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"Gateway to the Monticello Dam"

Monticello Bistro opens Saturday

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Today's fine restaurants proudly feature ingredients that are fresh, organic and local. That trend makes Winters a great place for Tony and Rhonda Gruska to open the community's newest restaurant, Monticello Bistro. The Gruskas are on a mission to emphasize locally raised wines, produce, meats and poultry in their new establishment, which will co-locate with Steady Eddy's Coffee House at 5 East Main Street.

The restaurant opens Saturday, Aug. 5, and will be open the following two Saturdays in August only. Starting in September, Monticello Bistro will be open on Fridays and Saturdays. There will be one complete dinner offered each night for a fixed price of \$45, with one sitting from 6-6:30 p.m. The menu changes each night.

The unusual concept has received enthusiastic response from friends and friends-of-friends, and Monticello Bistro is already booked for the month of August. Rhonda Gruska says she just re-



Photo by Charles Wallace

Enjoying some samples of Monticello Bistro fare at their July 20 private debut at 5 East Main Street are Edmund and Diane Lis, owners of Steady Eddy's Coffee House, and Rhonda and Tony Gruska, owners of Monticello Bistro, which opens inside Steady Eddy's on Saturday.

ceived a table reservation, from a person she doesn't know, for all the dates in September.

"It's agonizing to tell people that no table is available," she says.

The Gruskas have a successful catering business in Davis, but that tends to be daytime functions, breakfasts and luncheons. The spark for this project was the ad Diane and Ed-

mund Lis of Steady Eddy's placed in the papers looking for someone to join them in some kind of new project.

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Funding continues to flow for creek work

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The stars are as aligned as they ever will be funding renovation of Lower Putah Creek, according to Rich Marovich, Putah Creek streamkeeper. The grant won by the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) is one of a recent string of fund raising successes. Marovich sees a great opportunity for more of the same, and Winters' Putah

Creek Nature Park will be one of the big winners.

The \$452,000 grant from the Proposition 50 River Parkway Program will be used for the removal of the percolation dam (perc dam) east of the car bridge. This structure is a collapsed dam that used to hold channels for wood boards to create temporary water storage.

The dam was built to create a pool to recharge the aquifer at that part of the stream. The pool is

used as a swimming hole. The city of Winters considers the rough structure a safety hazard it will have to pay to remove eventually.

The alignment of stars for funding includes the strong political support of Assemblywoman Lois Wolk, a member of the State Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. Wolk is committed to winning funding for the Watershed Management Plan (WMA) that is the blue-

print for Marovich's work. She was the opening speaker at the June 28 WMA public meeting in Winters. State senator Mike Machado is the architect of Proposition 50 (the source of the grant funding) and he is a supporter of this project.

Another star is the creation of the LPCCC. The 2000 agreement that produced the LPCCC creates a historic alliance of di-

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Earthquake Street Festival has No Regret

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

If you miss this year's Earthquake Street Festival, you may regret missing No Regret, as they make their first festival appearance. The local rock-punk fusion band is bursting with talent, featuring lead vocalist Nathanael Lucero on rhythm guitar and keyboards, vocalist Jimmy Guerrero on lead guitar, Ron Lewis on bass guitar and Ivan Villa on drums.

In their very first public appearances, the annual Winters High School talent show, No Regret walked away with second place, receiving high marks for not only their act but for performing their own original material. They won first place a month or so later in a Hurricane Katrina Relief talent show, sponsored by WHS student Brittney Vigil and although they had first-

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Photo by Eric Lucero

No Regret will be the opening act at this year's Earthquake Street Festival, planned for Friday, Aug. 18, 5-11 p.m. The local band includes, from left, Ivan Villa, Jimmy Guerrero, Ron Lewis and Nathanael Lucero.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Corinne and Dan Martinez of Berryessa Gap Vineyards proudly display some of the awards the winery won this year.

Berryessa Gap harvesting honors

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Berryessa Gap Vineyards is harvesting more than grapes these days. In competition after competition, the little winery from Winters is reaping awards and titles. The row of gleaming ribbons on the wall in the Main Street tasting room gets longer and longer.

This year's accolades so far include:

~ San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition: silver, 2003 Syrah.

~ West Coast Wine Competition: Best in class (\$10-\$20 price range), 2003 Zinfandel; gold, 2003 Zinfandel and 2003 Petite Sirah; silver, 2003 Syrah.

~ Orange County Fair: gold, 2003 Petite Sirah, 2004 Malbec; silver, 2003 Malbec; bronze, 2003 and 2004 Syrah.

~ California State Fair: Best Red Wine in Region, Best in Class (by region) and gold, Zinfandel. Best in Class (by region) and silver, Tempranillo; Best in Class (by region) and bronze, Petite Sirah.

Dan Martinez, one of the Berryessa Gap Vine-

yards partners along with Santiago Moreno and winemaker Mike Anderson, expresses pride that their wines are not only holding their own but surpassing wines from large regions. The West Coast Wine Competition includes three states and three countries — California, Oregon, Washington, Australia and New Zealand — while the California State Fair competition includes 16 counties covering most of northern California and the central valley. He says the many awards the winery received this year are not only a "reflection of the hard work we did in selecting the varietals," but also a "validation that people who know about wine enjoy the wine as well."

"It's a validation, going against peers," he adds, a sentiment echoed by his sister, Corinne Martinez, who serves as the winery's sales and marketing director.

"It's a validation of what we're doing here, but it is also a validation

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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
July 26		108	69
July 27		106	63
July 28		102	64
July 29		98	63
July 30		92	59
July 31		95	69
Aug. 1		93	57

Rain for week: 0

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Weekly police report

July 16
~ On the 700 block of Main Street, suspect allegedly entered a residence and struck the victim. Investigation continues.

July 17
~ On Washington Street west of Jefferson Street, an unknown driver of a vehicle was traveling east-bound on Washington Street. The driver made an unsafe turning movement and struck three legally parked vehicles owned by Fermin Hernandez and Deanna Bell Cano of Winters and Shawn Conley of Woodland. The unknown driver fled the scene.

July 17-18
~ On the 1000 block of Adams Lane, a vehicle was taken without the owner's consent. The vehicle was recovered by the Woodland office of the California Highway Patrol.
~ On the 800 block of West Grant Avenue, a vehicle was vandalized.

July 19
~ At Cody Street and Dry Creek Lane, a vehicle was taken without the owner's consent. The vehicle was located on Putah Creek Road.

July 19-20
~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, a school was vandalized causing major damage. Investigation continues.

July 20-21
~ On the 1100 block of McArthur Avenue, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle and the ashtray was damaged. Loss: \$300.

July 21
~ On the 100 block of East Baker Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

July 22
~ Leah Asusena Guerrero, 19, of Winters was stopped in the westbound lane of East Grant Avenue. She was waiting for a vehicle in front of her to make a left hand turn onto East Street. Erich Lorne Toensmeyer, 18, of Vacaville was driving in the westbound lane of East Grant Avenue directly behind Guerrero. Toensmeyer saw Guerrero's vehicle stopped in front of him and applied his brakes. He was unable to stop in time and collided into the rear of Guerrero's vehicle.
~ Jerod Daniel Martinez, 28, of Winters was arrested for resisting arrest. Martinez was also arrested on two outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrants charging him with violation of probation on previous charge of inflicting corporal injury on a co-habitant and violation of probation on previous charges of possessing a controlled substance and unlawfully possessing ammunition. Martinez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo Coun-

ty Jail for incarceration.
~ Jeremy Ryan Lane, 19, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.
~ On the 500 block of Manzanita Way, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The residence was found secure.
~ On the 400 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

July 23
~ On Railroad Avenue north of Russell Street, an unknown driver of a vehicle was backing south-bound on Railroad Avenue. While backing, the vehicle struck a legally parked vehicle owned by Gary Talaugon of Winters and fled the scene.
~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a parent on a notice to appear.
~ On the 300 block of East Street, a suspect threw a rock through the window of a residence. The suspect took a vehicle without the owner's consent. The vehicle was recovered by the Sacramento Police Department. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.
~ Olga Ramirez, 40, of Winters was arrested for inflicting corporal injury on an ex-boyfriend. Ramirez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.
~ On the 700 block of Dutton Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

July 23-24
~ On the 700 block of Taylor Street, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$1,500.
~ On the 800 block of Jefferson Street, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$20.

July 24
~ On the 400 block of Village Circle, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The residence was found secure.
~ A found bicycle was turned over to the police.
~ Armando Lizarraga III, 18, of Winters was arrested for obstructing/resisting a police officer, battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and damaging a telephone line. Lizarraga was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

July 26
~ Kathleen Paula Quiroz, 43, of Winters was arrested for inflicting corporal injury on an ex-co-habitant. Quiroz was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo Coun-

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YESTERYEAR



File photo
In early June, 1954, this group of Apricot growers and packers met in Winters to discuss marketing for thr 1954 crop year. They are, left to right, front row: H.E. Mermod, A.E. Danzero, John I. Ramos, T. Horibe, W.G. Brinck, and Dave Arata, Jr.; back row, left to right, Elwin Martin, Harvey Hemenway, J.W. Gaddini, Carl Holmes, Joseph D. Griffin, Sebastian Lopez and Helm Pleasants.

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YEARS AGO

August 12, 1971

Paul P. Iribarne was employed by the Winters School District last Thursday night as principal of the Primary School. He will receive a salary of \$14,854. He presently is a principal in the Del Paso School District.
Debbie Snow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Snow, will represent the Winters Fire Department in the annual Yolo County Sugar Queen Contest to be held at the Yolo County Fair August 19.
The Federal Regional Council this week announced a grant of \$17,600 to Deganawidah-Quentzacoatl University east of Winters to help the school obtain support during its early years.
An eight-day bicycle race covering 685 miles will pass through Winters on Tuesday, August 31, according to Peter Rich, of Berkeley, the tour organizer. The race is from Bear Valley in Alpine County to Santa Rosa.
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Presiada of Winters are the parents of a daughter, born August 8, 1971 in the Davis Community Hospital.
Postmaster J.R., Chapman urged all patrons of the Winters Post Office that desire city delivery to turn their questionnaires in before August 16, 1971 as that is the last date they can be accepted.
Mr. and Mrs. Yolo Briggs, daughter Candy and son, Kim, attended a reunion of 30 members of the Briggs and Judy families held recently at the Vallejo Elks Club.
Henry MacArthur, Sacramento newspaper man and political columnist, a former Winters resident, greeted old friends on Tuesday when he was in town on business.

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YEARS AGO

August 23, 1956

The pouring of concrete on the first six miles of the Putah South Canal started Monday with the work being done by the contractors, A. Teichert and Sons, of Sacramento.
The Major Vista Development Company of Richmond, announced yesterday that work will start soon on the construction of 40 new homes in Major Vista. The homes will sell for \$11,950.
Joe Diaz, clerk of the board of trustees of the Wolfskill School District, announces that the fall term at Wolfskill will start on September 4, with a faculty consisting of George Keedy, principal; Mrs. W.A. Armstrong, lower grades and W. Lloyd Adams, music.
Olive School will open on September 4 for the fall term, with Mrs. Roy Hoskins and Mrs. Ralph Barber as teachers.
Mrs. Zella Kropf will again teach at Buckeye School, where classes for 1956-57 will start on September 4.
In a transaction recorded Tuesday, Elizabeth B. Ish sold about five acres of land to the Bureau of Reclamation for the Putah South Canal for a stated consideration of \$1,100.
Mrs. George Berry is behind the counter at the California Market again this week after a vacation trip to Wenatchee, Washington, where she visited at the home of her daughter and family, the Carl Branscums.
Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Girton and children of Oakland were weekend visitors at the Al Catermole home.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kidder and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kidder are enjoying a week's vacation on the Monterey peninsula.

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YEARS AGO

August 22, 1941

R.R. Lichty, new high school coach and Mrs. Lichty arrived Friday and are residing in the Mrs. Ernestine Hemenway cottage. Mrs. Hemenway moved to one of the E.E. Garner apartments on the Madison Road.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Johnson were hosts Saturday night in their home on East Main Street honoring Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ichtertz, who were observing their first wedding anniversary.
Victor Guthrie Jr. of Sebastopol was a visitor in town the first of the week.
Mrs. J.R. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. V.S. Johnston and Mrs. C.A. Elliott of San Anselmo have returned from a ten day outing at Tahoe resorts and the high Sierras.
Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Ireland, Eugene and Miss Rene Rossi returned Saturday from a ten-day vacation at Sweet Briar, Shasta County.
Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Clayton and children, Charles and Colleen, returned the last of the week from a trip to the Yosemite.
Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Baker returned during the weekend from a sojourn at Bartlett Springs.
Mayor C.P. Culton received report that local contributions to the aluminum drive totaled 355 pounds.
Mrs. J.F. Vasey and daughters Misses Betty and Patricia have returned from an extended vacation at Tahoe resorts.
Douglas Fenley and Mandred Chapman, Jr. who recently completed a 360 hour aircraft course are now employed at McClelland Field, Sacramento.

Berryessa drops by .562 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .62 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in temporary storage of 11,700 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District. The lake is more than 18 inches above the spillway.
Faulkner reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 435.45 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,515,501 acre feet of water.
The SID is diverting 535 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 34 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 350 acre feet of water per day during the week.

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YEARS AGO

August 24, 1906

Following is a list of teachers for the coming year as furnished by the county school superintendent: Apricot, Mrs. A.C. Gregory; Buckeye, Alma Sims; Union, Mrs. Maude Lamme; Winters, F.C. Hemenway, Gertrude R. Brokaw, Elsie Sullivan, Myrtle Cooper, Bertha Pearce.
Mrs. T.S. MacQuiddy and child returned to Watsonville Tuesday. Mrs. MacQuiddy's mother, Mrs. E.J. Engleheart, accompanied them.
Mrs. Wm. Brinck and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Brinck will return tomorrow from Shasta retreat, where they have been several weeks.
Hamp Geer came down from Monticello yesterday with 90 head of cattle which he drove to Davisville today. They are sold in Sacramento.
A.A. Graham returned Saturday from an interesting visit to his old home in England.
According to a political forecast made by the Guinda correspondent of the Democrat, R.L. Niemann will be the next justice of the peace in the Capay Valley town and M.H. Stitt will be constable.
Grandma Hodge reached her 70th year on the 23rd, and her neighbors gave her a birthday party.
On account of the non-completion of repairs to the high school, it has been decided to postpone the opening of the fall term one week that is until, Monday, Sept. 3.
S.M. Warder, who has served two terms as constable of Winters township, will ask the Democratic party to renominate him this fall.

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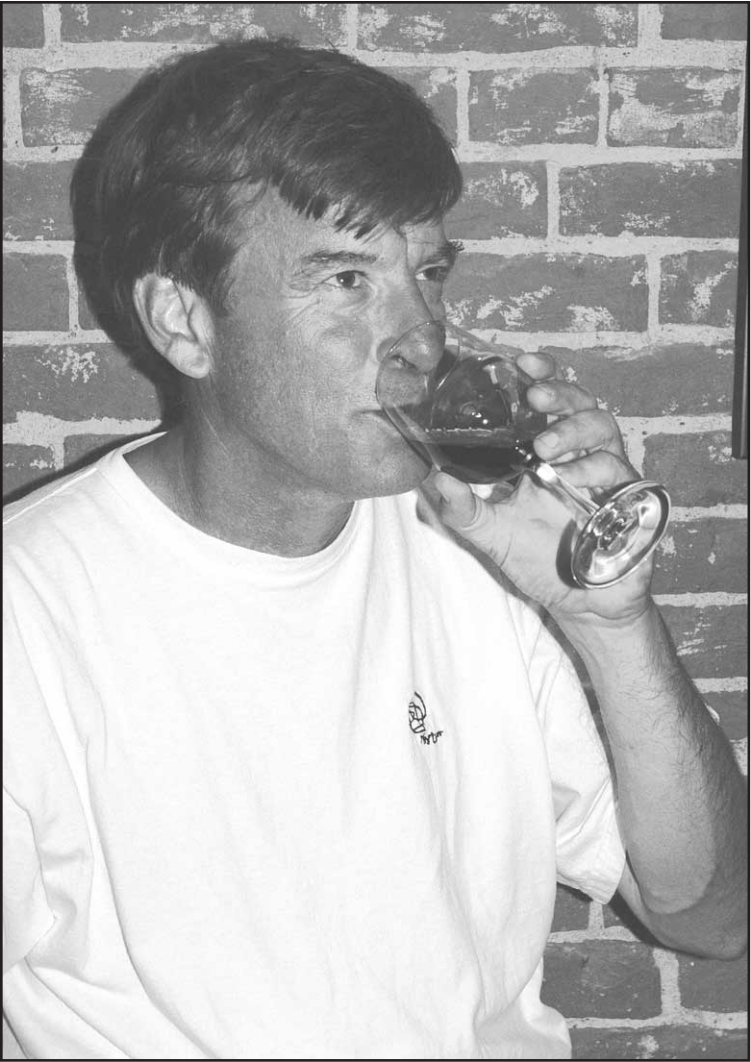


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Mike Anderson, winemaker for Berryessa Gap Vineyards, samples some of his work at the Main Street tasting room.

BERRYESSA

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of this area as an area that can make wine and stand up to other areas in other parts of the state,” says Corinne, who says she’d like to see more wineries come into western Yolo County because this attracts more customers and business overall for wineries in the area.

All agree that keeping a focus on the Winters and western Yolo County region and working with the grapes it produces best is one of the keys to Berryessa Gap’s success. The partners select and

grow grapes that thrive in the local ground and climate, rather than attempt to produce wine made from grapes that struggle in this area, such as Chardonnay or Pinot Noir. Berryessa Gap Vineyards has come a long way from its start in Anderson’s garage, where they first made wine. Martinez and Anderson met after Martinez’ father and Anderson’s uncle started a grapevine nursery in 1969. Along with Moreno, they decided to give winemaking a try and experimented with grapes that grow well in this area. The wines they finally bottled

were “what we thought were the best representation of our area,” says Martinez.

Martinez and Moreno got busy planting those grapes that produced the varietals they liked best in 1996 and with Anderson’s winemaking skills, took the next step in 2002 by renting the cellar of what was then the Winters Winery to ferment the wine. They were so pleased with the results that they wanted to do the same thing the following year and discovered that the winery owner wanted to sell the building and the business. The partners didn’t fail to answer the door when opportunity knocked, and after a complete renovation, the tasting room was ready to open its doors in 2004.

The response to the Berryessa Gap Vineyards tasting room and its offerings was wildly enthusiastic. They opened their doors in September 2004 and sold out of all of their 2002 wine by January. The partners were more than pleased with the reaction, says Martinez.

“The first year, we met as high expectations as anyone could imagine,” says Martinez.

Although, they increased production for their 2003 and 2004 varietals, the 2003 vintage is almost sold out. However, now that Berryessa Gap is expanding into the Tufts Ranch packing shed on Highway 128, there will be more room both for storage and tasting, which means more wine.

“Onward and upward,” says Anderson of the winery’s future, following its progress so far. He notes that initially, Berryessa Gap opened its doors with 250 cases of wine. By 2005, they produced 3,000 cases.

“That’s a big change,” he says, crediting their suc-

cess to “blind optimism.”

Anderson is encouraged by the support and success the winery has enjoyed since it opened.

“The response we’ve had is phenomenal for the region we’re in.”

He says it isn’t just the customers and judges who like Berryessa Gap wine. He likes it too.

“I’m going to make a wine that I like. That’s the goal.”

That was easy when he was making wine in his garage, but now that he’s in business, he has more to consider.

“One of the biggest differences between going commercial versus doing it at home is that we only had to make ourselves happy before. Now we have to please others,” says Anderson, who has been “in the wine business all my life in some way or another” and is also an associate professor of viticulture at UC Davis.

He notes that winemaking requires both skill and patience.

“We pay a lot of attention to what we do, from growing grapes to making wine. I don’t think making wine is all that complicated, but it’s easy to screw it up.”

Anderson says he employs a “hands-off approach to making wine,” and uses “traditional methods with a scientific approach.”

“I try to make wine that I don’t get in the way of. I protect it. I try not to pollute it. It just needs our help to end up in the bottle.”

Innovation was also a factor in making their wine, and the partners chose to use screw-caps rather than corks to seal their bottles, which might raise the eyebrows of some wine high-brows.

If Villa is stationed farther away, he says he’ll stick with music and play with the Air Force band. The other three are also committed to stick with music, even if college and careers pull them in other directions after high school. But who knows, the CD might take off, and Winters residents can say, “We knew them when.”

No Regret makes its Earthquake Street Festival debut at 5 p.m. sharp on Friday, Aug. 18, having the honor of kicking off the festival and setting the mood for a fun-filled evening that includes the Halau Hula O Lei dancers, the Katie Jane band and the Aneesh bellydancers. Downtown Main Street will be lined with food booths and children’s activities, and a street dance featuring the Time Bandits starts at 7 p.m.

For more information about the festival, call the Winters Chamber of Commerce, 795-2329.

ple will like. That’s our validation.”

A product they like and one others like as well.

“We’ve been able to accomplish both, and that’s good,” says Martinez.

In addition to the new tasting room, Berryessa Gap Vineyards also introduced a new wine this year, a dry rose called Sunset made from primitivo grapes. Another project in the works is the introduction of a second label, that will be premium versions of the same varietals offered now. A release party is being planned for September, with the date to be announced.

Everyone is welcome to come visit the tasting room, located at 15 Main Street, on Fridays and Saturdays, 4-8 p.m. There is no charge for tasting, and full glasses may be purchased as well as single bottles and cases. The tasting room also features gift-wrapped wine baskets and gifts, perfect for a variety of occasions.

For more information about Berryessa Gap Vineyards, visit their website, www.berryessagap.com, or call 795-3201.

FESTIVAL

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place talent in the Youth Day talent show, they were disqualified for an award because Lucero, a star player on the varsity baseball team, was significantly delayed for the show due to an out of town baseball game.

No Regret performs mostly original material, which is generated from a group process. They write the music first and when they have a tune they like, they discuss the feel of the music.

“We get an idea and then Nathanael writes the lyrics,” explains Lewis, who says “music is a good way to express yourself.” Guerrero also enjoys the creative process, particularly writing down his thoughts and inspirations and putting them to music. What inspires him?

“Life,” says Guerrero, who took guitar lessons from Zach Glick-Landes of Renegade Shoe Policy fame, as did Lewis. Guerrero additionally took piano lessons from Theresa Foster. Lucero and Villa, however, each taught themselves to play. Lucero

has been playing music for three years, while Villa has been at the drums for nine years. Villa was introduced to the snare drum while playing in the Winters Middle School band in sixth grade, and says he is inspired by world-class drummer Dave Weckle.

Although Lewis, Guerrero and Villa played music together for quite some time, No Regret didn’t come to be until Lucero joined the band last summer. The four practiced faithfully for months before taking the community stage last spring. Since the three talent shows last spring, No Regret has focused more on practicing and polishing their music rather than performing, in anticipation of appearing at the Earthquake Street Festival and also to have material ready to record a CD.

Lewis says playing for a larger segment of his community will be a great next step for the band.

“It’s a new experience to play in front of this many people,” says Lewis.

Lucero is looking forward to performing at the festival because he enjoys being in front of a crowd.

“It’s like a rush,” says Lucero.

Guerrero agrees.

“It’s the best feeling in the world when the crowd cheers and we are rocking out on stage,” he adds.

Villa says he’s played before a large crowd before while participating in the FFA State band, so he isn’t too worried about what it feels like to have many eyes staring at him.

With all this enthusiasm and talent, where will No Regret go from here? That’s difficult to say. Although all four are only 17 years old, Villa graduated from Winters High School this year and intends to go into the US Air Force in a few months. He’s hoping to be based at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield or Beale Air Force Base in the Sacramento area, so he can still play with the band. The notion of losing Villa makes the others a little nervous, so they’re hoping it all works out.

“Drummers are scarce in Winters,” says Lewis.

POLICE

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lice Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Sergio Mejia-Tavera, 32, of Woodland was issued a notice to appear for failing to stop at a stop sign and being an unlicensed driver.

~ On the 1000 block of Kennedy Drive, suspect allegedly threatened to

burn victim's home, entered the residence and took property. The property was recovered. Investigation continues.

~ Deborah Corinne Newcomb, 53, of Winters was driving westbound on East Grant Avenue approaching the intersection with Railroad Avenue. Newcomb was traveling behind a vehicle driven by Dawn Yvonne Brownwood, 40, of Winters. Brownwood entered the left turn lane of west-

bound East Grant Avenue and came to a stop. Newcomb became distracted and allowed the front license plate frame of her vehicle to collide with the rear bumper of Brownwood's vehicle.

July 27

~ Frances Elaine Oremus, 47, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging her with violation of probation on previ-

ous charge of possessing a controlled substance. Oremus was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

July 29

~ Russell Lynn Dommer, 46, of Winters was arrested for attempted murder, making threats with the intent to terrorize and damaging a telephone line. Dommer was booked at the Winters Police De-

partment and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ A 15-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent, being an unlicensed driver, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and theft. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Juvenile Hall for incarceration.

July 30

~ Roberto Molina Cabrera, 18, of Suisun City was arrested for being an unlicensed driver and failing to stop at a stop sign.

~ Samuel Iniguez, 20, of Dixon was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

July 31

~ Alejandro Zamora, 32, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

‘Breast Cancer Basics’ topic for support group

“Breast Cancer Basics and Treatment Updates” will be the subject of Scott Christensen, M.D., Associate Professor Hematology and Oncology at the UC Davis Cancer Center. He will speak at the Y-ME Open Door meeting Monday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m. at the University Covenant Church, 315 Mace Boulevard, the corner of Mace and Alhambra Boule-

wards, Davis (just north of Interstate 80). There will be a time for questions and answers. The program is free and open to the public. Call Y-ME Northern California Affiliate for information or directions, 753-3940 or toll free at (866) 616-4882. A map of the location is on the Y-ME web site: <http://www.y-me.org/north->

[erncalifornia](http://www.y-me.org/north-california). Y-ME Educational Open Door Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the University Covenant Church. Each month these meetings provide information on some aspect of breast cancer or women’s health. Breast cancer does not discriminate. The meetings are not limited to

breast cancer survivors, but are open and free of charge to anyone who is interested in learning more about women’s health issues. For more information contact Y-ME at 753-3940 or visit the Y-ME Northern California Affiliate web site at: <http://www.y-me.org/northerncalifornia>.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO
**BECAUSE
I SAY SO**

FOLLOWING LAST WEEK'S brief diversion into Armageddon, we return now to participatory decision-making. Specifically, my PA vs. CA dilemma. It's not that I'm not interested in the beginning of the end of the world anymore, it's just that the discussion seems so futile. Why waste the ink. Why bother. Why not just sit in the yard and have a glass of wine with the bunny. Y'know?

Here's how the dominoes fall in my mind: We're poised at the edge of oblivion, be it from global warfare or the exponential destruction of the environment, and because our votes can clearly be altered electronically and are therefore meaningless (and nobody seems to care!), there's no hope of changing anything, short of revolution. Not being too handy with a musket, I'll just Scarlett O'Hara all that stuff. I'll rant about it tomorrow.

Why get all wrapped around the axle about the world's woes? What good does it do? Is anyone even out there? (Taps the mic. Hears only crickets.)

Why waste all this perfectly good angst on issues that are out of my control. Did anyone listen to me about Dubya? Or Diebold? Why would death and destruction be any different? Like shouting into the wind. Besides, it's too hot for angst. Not as hot as global thermonuclear war will be or a planet burning with fever from the mass, wanton destruction of its habitat and atmosphere, but pretty uncomfortable nonetheless.

Why go down that rabbit hole of despair, Alice? Let's just take a break from the sad state of world affairs and revisit my relatively picayune little "here or there" issue: Move or stay? PA or CA? Tick or Tock?

Even more interesting than the actual topic was the response to it. So many folks sent detailed, thoughtful emails outlining the pros and cons of both choices. People even call me on the phone and stop me on the sidewalk or at lunch with their feedback. Apparently this issue has provided some welcome summer diversion, like watching reality TV, only in print: What will she do? Think I'll tune in next week and find out! And cast my vote! (Raspberries to all of you who voted me off the island.)

Someone told me that people were discussing the invitation to participate in the decision over at Steady Eddy's recently, calling it a "reverse Ann Landers." I'm actually a bit flabbergasted that this many people are that interested, because as anyone who knows me personally can attest, I'm really not that interesting.

Be that as it may...

The short answer to all the feedback is that California is walloping Pennsylvania by about 5-1, and sucky East Coast weather and escalating CA real estate prices lead the rationale. This is good information. It confirms my concerns. Several folks offered this solid advice: whatever you do, do not sell your house. It's the old "one way door" problem. Leave California and you leave forever. Joan from Fairfield also pointed out that college freshman may need Mom to stick close by that first year away from home. A concern indeed, Joan.

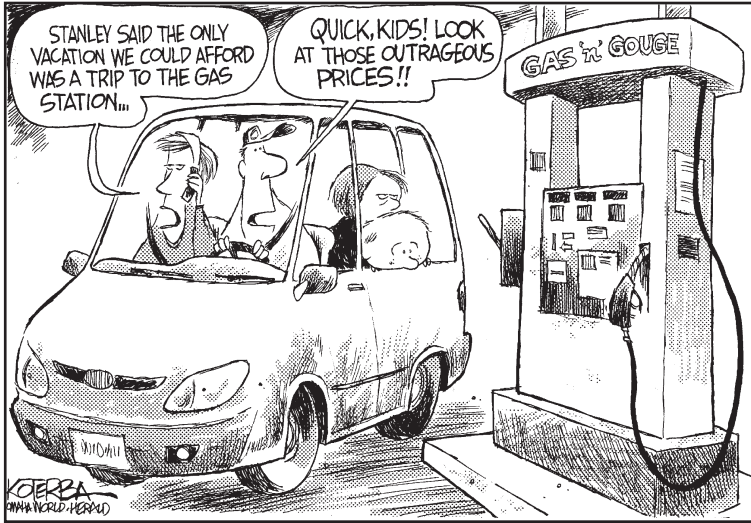
Sally from Fairfield warned me that PA is thick with Italians: "There's that whole Soprano thing going on there." Umm, Sally. Babe. Check the last name again. Probably not an issue for me, but thanks for the heads-up!

Although the pro-PA votes lag behind, they offer some tantalizing perspectives. While the "stay" people are practical, the "go" people are hopeless romantics. Said Janet from AOL-land, "Who always trumps *where!*" And Joyce, a successful California-to-Ohio transplant (and she did it all for love!), insists that one can learn to like wearing Uggs. Jean from Davis had the quote of the day: "There is no bad weather, only bad clothing." Or, in the case of sweltering muggy PA thunderstorms, *any* clothing.

Then there was Lisa from PacBell-ville, who has lived all over the country and sunnily points out that every area has its ups and downs, that there's still time for adventure, and taking risks makes you grow. And she adds, "I think that it is very important to be able to live with the one you love; it is so much more pleasant being happy, together with your partner, wherever you are."

I agree, Lisa! I just haven't decided where "wherever" is yet!

And, just to clarify, yes, Joe may just as likely move here. And if I go, no, I won't stop writing my column. I'm only as far away as the "send" button. So, given that, now what do you think?



LETTERS

There's an ache in our hearts

Dear Editor,

There is a hole in our part of the world, and an ache in so many of our hearts.

I've tried to remember when I first met Gloria, but I cannot. It seems like I've always known her, and I never even considered that she might someday be gone.

All those times we laughed about her charging me full price for a haircut, when I only have about 1/3 the hair I once had. I used to threaten to start shaving my head, and doing it myself, and "robbing" her of the business. She would look at me, run her hands down the back of my neck, and tell me I probably should lose some weight first.

If I had a dollar for every time she laughed at me

and said "You are so bad!", I could probably cover the gap in the funding for the new library.

We used to sometimes ponder the existence of an afterlife. She was certain, but I am perhaps the most doubting of all Thomases. We would laugh, and I would tell her that she would get to say "I told you so!" if she was right. Oddly, we never talked about where exactly I was going to end up. Hmmm...

It has been said so many times that "Wind Beneath My Wings" was one of her favorite songs. I hope she knows how much of a hero she was to so many of us, how much her friendship meant- and how much we loved her.

**TOM MCMASTERS-
STONE**

Owner of laptop needs it back

Dear Editor,

On Monday July 24, in the early morning hours, a local Winters resident was the victim of a theft from the owner's vehicle in the Major Vista section of Winters.

Stolen was the resident's HP Pavilion DV8000 laptop and carrying case. The laptop has a Grey lid with a silver "HP" logo in the center, and black chassis. The bag is black, and also with a silver "HP" logo on the front. Inside were not only some important documents, but tools and other instruments that are spe-

cific to the resident's area of expertise.

It's important that the property is returned, as it is an important asset currently being used in the owner's start up business. If anyone has seen any suspicious activity late last Sunday or early Monday morning the 24th; or have unsuspectingly purchased a laptop and bag from someone in town that matches the description, please contact the Winters Police Department at 795-2261.

NAME WITHELD

Bush's opposition to embryonic stem cell research is anti-life

By **DAVID HOLCHBERG**
and **ALEX EPSTEIN**
Special to the Express

It is widely known that embryonic stem cell research has the potential to revolutionize medicine and save millions of lives. Yet President Bush has just vetoed a bill that would have removed most restrictions on federal funding of this research. Why is the President, along with so many others, opposing embryonic stem cell research—and doing so under the banner of being "pro-life"?

The opponents of embryonic stem cell research claim that their position is rooted in "respect for human life." They say that the embryos destroyed in the process of extracting stem cells are human beings with a right to life.

But embryos used in embryonic stem cell research are manifestly not human beings—not in any rational sense of the term. These embryos are smaller than a grain of sand, and consist of at most a few hundred undifferentiated cells. They have no body or body parts. They do not see, hear, feel, or think. While they have the potential to become human beings—if implanted in a woman's uterus and brought to term—they are nowhere near actual human beings.

What, then, is the "pro-lifers'" reason for regard-

ing these collections of cells as sacred and attributing rights to them? Religious dogma.

The "pro-lifers" accept on faith the belief that rights are a divine creation: a gift from an unknowable supernatural being bestowed on embryos at conception (which many extend to embryos "conceived" in a beaker). The most prominent example of this view is the official doctrine of the Catholic Church, which declares to its followers that an embryo "is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception; and therefore from that same moment his rights as a person must be recognized."

But rights are not some supernatural construct, mystically granted by the will of "God." They are this-worldly principles of proper political interaction rooted in man's rational nature. Rights recognize the fact that men can only live successfully and happily among one another if they are free from the initiation of force against them. Rights exist to protect and further human life. Rights enable individual men to think, act, produce and trade, live and love in freedom. The principle of rights is utterly inapplicable to tiny, pre-human clusters of cells that are incapable of such actions.



CHARLES R. WALLACE
**A QUICK
OPINION**

WHAT'S A TOWN WITHOUT PEARS? If you think Youth Day is a small town favorite, you should attend the Courtland Pear Festival. Courtland is just on the other side of the Sacramento River from Clarksburg. When I was in high school we played both schools until my senior year when Courtland and Clarksburg combined their high schools and became Delta High School. Courtland is still a small town.

The parade was scheduled to start at noon on Sunday and the people were lining the streets next to the school grounds. I got a little choked up when their Gloria sang the Star Spangled Banner to get the parade moving. Every town must have a designated singer. There were booths selling everything from pear bread to pear relish. The beer was cold and the selection of local wines was extensive.

The parade lasted about 10 minutes and it was pretty hokey. I didn't see a band, but the Delta High School cheer leaders were front and center, a couple of horses, a float or two and the parade was over. Everyone was smiling and most people seemed to know each other. I'm sure there were other tourist because Courtland isn't that big.

Cecil organized the ride to the Pear Festival and a dozen bikes left Winters driving along levy roads finally turning into the only open street in Courtland. The people in Courtland don't leave anything up to chance. The street dead ends into the school athletic fields that were converted into a parking lot. \$10 per vehicle. They don't care if you spend money at the fair or not, they take a cut up front. Something we should think about on the 4th of July. Just charge \$5 per vehicle at the bridges and overpass.

The local sausage was great and people around me looked happy eating corndogs and pears. We left to have lunch at Al the Wop's. Sherri gave me a funny look as I mentioned that I was looking forward to having a steak and peanut butter. I said this as I finished off the last inch of the 12-inch sausage/sauerkraut sandwich.

Driving along Delta levies is always a great ride. The air is cool and the scenery is beautiful. They are still growing pears along with row crops. The towns are still farm based, but are turning more and more to tourists to make a living. The Courtland Clarksburg area is just far enough away from Sacramento to save it from development, although there is talk of building hundreds of homes in Isleton.

Several towns along the river are having problems keeping their downtowns alive. There are plenty of empty buildings on their main streets but the homes seem well kept and cute. Reminded me of Winters 15 years ago. I'm sure there are people having coffee, sitting around trying to figure out what to do about attracting merchants and people to their downtowns. Across the room there will be a group of people trying to keep the town just the way it is.

Take a road trip and have a great week.

More than two commonwealths

Dear Editor,

Maggie Burns needs to spend some of her "Midnight Oil" studying our U.S. History. There are four commonwealth states, not two. They are

Pee-A, Vee-A, Kentucky and M—achussetts.*

The A, ESS, ESS was left out because he's in Washington, D.C., if he's not drunk in his car in a ditch.

TED ARMSTRONG

THANKS . . .

The family of Tony Borchard wishes to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Winters Fire Department for their quick response and the help they were able to give to Tony and to myself and to my children. We would also like to thank all of our family and friends for their

prayers, flowers, cards and food, and all their kindness in a time of deep sorrow. Tony will be deeply missed by all.

Thank you,

**ARLEEN BORCHARD and
CHILDREN, LOUISE,
PETER and JOE**

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vergent partners, including communities, landowners, water districts and UC Davis. This unified front of varied interests and the funding provided in the 2000 agreement is producing demonstrable results that make greater funding even more likely, according to Marovich.

The WMAP is the settlement of a 10-year lawsuit brought by the groups in the LPCCC. The goal of the lawsuit was to force the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) to allow enough water to flow in Putah Creek to make it a perennial stream and to provide water for human use and restoration of wildlife and fish habitats, according to Marovich.

After the construction of Monticello Dam in 1957, the bulk of water from the dam was diverted into the Putah South Canal by the SCWA for sale to various interests. During the seven-year drought period in the 1980s the water not being diverted dwindled to nothing, causing fish kills and destruction of the creek wildlife habitat in the area below the diversion dam, according to the detailed WMAP publication that Marovich helped create.

The 2000 agreement created the LPCCC and funded the project with a permanent \$160,000 annual budget, which includes funding for Marovich's position as streamkeeper.

The project needs more funding. Marovich has proved himself proficient at getting abundant grant funding for his restoration projects. Winters Mayor Woody Fridae described Marovich at a recent meeting as "quite a rainmaker" for his ability to get funding.

"We need to think big," says Marovich. "The potential right now is excellent, but the humbling size of the challenge requires a grander vision. We have a winning hand and we need to agree to play it. Opportunities like this have never existed before.

"We have this one chance to get in on the ground floor. The removal of the percolation (perc) dam is an example of a marquis project. Smaller ideas do not capture the imagination and often fail to win funding for that reason."

Water action against the perc dam causes the shape of the channel to be unnaturally wide and flat. Marovich envisions a narrow channel with wide flood plain benches on either side. This more natural form increases access to the creek and reduces the stream water temperature, which promotes native fish like trout and salmon.

"Once we do a good job using this funding for a significant project like the

removal of the perc dam, the next round is easier," says Marovich. "The grants for the River Parkways Program are often in the \$800,000 range, and we received \$452,000 for this project. We look forward to larger grants from this program in the future.

"The documentation required for these grants is extraordinary. Figuring out what they are looking for can take half of the 60 days allotted. You basically have 30 days to get through this monumental process. There is a huge amount of paperwork and a high level of detail is required. City staff and the city council worked hard on this project."

Private owners own 78 percent of the Lower Putah creek corridor, and much of the work Marovich has done up till now is on private lands. About half of the private landowners have agreed to work with him, and he has adopted a policy of "do good where you can."

Many of Marovich's achievements are viewable as images in the WMAP publication, but can't be easily visited because they are on private land. Some land owners are sensitive to damage caused by trespassers along the creek and will not allow access.

Marovich looked forward to work in Winters because the city is supportive of the project and has committed 38 acres to its share of Putah Creek, which it calls Winters Putah Creek Nature Park. Marovich wants it to be opportunity for the public to see what can be done.

For this reason, Marovich is frustrated by objections from neighbors near the worksite and is concerned that this remarkable opportunity for grant funding will be damaged.

Community complaints can stop the funding in its track," he says. "Winters should be the public face of our work on Putah Creek," says Marovich.

"Compared to working with private landowners, doing the work on public lands requires a lot more understanding of the public process. My back-ground is in horticulture!" Marovich, who speaks slowly, softly and articulately, is surprised by negative comments that were made by some of the Creekside neighborhood residents, some of whom are environmentalists.

"When you put in a new kitchen, it's not pretty at first," says Marovich.

In retrospect, Marovich feels he should have done a complete renovation of the Solano (south) side of Putah Creek in the Winters area. He notes the residents do not pay as close attention to that area and it could have worked as a great demonstration of what can be achieved.

"By starting with an access road on the Winters side of the creek, we

caught neighbors that did not understand the project by surprise.

"Many people have attempted this work in the past, but the scale of their work wasn't big enough. The work done by the California Conservation Corps (CCC) convict crews was quite impressive - we actually didn't think they could do what they did. But the scope of work still wasn't sufficient and the blackberries grew back.

"The road we cut is wide because we needed an excavator to remove eucalyptus trees and to build the rock weir. That road will disappear in a year or two, hopefully covered by wild rose. The cut will help to create the bench shape that is preferable to the wide channel that exists there and is a consequence of human intervention. The improved access will allow us to continue the weed spraying operation."

The WMAP document has dramatic images of private land areas that Marovich has completed and the native plantings are surviving well, but the areas have been totally redone. That includes removing trash, cutting and spraying to kill invasives (and natives if they block removal of invasives), removing eucalyptus, planting and grading the stream banks.

There is public access to view his work behind Yolo Housing. The area served as an informal dump for many years and Marovich had to remove 20 tons of garbage. Removing the eucalyptus opened up sunlight for the growth of newly planted natives. A weir -- a dam made of boulders with an opening in the center -- directs stream flow to the center to promote flat beaches along the sides of the stream.

Marovich's implementation of the WMAP is a work in progress. The WMAP is designed to change in response to things learned on the ground. The rock weirs are cutting edge ideas for erosion control, as are the rock vanes he has installed near Pleasants Creek.

The work on Pleasants Creek was given priority because erosion was causing parts of Putah Creek Road to collapse. The erosion was caused in part by a leading invasive plant, arundo. Arundo grows spectacularly fast and in the Pleasants Creek area the arundo bushes grew to the center of the channel, pushing the flow against the banks near the road, a textbook case of invasive plants causing erosion damage.

Marovich's crew removed the arundo and graded the channel to restore the flow towards the center of the channel. He created rock vanes, which are partial dams made from boulders that angle out in to the stream. They strategically reduce the



Photo by Charles Wallace

Streamkeeper Rich Marovich addresses the crowd at a recent community meeting, discussing changes taking place along Putah Creek.

speed of the water and direct it to maintain the channel direction.

"It's all about velocity," says Marovich. "A lot of the problems in the creek tributaries are caused by the construction of Monticello Dam. Before the dam more water flowed in the creek and the increased water depth in the main stream retarded the flow in the tributaries. Newt Wallace says the parts of Dry Creek that are now deeply cut channels used to be grassy swales.

"In four years out of five, the faster flow in the tributaries (caused by the low flows in the main channel) is incising and eroding the tributary channels deeper at a fast rate. As an exception, in high rain years, like this, the process does not happen, because water flows over the overflow drain (the Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam and the pattern is more like the pre-dam period."

The arundo growth is an example of learning from past mistakes. It is sometimes called "false bamboo," and it is not here by accident, but was brought in specifically for erosion control, according to the WMAP document. It was recommended by the Soil Conservation Service in the 1960's and was prized for its fast-growing properties, which is now causing tremendous damage. Four foot high stalks of arundo can be seen in the new road cut along the Winters creek side.

"It is human nature to just deal with the worst problems and not realize how it is all interconnected," says Marovich. "Our mental picture of what is going on is always getting fine tuned. It is humbling to be working on a project of this scale. Mother nature bats last.

"It is a myth that this will be the end of a deep water pool at the site of the perc dam. The existing pool is

10 to 12 feet deep and 150 feet wide. It is a massive reservoir so big that we couldn't fill it in if we wanted to."

Marovich is now working with civil engineers to plan the dam removal and will soon work with the city staff to begin application for the fall 2006 River Parkways grants.

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Community

Funds available for home repairs

The County of Yolo has funding available to help eligible low-income families make repairs to their existing homes. These repairs include, but are not limited to, water damage, leaky roofs, cracked foundations, heating and cooling system, broken windows, and handicap accessibility improvements.

Homeowners and owner investors within the unincorporated areas of Yolo County are eligible utilize the county's Housing Rehabilitation Program. Eligibility for the program is based upon gross household income adjusted to the household size. The county offers loans of up to \$95,000 per house with a simple annual interest rate of three to five percent with no additional loan fees.

In order to take advantage of the Housing Rehabilitation Program contact Mercy Housing California, the County's non-profit housing consultant, (800) 995-0431, ext 4412. Applications are available upon request on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Class of 1961 planning reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1961 will hold their 45 year class reunion in Winters on Aug. 12. The reunion will be held at the home of Gary and Ilona (Herrala) Nelson. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to come dressed casually.

The reunion committee has not been able to contact Phil Hamner, Raymond Allen, Ken Pinkston, Gail Hubert, Ora Lyn Burrows-Borges, Sally Archuleta and Pat Kent Henry. Any help in finding them would be greatly appreciated. If you have any information on these people, contact Ilona Nelson at 795-1814.

Getting married?
Just had a baby?
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Maldonado receives honors in Iraq

Ricardo Maldonado, a 2003 graduate of Vacaville High School, is familiar with the hot temperatures currently suffocating much of the United States, though he encounters the triple-digit heat while on the other side of the world: in Iraq.

Maldonado, a member of the United States Army in Iraq, has received eight medals since entering his tour of duty there. Among them are two Army Commendation Medals, which are given to members of the Army who distinguish themselves by heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service. One of Maldonado's Army Commendation Medals was awarded for his service in Iraq, the other for finding a weapons stash and participating in over 200 missions.

Other medals awarded to Maldonado include two Army Achievement Medals; a National Defense Service Medal; a Global War on Terrorism Medal; a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and an Army Service Medal.

Maldonado says he may receive either a Soldier's Medal (the highest non-combat medal awarded by the United States Army) or a Bronze Star for pulling two elderly Iraqi people from a burning house. Also pending is an Army Good Conduct Medal, which is awarded on a selective basis to soldiers who distinguish themselves from their fellow soldiers by showcasing exemplary conduct, efficiency, and fidelity.

Maldonado is the son of Frank and Cathy DeLaO of



RICARDO MALDONADO

Winters, the brother of Lonnie and Angelina Crane and Rachel and Francine DeLaO, and the uncle of Falcia, Adrianna and Michelle Crane.

West Nile Virus discovered in humans

The Yolo County Health Department has received confirmation of the first human cases of West Nile virus this year in Yolo County. The affected individuals are male, ranging in age from 18-50, and residing in the cities of Davis and Woodland. Aerial spraying of the Davis and Woodland areas began this week. No spraying in the Winters area was planned.

Two sentinel chickens located near Winters were found to be infected with the virus recently. The Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District is conducting ongoing treatment of ponds and other standing water in the Winters area.

"With confirmation of the first two cases of West Nile virus to have been contracted in Yolo County, we remind the public to be vigilant about protecting themselves against mosquito bites, which is the method of transmission of West Nile virus to people," said Yolo County Deputy Health Officer Christian Sandrock, M.D.

"By making weekly checks of their yards and draining standing water, residents can help cut down on mosquito breeding areas. Precautions such as wearing protective clothing and using bug repellents that contain DEET will reduce the risk of mosquito bites."

People typically develop symptoms between three and 14 days after they are bitten by an infected mosquito. Approximately 80 percent of people (about 4 out of 5) who are infected with West Nile virus will not show

any symptoms at all. Up to 20 percent of people who become infected have symptoms such as fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks.

About one in 150 people infected with West Nile virus will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent. People over the age of 50, diabetics and those that suffer from hypertension are more likely to develop serious symptoms of West Nile virus if they do get sick and should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.

The best way to prevent West Nile virus infection is to prevent the bite of an infected mosquito. Following the 7 D's decreases the risk of mosquito bites:

~ Drain any standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

~ Dawn and dusk are times to avoid. These are the times when mosquitoes are most active.

~ Dress appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outdoors.

Defend yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent, such as DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalypt-

us. Follow all label instructions.

~ Door and window screens should be in good working condition. This will prevent mosquitoes from entering homes.

~ District personnel are available to address any mosquito problem you may be experiencing by calling 1-800-429-1022.

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District has been performing extensive control measures in and around Yolo County to reduce both larval and adult mosquitoes, and will continue to do so to minimize adult mosquitoes carrying the disease. For more information on this organization visit www.fight-thebite.net.

For additional information on West Nile virus, visit the following Web sites, or contact the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District at 1-800-429-1022.

The District requests that all dead birds found in the Winters area be reported by calling (800) 429-1022.

Solano County to vote on Orderly Growth

Last week, the Solano County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to put the Orderly Growth Initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Over 100 citizens attended a Tuesday evening session of the Board of Supervisors to voice their opinions, pro and con, on the Orderly Growth Initiative. The Board, after hearing from County staff and the public, had the option of either adopting the initiative without alterations or submitting the initiative without alterations to the voters in November.

The public session, provided all parties in support and opposition to the Initiative ample time to express their views during the three and a half hour meeting. After all the public comments were heard, the Supervisors expressed their particular concerns and interests in the initiative. A reoccurring theme expressed by all board members was their deep concern for the future of Solano County and in particular the viability of agriculture in Solano County.

Originally Supervisor Kondylis made the motion, with Supervisor Kromm seconding, to accept the initiative.

That motion lost by a 3 to 2 vote with Supervisors Vasquez, Reagan and Silva voting against the motion. A second motion was offered by Supervisor Kondylis, seconded by Supervisor Reagan to grant the county's nearly 162,000 registered voters the opportunity to decide the fate of the Orderly Growth Initiative. This motion passed unanimously.

Solano County has lived with an orderly growth initiative since 1984. The measure is designed to require that most residential and other non-agricultural development occur within the boundaries of a city and not in unincorporated areas of the County. The initiative, if passed, will extend the provisions of the Orderly Growth Initiative of 1994 to the year 2036.

The Orderly Growth Initiative can be found at two different locations on the County web site (www.solanocounty.com) along with additional material. The information can be found under the Quick Links section of the web site listed as "Orderly Growth Initiative" or in the "Services" drop down menu at the top of the web site.

Entertainment

Barnyard Theatre features original play

Barnyard Theatre of Yolo County opened its third season with a production of “A Flag Touched the Ground,” an original work by Nick Herbert of Davis. The show opened July 20 and runs Thursdays through Sundays until Aug. 13. All performances begin at 8:30 p.m.

The play explores the issues of modern war, through the story of Thurlock, a young man with a troubled past. Set in the fictional country of Sebess, the play follows Thurlock as he becomes enmeshed in the political complexities of his war-torn world and is ultimately forced to examine his motivations and commitments to family and country.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$7 student or senior if reserved before 5:30 p.m. on the day of the performance. Tickets are \$13 and \$10 at the door. Performances have consistently sold out in the past, so the audience is strongly encouraged to buy tickets in advance. Handicapped seating is available, but only a limited basis.

The performances take place in the Schmeiser Historical Barn, 35125 Country Road 31, between Davis and Winters.

Barnyard Theatre is a community theater group dedicated to creating theater from scratch. Each summer this group of theater artists gathers in Davis to develop a new script and transform a working barn into a non-traditional theater space.

For directions, to reserve tickets or for more information, call (530) 574-1318 or visit www.barnyardtheatre.com.



Courtesy photo

Appearing in the Winters Theatre Company performance of “As You Like It” are, from left, Sierra Freckman as Hasperia, Jessica Hapworth as Audrey, Janette Dahn as Phoebe and Amanda Hanson as Page.

Winters Theatre Company to present ‘As You Like It’

By GERMAINE HUPE
Special to the Express

“As You Like It,” Shakespeare’s sparkling pastoral comedy, is this year’s selection of the Winters Theatre Company for its annual production of Shakespeare In The Park. The play will be presented on Thursday, Aug. 17 and Saturday, August 19, and the following weekend, Friday, August 25 and Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Community Center’s outdoor amphitheater. All shows will start at 8 p.m.

This production will feature several veteran actors and will introduce seven talented newcomers to our stage. The plot of “As You Like It” concerns the adventures of an exiled duke and his court in the Forest of Arden where they encounter happy shepherds, disdainful lasses, and rustic philosophers. Shakespeare contrasted the manners of the court with the customs of the country, often poking satirical

fun at traditions such as courtly love and established codes of honor.

“As You Like It” is considered by many critics as the best of Shakespeare’s four comic masterpieces and features such memorable characters as the charming Rosalind, the lovely Celia, the melancholy Jaques, and the witty Touchstone. It also contains one of the most famous of Shakespeare’s comments on life and the roles people play in “all the world’s a stage.”

Tickets are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and the Chamber of Commerce office in the Community Center; they will also be available at the door. Patrons are encouraged to bring folding chairs or blankets and to bring a picnic to enjoy before the performance. All tickets are \$5 and children under 12 will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

Join WTC for an enjoyable summer evening under the stars with the Bard of Avon.

Live comedy coming to town once each month

You don’t have to drive out of town any more to catch a live comedy show. The shows are coming to Winters on the first Thursday of each month, at the Irish Pub & Coffee House. Miss Claire’s Side Show features four professional comics, with a ticket price

of \$6.

“You get more yucks for the bucks,” says pub owner Suzy Bonin, pointing out that the people coming to her shows are the same performers who appear at larger venues, like Pepperbelly’s in Fairfield, where tickets are substan-

tially higher. “It’s cheaper than a movie, and the popcorn is free.”

This month’s show takes place on Thursday, Aug. 3, at 9 p.m. The Irish Pub & Coffee House is located at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Russell Street.

Jazz and Latin music featured at Capay Valley Farmers Market

“The Linda Deering Coretette” will play jazz and Latin music at the Capay Valley Farmers Market at Esparto Community Park on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The concert is free to the public. For more information contact www.capayvalley-farmersmarket.com.

The Linda Deering Coretette features Linda Deering (flute, tenor and soprano sax), Ken Kemmerling (keyboard) and

Carla Campbell (percussion).

The Capay Valley Regional Farmers Market is a monthly market that occurs every first Saturday of the month, April through December, ordinarily from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The August Market is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Esparto Community Park is located at Yolo Avenue and Grafton Street, along Highway 16.

Seeking local Corvette owners

JJ’s Saloon and the Vaca Valley Vetts are teaming up to find more Corvette owners in the Winters area.

A get-together of Corvette owners is planned for Sunday, Aug. 13, at 1 p.m. at JJ’s Saloon,

located at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Abbey Street. The event features live music and a barbecue, and costs \$5 per person.

For more information, call JJ’s Saloon, 795-4640, or Toni or Mike, 795-3669.

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They see this venture as a labor of love.

“I think that by being open two nights a week, we can continue to be fresh,” says Rhonda Gruska. “We don’t want to get burned out, we want the place to feel special. The restaurant business can really kill people.”

For their opening night on Aug. 5, they will be serving white peach bellini, fresh mozzarella with basil and heirloom tomatoes, panzanella with cucumber, parsley and sorrel, Berryessa Gap syrah braised beef, saffron risotto, zucchini, tomatoes and pancetta, and finishing with Italian chocolate cake with raisins and walnuts and coffee or tea.

They have relationships with local producers from their catering business, and are making more connections for the bistro. They will be getting olive oil from Mike Madison’s Yolo Press, produce from Paul Holmes and Paul Underhill’s Winters farm Terra Firma, Brannigan turkeys, and Lloyd Johnson’s seasonal vegetables.

Winters and west Yolo County is becoming known as a center for supporters of Slow Food, an organization that seeks “to protect the pleasures of the table from fast food homogenization and promote taste

education and preservation of agricultural biodiversity,” according to their web site.

The Gruskas support these ideas, as do many restaurants in the Bay Area and Sacramento. Winters and the Capay Valley are increasingly mentioned as regional food sources in these restaurants’ menus. Local writers Georgeanne Brennan and Anne Evans are effective advocates of this approach, and recently hosted noted author Michael Pollan to speak on the subject at Craig McNamara’s Institute for Land Based Learning outside Winters.

The single menu will allow the Gruskas more freedom to emphasize locally grown and seasonal produce, by allowing them to offer the best of what’s currently available. “I want to be excited when (local grower) Lloyd Johnson calls me to tell me he has black eyed peas!” says Ms. Gruska.

Gruska thought she might need to look further a field for wine, but is so impressed with local offerings, she decided to stick with Capay Valley Vineyards in Brooks, Bogle and Carvalho vineyards in Clarksburg, and Berryessa Gap in Winters.

Tony Gruska grew up in Wisconsin and New York state and has “been cooking since he was eight,” according to his wife. Tony

Gruska is the chef of the business and she is the manager.

The couple are in their early forties and have two children, Lisa, 21, and Daniel, 19, who works at Steady Eddy’s and is performing in the upcoming Winters Community Theater production of Shakespeare’s ‘As You Like it,’ at the community center. They live in Davis but are looking to move to Winters.

“She has great energy and is a project kind of person,” says Tony Gruska, speaking of his wife. “Her friends call her an ‘A-plus’ type of personality.” Ms. Gruska has worked in the food industry since she was 12 and lived in Winters 25 years ago and worked at various jobs, including making pens for Penmakers and making sandwiches for George Sanders’ Goodstuff.

At UC Davis she worked for Marriott as a service manger at the Dining Commons, where she met her future husband. After she graduated from UC Davis, she worked in politics as a field representative for both California Assemblywoman Helen Thompson and later Assemblywoman Ellen Tauscher.

Over the years, the Gruskas have put their catering skills to use helping non-profit organizations put on fund raising events. The list of clients includes Davis Communi-

ty Church’s youth group, the Bread of Life Center, the Davis Odd Fellows and the Pine Tree Gardens Mental Health Center. This experience organizing events has helped with their catering jobs and they look forward to doing similar projects in Winters.

Dinners at Monticello Bistro cost \$45 per person for a complete dinner (wine is extra). For more information about Monticello Bistro or to view their menus, visit their website, www.Monticello-Bistro.com. For reservations, call 902-5520.

Sports

11-12 year-old awesome all stars



By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Little League 11-12 year old all stars went 1-2 in the District 64 tournament with an exciting come from behind victory over Dixon on Sunday, July 8.

From the back row l-r coach Michael Esquibel, Anthony Panteleo, Mikey Esquibel, Bradley Case, Joe McIntire, Jacob Lucero, Kendrick Moore, Gunner Bermudez and manager Jimmy Barbosa. Front row l-r Justin Nygarrrd, Austin Murphy, Brandon Kuehn, Max Barbosa and Austin Calvert.

High school football ready to take the field

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School football program will be taking the field for the first day of practice on Monday, August 7, at 4 p.m. at Winters High School. Head varsity coach Brad Burton and head JV coach Daniel Ward have been running open gym for weight lifting for the past few weeks and are looking forward to getting back on the field.

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Campos scores in Optimist all star football game

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

Danny Campos played his last high school game on Saturday, July 29, as he took part in the Optimist all star football game at American River College. Campos, the only player from Winters chosen to play in the game scored a touchdown with just under a minute to go in the third quarter.

Not getting the opportunities he had as a Winters Warrior that totaled a school record 1838 yards and 20 touchdowns his senior year, Campos took advantage of the carries he did get. Campos gained nine yards on his first carry, six on the next carry, caught a screen pass for three yards, rushed for six more then punched it in from two yards out.

Campos will be attending Butte College this fall and looks forward to playing at the next level. “I just want to get up there and get to know my teammates and start playing,” Campos said. “I’m really looking forward to it.”



Courtesy photo
Danny Campos, above, a graduate of Winters High School, runs for the touchdown at a recent game.

Cruisers go 3-2 in tournament

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The NorCal Cruisers played in an ASA 16 & under softball tournament last weekend and had a 3-2 win loss record. On Saturday, July 29, the

Cruisers played the Davis Lady Demons and won 4-1. Caitlin Calvert pitched a complete game for the Cruisers allowing just one run, four hits and had three strike outs. Ashley Kraitnz helped lead the Cruisers offensively with a RBI single. Calvert helped

herself out by doing the same and hit an RBI single.

Game two didn’t go as well for the Cruisers as they were shutout 10-0 by the Marin Blue Angels.

In game three the Cruisers bounced back

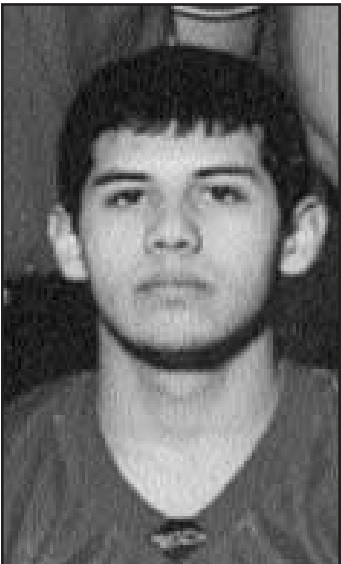
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CODY’S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Sebastian Salas

Sebastian Salas, this week’s Winters Express athlete of the week, played in his last baseball game before going on to Cosumnes College to play, and may have had his best career tournament performance in the Joe DiMaggio World Series. Salas had six hits and played three different positions in the five games the Gamblers played but, more importantly, was the team leader throughout the whole season.

“Sebastian is the team leader,” said coach Jerry Smith. “He is such a student of the game and does what ever the coaches ask of him. He had a great tournament.”



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

FFA members gear up for county fair

BY AMY CROSS
Special to the Express

If you've passed by the Winters High School Ag Site lately, you've probably noticed a change in the atmosphere. With FFA members putting in extra hours to make finishing touches on their projects, the parking lot can sometimes resemble one at a busy mini-mart. FFA students are often coming and going as the Yolo County Fair marks the conclusion for most of their animal projects.

With the fair only two weeks away, this time can be crucial in making sure that their animal looks its best for the judges.

"Hog August Nights" is this year's theme for the Yolo County Fair. However, hogs are not the only animals that will be on display. The 27 Winters FFA exhibitors will also show a variety of animals including market steers, diary calves, heifers, lambs and goats.

This year's fair runs from Wednesday, Aug. 16

through Sunday, Aug. 20. However, some livestock shows will run prior to opening day, such as the market goat and hog show starting on Monday, Aug. 14 at 9 a.m. The FFA market lamb show will be held Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. Dairy calves will be shown Thursday, Aug. 17 at 9 a.m. and market beef classes will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18.

The FFA livestock auction will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19. Prospective buyers will

be treated to a complimentary buyer's luncheon at the fairgrounds at noon. Those who are not interested in purchasing an animal, but would like to show their support can make a donation to the Winters FFA buyer's pool. Donations can be sent to Winters High School FFA, 101 Grant Avenue, Winters, 95694.

For further information, please contact the Winters Ag Site at 795-6146.

Testing waiver proposal public hearing planned

There will be a public hearing regarding the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program Apportionment Information Report for the Spring 2005 and the State Testing Apportionment Information Report Waiver to allow members of the public to testify on the waiver proposal. The

waiver is necessary for the District to receive these funds for the STAR program since the deadline filing date of Dec. 31, 2005 was not met. A waiver from the State Board of Education must be submitted before payment can be made to the District.

CRUISERS

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and picked up a 4-2 victory over the Castro Valley Hurricanes. Kraintz reached base twice for the Cruisers with a walk and a single, while Calvert scored two runs, with a single and a base on balls.

On Sunday, July 30, the Cruisers won again with a 7-5 extra innings victory over the Sacramento Fire and Ice. Calvert threw the

whole game taking a no-hitter into the bottom of the fourth.

Eventually Calvert gave up seven hits and five runs but struck out seven batters along the way. Kraintz scored a run and had a single.

The Cruisers lost game five 6-0 but had an impressive performance from Kraintz at the plate. Kraintz had two of the four hits from the Cruisers as she batted 2 for 2.

Hot weather increases chance of heat-related injuries

Summer heat waves can be dangerous. People normally cool their bodies by sweating, but sometimes this isn't enough during high heat times. Heat then causes the body temperature to rise, and this can cause serious illness or even death.

So whether at play or work, it is important to prevent summer heat injuries, and also be watchful for symptoms that show risk of heat injury.

Below are ten things to do prevent summer heat injuries:

~ Drink extra non-alcoholic fluids. In hot weather, always drink more fluid (as much as 2-4 glasses per hour) than thirst would indicate.

~ Replace salt and minerals. Heavy sweating can remove salt and minerals from the body. Drinking a fruit juice or sports beverage before or during activity will help replace these nutrients.

~ Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen. Sunburn can effect the body's ability to respond to high heat, so be sure to

wear sunscreen when outdoors, and light weight clothing.

~ Pace yourself. Start activity slowly, and increase to a level the body handle.

~ Stay cool indoors. Once the temperature reaches the high 90's, fans alone will not be effective, so try to be in an air-conditioned building.

~ Be careful when scheduling outdoor activities. Try to schedule activities in the morning or evening when temperatures are not at their peak. When participating in an activity outdoors, rest frequently in the shade, and drink fluids.

~ Use a buddy system. While working or playing outdoors, have a buddy who keeps an eye on you, and you on them for possible heat injury symptoms.

~ Check on those at risk. Some folks may be at higher risk of heat injury. They include people over 65 years of age, children up to four years old, people who work outdoors, those who are overweight, and people who are ill or may be on certain medications

that can effect their ability to handle fluids.

~ Adjust to the environment. When heat temperatures increase suddenly, bodies need time to adjust to the changes. Move slowly and increase your activity slowly over several days.

~ Use common sense. Don't leave infants, children, and pets in vehicles which can heat up quickly inside. Limit sun exposure during the heat of the day, dress children in loose clothing and use hats or umbrellas to shade them. Ensure that infants, children and pets drink plenty of fluids.

Heat stroke happens when the body can't control its temperature. The body temperature rises rapidly, the ability to sweat stops, and the body can't cool down. Heat exhaustion happens when the body has a lot of fluid and salt loss.

Warning signs of heat stroke vary, but include: an extremely high body temperature (higher than 103 F); unconsciousness, dizziness, nausea and con-

fusion; red, hot and dry skin(no sweating); rapid, strong pulse; and throbbing headache.

Heat exhaustion symptoms may include heavy sweating; muscle cramps; weakness; headache; nausea or vomiting; and paleness, tiredness, or dizziness.

If you see any of these signs in someone, it may be a life threatening emergency. Have someone call for help while you begin helping the person cool down. Move the person to a shady area, cool him quickly using whatever method you can, such as immersing them in cool water, monitor their body temperature and continue cooling efforts until their temperature drops to 101-102 F. Get medical assistance as soon as possible.

The best defense against heat stroke is to stay healthy during hot weather.

For further information, go to: www.dhs.ca.gov/opa/Fact-Sheets/pdf/ps18.pdf.

School board meets Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. at the school district office, located at 909 W. Grant Avenue. The following items are on the agenda:

~ Public hearing regarding the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program apportionment information report for Spring 2005 and the state testing apportionment information report waiver to allow members of the public to testify on the waiver proposal. The waiver is necessary for the school district to receive these funds for the STAR program since the deadline filing date of Dec. 31, 2005 was not met. A waiver from the State Board of Education must be submitted before payment can be made to the school district.

~ Communication and reports.

Action items

~ 2006-07 goals and directions.

~ Two-way Spanish/Eng-

lish Immersion master plan.

~ Resolution regarding budget revisions to the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Deferred Maintenance Fund, Capital Facilities Fund and the Health & Safety Redevelopment Agency Fund.

~ STAR program apportionment information report, Spring 2005, and state testing apportionment information report waiver.

~ Revision to board policy regarding travel expenses.

~ New position descriptions for School Secretary 1 - Bilingual, School Secretary II - Bilingual, Clerk Typist - Bilingual and Special Instructional Aide - Bilingual.

~ Increase in crossing guard assignment.

~ Consent agenda (approved as one item, includes minutes, warrants and monthly reports).

Yolo Homeschoolers informational meeting planned

The Yolo County Homeschoolers, a loose-knit group of inclusive Yolo County homeschooling parents, invites all homeschoolers and those interested in learning more about homeschooling to their monthly park day, Thursday, Aug. 3, from 1-3 p.m. at Rainbow City in Community Park at the corners of F Street and

Covell Boulevard in Davis.

Several homeschoolers will be available to answer your questions about the wide variety of homeschooling options, opportunities, and experiences. The group will discuss different homeschooling philosophies, legal options, networking, park days, college opportuni-

ties, conferences, and local and statewide resources.

The group offers a Yahoo-based email list, monthly newsletter, an annual Homeschool Information Night each August, weekly parkdays for younger families, periodic coffee nights, and a monthly park day on the first Thursday of every

month, where families play and network.

For more information and to find out more about the email list, contact Eve Dunaway at 753-6464.

Nuestras Noticias



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Guerra en Medio Oriente

Para todos nosotros no debemos pasar desapercibido lo que pasa a nuestro alderredor; vivimos en California, pero yasabemos que cualquier conflicto o guerra que se tenga en el medio oriente nos afecta económicamente, empezando por el precio de la gasolina, que va a seguir costando lo mismo o más dependiendo de la duración de esta nueva guerra.

Estamos siendo testigos de un nuevo conflicto en el medio oriente, cuando parecía que Israel estaba controlando al grupo Hamas, apareció un viejo enemigo de Israel el grupo guerrillero Hezbollah, que amparado al cobijo de Líbano, le esta haciendo la vida imposible a los Israelitas, las fotos y reportajes del conflicto hablan por si solo de la insensatez y crueldad de este nuevo conflicto, que la misma comunidad mundial ayudo a desencadenar.

Es imposible pensar en un cese al fuego permanente en el Medio Oriente, si cada vez que sufre un ataque militar de sus enemigos Árabes, Israel responde como lo esta haciendo ahora, acabando con un país. Es impensable iniciar otro proceso de paz si la población civil libanesa y palestina continúa muriendo indefensa bajo los ataques indiscriminados de las fuerzas israelitas. Israel no se está defendiendo, está destruyendo un país entero.

El Partido de Dios (Hezbollah, chíí) en Líbano y el Movimiento de Resistencia Islámica (Hamas, suní) en Gaza encarnan para miles de personas en Oriente Próximo la posibilidad de un renacer de la dignidad árabe basado en un Islam auténtico y antiimperialista. Los dos movimientos, que tienen firmado un acuerdo de colaboración militar y política desde 1989 con la destrucción de Israel como punto de encuentro, han practicado el terrorismo suicida y cultivan una cultura de martirio.

El pueblo judío (muy pocas muertes pero mucha inseguridad) y principalmente el palestino/libanés (muchísimas muertes y grandes sufrimientos materiales y espirituales) pagarán caro el nuevo escenario de la guerra de poder que por procuración libran Irán y EE.UU. en la región.

Masson esos 15 niños libaneses incinerados en un autobús por misiles judíos y los 279 civiles muertos desde el 12 de julio los que preocupan a los hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad del mundo entero. Sin duda alguna, las imágenes ya recorrieron el mundo árabe alimentando la indignación, el odio y la venganza. La primera reacción, si es bien dirigida, busca respuestas; la segunda marca las neuronas y la tercera empuja a la acción ciega.

La gente de Israel no tienen corresponsales de prensa en el mundo árabe, ni en los territorios ocupados, así que ellos no saben ni sienten lo que están pasando la población.

Lo que si tienen son servicio secreto para reforzar mas la seguridad de sus fronteras, ellos no tienen posibilidades de crear puentes entre las diferentes culturas alrededor de ellos.

Y todo empezó con el secuestro de un soldado judío por grupos vinculados a la organización palestina Hamas, y de dos militares por el grupo Hezbollah desde el Líbano. Lamentablemente Israel respondió atacando objetivos militares y acribillando inocentes. Destruyendo a fuego y metralla la lenta recomposición de la nación libanesa. Era posiblemente la reacción esperada por Hezbollah, quien replicó con sus misiles katiushka atacando poblaciones civiles judías. Lo hizo asabiendas. Cuán fácil es provocar un Estado con reflejos que lo hacen de inmediato llevarse la mano al gatillo.

En este caso, Israel hizo lo contrario de lo que debe hacerse para obtener la paz. Si atacó con brutalidad fue porque tenía luz verde de EE.UU. Si el Hezbollah actuó así, fue, se dice, porque tenía el aval de Siria e Irán. Digan lo que digan, ambos grupos guerrilleros tienen legitimidad en sus pueblos respectivos y no obedecen a órdenes estrictas de esos Estados.

El gobierno de Israel obtiene la legitimidad de sus ciudadanos. Pero al igual que las organizaciones islámicas, tiene graves problemas de legitimidad en la comunidad internacional. Eso sí, cuenta con el apoyo incondicional de EE.UU. Ahora bien, el gobierno de Israel perdió la poca credibilidad que tenía en el mundo árabe. Y EE.UU., al no reconocer su responsabilidad en el desorden del Oriente Medio ni condenar el uso desproporcionado de la fuerza de Israel como lo han hecho Rusia y Francia, ha perdido influencia y ha acrecentado el antinorteamericanismo.

Se puede y debe condenar tanto el terrorismo de Hezbollah como el terrorismo de Estado de Israel, además de apoyar al Líbano, ser solidario con su pueblo y exigir el cese de las hostilidades por parte de Israel. Así como es imperioso que la ONU no sólo garantice la seguridad y la protección humanitaria de la población civil libanesa amenazada, sino que se apliquen las resoluciones votadas por su Asamblea General sobre Palestina. Puesto que no habrá paz sin un Estado Palestino soberano.

Audiencias

Desgraciadamente para muchos ilegales este año parece que no va a ser el año en que el gobierno de Estados Unidos se decida a actuar, a trabajar para una reforma migratoria, lo digo porque según vemos en las noticias los republicanos con el pretexto de conocer mas sobre problemas de seguridad nacional, van a llevar a cabo audiencias en muchas ciudades de los Estados Unidos, para según ellos conocer de primera mano lo que la gente opina de este problema, y en segundo termino el problema de la migración ilegal, quieren saber lo que de antemano ellos ya saben y no quieren llevar a cabo, por la sencilla razón de que es año electoral, año en el que muchos políticos deben postularse o para un nuevo cargo o para la reelección en le que ya están, y como el tema de migración es como una papa caliente, nadie quiere empezar, no al menos este año por el temor a perder votos entre los ciudadanos. Para ellos lo ideal seria el año próximo, cuando ya haya quedado atrás todo lo de las elecciones.

También es cierto y no es un secreto que terroristas y contrabandistas de drogas tratan de encontrar vías para poder operar y llevar a cabo sus operaciones aquí, y es también parte de todo este complejo problema. Para los demócratas y activistas pro inmigración, los republicanos sólo están buscando incitar a sectores conservadores a asistir a las urnas en noviembre próximo, cuando durante años han ignorado las necesidades de protección fronteriza. Las audiencias se realizarán en los estados de Michigan, Washington, Arizona, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, California y Montana, donde hay distritos electorales en los que los republicanos esperan que una postura de dureza migratoria les rendirá votos.

La idea de las audiencias es una forma de combatir la legislación aprobada por el Senado en mayo último, que contiene provisiones para un programa de trabajadores invitados y un camino a la legalización para millones de residentes indocumentados que conservadores republicanos piensan que es una amnistía.

En tanto, un sondeo de la consultora Field reveló que al menos ocho de cada diez californianos quiere una reforma migratoria que legalice a indocumentados y los haga ciudadanos de EU, y que se queden en el estado, sin tener que salir del país.

Programa de Servicios Comestibles para niños

Educación Migratoria Región II anuncia que patrocinara el Programa de Verano de Servicios Comestibles para niños con 18 años o menos. En acuerdo con la Ley Federal y con la póliza del Departamento de Agricultura de Los Estados Unidos esta institución esta prohibida en discriminar sobre las bases de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad, o incapacidad. (No todas las prohibiciones son aplicadas a todos los programas.)

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Mas control

La próxima vez que salga del país, a su regreso por cualquier puerto de entrada, si usted es residente legal en este país se le tomaran las huellas digitales, esta medida va a afectar a casi 12 millones de residentes que viven en este país, también se le tomaran huellas digitales a los delincuentes con libertad condicional y a algunos ciudadanos canadienses. Esta medida solo estaba en efecto para los turistas y personas con visas temporales.

Con esta medida empezara el gobierno federal a implementar mas vigilancia en las fronteras, y esto es solo el primer paso, así lo anuncio la oficina de seguridad interna, vendrán mas acciones en un futuro cercano. Esta medida entrara en vigor el 28 de agosto, entre

uno y 1.5 millones de residentes legales viajan al extranjero cada año.

El programa se inicio en enero de 2004 con turistas y residentes temporales, las autoridades han fotografiado a mas de 61 millones de personas, y han sido detenidos 1, 100 delincuentes. el registro de huellas digitales de los residentes legales cuando retornan a EU permitirá que se detenga a viajeros que usen documentos robados o fraudulentos. El requisito de toma de huellas digitales se aplicará a todos los residentes legales que entren a EU por un puerto, aeropuerto o puesto fronterizo. El programa no se aplicará a los mexicanos que entran a Estados Unidos con una tarjeta que les autoriza el cruce de la frontera.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ESPARTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, of the County of Yolo, State of California, will receive up to and no later than 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 15, 2006, sealed bids for the award of a contract for the furnishing of all labor, materials, transportation and services required for the Construction of a Parking Lot and Baseball Field at Esparto Elementary School, 17120 Omega St., Esparto, California, Construction of a Baseball Field at Esparto Middle School, 26058 County Road 21A, Esparto, California, Site Improvements at Madison Community High School, 17923 Stephens St., Madison, California and Improvements to the Parking Lot at Esparto High School, 17121 Yolo Ave, Esparto, California. Such bids shall be received at the District Office, 26675 Plainfield St., Esparto, California 95627 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above place and after receipt of all completed Bid packets.

A non-mandatory Pre-bid Walk will be held on Friday, August 4, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. beginning at the Esparto Unified School District Office.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation and the Contract Documents. Copies are on file and open to public inspection at the Office of the District and General Contractors may obtain bid sets upon deposit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per set from the Office of the Architect. Requests for plans by subcontractors shall be by purchase only and non-refundable.

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Copies of the Prevailing Wage Schedules are available for public review in the County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse, in the county in which the work is being performed. The General Prevailing Wage Determinations and the General Prevailing Wage Apprentice Schedules made by the Director of Industrial Relations are available on the INTERNET at www.dir.ca.gov.

No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of Sixty (60) calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.

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ESPARTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Winters Pizza Factory, LLC
Business address, 108 Main Street, Winters, Ca. 95694

Harold D. Parks, 45817 Penny Lane, Coarsegold, CA. 93614
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Choice Mortgage
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Mighty Oaks
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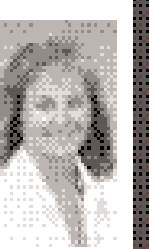
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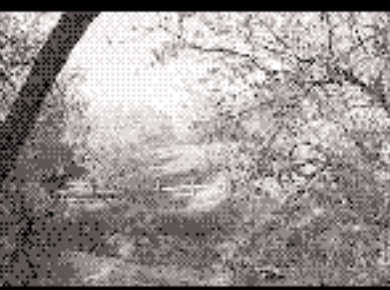
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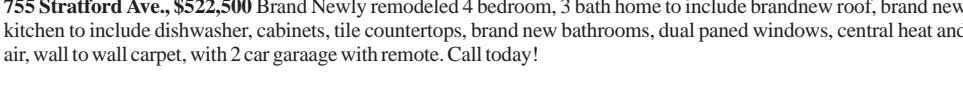
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1230 Bello Dr., Dixon - \$599,599 Beautiful like new Pulte home! Large 4 bedroom, 3 full baths with bonus room over the garage. Many upgrades to include granite countertops, maple cabinetry, upgraded carpets, ceiling fans, gas fireplace, and much more.



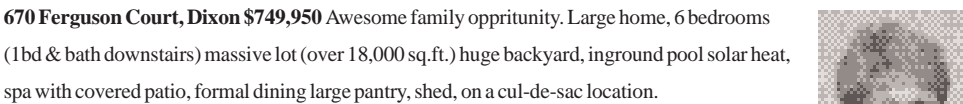
755 Stratford Ave., \$522,500 Brand Newly remodeled 4 bedroom, 3 bath home to include brandnew roof, brand new kitchen to include dishwasher, cabinets, tile countertops, brand new bathrooms, dual paned windows, central heat and air, wall to wall carpet, with 2 car garage with remote. Call today!



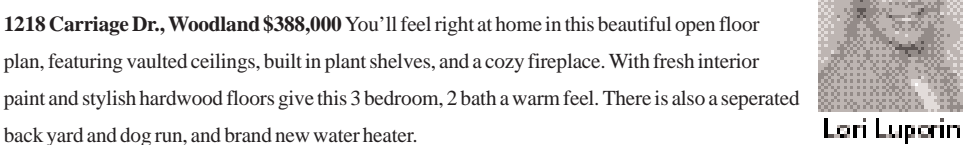
2294 Campbell Circle Fairfield \$604,500 Brand new single story Goldridge Beauty. Never been lived in 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home on a corner lot. Front yard fully landscaped and back yard is partially complete with much room for family dreams. Seller is very motivated for a family to buy this Brand New home.



1067 Rio Grande American Canyon \$499,900 Completely Remodeled from front door throughout kitchen, bathrooms, carpets, lights, all of it. Come take a look while this like-new home lasts. American Canyon single family home you can be proud of.



670 Ferguson Court, Dixon \$749,950 Awesome family oppritunity. Large home, 6 bedrooms (1 bd & bath downstairs) massive lot (over 18,000 sq.ft.) huge backyard, inground pool solar heat, spa with covered patio, formal dining large pantry, shed, on a cul-de-sac location.



1218 Carriage Dr., Woodland \$388,000 You'll feel right at home in this beautiful open floor plan, featuring vaulted ceilings, built in plant shelves, and a cozy fireplace. With fresh interior paint and stylish hardwood floors give this 3 bedroom, 2 bath a warm feel. There is also a seperated back yard and dog run, and brand new water heater.



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