventing them from breaking ground on Winters Highlands until the CEQA study is completed.

Wallace, however, feels confident that the city’s position is solid because a CEQA study was performed on the wastewater treatment facility in 1997, and this environmental review was filed with the state of California in February of that year. Once filed, there is a 30-day period for challenges to the study to be filed. Wallace says Richland did not challenge the CEQA study at that time, nor has it since until now.

“Thirty days from 1997 is not 2006,” says Wallace. As for the city’s position on the matter, Wallace says, “Been there, done that — that’s the city’s contention.”

The city’s Wastewater Master Plan, adopted in 1997, provides for four phases of expansion to eventually provide service for the build-out of the city’s General Plan. According to a press release issued by the city, an extensive CEQA process was followed in the adoption of the Master Plan, as well as the environmental impact report that was filed with the state.

In the press release, Wallace states, “The city feels this suit is wholly unfounded and an expedited resolution is expected with the courts. Richland’s opportunity to address the CEQA issues was in 1997 when the plan was adopted. They are nine years too late to file such a claim.”

However, according to Richland’s Senior Entitlement Consultant, Don Troppmann, Richland disputes the validity of the city’s 1997 CEQA study.

“We obviously disagree with the city’s position,” says Troppmann. “We’re challenging the CEQA documents associated with the Winters Highlands project.”

Troppmann maintains that certain details were not covered in the 1997, and that the study regarding the analysis of how to deal with the wastewater was inadequate.

“The litigation speaks for itself,” says Troppmann. “The details will come out in the very near future.”

Winters City Manager John Donlevy bristles over Troppmann’s contention that the 1997 CEQA study was incomplete.

“We are completely in the right as far as all the approvals that have been made regarding the Winters Highlands project, the housing element and, most importantly, the Wastewater Master Plan approved in 1997, which included a comprehensive environmental impact report that includes everything they maintain was not done.”

Donlevy suggests that the motivation behind the lawsuit may be larger than a challenge to a CEQA study.

“It’s really simple. This is a development company that doesn’t own any property within the city and they’re simply filing a lawsuit to try and gain leverage against us,” says Donlevy. “We think the lawsuit is completely unfounded. It is our intent to go into court and we are certain a judge will throw this lawsuit out. Their tactics to force their way into Winters isn’t going to work. We will vigorously defend the city.”

Donlevy says Richland is “obviously upset” over the city’s recent interest in exploring new ways to expand its industrial ar-

eas and wants to be included in that process.

“We simply are not going to allow them to force their way into our process,” says Donlevy.

Granite Bay Holdings, which is stuck in the middle of this legal tug of war, was blindsided with this lawsuit after recently being given the green light to start developing. D. Rick Cheney, managing member for Granite Bay Holdings, says he is “extremely disappointed” that a fellow developer would do this.

“I think it’s morally and ethically wrong, although many times the law is used for one’s own means,” says Cheney. “I find it hard to believe that Richland has sat in the back row for the last five-plus years and thrown this out at everyone at the last minute. It undermines what I think is the true value of what the town is trying to create. A city has the right to do what they need to do with their wastewater treatment plant and their growth.

He adds that his own experience with Winters thus far has been positive.

I’ve enjoyed getting to know and working with the town of Winters. They have down a tremendous job as a community in developing their Master Plan and their needs in both housing and jobs. I think Winters Highlands has done an excellent job in integrating ideals that will work for everyone.”

The Winters City Council unanimously approved the Winters Highlands subdivision at its April 5 meeting. The project site is located in the northwest portion of the city and features a 103-acre residential subdivision with 413 lots (including 36 duplex lots), and a two-acre lot for 30 unit apartment building.

Native plants featured

“Native American Uses of Plants and Issues of Gathering” is the name of a presentation to be given by ethnobotanist Renee Shahrokh at the spring meeting of the Davis Botanical Society. The presentation takes place on Thursday, May 25, 7-8 p.m. at the Blanchard Room of the Davis Public Library, 314 E. 14th Street. The event is free, and refreshments will be provided.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW about dealing with illegal immigration we can learn from Mother Nature. It occurred to me, one afternoon while wiping a stream of ants from my counter and washing them down the drain for a one-way cruise down Putah Creek, that when ants want to get inside the house, they will get inside the house. Period.

You can attack them with ant spray or hire a pest control service to create a chemical barrier around your house, but sooner or later, they'll find that one little crack in the foundation that allows them to come trailing in through an electric outlet or along a water pipe. Before you know it, there's a miniature superhighway snaking along a wall and swarming all over the tiniest morsel of scrambled egg left on a dish in the sink.

Because I don't want to drench my home in poison, I've discovered I can significantly reduce my ant problem by 1) removing the attraction and 2) increasing the attractions outside. The ants around my house just love eggs, red meat and grease, but honey and sweets will attract them too. Leaving any of those out on the counter overnight, particularly in the summer, is like ringing the dinner bell. So I don't. If there's no reward for coming inside, the ants won't bother.

As for outside incentives, my fig tree provided a serendipitous solution. It produces more fruit than one household could consume, and has a nasty habit of dropping its overripe fruit all at once. Turns out, ants love the figs that cover the ground, and as long as they're there, it keeps them satisfied. I don't mind the ants doing what they need to do as long as they aren't doing it in my kitchen. We've reached a peaceful co-existence without turning my home into a toxic waste dump.

Let's transfer this little lesson to the human illegal immigration issue, and before anyone even thinks of accusing me of calling Mexicans ants, just stop right there. Don't waste my time and patience. This is a simple exercise in comparative psychology, so don't try to divert the issue by feigning offense and shrieking "Racist!". It's not about racism, it's about respect for the law. Demanding that everyone follow the law and that the law be applied to everyone equally regardless of race is about as undiscriminatory as it gets.

So. Where were we. Ah yes. Rewards and lack thereof. Whether human, animal or insect, if a behavior isn't reinforced with a reward, it will eventually stop. If there's no incentive to cross the border illegally, the problem will solve itself. The problem isn't the illegals, the problem is the people who hire them. Make THAT the felony. Massive fines and mandatory jail time should get the point across. Get creative. Revoke business licenses for anyone who hires illegals. Seize bank accounts and recover all the state and federal withholding taxes that should have been collected if the workers were paid minimum wage. Make life so miserable for anyone who hires illegals that they'd rather close up shop than do so.

Regarding the "outside attraction" component, encourage companies to build factories in Mexico rather than overseas. Since most American companies are bound and determined to outsource their work anyway, they might as well do it in a way that produces a fringe benefit for the US - reducing illegal immigration by giving Mexicans jobs in their own country. We could still get our cheap sandals at WalMart and Mexicans could earn a decent wage without risking their lives in the back of a sweltering coyote van.

As for posting the National Guard at the border, oh pulleez. Do you really think Guardsmen are going to gun people down in cold blood for sneaking through a fence? Spare me. The notion of physically securing our southern border is a fantasy. You can build a mile-high concrete wall from California to Texas, lace it with razor wire and put automated lasers on top and the illegals will still find a way in. It may slow them down temporarily, but just like ants, they'll eventually find a way through. Or under. Or around. Because, just like ants, they're doing what they need to do to survive. So, let's make it easier for them to survive outside our "house," eliminate the reward for coming in, and everyone will be happy.

We could learn a thing or two from Mother Nature.

ON A LOCAL NOTE: Plans are proceeding on the best usage for the new pool to be built at Winters High School, and already various groups are staking their claim. If you take out all the people with ties to the school district, swim team and city, it seems that average citizens are under-represented. Meetings about pool plans are taking place but when and where? Would someone kindly send a press release?

I, for one, would like to see the noon hour dedicated to adult lap swim as it is (quite successfully) in Davis. I used to be a regular lap swimmer, but gave it up when my job moved to Winters because 1) the lap swim times were inconvenient and 2) following recreation swim, the water was absolutely filthy and not fit for humans.

I've been told that the school district is balking at letting adults on campus during school hours to swim because it presents a risk to the students. One of those old ladies in a one-piece and flowered swim cap might molest a student. However, the new library will also be located there, and adults will be on campus during school hours, so there is an obvious double standard here.

Those interested in swimming need to speak up now, or the new pool will just be more of the same: a school facility that only gets used for a couple months and becomes a green algae pond the rest of the year. If so, what a waste of money.



LETTERS

Click it or be ticketed

Dear Editor,

Nearly one in five Americans (or 18 percent nationally) still fail to wear their seat belts when driving or riding in a motor vehicle, according to a new report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Commission (NHTSA).

Among those least likely to buckle up: young males, pickup drivers and their passengers, people who live in rural areas and night-time drivers.

In the City of Winters, the percentage of drivers and passengers observed not wearing seat belts is approximately 33 percent. But failure to regularly wear a safety belt can be deadly. According to NHTSA, 31,693 passenger vehicle occupants died in traffic crashes during 2004 - and 55 percent of those killed were NOT wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.

That's why the Winters Police Department announced last week they are joining with more than 12,000 other state and local law enforcement and highway safety officials during late May for an aggressive National "Click it or Ticket" mobilization to crack down on California's safety belt law violators and to reduce highway fatalities.

talities.

Regular safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. When worn correctly, safety belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger occupants by 45 percent - and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and mini-vans.

Stepped up law enforcement for violations will be conducted during the national "Click It or Ticket" mobilization, which runs May 22 through June 4.

Too many people still take the attitude that it will never happen to them. But fatal crashes can and do happen every day. That's why law enforcement will be out in force showing zero tolerance for anyone not buckled up. We would much rather write a hundred tickets than have to knock on one family's door with the news that their loved one didn't survive a crash because they weren't wearing a safety belt.

Unless you want to risk a ticket, or worse - your life - please remember to "Click It or Ticket" day and night.

SGT. TERRY VAN HOUTEN
Winters Police Department

Likes proposed improvements

Dear Editor:

I was so excited to see the picture of the proposed street improvements at Morgan Street and Grant Avenue. How often have I risked my life crossing Grant Avenue as a pedestrian on my way to Town & Country Market, which is only a 10-minute walk from my home.

Grant Avenue is extremely hostile to pedestrians: it is wide, with a lot of traffic and people drive too fast.

I very much hope that the city of Winters will follow Dan Burden's recommendations for a gentler, more pedestrian-friendly town. Go Dan!

INGE WERNER

Will miss Dino in future parades

Dear Editor,

I was very saddened this week by the loss of one of our all time favorite parade entries at the Youth Day Parade. Dino, the 30 year old horse belonging to Peggy and Harry Narducci of Davis, died this week following colic surgery the week before Youth Day at the UC Davis Veterinary Hospital.

Peggy is 90 years young and rode Dino until he fell ill in April. Dino and Peggy rode in 24 consecutive

Youth Day parades and over 550 parades throughout California, Nevada and Arizona. She is the rider with the "Silver Mounted" costume and has led our horse division in every parade since she started riding at age 64.

We send our sympathies to Peggy and Harry and we will always think of them every April.

MICHAEL SEBASTIAN
Winters Youth Day Parade Chairman

Thanks for supporting dancers

Dear Editor,

I'm sure you are well aware by now, that our group has been working earnestly to raise enough funds to go to Tahiti to compete in their Heiva (Tahitian dance competition) on June 16. Although we have not yet met our goal, we felt the need to thank Rick Cheney of Granite Bay Holdings (soon to build some homes here in Winters) for a very generous donation: Maha-

lo nui loa (thank you very much)!

Cheney quickly responded to our last letter to the editor about our need for more financial support. We've also been very pleased with the support that the community has given us, and promise to share our wonderful experiences with the Winters Express readers upon our return. Thanks to all.

TIARE GROUP DANCERS
Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

JUST CALL ME GRANDPA. I thought I was just driving my daughter, Laura, to the hospital, but I got sucked into helping with the delivery of my first granddaughter. Jenna Mae Skavdahl, in case you wanted to know. I was in the delivery room for the births of my two ex-temporary tenants as well, but Sherri had an easier time than Laura. I guess not all deliveries go smoothly or as planned.

Watching your daughter suffer is hard to take, and after about 15 hours of labor, I was the second most relieved person in the room when the Jenna made her grand entrance into this world. With Sherri, it was something like 5 hours, start to finish, so when we were guessing when the baby would be born, I guessed 9:30 p.m. This was at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. As the time passed, we were given pillows and hospital blankets, but sleeping in a chair isn't as easy as it used to be. At one point, after midnight, Sherri, myself and Cheryl, the mother-in-law, wandered down a hallway and found an unused waiting room with a couple of couches. That didn't last long, as Rance, the son-in-law, showed up to tell us things weren't going well.

Earlier they had given Laura a drug to help with the pain, but all it did was make her sleepy and nauseous. They later gave her an epidural (spinal tap) and it dropped her blood pressure and the baby's heart rate. That's when it got exciting. Doctors came out of the woodwork, and after a few minutes, they all went back into the night. Everything slowed down until around 6 a.m. and it was all over at 9:03 a.m. My 9:30 guess was pretty close, just 12 hours off.

For some of us the time passed slowly, but I'm sure Laura felt like she'd spent a week in labor. I was a little worried that Jenna may be an only child, but time heals all wounds. There was a definite sigh of relief on everyone's faces when they handed the baby to Laura.

Someone told me that a whole new world will open up for Sherri and me, and I believe them. It's not just a cliché about the miracle of birth. There is something wondrous, if that's the right word, witnessing a new being entering this world. What strange things will her generation see? Look back a 100 years and think of the changes that will take place over the next 100 years. What kind of a future is in store for this next generation? I plan to be around to watch and enjoy the ride.

Think positive thoughts, and have a good week.

Supporting Gibbs for council

Dear Editor,

In looking over the list of city council candidates, and thinking about some of our most pressing issues, Marcia Gibbs has my support.

With the recent approval of Highlands, Creekside, Callahan, and Hudson-Ogando subdivisions, a huge issue that will determine how their build-out affects the rest of us is how our traffic circulation plans will be implemented. The key part here is how this issue ties into near-term flood protection for the Almond Orchard subdivision, and the expensive problems we face if we try to continue building in the flood zone along Interstate 505.

We need someone with

experience who can fit these together in a coherent manner, and evaluate some of the new traffic calming measures now being proposed. This will go a long way towards maintaining and enhancing our quality of life and small town feel.

This is why we really need Marcia, who has immersed herself in all of the traffic studies that were done as all of these development proposals came forward. This is a time to support someone who has been involved, and is up to speed on these complicated interconnected issues. Please join me in supporting Marcia Gibbs for city council.

CHARLIE ROMINGER

Preschool options to be studied

Dear Editor,

The Winters Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees took action on May 18 that will result in the district implementing a comprehensive study regarding preschool programs and their potential locations in the district. There are several factors influencing this decision.

The Board has a 2006-07 goal to determine the future preschool through grade 8 configurations of schools. Also, the Yolo County Office of Education has approached the district with an interest in establishing a partnership that involves the county-operated Head Start program and the district's preschool. The board is also aware that the Preschool for All Initiative, if approved by voters on June 6, will most likely

result in the district expanding preschool opportunities.

This action does mean that the district preschool will most likely remain in its present location for the next two years. Meanwhile, the Yolo County Office of Education is asking the district to consider an interim placement for the Head Start program. The board will respond to this request at its June 8 meeting.

The comprehensive preschool study will be coordinated with the school grade level configuration analysis and updating of the Facilities Master Plan. Opportunities for parent and community input will be provided this fall.

DALE MITCHELL
Winters Superintendent of Schools

Early deadline for next week's edition:
Friday, May 26, at noon

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LETTERS

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Supports Reisig for DA

Dear Editor,

For over 20 years I have been proud to be a deputy District Attorney in Yolo County. For many years I have worked in the juvenile court. During some of that time I not only prosecuted juveniles, but also represented abused children who were being taken away from their adult abusive parents. I looked into the sad, frightened, weary eyes of so many beaten and molested children that at times it was unbearable.

Even though I live in Yolo County, I don't really live in the same place you do. I live in a place populated by victims of cases I handled.

At Winters Youth Day I was standing in a line at a booth and a molest victim was in front of me.

In Woodland, driving by the hospital, I remember the nurse who was crossing the street and was killed by a teenage driver.

I remember Jillian Kelley, also killed by a teenage driver. It was heartbreaking to admit her death certificate into evidence while her parents sat so bravely in the courtroom. Their loss was so great, their love for her so deep.

The boy in Davis who was beaten by his father and left to die alone in an apartment while his parents went to an appointment. I remember looking at the picture of his small, thin, naked body and thinking he had been just as alone in life as he had been in death. No one had stopped the beatings.

I was in the West Sacramento police station when they removed a three year old girl from a run down motel where she lived with her drug addicted mother. She was wearing only a large white urine soaked sweater that touched the floor. She clung to the officer like a desperate animal, so grateful to be safe.

There are many cases like these that happen in places you would consider quite ordinary.

It is important to remember that we are public servants, not politicians. The office of District Attorney is non-partisan. It is not about who is a Democrat or a Republican. It is about who is the best leader.

Our office has attorneys who are on opposite ends of the political spectrum, but there is one thing that the overwhelming majority of us agree upon. We support Jeff Reisig for District Attorney.

Jeff Reisig is an outstanding trial attorney and

innovative leader. He treats everyone with respect. He has worked with police and educators to prevent crime. He has also prosecuted numerous murder cases in front of juries. His opponent has no experience in this area.

In a small office like ours the District Attorney must not only be a leader in the community, but also lead us in the courtroom because that is where we work. We must have someone who can prosecute cases like the murder of CHP officer Stevens. Jeff has this experience. We don't need someone whose priority is political networking.

Jeff Reisig is the right choice for District Attorney.

BARBARA DIETER

Supporting Gibbs, Korcyl

Dear Editor:

Winters is becoming a sea of lawn signs as we quickly approach the June 6th election. We are fortunate to have seven candidates interested in filling three vacant positions on the Winters City Council. I remember in years past when the deadline for filing papers had to be extended due to no interest.

So, it's time for us to consider how to cast our votes. I thank the Winters Express for the coverage a few weeks back that posed a set of questions to all the candidates. That was a good start at sorting through how the candidates stand on various issues facing our community. Also coming up on Wednesday, May 24, a Candidates Forum is planned at the Community Center. I hope there is a good turn out to that event.

I know for myself, the most important factor for deciding on whom I will vote is their stand on future residential growth. In recent months the city council has approved 726 new residential units to be built over the next six years. That will add nearly 2,500 new residents to our community in a few short years. While we did have a period of no growth in Winters, the rate of this new development far exceeds the state average.

With these approved developments there surely will be plenty of houses to accommodate the children who were raised in Winters who want to buy their own homes (a common argument for why Winters needs to grow). It is now time to slow down any additional residential growth. Currently there are applications in for 129 additional residential units being considered by the planning commission and plenty of other devel-

opers hovering over Winters (including Centex who wants to put in over 1,500 residential homes in the flood plain). When does it end and we declare enough already?

There are two candidates running for city council who have not just stated but actually demonstrated their commitment to controlling the rate of residential growth in Winters. Both Marcia Gibbs and Mitch Korcyl have gone to countless public hearings and attended planning commission and city council meetings to express their views about growth. Both are committed to promoting industrial and commercial development before additional residential growth. They are also willing to challenge assumptions and think "outside the box" in solutions to locating industrial development. I plan on casting just two votes for city council on June 6. If you want residential growth to slow down, then I urge you to cast your votes for Marcia Gibbs and Mitch Korcyl for city council.

SALLY BROWN

Successful fund-raiser

Dear Editor,

Beta Alpha Beta would like to thank all who participated in our recent

fund-raiser for the success of the Getaway Giveaway event. Fun was had by all and many prizes awarded. The winner of the \$2,000 grand prize was Kim Kimes of Winters.

We wish to offer special thanks to the local businesses and individuals who contributed prizes, food, flowers, cash and space: Berryessa Gap Vineyards, Berryessa Sporting Goods, Bijou, Briggs & Co., Buckhorn Catering, Bob and Christine Button, Cache Creek, Chris' Florist, Cody's, Curves, Eagle Drug, First Northern Bank, John and Linda Frazier, Betsy Iten, Jeff's Studio 9, LJT Interiors, Le-Visage, Lorenzo's Town & Country Market, Linda Mariani, Mariani Nut Company, Karen Ogando, Pacific Hardware, Round Table Pizza, Steady Eddy's Coffee House & Juice Bar, Subway, Warrior Video, Winters Chiropractic Center and the Winters Express. We truly appreciate and value your support.

BETA ALPHA BETA

Everyone can do something

Dear Editor,

Recently our teacher in my English 10 class had us do some research on Darfur. I had no idea what it was. What I came to find out was that in Africa

many innocent people are being killed because of racial issues.

Now our class is trying to find ways to raise money so that we can help in any way. We are putting coffee cans at local stores in our town so that people can donate money. The money that we receive will be sent to Darfur to help feed the people because many are also dying from starvation.

If students are able to make a difference then adults can definitely do a lot more. People just need to be informed about this situation so this can be stopped. Thank you for your time.

SILVIA GARCIA

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Jan Morkal
Lori Luporini

LETTERS

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Wants people to know about Darfur

Dear Editor,

I am very appalled at what's happening at Darfur. How can Holocaust Part II be happening and again people are being quiet about it?

Someone once said, "When they came for the communists, I did not speak, because I was not a communist. When they came for the Jews, I did not speak, because I was not a Jew, When they came for the union leaders, I did not speak, because I was not a union leader. When they came for the Catholics, I did not speak, because I was not a Catholic. When they came for me, there was no one left to speak."

How can people know that the innocent are dying, being starved, burned, raped and tortured and are doing nothing? How can we let the ones who did no wrong suffer? We need to do something. It's not OK to let people do this. No one spoke against Hitler because they did not want to be the next one to die, but we can't let them do this. We have to stop them!

What my English class is doing is trying to make others aware of what's going on in Darfur by having an assembly on the last day of school, making fliers to put up around town and putting coffee cans around town where you can donate change so that you too can help feed some of the Darfur victims. All we need is for people to hear our message. We want people to know what's going on out there. We want to get someone to listen so we as a nation can help.

JENNA CLARK

Wanted to do something about Darfur

Dear Editor,

Darfur. Just recently I found out what this word meant. In my sophomore English class we researched about Darfur. After all the research I found out that it is a genocide going on in Africa.

Finding out that a lot of innocent people are being killed each and every day made us want to do something about it. We decided to collect money and send it to them for food. The money will be collected in coffee cans in businesses around town. Thank you for your time.

BRIANNA PRADO

Thanks for supporting program

Dear Editor,

We want to express our appreciation to the parents and community for supporting the students and teachers in the WJUSD Two-way immersion program. Throughout the school year, families have participated in various informational meetings, school board meetings as well as the Youth Day Kiddie parade. Their collective voices positively impact our ability to continue to provide a quality program for their children. Parental involvement is a vital component of our program and we would like to encourage all parents to continue to make their voices heard.

For those who are unfamiliar with the Two-way Immersion program, students begin at kindergarten and continue through fifth grade learning in both English and Spanish. The goal of the program is for every stu-

dent to become bilingual, biliterate and bicultural. Two-way Immersion students are expected to meet rigorous state standards in both languages.

Our district presently offers two Two-Way Immersion classes as grades K-3 and one at 4-5. Kindergarten enrollment for 2006-07 is currently under way. For information regarding enrollment contact Waggoner Elementary at 795-6121. For more information regarding Two-way immersion programs in California and across the nation please visit the following websites: www.bilingualeducation.org or www.nabe.org.

Quisieramos expresar nuestra apreciación hacia los padres de familia y a la comunidad por apoyar a los estudiantes y a las maestras del Programa de Inmersión del Distrito Escolar de Winters. Durante todo el año escolar los padres han participado en varias actividades, juntas directivas, y en el desfile del Día Dedicado a la Juventud. Las voces colectivas de todos ellos han impactado positivamente nuestras habilidades de poder seguir brindando un programa de mucha calidad para sus hijos. El apoyo de los padres es un elemento vital para que nuestro programa siga adelante y quisieramos alentar a todos los padres que continuen apoyándonos y que sus voces se puedan oír.

Para todos aquellos que no estén familiarizados con el Programa de Inmersión, este programa empieza en el Kindergarten y continua hasta el Quinto grado en ambos idiomas Inglés y Español. a meta de este programa es que cada uno de los estudiantes pueda ser bilingüe en habla, en la lectura y escritura, y que obtengan ambas culturas. Los estudiantes del Programa de Inmersión tienen que obtener las rigurosas metas del estado en ambos idiomas.

Actualmente nuestro distrito escolar ofrece clases del Programa de Inmersión en los grados K-3 y una clase en 4to y 5to grado. Las matriculas para iniciar en el programa en Kindergarten ya están siendo tramitadas. Para obtener más información acerca de las matriculas llamen a la escuela Waggoner al 795-6121. Para más información acerca de los varios Programas de Inmersión en el estado de California y a través de

toda la nación por favor visite estos sitios en la internet: www.bilingualeducation.org o www.nabe.org.

LUCILA ESCAMILLA, LESLIE OLAYA, ANGIE VELASQUEZ, ERICA LARA, FIORELLA MENDOZA, REBECCA HEREDIA, LAURIE GARIBAY, MIRIAM CASTORENA, VERONICA DUNN, NANCY SOMERS

Absentee ballots will all be counted

Dear Editor,

Every once in a while, the rumor circulates that absentee ballots are counted only in the case of a close race; the rumor is untrue.

I called the Yolo County office of voter registration to verify that all ballots are counted, and was told that not only are absentee ballots counted, they are counted first; this is true throughout the nation.

NANCY PATTERSON

Letter deserves recognition

Dear Editor,

Recently the BBC News has released information that Iranian President, Mahumoud Ahmadinejad wrote a letter to President Bush. This letter, yet to be released by the White House, is what I consider an attempt at a personal level to offer friendship and understanding. Mr. Ahmadinejad, in essence, has offered his hand to Mr. Bush and he, in essence, has slapped it away. I don't know about you, but if someone wrote me a letter as important as this, I would at least answer it. I think that a little common courtesy is desirable here.

US Secretary of State Condeleezza Rice dismissed the letter as "offering nothing new" and "it isn't addressing the issues that we are dealing with in a concrete way." The White House said that there will be no formal written response to what is thought to be the first letter from an Iranian President to a US leader since Iran's revolution in 1979.

A sample of what was contained in the 18 page document is the invasion of Iraq, cover-up concerning 9/11, statements on Israel's right to exist, and the role of religion in the world. Mr. Ahmadinejad

states that the American public was lied to in the matter of Iraq stating that we went to war on the pretext of the existence of weapons of mass destruction.

"This is a great tragedy that has come to engulf both the peoples of the occupied and the occupying country," he is quoted as saying.

Another subject that he addresses is the fact that one of the basic rights of nations is the freedom of research and development, but that any technological and scientific

achievements reached in the Middle East is viewed by the west as a threat. The BBC News reports that President Ahmadinejad ends his letter by asking President Bush to "return to religion."

Ms. Rice states, "This letter is not the place that one would find an opening to engage on the nuclear issue or anything of the sort." What the heck does that mean! Did she even read the letter? What the hell is going on? Am I just stupid? Maybe so.

DONALD K. SANDERS

Letters policy

Mail/bring letters to the Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, or send email to news@wintersexpress.com.

Letters should not exceed 500 words and must include writer's name. Do not use all capital letters. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

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

Grand flag flyers



Courtesy photo
The Winters Middle School flag team, coached by Susan Delao, earned first place ranking at Youth Day and Dixon Mayfair parades. From left are: Heidi Gonzales, Ashlynnne Neil, Molly NicholSEN, Victoria Burke, Haley Tobler.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Winters Cemetery District staff will host an Open House with refreshments after the Memorial Day Service, May 29, at 10 a.m. Information requested (re) burial spaces and history of the cemetery will be provided.

Registration for summer classes available

Summer is just around the corner, and youth and teens can choose from a multitude of offerings by the Campus Recreation Department at UC Davis to fill their free time. Children ages 8 and up can participate in a variety of day camps, including crafts, horseback riding and bowling. In addition to these camps, the Recreation Swimming Pool offers swimming lessons for infants through age 10, at all levels, from beginner to advanced. Creative teens age 13 to 15 will find many opportunities

at the Craft Center. Adventurous teens and pre-teens ages 11 to 17 can enjoy the outdoors during trips offered by Outdoor Adventures. Horse-loving teens up to age 14 can participate in riding camps at the Equestrian Center. Teens of all ages can perfect their bowling skills in the bowling camps at the Memorial Union Games Area. Youth Day Camps: the on-campus day camps include instruction starting at 8:30 in the morning, followed by a supervised lunch and swimming at the Recreation Pool

until 2:30 in the afternoons. For those who require extended care, the PM Potpourri program offers a different activity each day from 2:30 until 5:30 p.m. Interested participants may register online using VISA, Mastercard, Discover or American Express. Participants may also call 752-2955, or e-mail crregistration@ucdavis.edu to register or to get more information. For more information, or to register online, visit our website at <http://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu>

Wolfskill graduation planned

Wolfskill High School will hold graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 26 at 11. Eighteen students will be graduating, making this the largest group ever to graduate from Wolfskill at one time. Family, community mem-

bers, BOT members and alumni are invited to attend this last graduation ceremony at Wolfskill's Bowman Road location. Next year the school will move to the John Clayton site.

Walker to graduate with honors

Mathew Craig Walker will graduate with honors at the UC Davis College of Letters and Sciences commencement exercises Saturday, June 17. He will receive a bachelor of arts degree in English with a minor in Native American Studies. Walker is the son of Craig and Debra Walker of

Winters. He has a sister, Tiffany Walker of Winters. He is a 2002 graduate of Winters High School. Walker plans to attend graduate school, where he will pursue a PhD in English. Friends are invited to attend an open house for Walker on June 18, 2-4 p.m at 204 Martinez Way.

COUNCIL

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of accidents at the intersection of Grant and Walnut Streets. The study looked at various tools including roundabouts, street closures and traffic lights.

In a separate process the Local Government Commission sponsored a grant for a workshop on safer, more livable streets in Winters. The group doing the study on the Grant Corridor met with the workshop group and included some of their ideas in the study.

Bob Grandy from Fehr and Peers took the podium and described the seven month study. The consultants worked with Caltrans and analyzed key intersections along Grant and rated them for safety, efficiency, and their ability to handle future needs.

They gave a poor rating to the zone that includes Dutton and Walnuts Streets. They created three plans that make use of traffic signals, and three plans that make use of roundabouts.

The first traffic signal plan included closing Walnut Street and using three traffic signals. The second variation closed East Street, widened Grant and incorporated three traffic signals. They found both of these two plans functioned well, but had right of way problems because of the need to widen Grant, and had poor aesthetics and mediocre pedestrian safety. The third approach made use of traffic signals at two intersections and called for closing East Street and limiting access to the future commercial development along the south side of Grant.

The first of the three roundabout plans called for the closing of East Street. It would use three roundabouts, at Dutton, Walnut and Main. It scored high for pedestrian safety, efficiency, and

aesthetics, but would have some queuing problems during peak hours.

Queuing is the term traffic engineers use for the lines of vehicles that wait for a light to change. In the case of roundabouts the vehicles do not actually wait, but there is a slow "rolling queue" as the load increases.

The second roundabout plan called for a fourth roundabout at East Main. This was found to provide worse service because of increased queuing problems.

The third roundabout plan called for two roundabouts at Dutton and Walnut and a traffic signal at Main and East Streets. This plan was also found to be inferior to using three roundabouts, from the point of view of congestion.

In summary, the plan that called for three roundabouts was the most favored. Grandy said that roundabouts function by slowing traffic down to 18 to 23 miles per hour to achieve increased safety, and the drive through Winters would take about one minute longer using this approach.

"Roundabouts can be converted to traffic signals if necessary," said Grandy. He added that an additional potential site for a roundabout would be at Valley Oak and Grant on the west side of town.

Council member Steve Godden questioned the practicality of using roundabouts with trucks and people hauling boats to the lake. "I've had to take a different route to avoid the roundabout near the Davis police station when pulling my boat," said Godden. "This is a function of the design of the roundabout," said Grandy. "The Davis example is a small urban roundabout. We show 120 foot diameter roundabouts so that the largest vehicles are able to traverse." "Well, I won't be on the council when they finally get built," said

Godden. "And that's a shame," added council member Tom Stone.

"What is the cost of a roundabout compared to a traffic signal?," asked council member Woody Fridae. Grandy answered that a typical signal would cost about \$250,000, with the construction and right-of-way costs adding from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. "Roundabouts tend to be less expensive, and maintenance of a signal is more costly," said Grandy.

Stone asked about the closure of East St. "Would a right turn only work?" "You can do right in, right out; left turns are the big problem," answered Ponticello. "Once we define the right of way we can refine various choices."

"Could the roundabout at East Street be moved to accommodate Dutton street as well?," asked Mayor Dan Martinez. Ponticello said that this would create right of way issues that could raise costs.

Godden asked what the pedestrian environment would look like with roundabouts. Grandy said there would be a large landscaped pedestrian corridor. The slowing of traffic results in a significant reduction in pedestrian injuries with roundabouts, according to the Local Government Commission.

"What now?," asked Stone. Ponticello answered that the favored plan would require further refinements that await the Local Government Commission's report, followed by public hearings. "Just let us know when the ribbon cutting is," said Stone.

Other items

Cecilia Curry presented a neighborhood petition for the police to do something about late night speeders on Anderson Ave, She felt that speed bumps at the west end of the street would help. "I realize that the police de-

partment has limited funding," said Curry. "It's a safety issue as well — they are doing spin-outs at 4 a.m. at the church parking lot and in front of Wagoner School, and we have people going to work at that hour."

"You may not want to hear this, but this is going to be one of the consequences of new development in that part of town," said Fridae. "You mean this isn't just the Romney kids back from college?," joked Stone. Stone cautioned that speed bumps should be designed with the needs of the fire department in mind.

Chief of Police Muramoto presented an update report on the work he and Fire Chief Scott Dozier have been doing towards the creation of a new public safety facility. They have toured facilities in Rumsey, Woodland, Dixon, Rocklin and Davis. "Some of these facilities are state of the art," said Muramoto. They will be visiting more in coming months. The plan to locate both fire and police in one facility is somewhat unusual. The site is at West Main and Grant and the date for the move is in fall 2008.

They will be using a design-build approach because it is more appropriate to the uniqueness of the project. Council member Harold Anderson commended the chiefs on their extraordinary cooperation for this project. "All staff are extremely excited to be moving forward on this," said Muramoto. "Now they are dating, but eventually they will have to live together," said city Manger John Donlevy, speaking of the joint facility.

The council passed a motion to define procedures for the naming of city buildings and facilities. The resolution outlines a process for groups and individuals to submit suggestions for facility names.

Fridae agreed to join Mayor Martinez in a committee to carry out planning commission appointments.

The community development agency meeting followed the city council meeting. The agency received a report from City Manager Donlevy on the football lighting project. Donlevy reported that the \$70,000 project had failed, because of the expense of a requirement that the

system include an emergency back up lighting system with its own generator. "The existing lighting at Sellars Field is horrific and would not meet any standard," said Donlevy. "The community is really losing out on this," said council member Harold Anderson. "Perhaps we can pay for this out of a future development agreement?" "We can do that," answered Donlevy. The agency passed a motion to return the funds to the General Fund.

The agency adopted a resolution to approve the "Senior Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program." The program provides grants of up to \$20,000 per home for people that are 62 years or older for health and safety rehabilitation of older homes. As presented by City Manager John Donlevy, the primary goal is to maintain properties in the city that are occupied by low and very low income seniors. Additional goals are to preserve affordable housing stock and revitalize neighborhoods.

A resolution was passed to name the railroad pedestrian bridge after Robert Chapman.

FFA

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Working with Mariani Nut Company, they developed a honey-glazed walnut product they called “Sweet Coated Crunchies.” After months of hard work they made their presentation at the 2005 state level competition at Cal Poly in San Louis Obispo. They placed second, falling short by a hair — only .3 of a point in the somewhat subjective and controversial judging of their efforts.

They were motivated all the more by what they felt was an unfair near miss. For 2006 the team decided to choose a product less faddish and more true to their experience in the world of raising livestock. They chose sponsor company Small Town Genetics in Denair, California. This company provides swine boar sires and feeder pigs, specializing in stock for show pigs, particularly for

school FFA and 4H competitions. The Winters team’s product was boar semen.

The project required many lost Saturdays, doing market research at livestock shows, surveying swine farm operations, developing market strategies, creating publications and reports.

Their coach, of course, was Kent Benson, the ag teacher at the Winters high School. Benson is a 2005 winner of the Carlson Foundation awards for excellence in teaching. With this year’s wins, he ranks as one of FFA’s most successful coaches.

Their market plan presentation at the national competition at Caly Poly in San Louis Obispo in May was practically flawless, says Benson. Competition presentations are 15 minutes long and are of the PowerPoint variety, followed by a question and answer session with the judges. Benson says

that they designed the PowerPoint component to be slightly vague in order to draw out strategic questions for the question and answer phase. They won by a wide margin with all three judges ranking them first. The team was ecstatic to win, particularly coming back from last year’s frustrating almost win.

“The marketing plan win was a huge accomplishment for them,” says Benson, “but when we won the national livestock judging, we were over the top crazy.” The May 2006 state win at livestock judging was a huge achievement because almost all the team members were rookies, as a consequence of the rule that excludes previous winners. The team includes Amy Cross, Jorge Huizar, Alex Thompson and John Avellar.

The one veteran is Avellar, a member of the 2004 team that went to Scot-

land. He was allowed to compete this year because he was the fifth man on the four person team that went on to the national (and world) competition. Benson remembers well the pain of having to pick four out of the five person team. “The individuals were all strong on that team and it was tough to tell John he would be the one man out,” says Benson. “That was a hard day for me,” remembers Avellar. It has the effect of making the win this May with a new team all the more sweet for Avellar, in addition to his win with the Marketing Plan team.

The road to the nationals included wins and near wins at many livestock fairs. The team won second at a UCD competition with Avellar ranked first individual and Cross ranked second. In Merced they placed third with Avellar ranked first and Cross ranked second. The team won first at the Great

Western Livestock Show in Tulare, with Avellar ranked first as an individual and Thompson ranking second. “It became clear during the course of the year that we were the team to beat,” says Avellar. These near wins and high individual rankings led the team to begin to think about the state contest, “hey, maybe we can win this thing,” according to Benson.

In livestock judging contests, cattle, sheep or swine are presented in groups of four, called classes. The student team has four members. The animals have been already ranked for quality by the competition judges, and the challenge for the team is to rank them equally, and to explain their reasons in an exceptional oral presentation.

Preparation for the contest requires hours daily studying subjects related to nutrition, body characteristics, diseases and

more. Experience raising livestock is key, of course. Competitors put in long nerve wracking hours learning public speaking, a skill that FFA strongly emphasizes.

The state contest held at Cal Poly was tough and the team felt they had done well, but probably wouldn’t place first. They sensed their good friends and traditional rival team from Clovis were having a great day and would likely be winners, and this feeling increased when a Clovis team member won the high individual award.

The winners were announced starting with place five, and when Clovis was announced as second the Winters team exploded, turning into a pile of bodies in a group hug, most of them in tears.

They are now jazzed and ready for the arduous preparation for the national contest, which will be held in Indianapolis in October.

TRUSTEES

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brarian, who is at a top salary level, to replace a retiring English teacher at no savings to the district, Griffin proposed hiring a new English teacher at an entry-level salary.

“The desired savings are exceed without the disruption to staff, the elimination of the only certificated librarian in our district, and resulting reduction in quality services to our students,” Griffin said in his letter.

Trustees agreed to consider Griffin’s proposal at their next board meeting, and on May 18 they approved the request by a 6-0 vote (with trustee Tom Harding absent).

Mitchell noted that approval of the recommendation should include the understanding that it is a one-time, unique situation rather than a precedent for an ongoing fiscal practice.

“The district has not historically designated how monies are used resulting from a newer, less expensive employee replacing a veteran, more expensive employee,” Mitchell said.

“I agree with Dr. Mitchell that this would be an extremely dangerous ongoing practice,” Griffin told the trustees.

Trustee Robert Nickelson noted that approving the change was precedent setting, but said he “respectfully disagreed” when trustee Kathy McIntire suggested the board “brought this on ourselves by approving the (restructuring) package as a whole.”

Griffin’s request may not be the last one the board sees. At the public input portion of the May 18 meeting, Waggoner teacher Ali Wasiutynski asked trustees to reinstate library technician Rita Holder to a full time position. Holder’s position had been reduced to 30 hours a week as a result of cost cutting actions approved by trustees on May 19, 2005. Similar library positions at Winters Middle School and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School also had their hours reduced as a result of the May 2005 action.

Wasiutynski said that need for a fulltime librarian at Waggoner will be greater than ever now that the school will also be serving kindergarten students beginning this fall. She said that all Waggoner and kindergarten teachers had signed a letter to the board requesting the change.

Trustees did not comment on Wasiutynski’s request.

Election information available at local county libraries

Between now and Election Day, the Yolo County Library is a key point of nonpartisan information for voters. Voters preparing for the June 6 Primary Election can now visit their local library to pick up a free Easy Voter Guide in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese or Korean.

“Voters are being asked to elect candidates competing against each other for local and statewide races in the November General Election,” said Yolo County Librarian Mary Stephens. “In addition, they are being asked to decide on two ballot measures affecting funding for library infrastructure and preschool. We are pleased to be able to offer free nonpartisan

Easy Voter Guides so our community can understand what will be on the ballot.”

The nonpartisan 16-page guide provides a concise overview of the two statewide propositions in layperson language. It also features job descriptions and a list of candidates running for statewide offices, including statements and photos from each candidate for Governor, U.S. Senate and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The guide also includes voting tips and resources for more information.

The Easy Voter Guide’s straightforward language and user-friendly feel are the result of a community-driven design and editing process.

Solano County addresses new voting regulations

Solano County recently announced the use of 115 AutoMARK voting machines throughout Solano County for the upcoming June 6 primary election. The AutoMARK system provides voting accessibility to individuals with disabilities as required by the federal Help American Vote Act (HAVA).

“HAVA requires at least one voting machine in each polling place to enable voters with disabilities to cast a secret ballot without assistance,” commented Deborah Seiler, Assistant Registrar of Voters of the Solano County Registrar of Voters Office. “In addition to meeting this federal regulation that took effect at the beginning of 2006, we are continuing our efforts to increase voter participation throughout the County in every election,” added Seiler.

For the June 6 Primary Election, most Solano County voters will continue to vote as they have since the November 2004 presidential general election, using an optical scan ballot. However, voters with disabilities will have the AutoMARK system available to them which is new for this election. It is a ballot marking machine that provides multiple ways for voters to mark their paper ballots, including: a touch screen interface; raised directional keys labeled with Braille; and an option to use other assistive devices such as an audio headset or a sip and puff system. One AutoMark device will be located at each of the 115 voting locations in Solano County. A poll technician with a disabled voter assistance button will be on hand to operate the device and teach voters to use it.

To date, Solano has received just over \$935,000 in punch card buyout funds and \$1.2 million in state voting modernization bond money to replace the Votomatic punch card system. Additional state and federal funds are still available to reimburse the county for the purchase of the AutoMARK voting system.

Seiler also addressed changes in voter registration and cross-over voting options for nonpartisan voters.

“California amended its election laws in 2000 allowing political parties to permit nonpartisan voters to participate in primary elections. Although this law has been around for a

few years many nonpartisan voters remain unaware of the voting options available to them in the upcoming primary,” commented Seiler.

Voters who are registered with a qualified political party may vote only their own party’s ballot. However, for the June 6 primary election, three parties have adopted party rules to allow nonpartisan voters to participate

in their primary elections for all contests except for the County Central Committee positions. The three parties which allow nonpartisan voters to vote their party ballots are Democratic, Republican and American Independent.

If a nonpartisan voter wishes to vote one of these parties’ ballots (and only one), the voter must request the desired ballot when they go to vote or re-

quest an absentee ballot. If the voter does not request one of the participating parties’ ballots, the voter will receive a nonpartisan ballot.

Solano County has an estimated 270,000 individuals who are eligible to vote, and currently only 161,000 are actually registered. The California primary election is June 6. The last day to register to vote was May 22.

Looking for more musicians

Art Walk Saturdays are great opportunities for budding musicians (and established musicians) to play their music, get some exposure, and add to the art environment of Winters. Any musicians interested in performing during an Art Walk Saturday can contact Mary King, 795-2756.



DAN MAGUIRE

CHAMBER DOINGS

The city of Winters and the Winters District Chamber of Commerce sponsored an ADA Compliance seminar at Tomat's Restaurant on Monday, May 22. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), enacted on July 26, 1990, provides comprehensive protections to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, local government services and telecommunications. The goal of ADA is to assure equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self sufficiency.

The seminar was very well attended by the Winters businesses and merchants, who were able to draw on the expertise of Jay Salazar, Building Official for the City of Vacaville and Tim Fallis of Human Adaption, a business consulting firm specializing in access compliance for businesses and government agencies. Compliance with the ADA regulations is vital to the short and long term viability of our business community.

There are a number of issues of which merchants need to be aware. There are also a variety

of tools to assist in attaining compliance, including tax credits and deductions for costs of needed modifications. The city of Winters and the Chamber want to be a resource to the business community. We have accumulated a wide variety of printed materials that we will continue to make available. We also are able to link businesses up with consulting resources with high degrees of expertise in access issues and compliance.

Speaking of Chamber-sponsored events, the Chamber is sponsoring a "Meet the City Council Candidates" night Wednesday, May 24, 7-9 p.m. at the Community Center. All seven council candidates have confirmed their participation in the "Meet the Candidate" night, so this may be your best opportunity to learn about the candidates, see how they respond to questions, and learn their position on issues they will be dealing with if elected. Everyone attending the candidate night has an opportunity to submit written questions to a specific candidate or have a question asked of all candidates. If you are not able to join us (or you

are one of those rare Winters residents who reads your Thursday edition of the Express on Thursday, so you missed it), the Express does a great job of covering the candidate night. You will be able to read their account of the event in their June 1 paper, which comes out just prior to the election.

The Chamber Vision Committee continues to meet to develop recommendations for the design of the newly expanded Rotary Park. The committee has framed out priorities for the park's amenities and is now putting plan to paper with conceptual drawings being dissected and discussed. We encourage any ideas you might have for the park. Please feel free to contact me at the Chamber office on this or any other ideas you have.

Our next event is Friday, July 7. The city of Winters and the Winters Chamber are participating in the 2006 National Guard Great Race as a race pit stop. Beginning at approximately 4 p.m., over 100 vintage cars will "pit" on the first block of Main Street over a three-hour period (each car will have a mandatory 30 minute pit stop). The Great Race is a very competitive cross country road rally. It features cars manufactured in 1961 or before, with the more than 100 race teams starting the race in Philadelphia, racing 4,100 miles through 14 states in 14 days. Be sure to mark this one on your calendar as I am sure Winters has

Ready to work



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Cara McCoy participates in the interview portion of Job Club, sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Conducting the interview are, from left, Pat Risser, Edmund Lis and Janet Kimes. Students in the program learn about interviewing skills, how to write resumes and fill out job applications, and must demonstrate computer literacy and academic achievement. Job Club is part of the Chamber's "School to Work" program.

never seen anything quite like it.

Chamber Mixer

June's Chamber Mixer will be hosted by JDS Builders, 7 East Main Street. Join us on Monday, June 12, 5:30-7 p.m. JDS principals John Siracusa and Paul Fair and staff will be on hand to show off the new JDS corporate offices. This will be the only Chamber mixer of the year at a facility with a bocce ball court. If you have never played bocce, think "white collar" horseshoes. I hope to see you there.

Chamber meetings open to general public

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

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings. The Chamber is involved in promoting local business, as well as coordinating community functions such as the Earthquake Street Festival and the Citizen of the Year celebration.

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

Entertainment

June Art Walk scheduled

The June 3 Winters Art Walk will feature live music, art, and wheel-thrown pottery demonstrations. Official art walk hours are noon to 6 p.m., but some participants are open all day and some into the evening, so be sure to check the listing. A complete list of participants, their exhibits, hours, and contact information, as well as a walking map of downtown Winters and participating galleries is available each month at www.PorFinPottery.com (click on the “Winters Art Walk” link).

In the afternoon, Cochichando will play Afro-Cuban and Brazilian music with a jazz influence outside of Steady Eddy's. Group members include Lorenzo Kristove on electric piano, Steve O'Neill on bass, percussionist Carla Campbell and Marc Epstein on clarinet.

Additionally, Richard Hemenway's bluegrass band Hungry Hollow will be playing outside of Ficelle in the early evening. Ficelle is located directly behind Steady Eddy's and will be open from 5-9 p.m. and serving tapas, sangria, and wine. Ficelle is located at 5C East Main Street (795-9593). Band members include Richard Hemenway on guitar, Guy Kyser on banjo, Roger Kunkel on mandolin, Kari King on mandolin, Jason Weinstein on guitar, Al Vallecillo on fiddle, and Dwight Howard on upright bass.

Rebecca Bresnick Holmes will be throwing pots outside of Steady Eddy's Coffee House from 2 to 5 p.m. Steady Eddy's is located at 5 East Main Street (795-3588) and is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. In addition to coffee, juice, and food, Steady Eddy's sells local hand-made pottery, t-shirts, and

will be serving wine and beer at an evening artist reception for June's artist of the month.

The Arte Junction, located at 308 Railroad Avenue (795-3297) will feature “Regional Landscapes” by Patris (Patti Miller). Patris creates vibrant, positive images of the land paints on location and allows the local landscapes to inspire her vision. Opening Saturday, June 3, and continuing through Friday, June 30 with an artist reception June 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Briggs & Co. will exhibit “Rustology,” a metal sculpture garden show of recycled iron, concrete and wood, sculpture, furniture, and water features. 820 Railroad Avenue (795-9505). Opening June 3 at noon, with artist reception from 7 to 10 p.m., and running through June 25.

At Textures, located at 7 East Main Street, Suite B (795-3980), muralist Morgan Wright will be exhibiting her acrylics. Opening June 3 with a greet-the-artist reception with refreshments from 2:30-6 p.m.

Winters Center for the Arts will have an exhibit by Meridee Hays at 31 Main Street (795-5301) with opening reception June 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Open from noon to 8 p.m. Visit www.wintersarts.org for more information.

Coming in September is Blues Therapy (<http://www.wasabishows.com>). For more information call or e-mail Rebecca Bresnick Holmes at 795-0692 or Rebecca@porfinpottery.com.

If you are a musician interested in performing during an art walk Saturday, contact Mary King at 795-2756. Visit www.WintersCA.org for information about Winters.

One fine faerie



Courtesy photo

The Blue Fairy invites the community to the Celtic Midsummer Faerie Festival, June 10-11, at the Greater Sacramento VFW grounds, 8990 Kruithoff Way in Fair Oaks. The festival will feature celtic culture and history. For more information, visit www.fiestadays.com or call 707-469-7884.

Annual accordion picnic includes dancing, dinner

The Golden State Accordion Club will have its Annual Picnic and Accordion Celebration on Sunday, June 11, at Don Pippo's Ranch, 4142 Cantelow Road, Vacaville, starting at 11 a.m. Open to the pub-

lic. Dinner available (\$14 for non-members, \$11 for members). Dancing, band, and individual performances, jam sessions, singing, children's games and much more. For information, call 707-864-2359.

Woodland Opera House announces new season schedule

The Woodland Opera House will offer subscribers a choice of show packages for the 2006-2007 season for the first time. The Mainstage Series will include the best of American musicals and classical plays. The Theatre for Families Series will offer shows of interest to all ages and appropriate content for young people.

The Mainstage package begins with Fiddler on the Roof September 29 through October 29. The story of Tevye and his daughters is one of the most successful shows in theatre history.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast, a musical masterpiece adapted from the hit movie, runs November 17-December 17. Oscar Wilde's comic mis-identity romp, The Importance of Being Earnest plays January 19-February 11. This ever popular satire will be directed by Jack Lynn, Royal Shakespeare Company veteran.

Oliver! performs March 30-April 29. The musical is an adaptation of Charles' Dickens' novel Oliver Twist. The season wraps up with

perhaps the greatest American drama ever written, Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman, May 18-June 10. Although written over 50 years ago, the plight of everyman Willie Loman remains as touching and relevant as ever. Season tickets for the Mainstage Series are \$80 Main floor and \$50 Balcony. Subscriptions include choice of reserved seats and no-cost exchange privileges.

The Theatre for Families Series includes The Boxcar Children August 25-September 10, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Oliver! and the final show is The Magician's Nephew February 23 - March 11. Subscriptions for the Theatre for Families Series for adults are \$52 and for children 17 and under \$28.

Tickets can be ordered by phone with Mastercard or Visa at 530 666-9617, or in person at the WOH box office located at 340 2nd St. in downtown Woodland. The box office is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Please visit our web site at www.wohtheatre.org

Winters police advise ‘Click It or Ticket’

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Tempted to take a quick trip to the market without bothering to fasten your seatbelt? Do so at your own risk. You're not only increasing your chances of being injured in a car accident, you're also likely to be given a ticket from your friendly neighborhood police officer.

The Winters Police Department is participating in the nationwide "Click It or Ticket" program, which is aimed at issuing tickets to anyone driving or riding in a motor vehicle without wearing seatbelts, or for transporting small children without securing them in proper car seats. According to Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto, there won't be any warnings or second chances. Those caught driving without seatbelts will get tickets. Period.

Muramoto says his goal isn't just to get Winters drivers to buckle up. He wants Winters to have the highest compliance rate in the state of California. He was surprised to learn that less than 70 percent of Winters drivers fasten their seatbelts, and strives to increase that compli-



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters police officer Albert Ramos makes sure his seatbelt is buckled, and he and his fellow officers will be making sure you do the same as the national "Click It or Ticket" program gets underway in Winters.

ance rate to more than 90 percent. The program officially kicked off nationally last week.

"If police officers see you not wearing seatbelts, they will issue you a citation, even if you're just going around the block," says Muramoto.

He emphasizes that he'd much rather see Winters

drivers comply with the seatbelt and car seat laws voluntarily than issue tickets, and is hoping they will do just that — obey the law.

"We would rather not have to issue a ticket to anybody," says Muramoto.

But, rest assured, they will. So buckle up. Or else.

Yolo County Fair catalogs available

Exhibitor Catalogs are now available in Woodland at the Yolo County Fair Office and the Woodland Library; in Davis at Big-O Tire and the Davis Library; in Winters at the Winters Express and the Winters Library; in Guinda at the General Store; in Esparto at the Esparto Library; in Yolo at the Yolo Library.

Exhibitors may also go online to yolocountyfair.net and get information for both the 2006 Exhibitor Catalog and the 2006 Livestock Catalog. Exhibitors interested in Livestock Catalogs can also contact the Fair Office.

Most entries close on June 30. Exhibitors may send in their form at any time. Call the fair office, 662-5393, for more information. Entry department hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

Gibson House open for tours

The Gibson House is a restored Classical Revival House Museum built on a farmstead settled by the Gibson family in 1857.

Hour-long guided tours are available each weekend, rain or shine, from

12-to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 512 Gibson Road in Woodland. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for ages 5-17. Members, 5 and under, free.

For more information call 666-1045.

Winters Police Department seeking new officer 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

Crocker offers free admission

The Crocker Art Museum doors are open and admission is free to the public every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Regular admission is \$6 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 students, and ages 6 and under, free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays-Sundays, and Thursdays until 9 p.m.

For more information call (916) 264-5423.

Sports



This year's North Section Division II champion team includes, from left (back) John Saragosa, Brenden Benson, Nathanael Lucero, Nick Hedrick, Damon Miles, Jacob Thorne, coach Daniel Ward, Alex Thomson, Danny Campos, Joe Fiori, Cody Campos, Kaplan Smith, Nick Medina, Greg Contreras, Rafael Martinez, coach Jason Davis and head coach Jeff Ingles; (front) Kevin Rowell, Ray McIntire, Jorge Huizar, Sebastian Salas, Brock Neil, John Avellar and Patrick Keuhn.

Photo by Eric Lucero

Warrior baseball team is section champ again

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Warriors varsity baseball team traveled to Anderson on Saturday, May 20, to take on Anderson High School in the Northern Section Division II championship game. Winters relied on the arm of senior Jacob Thorne who didn't find out he was throwing until the day before the game. Thorne got the win after throwing the first four innings for the Warriors. Nathanael Lucero was scheduled to pitch the championship game but was unable to play due to an emergency appendectomy on Friday morning. Coach Jeff Ingles had to make some adjustments

with his infield after pulling Thorne from short-stop so he went with freshman Ray McIntire who did an admirable job for the Warriors in his varsity debut. Thorne left the game with a 5-2 lead before handing the ball over to Alex Thomson who threw the last three innings as the Warriors went on to beat the Cougars 9-2. "We came ready to play," said coach Jeff Ingles. "The Anderson coach asked how we could be so focused after a long early bus ride and I told him this team has been waiting for this game all season and they weren't going to lose. They faced adversity when they found out Nate wasn't going to throw and we

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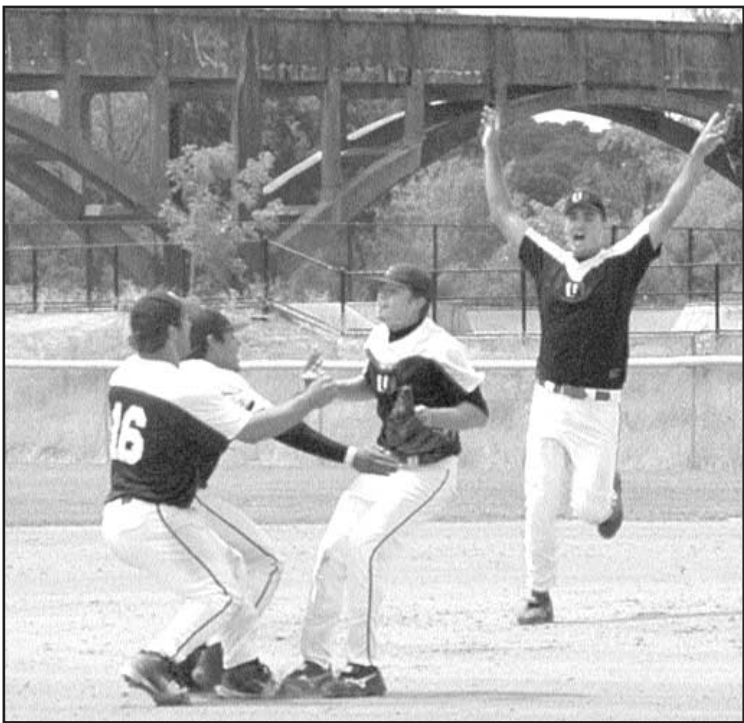


Photo by Eric Lucero

Members of the varsity baseball team react after winning the North Section Division II championships. From left are Danny Campos, Sebastian Salas, Alex Thompson and Brock Neil.

Gurecki, Lindsay help win Cal's Rugby title

Chris Gurecki and Andrew Lindsay of Winters are members of the University of California Berkeley Varsity XV rugby team which recently won their third consecutive national rugby championship on May 5 at Steuber Stadium at Stanford University. Cal finished league play undefeated and were 18 -1 for the season before the playoffs began. Regular season play included wins over the prestigious New York Athletic Club who are the men's rugby Super League National Champions, University of British Columbia, and nationally ranked college rugby teams from Colorado and New Mexico.

In the round of 16, Cal defeated the University of Cal-

ifornia Santa Barbara by a score of 45 - 15 where Chris was a perfect 6 - 6 on conversion kicks. In the round of 8, Cal defeated Navy by a score of 29 -12 where Andrew scored a try and Chris was 4 - 5 on conversion kicks. In a rematch of last year's final, Cal defeated Utah in the semifinal 30 - 11 in a defensive battle lead by match day captain Andrew Lindsay who blocked two clearance kicks by Utah. A gusty cross wind had an impact on the kicking game with Chris going 2 - 5 on the day.

The final match between Cal and BYU was the most anticipated game of the season and is now called the best college rugby game in the last decade. BYU had been ranked above Cal in some polls and was favored going into the match due to their dominating play during the playoffs. In a fiercely fought game, Cal prevailed 29 - 26 in a game which saw four lead changes. Chris was 4 - 5 kicking on the day and Andrew led both Cal offense and defense as match day captain.

Track team wins six section titles

By JAY SHUTTLEWORTH
Special to the Express

YUBA CITY: At the North Section Division-II championships held at Yuba College last Friday, the Winters High School track and field team claimed six individual titles. Sophomore Sam Lanfranco won the 800 in 2:18.35 and the mile in 5:03.42, both personal bests. Lanfranco used dramatic come-from-behind sprints to seal both wins. Freshman Ryan Hofstrand won the 110 hurdles in a personal best 16.75; he edged Live Oak High School's Chris Ledesma by .07 of a second. Hofstrand also had brilliant hand-offs with freshman Cody Shafer, freshman Andrew

Medina, and sophomore Jayson Garcia in a winning 4x100 relay effort (48.65). Second-place Willows High School finished second in 49.80. Sophomore Andrew Fridae also recorded a tremendous personal best in winning the two-mile (11:25.44). Fridae beat favorite, Miguel Miranda, of Willows High School, by nearly nine seconds. Junior Lauren Yehle won the 100 high hurdles (16.94). Her victory avenged a loss last week in the BVL championships when she fell near the finish line. Oroville's Tameeka Jones, the BVL champ, finished .60 seconds behind. However, some of WHS' See TRACK on page B-2

Swim team meeting planned

A summer swim team meeting will be held Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m. at the high school gym parking lot. Information on swim meet schedules, transportation and practice times taking place at the Mellenium Pool in Vacav-

ille will be provided. Summer swim meets are scheduled for June 17, Winters at Natomas; July 8, Winters at Natomas; July 15, Winters at Country Oak and July 29 and 30, Championships at Natomas.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ryan Hofstrand

Ryan Hofstrand, a freshman on the Winters High School track team is this week's athlete of the week. Hofstrand helped lead the Warriors JV team to a Butte View League championship last Friday, May 12, at Yuba City Junior College. Hofstrand placed first in the 110 hurdles (17.4), third in the 300 hurdles (46.7), and was a key member of the victorious 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams.



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most impressive efforts did not result in section crowns. The varsity girls' 4x400 relay of freshman Danielle Murphy, senior Natalie Cooley, Yehle, and senior Courtney Carner finished second in a school record 4:19.47. Every member ran under 65 seconds, but they could not overcome a 58-second anchor leg by Durham High School's Hagen Atkins. Durham won the event in 4:16.63.

Cooley also ran 2:31.82 and finished second behind Atkins in the 800. Cooley also finished third in the mile. Teammate Vanessa Rubio ran her best race of the year in the mile, finishing fifth in a personal best, 6:14.72. Rubio also took advantage of the cool weather and finished fifth in the two-mile in another significant personal best (13:27.97). The time is the fastest two-mile for a WHS girl in at least ten years.

Yehle clocked 50.0 and was third in the 300 hurdles behind the ultra-tough Atkins (47.0) and Gridley High School's Sarah Nichols (47.8). Murphy ran a personal

best 50.8 to finish fourth. Girls team captain, the fifth-seeded Cara McCoy, missed the event because of an AP Physics test. Murphy and Yehle joined juniors Jessica Jordan and Leslie Contreras to finish fourth in the 4x100 (54.66).

Senior thrower Mayte Herrera medaled in the shot put with a third-place, 27-11.5 effort. Herrera also landed in third with a toss of 84-8.5 in the discus. Freshman Katie Anstead went 81-3 to finish sixth.

Carner finished fifth in the 400 in 1:05.96. Oroville High School's Katie Brandt won the event in 1:00.61.

Freshman Catherine Hasbrook wasn't rattled by a super-talented jayvee hurdle field; she finished third in the 300 hurdles in a personal best, 55.50. She also finished sixth in the 100 hurdles. Hasbrook joined freshman Alyssia Oxley, freshman Noelle Mandolfo, and freshman Karissa Sais to finish second in the 4x400 (4:51.98). BVL rival, Gridley, won the event in 4:47.51.

Sophomore Krista Blandin placed third in the mile with a time of 6:23.83. That time eclipsed the jayvee girls mark previously held by current world-trav-

eler, Amy Purvis. Blandin was also fifth in the 800 (2:58.24).

Sophomore Julia Millon lowered her existing school mark in the two mile with a sixth-place effort of 15:36.55.

Sophomore T. J. Johnson was second to teammate Lanfranco in the 800 with a 2:20.71 effort. Johnson's toss of 94-05 in the discus was good for third place behind winner Brandyn Harned of Live Oak (99-02). Johnson also joined with Hofstrand, Shafer, and Medina to place second in the 4x400 relay (3:49.42). Live Oak High School won the event in 3:49.15.

Freshman Hofstrand clocked 43.4 to place fifth in a competitive 300 hurdles (Willows' Cody Pastorino won in 43.1). Notably, Hofstrand's effort erased the previous JV school record held by Nick Ramos (43.5, 2002). Ramos went on to establish school records in the 300 hurdles (39.39), mile relay (3:31.98), state meet appearances (two), and during his career, he was all-league in the 100, 200, 400, and 800 meters.

Freshman Robby Emery ran a personal-best 12:13.71 to finish fifth in the two-mile. He also clocked a personal

best in the mile (seventh, 5:18.38) along with teammate Fridae (fourth, 5:07.81).

Jayson Garcia was fifth in the 200 in 25.92.

Junior Mat Catalan recorded the top overall performance for the varsity boys with a stirring second-place, 2:08.07 personal best effort. Catalan joined with senior Robert Warren, junior Johnny Lucero, and junior Curtis Holabird to place third in the 4x400 (3:47.07).

Junior Colton Crabtree's personal-best effort of 44.7 scored him a third-pace finish in the 300 hurdles. Crabtree was sixth in the 110 hurdles (18.43), and teammate Stefan Vallecillo was seventh (20.55).

Junior Alvaro Zaragoza jumped 18-10 to finish third in the long jump. Zaragoza also was seventh in the 400 (56.45).

Lucero and Crabtree finished fourth, and sixth, respectively, in the triple jump (38-2.5, 37-4.25).

The WHS track and field team travels to Cottonwood's West Valley High School on Friday for the North Section finals. The varsity-only meet will feature champions from the section's four divisions as well as a select group of

second place finishers.

D-II champ Yehle will compete in the 100 hurdles, and she is an alternate in the 300 hurdles. 2005 D-II champ Cooley is an alternate for the 800, as is upstart Catalan. The celebrated 4x400 relay of Murphy, Cooley, Yehle, and Carner are alternates for that event. Ironically, D-III champs, Shasta (4:24.80), and D-IV champs, University Prep (4:37.05), automatically qualified for the final meet despite being well-behind the WHS girls' stellar performance.

Friday's meet serves as a portal to one of the nation's most prestigious track meets – the CIF state track and field championship held this year in Los Angeles. Winners in each event on Friday will automatically qualify for the competition.

Rowell, Shafer receive coaches award

Kevin Rowell, a sophomore on the Winters High School JV boys basketball team was given the coaches award at the team's annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 26.

Freshman Cody Shafer was given the coaches award for the boys freshman team.

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CHAMPS

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were relying on him, but they over came it and knew what they had to do

“This group of kids has been a pleasure to coach and fun to be around and I was glad to see them win.”

The Warriors played an aggressive game on both sides of the ball as they scored in every inning except the fourth. Winters put three runs on the board in the first, one in the second, one in the third, two in the fifth, one in the sixth and one more in the seventh. The Warriors scored in the first when Danny Campos reached first on an error, Thorne was hit by a pitch and Sebastian Salas hit

a 2 RBI double. Brock Neil then followed Salas with a RBI double of his own. Winters then just chipped away with each at bat. In the sixth inning Nick Hedrick hit a solo home run after being hit in the head by a pitch in the fourth. Anderson made it look like it was going to be a nail biter when they scored two runs in the bottom of the first but that would be the only time they would get on the board.

Thorne also led the Warriors at the plate batting 3 for 4 with a run scored and a RBI. Neil batted 2 for 4 with a RBI double. Salas batted 1 for 3 with 2 RBI and two runs scored. Jorge Huizar also batted 1 for 3. Nick Hedrick batted 1 for 4 with a solo home run, while Thomson

batted 1 for 5 for the Warriors. Brenden Benson and Campos each scored two runs for the Warriors and freshman Patrick Keuhn scored one run as a pinch runner.

The Warriors ended the season with a 20-4 record and recorded coach Ingles 10th north section title and 14th league title in the last 19 seasons.

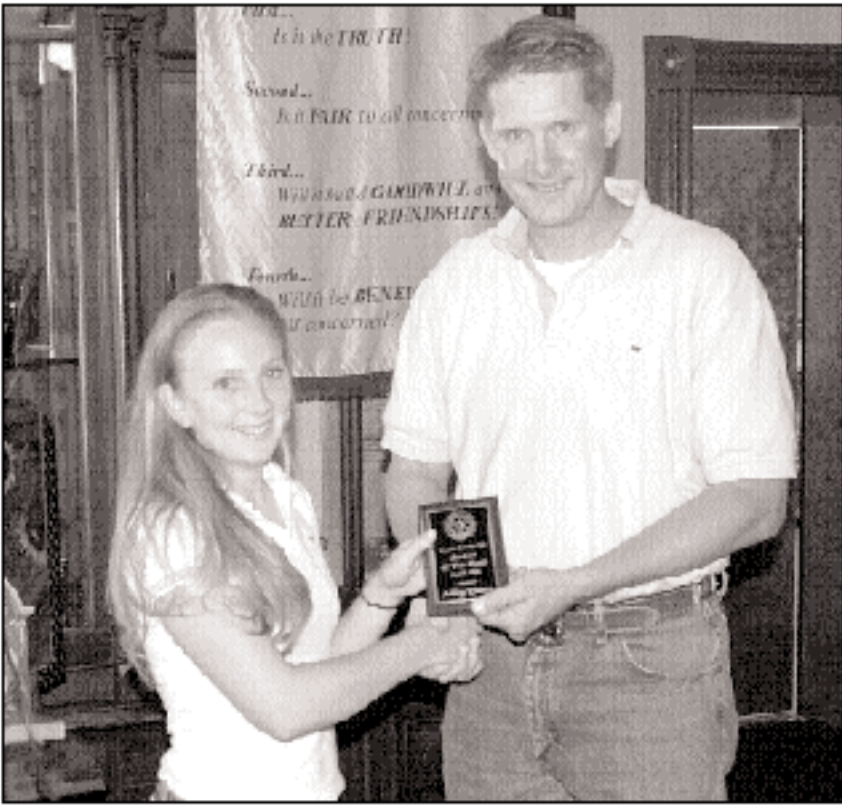
Winters made it to the final game by beating the visiting Willows Honkers on Tuesday, May 16, by a scored of 11-3 in the semi-finals. The Honkers scored one run in the first inning but then had eight unanswered runs against them by the Warriors before they would put two more runs on the board in the fifth. Thomson threw a

complete game for the Warriors giving up 3 runs and 4 hits.

The Warriors had one of their best batting performances of the season as they had 12 hits against the Honkers and nine RBI. Campos led the Warriors batting 4 for 5 with three RBI and a run scored. Thorne batted 2 for 4 with two RBI and two runs scored. John Avellar batted 1 for 3 with 2 runs scored and an RBI. Benson, Salas and Thomson each batted 1 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI, while Hedrick and Lucero both batted 1 for 4 with a run scored. Neil also scored a run for the Warriors.

ROTARY CLUB OF WINTERS *STUDENT OF THE MONTH*

Ashley Kraintz



Ashley Kraintz was nominated by Ag teacher Kent Benson as this month's Rotary Student of the Month. Mr. Benson could not say enough about Ashley's study habits and dedication to her school and community. "When she isn't studying, she's working with her FFA pig, umpiring a Little League game or playing softball." Mr. Benson went on to mention how Ashley had finished as high individual at recent FFA competitions at U.C.D. and Cosumnes J.C. He said, "Ashley uses her time efficiently." Ashley's mother, Leslie, was in attendance as a member of the Rotary Club of Winters.



Rotary Club of Winters
Meets every Thursday, 12:15 p.m.
Buckhorn Restaurant
2 Main Street, Winters

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Nuestras Noticias



Homenaje a los héroes

El Día de los Caídos brinda la oportunidad para agradecer a todos los hombres y mujeres que a lo largo de la historia han sacrificado sus vidas por este país. Se estima que más de un millón de personas han muerto desde los primeros disparos por la independencia hasta nuestros días. Y este año, como en los tres anteriores se conmemora el Memorial Day en las circunstancias difíciles de una guerra en curso, donde a diario nuestros jóvenes mueren en cumplimiento de un deber asumido.

Este día patrio se originó a partir de la sangrienta guerra civil que vivió Estados Unidos en el Siglo 19, que dejó 620,000 muertos, y que en 1971 se convirtió en el feriado nacional que conocemos hoy. Entre estas fechas se produjeron dos Guerras Mundiales, el conflicto de Corea, Vietnam y varias intervenciones militares. En todos estos casos, como ahora en Irak y Afganistán, las tropas demostraron la responsabilidad y el valor necesario para cumplir con la misión encomendada por líderes civiles. Su labor fue actuar y no cuestionar decisiones que, en algunos casos, pudieran parecer incomprensibles.

Hoy es imposible no mencionar a Irak y la extraña dificultad para honrar a sus muertos. Las imágenes de féretros cubiertos por la bandera y la decisión de pasar en TV la lista de los caídos en este conflicto son motivos de controversia y críticas. Esta guerra, a diferencia de guerras pasadas, esta fue iniciada por Washington bajo la nueva idea del conflicto preventivo. Los resultados muestran que nuestros soldados merecen más respeto, consideración y reflexión por parte de los líderes civiles.

La participación de los latinos es una importante pieza de nuestra historia heroica. Desde Jorge Ferragut, en la Guerra Revolucionaria, hasta hoy, los hispanos han mostrado con acciones su lealtad a esta tierra. El American GI Forum estima que soldados hispanos recibieron una mayor proporción de Medallas de Honor en la Segunda Guerra Mundial y Corea que cualquier otra minoría. En estos días ellos siguen cumpliendo su deber con dedicación y sacrificio en Irak. Más de 80 de los soldados muertos en este conflicto son latinos y varios de ellos inmigrantes. Estos últimos demostraron con el supremo sacrificio que el patriotismo es una cuestión de carácter, valor y compromiso no relacionados con documentos como la ciudadanía.

En esta fecha recordemos a los héroes que sacrificaron sus vidas en cumplimiento del deber, al mismo tiempo acompañemos con el pensamientos a sus familiares, que viven con la pérdida del ser querido.

Junta Comunitaria

Ante la necesidad de encontrar actividades para los jóvenes después de la escuela, se reunieron un grupo de personas para poder encontrar soluciones a este problema, y a mas problemas que nosotros como latinos enfrentamos a diario. La Iglesia de San Antonio, por medio del Ministerio de transformación comunitaria, han estado realizando reuniones para organizarse, y han estado invitando a sus reuniones cada mes, pero como siempre pasa, todo mundo quiere soluciones, pero nadie nos damos como voluntarios para buscar estas.

Siempre da tristeza ver la falta de apoyo de nosotros los Hispanos para cosas tan importantes como este proyecto. Pues el grupo ha llegado hasta la etapa de ahora poder comunicarse con los lideres de la ciudad, para poder exponerles los diferentes problemas que se han identificado. Pero para esto necesitamos asistir a la junta que se llevara a cabo el miércoles 31 de mayo, a las 7 de la noche, en el salón de la iglesia San Antonio.

Es tiempo de que la comunidad hispana exija sus derechos para sus fa-

milias, es tiempo de que los lideres de nuestra ciudad nos escuchen y sepan de nuestros problemas. En esta junta estarán presentes el Alcalde y el administrador de la ciudad. Pero necesitamos tu presencia, tu voz.

Aprovechemos esta ocasión para dirigir el futuro de nuestros hijos, he aquí algo de lo que buscamos: Oportunidades después de la escuela, para mantener a nuestros hijos en actividades recreativas, sociales, y académicas.

Mas viviendas para personas con bajos ingresos, necesitamos que toda la información que la ciudad hace llegar a los hogares, la pongan también en español, y por ultimo la formación de un comité con representantes de la comunidad hispana para mantener comunicación con los oficiales de la ciudad. Acompáñanos, trae tus ideas, tu opinión, tu voz, es muy importante tu presencia, y te pedimos que invites a mas personas. Necesitamos también aquí como en las marchas hacernos presentes en nuestra comunidad.

Una buena y una mala

Pese a la oleada de críticas que inicialmente generó por pretender conciliar posturas diametralmente opuestas, el plan del presidente George W. Bush para resolver el problema de la inmigración indocumentada tiene el mérito de haber sacado del estancamiento el debate en torno al tema, aunque no con resultados que son del todo deseables.

La aprobación por parte del Senado estadounidense de extender un muro triple a lo largo de la frontera con México y el respaldo a la enmienda de ofrecer una oportunidad para que se legalicen millones de indocumentados reflejan el deseo de complacer a todas las partes involucradas en el debate migratorio.

En lo que respecta a la construcción del muro, medida diseñada para darle gusto al sector más conservador, es obvio que se trata de una acción preocupante. Como bien lo han expresado ya los defensores de los indocumentados, tanto la valla como el envío de la Guardia Nacional a la frontera entre México y Estados Unidos sólo contribuirán a crear más tensión en esa zona, ya de por sí violenta, y difícilmente detendrán el paso de indocumentados.

El gobierno de México ya expresó incluso, a través del canciller Derbez, que está listo para acudir a la justicia estadounidense en caso de que la Guardia Nacional cometa abusos contra quienes deseen cruzar ilegalmente. La única nota discordante en México la dio el presidente Fox, quien dijo que el despliegue de la Guardia ayudará a contrarrestar el creciente problema del crimen organizado en el área. Las de-

claraciones del mandatario, como ya es costumbre, fueron duramente criticadas por la clase política y obligaron al Senado mexicano a exigirle que se retracte de ellas.

Por lo que toca al otro punto importante que ha respaldado el Senado, el de la llamada “legalización ganada”, resulta esperanzador que se reconozca que los indocumentados merecen la oportunidad de regularizar su estatus migratorio. Aunque el sector más conservador de los republicanos se opone a que este grupo obtenga la residencia legal, es obvio que por razones no sólo de justicia, sino de conveniencia para este mismo país, lo más recomendable es que quienes carecen de papeles dejen de estar en las sombras.

Es de presumirse que tanto las marchas como los boicoteos que tuvieron lugar durante el mes pasado, así como los pronunciamientos de la clase empresarial en favor de que lleguen nuevos inmigrantes a hacer los trabajos que aquí nadie quiere, han empezado a surtir efecto al poner en justa perspectiva el papel de los indocumentados.

El propio Bush, durante su discurso sobre inmigración, subrayó que debe reconocerse que “nuestros nuevos inmigrantes son lo que siempre han sido, gente dispuesta a arriesgar todo por el sueño de la libertad”. Y habría que agregar que, si Estados Unidos quiere ser, como siempre lo ha sido, una tierra de inmigrantes, debe tratarlos como lo que son, seres humanos que están dispuestos a dar lo mejor de sí mismos.

Grupo de apoyo en español

NAMI Yolo una dependencia de la Alianza Nacional del Enfermo Mental, auspicia nuevamente un Grupo de Apoyo en Español para aquellos que cuidan a un familiar o amigo afectado por trastornos mentales.

Todas las sesiones son conducidas por voluntarios entrenados por NAMI, quienes a su vez saben lo que es tener un familiar

con trastornos psiquitricos. El grupo se reunir el faltimo jueves de cada mes en el local de Yolo Family Resource Center # 409 Lincoln Ave.-Woodland de 6:30pm. a 8:00pm. Este 27 de Abril tendremos el grupo de apoyo.

Ud. no este solo; para mayor informacion llame a los coordinadores: Amparo Hernandez: 662-2274 y Marielena Vega 756-7001

Free irrigation evaluation service lab available

The Yolo County Resource Conservation District invites Yolo and Colusa county growers to request free irrigation system evaluations for the 2006 growing season.

Last year the Yolo-Colusa County Mobile Water Lab helped participating local growers identify means of improving irrigation efficiency by 15 percent (on average).

With a free analysis from the Mobile Water Lab, growers can save money, water, and electricity or fuel.

Additionally, RCD recommendations can aid growers' efforts to manage field runoff and water quality.

The Mobile Water Lab is currently taking appointments for the 2006 irrigation season. Anyone interested in a free evaluation can contact Clara Mamone at 530-662-2037 ext.120 or mamone@yolorcd.org. The number of evaluations per season is limited, so schedule an appointment for a free irrigation evaluation as soon as possible.

La frontera real

El debate migratorio se reduce a dos argumentos muy simples, pero incómodos de admitir públicamente: Estados Unidos ya no quiere que entren más mexicanos ilegalmente a su territorio y México quiere que se mantenga abierta la válvula de escape para aquellos que no encuentran oportunidades en su país. Son así de simples las posiciones de ambos países. Todos los otros argumentos, como “hay que controlar la frontera para que no crucen terroristas o narcotraficantes” o “se viola los derechos humanos de los migrantes” o “los indocumentados son una carga” o “la economía de Estados Unidos necesita el trabajo de los migrantes” o “los mexicanos quieren reconquistar el territorio perdido” y el más reciente que es “el militarizar la frontera es un indicio de que EU cree que México enfrenta una etapa de ingobernabilidad” todos estos y otros argumentos y señalamientos son parte del juego político usando humo y espejos para no ver la realidad: Estados Unidos está cercando su patio porque se cansó de que estuvieran pasando tantos mexicanos sin pedir permiso.

Lo que sorprende es que el equipo del presidente Vicente Fox no anticipó que esto sucedería. Aun antes del 9/11 había indicios de que eventualmente EU trataría de imponer orden en la frontera sur. En los noventas legisladores estadounidenses ya habían ordenado al ejecutivo que construyeran “vallas” en la frontera, que se enviarán elementos de la Guardia Nacional para apoyar a la Patrulla Fronteriza y a aduanas. (Si, la Guardia Nacional de EU lleva años proporcionando apoyo en la frontera).

Funcionarios de México y EU a través de los años desarrollaron procedimientos para reducir la posibilidad de enfrentamientos entre la Patrulla Fronteriza y el Ejército mexicano, y mecanismos de intercambio de información y de coordinación entre las corporaciones de seguridad pública y seguridad nacional. Los atentados del 9/11 fueron un catalizador para que la clase política estadounidense tuviera que aceptar que el status quo ya no podía continuar. Los funcionarios y políticos estadounidense que conocen la realidad fronteriza, también reconocen que cualquier esfuerzo de realmente “sellar” la frontera tiene un costo astronómico, difícil de justificar y todas las probabilidades de ser un fracaso político.

Y entre los pasos que se tomaron después del 9/11, en forma inmediata, fue controlar mejor los cruces fronterizos con tecnología y más personal. De un día para otro las colas y las horas que se requerían para cruzar aumentaron dramáticamente. ¡Que irónico que los mexicanos y otros extranjeros que tratan de internarse legalmente a los EU fueron los primeros en sufrir las consecuencias de la nueva política de endurecimiento de la frontera! Era de esperarse de que si EU estaba fortaleciendo los procedimientos para entrar legalmente a EU, con mas razón trataría los vecinos de detener aquellos que entran ilegalmente.

Lo difícil de entender es por qué el gobierno de México no supo cambiar su política y su discurso ante la realidad de que no sólo no habría un acuerdo migratorio entre ambos países, pero que sistemáticamente estarían cerrando la frontera. Y lo que es incomprensible es que el gobierno de México sigue hablando de la posibilidad de un “acuerdo” migratorio, cuando lo que va a suceder es que los congresistas estadounidenses aprobarán legislación (tal vez este año, tal vez el año que entra) que probablemente no se verá con buenos ojos en México.

Cuando se habla de “acuerdos”, eso implica que hubo una negociación y que el gobierno de México “aprobó” el resultado. Me pregunto ¿por qué el presidente Fox quiera ligar su legado histórico al cambio de la política migratoria y nueva legislación en EU en la cual su Administración tuvo poco o nada que ver?

Sin importar quién sea el siguiente presidente de México, éste tendrá que asumir que en su sexenio la frontera con Estados Unidos se cerrará. Y sus políticas públicas, de seguridad nacional y relaciones exteriores tendrán que reflejar esta realidad. Prometer un “acuerdo” o tratar de asegurar que la válvula de escape” de la frontera norte no se vaya a cerrar, es repetir el error histórico del presidente Fox que fue prometer un “acuerdo” que nunca podía realizarse.

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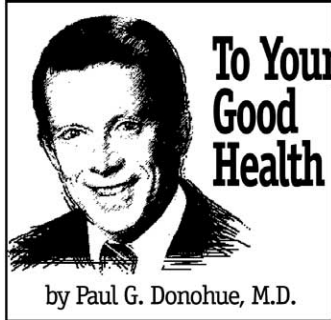
Heartburn treatment without medicine

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have had acid reflux for at least 15 years. My problem is that I have been on everything for it, but have severe reactions to all reflux medicines. Can anything be done for me? I am going crazy. — P.S. ANSWER: Acid reflux, GERD (gastroesophageal reflux) and heartburn are all the same. Since medicines are off-limits for you, let's take a stab at this without mentioning any.

Change the way you eat. Eat very slowly. Fast eating distends the stomach and encourages stomach acid to spurt into the esophagus to cause heartburn. Lose weight if you need to. Fat compresses the stomach and leads to reflux of stomach juices. Don't wear any constricting clothes or belts, for the same reason. Don't ever lie down immediately after eating. Eat smaller but more frequent meals. Stay away from peppermint, chocolate, fatty and fried foods, citrus drinks and other acidic food and drink, tomatoes, spicy foods, alcohol and caffeine. Don't smoke. Put 6-inch blocks under the posts at the head of your bed so gravity can keep stomach acid in the stomach during the night. Don't eat within three hours of going to sleep.

If these steps fail, consider procedures that tighten the muscle sphincter (SFINK-tur) that shuts off the bottom of the esophagus. Some of these procedures can be done with a scope passed through the mouth. One employs radiofrequency energy to produce painless burns in the area of the sphincter. The scars that form after the burn tighten the lower esophageal region and keep it closed to stomach acid. Another scope procedure involves placing sutures in the lower esophagus via the scope. The sutures provide a barrier to stomach acid.

Of course, there is surgery for reinforcing the esophagus's juncture with the stomach. It can be done either through a regular incision or with a laparoscope, which requires only a small cut in the



skin.

The booklet on hiatal hernia and heartburn provides details on this common problem. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 501W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have occasional heartburn, for which I use antacids. Is that OK? Do they cause any problems? — O.J.

ANSWER: Antacids are perfectly OK for heartburn control. They should be taken one hour and three hours after eating and then again at bedtime. If you find yourself having to use them daily, then you should see your doctor for medicines that suppress acid production. Furthermore, if you use antacids too frequently, they can cause a rebound increase in acid production. Some antacids cause diarrhea, while others are constipating. Read the label carefully. You might have to alternate between the two kinds.

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.rbma-mall.com.

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Pandemic flu— what's hype and what's real

BY BETTE HINTON, M.D.,
Yolo County Health Officer

There is a lot of information being shared these days about avian flu and pandemic flu. Are they the same thing? What is the difference? Do we need to be concerned? What do I need to do to prepare? What do I need to do to avoid becoming ill?

Avian flu and pandemic flu are different. Avian flu is currently a bird virus. Sometimes a bird flu virus, with the right environment can change to the point that it can be easily transmitted from person to person. The avian flu virus (H5N1) that is being discussed in the news now has not changed (mutated) to the point of being easily transmitted from person to person. Those persons who have been infected with this virus have almost exclusively gotten it through contact with sick birds/chickens.

Pandemic flu refers to a flu virus that can be easily transmitted from one person to another, and is widespread in numbers of people infected. This only happens with a virus that is new to the human population, and we therefore, have no immunity to it. What's real about flu pandemics is that they do happen on a regular basis. Periodically, we will have a flu virus that can cause more people to be sick. The flu pandemics in the late 1950s and 1960s had milder symptoms, but many people were sick. There is much concern among health officials today that the current avian flu, largely a bird problem, may mutate and become a pandemic.

Often the question is asked, if the avian flu does become a pandemic, do we really need to be concerned? An especially severe influenza pandemic could lead to high levels of illness, death, social disruption, and economic loss. Everyday life could be disrupted because so many people in so many places become seriously ill at the same time. Impacts can

range from school and business closings to the interruption of basic services such as public transportation and food production and distribution.

The best thing we can do today as individuals and as a community is to plan how we can handle the impact of a prolonged cycle of illness. Much of the planning is similar to planning for a disaster such as a flood. As individuals, we should have emergency supplies on hand that can sustain us for up to two weeks. These supplies should include food, water and necessary medications. Families need to have a 'Family Emergency Plan' and should discuss it with all members of a family and caregivers, so they know what to do in any emergency. For an extended illness, we need to know how to care for ourselves at home. Every influenza season overextends our health care system. A pandemic would require that most of us be self-reliant.

Personal hygiene is the best way to prevent or slow the spread of communicable disease. Following these steps always can drastically reduce the spread of disease:

~ Wash hands frequently with soap and water.

~ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

~ Put used tissues in a wastebasket.

~ Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.

~ Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing. Use soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

~ Stay at home if you are sick.

~ Keep three feet of distance between yourself and a sick person who is coughing. And of course, if you are coughing, stay three feet away from others.

As a community, we need to be involved in planning the cooperation that will be so vital to sustaining communities and neighborhoods

during an extended wave of an influenza pandemic. Does the business where you work have an emergency operations plan? What is the plan for your child's school? Does your faith organization have a plan for being involved in supporting the needs of the community? There are many resources available to help your family or organization begin to plan. Your local Red Cross agency can provide information on individual and family emergency planning. Information for organizations, businesses, schools, and others can be found at www.pandemicflu.org

Local government organizations are busy planning a response for the community if a pandemic should occur. Local health departments, Police departments, Fire departments, hospitals and clinics are planning together. Our initial plan in a potential pandemic is to attempt to keep it from spreading. However, as influenza is spread prior to appearance of illness, this attempt will likely not succeed for long. We will have emergency supplies and equipment for health facilities, plans for screening and treatment sites, plans for dispensing medications and vaccines, should they be available, and plans for continuing basic community services. We will not, however, be able to expect assistance from our regional, state and federal partners since a pandemic would affect them as well.

The basic message for all of us is that there is no human pandemic now and that the current avian flu may never become pandemic. But we need to be prepared, both at home and at work, for the eventuality of a pandemic and the best method of control is to practice prevention now so that it will be a habit when and if it occurs.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Home conditions still demand attention. Also, keep an open mind about a sudden question of trust involving a close friend. All the facts are not yet in.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) With summer just around the corner, travel begins to dominate your sign. Make plans carefully to avoid potential problems in the first half of June.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A romantic Libra sets a challenge that your "sensible" sidemight question, but your idealistic self finds the prospect too intriguing to resist. The choice is yours.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Those tense times in your personal life are just about over. Concentrate on reaffirming relationships. Your love of travel opens a surprising new opportunity.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat usually loves to be in the center of things. But this week it might be wiser to watch and learn from the sidelines. A Pisces wants to make you purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) "New" is your watchword this week. Be open to new ideas, both on the job and in your personal life. A romantic Aries or Sagittarian beckons.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some difficult family decisions have to be faced, but be sure to get more facts before you act. Be careful not to neglect your health during this trying time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You still need to support a loved one through a difficult time. Meanwhile, things continue to work out to your benefit in the workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects continue to favor expanding social opportunities. A Gemini reaches out to offer a chance for re-establishing a once-close relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There's a potential for misunderstanding in both your job and your personal life. A full explanation of your intentions helps smooth things over.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be feeling restless on the job, but delay making any major moves until all the facts are in. A Scorpio has a surprising revelation.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your business sense works to your advantage as you sort through the possibilities that are opening up. A Libra is Cupid's best bet for your romantic prospects.

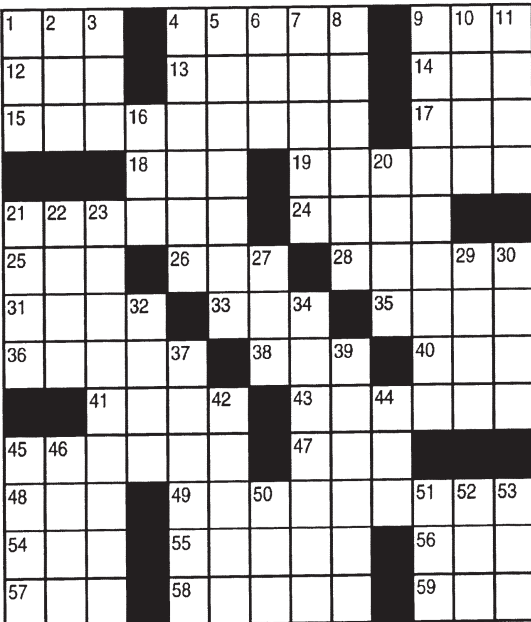
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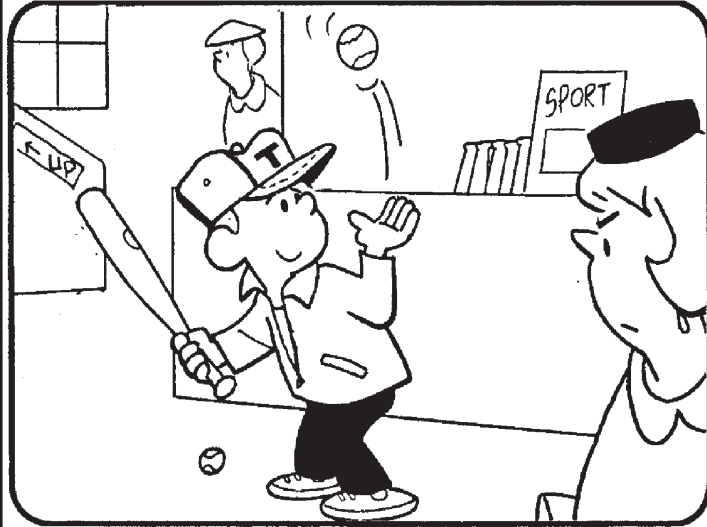
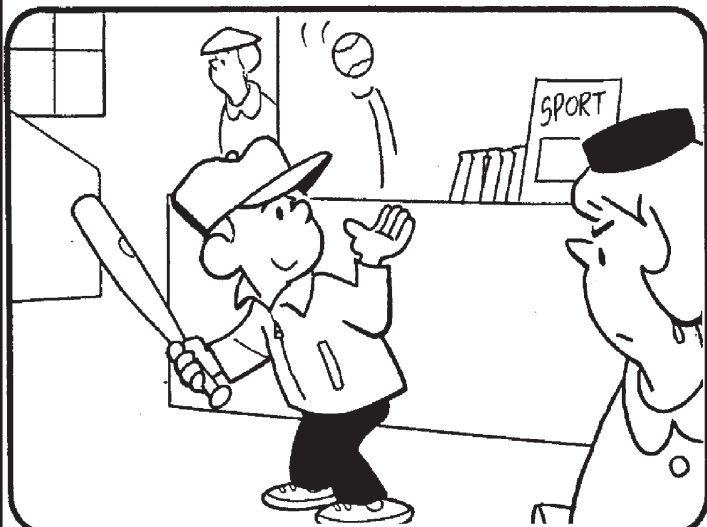


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Revising the Community Development Block Grant Program Income Re-Use Guidelines.

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 114. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

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March 22, 2006
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Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-446

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: El Rancho Canada de Capay
Business address, 15270 Co. Rd. 85, Capay, CA, 95607. Mailing address, 15224 Rd. 85, Capay, CA 95607
Paul L. Smith, 15224 Rd. 85, Capay, CA 95607
This business classification is: Individual
s/Paul L. Smith
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk
May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2006

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
March 22, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-514

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Aura Day Spa & Salon
Business address, 14 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694
Paulette Weill, 1014 Taft Ct., Winters, CA 95694

This business classification is: Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on 5/16/06.

s/Paulette Weill
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Fictitious Business Name

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April 11, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-404

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Yolo Land & Cattle Co.
dba: Beamer Street Storage
1572 E. Beamer St., Woodland, CA 95776
Henry H. Stone, 20650 Stone Lane, Woodland, CA 95695. Scott A. Stone, 37874 Co. Rd. 28, Woodland, CA 95695. Kenneth C. Stone, 215 Abbey St., Winters, CA 95694

This business classification is: A Limited Partnership
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on n/a

s/Scott A. Stone
Kenneth C. Stone
Henry H. Stone
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