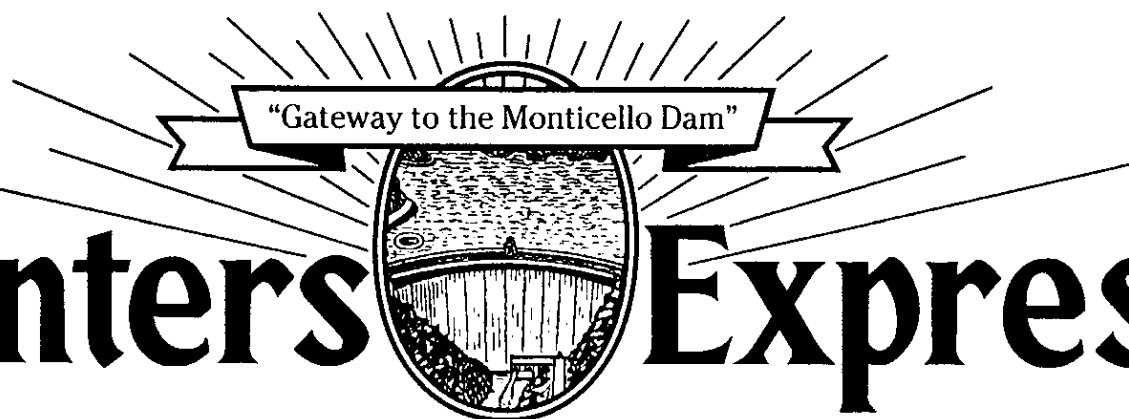




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New library over budget

◆ Estimate off by 48 percent; architect fired

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

It's been a long hard road towards a new public library for Winters, and the project hit another big bump on Monday, Feb. 26, when the partners opened the estimator's re-

port on architect Paul Roberts' design. The estimate, done by the Robert Langdon firm, came in at a whopping \$5,152,000, 48 percent over the planned \$3,470,000 budget for construction. As a result, a decision was taken by the partners, Yolo County Library, the Winters joint Unified School District and the City of Winters, to cancel the contract with Roberts' architecture firm.

"The construction estimate is

frankly staggering," said the memo issued by the partners. "That's a sizable amount," said County Librarian, Katie Curl, speaking to a meeting of the Winters Friends of the Library (WfoL) of the \$1.6 million increase. "It's not easy after all the cuts we've gone through and downsizing and other things to reduce the cost."

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Project gets redesigned

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

What looked like old Tuscany will now look like old Winters in Granite Bay Holdings (GBH) plan for the 4.92 acre commercial project south of Grant Avenue, across from Dr. Ed Andersen's optometry clinic. GBH listened attentively to planners' comments at the January planning commission and brought a total redesign for the February meeting.

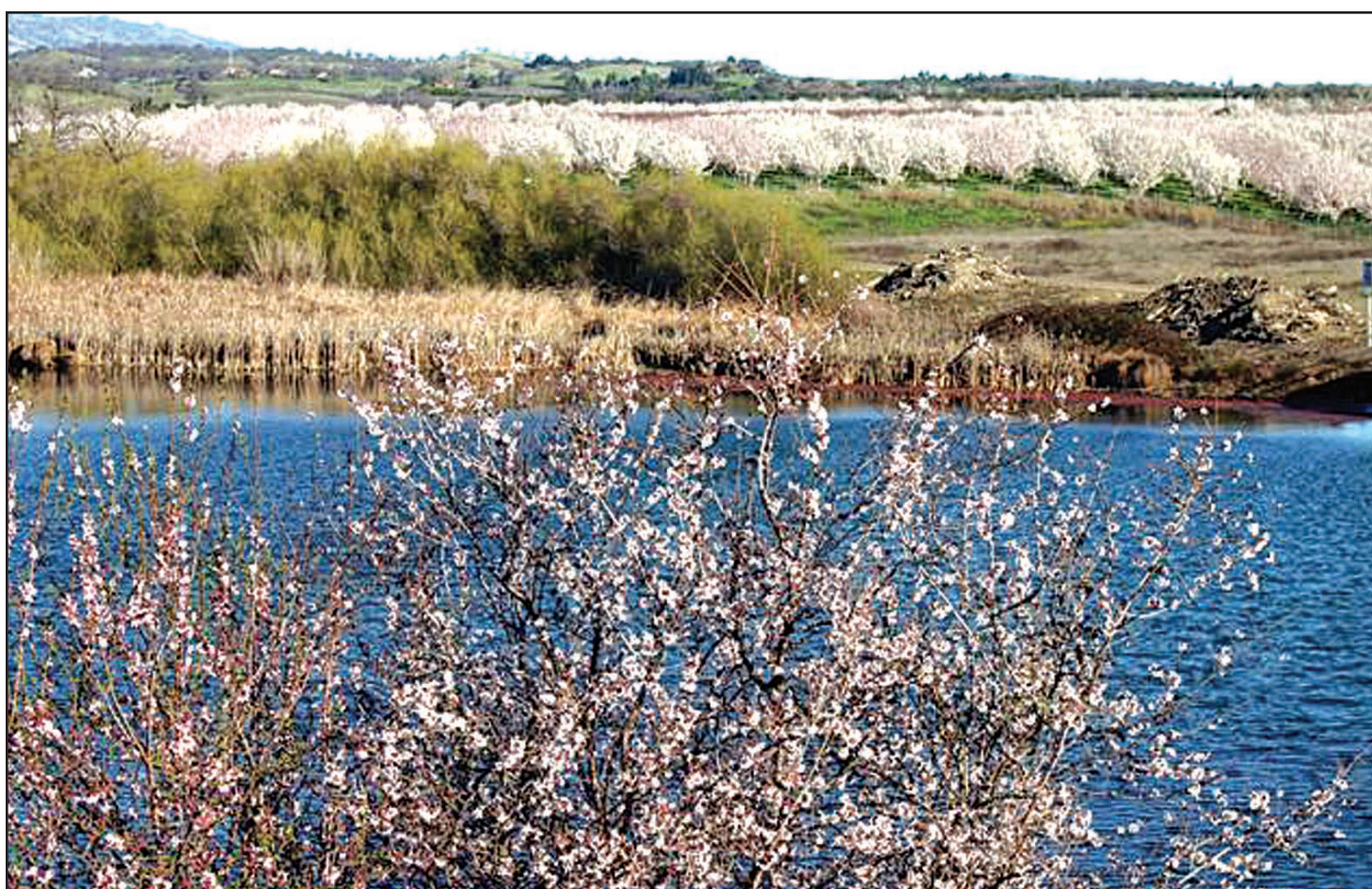
The project consists of nine buildings with 49,500 feet of commercial space including medical, banking, retail and office. The redesign reduces the number of drive-throughs from three to two, with one designated for the Yolo Federal Credit Union.

"We came to understand that the Tuscan European look would be too much of a contrast for Winters," said project designer Beth Creswell. The design team visited some Sonoma County cities, particularly Healdsburg, looking for design elements.

"We wanted to find cities that have an agricultural design theme," said Creswell. "As you can see, we have taken the natural materials that are prevalent in those areas of Northern California, and have employed stone, stucco, wood, barn-type doors, shutters and metal roofing."

"We've also decided to have a theme throughout the project of trellis-

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Splashes of spring splendor

Photos by Gary Beall

Almond blossoms are in abundance everywhere around Winters, signaling the end of winter and the promise of warm, sunny days ahead. The rolling hills west of town are particularly gorgeous this time of year, with entire orchards in full bloom, as was this orchard along Putah Creek (above), as well as this one west of town.

School district's financial future remains bleak

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Student enrollment in Winters schools is declining faster than anticipated and may trigger another round of budget cuts by March 2008 that could be similar to those implemented by the district in February 2006 when it trimmed \$410,000 from the budget in restructuring and other cost cutting moves.

The extent of those cuts will depend on what housing development and enrollment increases mate-

rialize during the next two years. Because student enrollment is declining faster than projected, budget deficits projected for the 2007-08 school year are being revised and could total more than three times the \$102,000 originally projected. The district also is facing MediCal funding cuts for eligible students and the loss of \$100,000 a year in program improvement funds it received in calendar years 2005 and 2006.

District superintendent

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Daylight Savings begins at 2 a.m.
on Sunday, March 11
Turn clocks ahead one hour

Creek plan to be discussed

By CAROL SCIANNA
Special to the Express

The city of Winters will hold two public workshops to receive public input on updates to the Winters Putah Creek Master Plan. The first workshop takes place on Saturday, March 10, at the Winters Community Center from 9 a.m. to noon. This meeting will accept public input on features of the plan.

A second meeting will be held to review proposed revisions to the plan. The final plan will be submitted to the Winters City Council for approval. The master plan area includes approximately one mile of the creek and adjacent lands extending from Interstate 505 west to the

See **CREEK** on page **A-10**



Photo by Jeff Ten Pas

Keep it or get rid of it? Winters residents aren't in agreement about what to do with the percolation dam on Putah Creek. Its fate is on the agenda of a meeting on Saturday regarding the creek plan.

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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
Feb. 28	.13	53	32
March 1	.02	58	36
March 2	T	63	35
March 3		67	42
March 4		69	44
March 5		71	48
March 6		74	43

Rain for week: .15

Season's total: 8.42

Last year to date: 24.37

Average to March 6: 18.23

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OBITUARIES

Daniel Martinez

Daniel Martinez, 71, of Winters died Tuesday, March 6, 2007 in Sacramento. Born on Dec. 16, 1935 in Vacaville to Spanish immigrants Juan and Isabel Martinez, Mr. Martinez was a lifeong Winters resident, attending Olive School as a young boy. After graduating from Winters High School in 1954 he spent two years in the US Navy before returning to Winters, where he worked for his brother John at Johnny's Club and then began farming, initially purchasing an apricot orchard west of Winters. In 1959 he married his high school sweetheart, Joan Marie Rominger also of Winters.

His two passions in life were his family and farming. Over the years he grew a successful farming operation, eventually growing apricots, almonds, walnuts, prunes and grapevine rootstock, a business that led to the eventual founding of Berryessa Gap Vineyards by his son Dan R. Martinez, his long-time foreman Santiago Moreno and Mike Anderson, great-nephew of the late Ernie Peninou, his partner in the grapevine nursery business. Mr. Martinez loved everything about farming, often marking the beginning or end of harvest or a work season with a feast and celebration for his employees.

Family celebrations were also a joy for him, whether it was simply Sunday dinner with his kids and grandkids, large Rominger family gatherings or the annual Martinez, Biasi, Snow (MBS) Golf Tournament for 70+ family members, which he and Joan hosted for over 20 years. Mr. Martinez will be remembered by many for his big smile and his love of life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Joan Martinez; five children and seven grandchildren, daughter Shannon Martinez and her son Adam of Winters, daughter Corinne Martinez of Winters, daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Robert Carrion and their children Anthony, Daniel and Gianina of Winters, son and daughter-in-law Dan and Dawn Martinez and their children Isabela, Ivan and Atlas Martinez of Winters, and daughter Yvonne Martinez of Santa Rosa; sister and brother-in-law, Isabel and Phil Snow of Winters; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as his two brothers, John and Pat Martinez, and grandson Danny Morishige.

A solemn vigil and holy rosary will be held Sunday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Winters. A mass and Christian burial will follow Monday, March 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church and the Winters Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests gifts be made to the American Cancer Society (1-800-ACS-2345), the Leukemia, Lymphoma Society (800) 955-4572 or other cancer research and prevention organizations.

Albert A. "Sandy" McKenzie Jr.

Albert A. "Sandy" McKenzie Jr. passed away peacefully on March 2, 2007, at the age of 83. As a lifelong resident of Napa County, Sandy was born Dec. 14, 1923, and lived in the town of Monticello until 1957 when the town was leveled and flooded by the government to create Lake Berryessa.

After he attended school in Winters graduating from WHS in 1940 he went to junior college in Sacramento, he then entered the Army Air Corps where he served as a P-38 pilot. Afterward, he worked alongside his father, Albert A. "Bruz" McKenzie, and his grandfather, William D. McKenzie, at Cook, McKenzie and Son, which was Monticello's general store.

Believe it or not, Sandy served as the assistant postmaster, switchboard operator, butcher and tire changer, among any other duties they could find for him. He climbed telephone poles to fix lines and sold everything from silk stockings to nuts and bolts and ice cream cones. He even helped with the large family pear orchard and the growing and shipping of tomatoes.

On June 29, 1947, Sandy married the love of his life Janice Gosling, the daughter of another local Monticello family. They moved their family to Napa in 1956 when Monticello was soon to be flooded. Both Sandy and Janice come from pioneering families of Monticello, William D. McKenzie coming to the valley in 1888 from Nova Scotia.

Sandy and Bruz continued the family tradition of working together when they purchased Pacific Hardware in Vacaville the same year Sandy moved to Napa. Eventually, Sandy's cousin, Jim McKenzie, joined the McKenzie clan in running the business. Sandy's son David, and Jim's son, Scott, continue running the business today. Sandy's fair mindedness, gentle-mannered ways and sweet tooth for cigars made him an excellent and memorable merchant for

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YESTERYEAR



Photo from Winters High School Poppy

Pictured above is Carmen Cuberos (Rubio), 1954 Winters Youth Day Sweetheart.

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YEARS AGO

March 9, 1972

An appointment to the planning commission and two reappointments were decided Tuesday night when the city council met in regular session. The terms of Bill Cody and James Lawrence were ratified and Voydell Pinkston was named to take the unfilled term of the late Mrs. Jean Griffin.

Bill Nichols, the assistant manager of the Winters branch of Bank of America, was elected president of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce for 1972 at a general membership meeting held Monday evening in the Winters Fire Hall.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock this morning in Kraft Brothers Chapel in Woodland for Sam Ely, 93, who died Tuesday in Stollwood Convalescent Hospital. Ely, a native of Buckeye, a town located northeast of Winters, was a retired farmer.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors, meeting Monday in Woodland, reappointed Richard E. Rominger, Winters rancher, to a three year term on the Yolo County Water Resources Board.

Two dog owners in Winters have been cited this month for failure to keep their dogs under control, according to Winters Police Chief Richard Washabaugh.

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YEARS AGO

March 21, 1957

Tony Martinez, manager of the California Market, filed for a three year term on the Winters Joint Union High School Board of Trustees this week. The election will be held on Friday, May 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ruggles have taken over the Winters Nursery, which will be known in the future as Ruggles Nursery.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geerts, of Woodland, are the parents of a daughter, born in the Woodland Clinic Hospital March 13, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph George, of Davis, are the parents of a son, born in the Woodland Clinic Hospital March 10, 1957.

The Winters City Council at the regular meeting Tuesday night, unanimously adopted a curfew ordinance, affecting boys and girls under the age of 18 years.

Kal Holman was elected commodore of the Winters Boat Club at a charter meeting Monday night at the Legion Hall, attended by more than 100 boat enthusiasts.

At the Youth Day Council meeting Thursday night, a drawing was held for Junior King and Junior Queen for Youth Day. David Wemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Wemp, was chosen king and Ileen Jentz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jentz, will serve as junior queen.

Alternates will be Brian Adcock and Ann Willis.

Lake Berryessa rises .69 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by .69 of a foot during the past week, with 12,886 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 434.06 feet above sea level, with storage com-

puted at 1,489,376 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 40 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 20 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 44 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Weekly fire department report

February 26

~ Medical aid, 800 Taylor Street. Unknown medical aid.

February 27

~ Investigation, 20000 State Route 128. Chimney fire.

March 1

~ Medical aid, 100 Niemann Street. Lift assist.

~ Investigation, 100 Almond Drive. Chimney fire.

March 2

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Mermod Road. Unknown medical.

~ Medical aid, 200 Rail-

road Avenue. Intoxicated person.

March 3

~ Vehicle accident, 20000 State Route 128. Motorcycle down.

~ Fire Investigation, southbound Interstate 505. Grass fire.

~ Vehicle accident, 20000 block of State Route 128. Vehicle rollover

March 4

~ Investigation, First Street and Main Street. Trashcan fire.

~ Mutual aid, Russell Boulevard at County Road 93A. Motorcycle down.

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YEARS AGO

March 20, 1942

W.E. Riley, proprietor of the local 5 and 10 ct. Store has completed a transaction disposing of his store at Chester, Plumas County, and making purchase of the W.E. Burton 5, 10 and 25 ct. store in Davis.

The Horai Company store, closed since December has been given permission to re-open. The proprietors are operating with a view to closing out the stock on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis (Jean Griffin) of Thorton were week end visitors with local relatives.

Rev. E. E. Zimmerman and family have taken up residence in the Maxwell cottage on west Russell Street.

Mrs. Elmer R. Bruhn received a letter from her brother, Roy Van Amber telling of his safe arrival in Pearl Harbor. Van Amber is serving as a electrician.

A meeting of Winters Sportsmen's Club will be held this Friday evening at 8:30, City Hall. Weaver Gaddini, president, said that there will be discussion concerning construction of additional holding pens, also discussion of the membership drive.

100
YEARS AGO

March 15, 1907

Mrs. A.C. Sullivan went to San Francisco Wednesday for a visit with relatives.

L.H. Gregory is laying a cement sidewalk in front of his residence on Main Street.

R.L. Day has purchased the Frank McGarr property and will erect on the Main Street front, about opposite Dr. Wyatt's, a new home for his own occupancy.

115
YEARS AGO

March 19, 1892

A.G. Sheahan, manager of the Madison flour mills, was in Winters Thursday.

John Merchant of Vaca Valley spent a few days with his son Ora, in Apricot District, last week.

P.D. Grigsby's 6 mule team is hauling soda water from Berryessa to Winters.

Miss Clara Jesson, as manager, will open a stock of millinery goods in Humphrey's building, Main Street, next Monday.

The railroad company has had a pipe laid from Main Street to the tank at the stock corral, and will have M. Lechleiter supply the tank with water hereafter.

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Weekly police report

Feb. 21-22
~ A victim reported a suspect was harassing her in violation of a court order, which occurred in the city of Davis and the city of Winters. The case forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

Feb. 23
~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, property was stolen from a backpack. Loss: \$190.

Feb. 25
~ On the 200 block of White Oak Lane, a suspect unlawfully entered a victim's residence.
~ Phia Yang, 22, of Sacramento started backing west from a parking stall in the parking lot of 180 East Grant Avenue. Yang saw a vehicle driven by Alfonso Mendoza Valencia, 25, of Winters, in his mirror but thought Valencia would see him and stop. The vehicles collided.

~ Ricardo Carillo Rodriguez, 42, of Winters was riding his bicycle across the parking lot located on East Abbey Street just east of Railroad Avenue. He rode his bicycle out into the traffic lane of East Abbey Street without making sure the roadway was clear to do so. As a result, Rodriguez ran into a vehicle driven by Sean Lee Knudson, 44, of Winters that was approaching westbound on East Abbey Street.

Feb. 26
~ Manuel Jauregui, 22, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, driving an unregistered vehicle and no proof of insurance.

Feb. 27
~ A found ring was turned over to the police department.

Feb. 28
~ An 11-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for making threats with the intent to terrorize. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.
~ A found bicycle was turned over to the police department.

March 1
~ On the 1000 block of Hemenway Street, parties were involved in a verbal altercation.
~ Teresa Veloz Mercado, 40, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and having an inoperable headlight on a vehicle.

March 1-2
~ On the 300 block of Creekside Way, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$15.
~ On the 200 block of Railroad Avenue, the Community Center and Rotary Park Gazebo were vandalized using an unknown device. Estimated damage: \$800.
~ On the 300 block of Russell Street, an attempt was made to steal property from an unlocked vehicle.

March 2
~ Timothy Dennis Kelly, 37, of Winters was arrested for violating a court order. Kelly was also arrested on an outstanding Solano County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on a previous charge of theft. Kelly was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

March 3
~ Armando Lizarraga III, 18, of Winters was arrested for resisting/obstructing a police officer. Lizarraga was also arrested on three outstanding Winters Police Department warrants charging him with violating a court

order to prevent domestic violence; failure to appear on previous charges of obstructing/resisting an executive officer, damaging a telephone/power line, battery on a police officer and resisting /obstructing a police officer; and failure to appear on previous charge of violating a court order to prevent domestic violence. Lizarraga was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Brian James Immken, 25, of Tehachapi was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Blood alcohol content results: .21/.21. Immken was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear to a sober adult.

March 4
~ Timothy Dennis Kelly, 37, of Winters was arrested for burglary, making threats with the intent to terrorize, battery on a non-cohabitating spouse, false imprisonment, and unlawfully taking away a cellular telephone. Kelly was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Francisco Roy Camacho Ramos, 20, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for failing to stop at a stop sign, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana, having an inoperable license plate lamp and having unlawful tinted vehicle windows.

~ A 16-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, failing to stop at a stop light and no proof of insurance.

~ Loreto Lizarraga Sanchez, 41, of Winters was arrested on an immigration hold. Sanchez was transported directly to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

March 5
~ On the first block of Main Street, an officer responded to a panic alarm at a business. The alarm was activated accidentally.
~ Found music compact discs were turned over to the police department.
~ Anthony Peter Passantino, 19, of Winters was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging him with causing damage to a dwelling.
~ A found DVD player was turned over to the police department.
~ On the 500 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

Whole lotta hogs



Photo by Charles Wallace

Downtown Winters streets were lined with more than 400 motorcycles on Sunday, March 4, for the 18th annual FYAO run. The 100-mile run, sponsored by American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education (ABATE), started in Vacaville and continued to Cordelia, Isleton and Dixon, and ended up in Winters with a lunch at the Community Center. This is the second year in a row that Winters has been the destination point on the run, which raises funds for educational causes. Another major motorcycle run, the Vernal Equinox Run, comes to town on Sunday, March 25. Downtown Main Street will be closed to automobile traffic, and will feature live music and booths. The Vernal Equinox Run is sponsored by Vallejo Harley Davidson.

LIBRARY

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Curl said the architect suggested slashing the 10,000 foot size of the planned library, but the partners decided to start the design process with a new firm. “The partners were pretty firm that they wanted to keep the original size, and there is the strong belief it can be done.”

The partners will start with a new request for proposal (RFP), letting other architects look at taking on the project. “There is some hope the project could still start this fall,” said Curl,” depending on a lot of factors, including the weather and how quickly the new architect can get started on the project.”

Curl said it would not be starting at square one because of all the work the group has done, but it would require a new design. “We feel like we have given an awful lot to this project and we do not want it to go by the way-side.”

The partners’ have looked at other similar size projects in California and the associated costs, and this is the basis for their confidence that this project can be done under the original budget, according to Curl.

“I have given the numbers to construction professionals, and they say what we are asking is not out of line,” said Curl. “We need fresh eyes to walk in and know that this is the limit and this is what we want.” The partners are committed to moving quickly, because delays during a time of increasing construction costs are part of the problem.

This blow is particularly frustrating because a concerted effort has been made by the participants over the past ten months to cut back on all costly aspects of the project, in an effort to come under budget.

Responding to questions at the March 5 WFoL meeting, Curl said that no one aspect of the project stands out as causing the overrun. She said the project being on a school site did not add significantly to the problem. She offered the possibility of not having a separate structure for the meeting room, but that may be needed because the building straddles access from two sides, towards the high school and towards Railroad Avenue.

A number of WFoL members strongly objected to the library steering committee not being included in the meeting and the decision, given their long involvement in the

process. The partners meeting included Winters City Manager John Donlevy, WJUSD Superintendent Dale Mitchell, school facilities manager Gary Cook and other county and city staff.

Curl did not know what part of the architect’s fee will be paid, because it is still being negotiated.

The latest blow follows a number of valiant failed attempts, going back to 1992. The first plan in 2000 was a 11,000 square foot facility to occupy the southeast corner of Railroad and Main, on part of what is the Rotary Park and parking lot. That design was not a joint project with the school.

The project required a local election proposition (Proposition B) and a 66 percent yes vote to approve an average \$68 tax per household. The project also required removal of a metal building on leased city land that housed Valley Farmers Co-Op.

A number of citizens objected to the tax, and discussions at meetings and letters to the paper became contentious. Competing ads were placed in the paper, including one ad against the proposition claiming the library would make Winters “become just like other drug cities like Oakland, San Jose and Los Angeles.”

With some citizens objecting to moving a building that housed an ag business and others objecting to the tax, the vote failed to meet the 2/3 threshold, even though a simple 55 percent supported the measure.

After that fatiguing fight, the city took a couple year’s break from the process.

In 2004, Donlevy and School Superintendent Dale Mitchell began talking about creating a joint library. Application was made for funds from the State Library Fund created by Proposition 14 in 2000. This application was not approved, but the city scored high enough to be next in line for funds from the next library fund proposition, Proposition 81. Unfortunately, Proposition 81 failed in 2006.

Later in 2006, Mary Stephens, the county librarian at the time, went to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and convinced them to increase proposed county funding from \$800,000 to over \$3 million, making the latest project possible.

The partners and Yolo County Supervisors intend to issue the RFP immediately and begin interviewing architects by mid March.

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Opinion



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FINALLY, LIFE WILL RETURN to normal. At 2 a.m. this Sunday (March 11), we'll spring forward into Daylight Savings Time. Thanks to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the changeover comes three weeks earlier this year and will last a week longer in the fall. Hallelujah. I'm no fan of winter. The holidays are all well and good, and a chill in the air makes Christmas cozy, but once New Year's Eve is over, I have no more use for winter. I hate to be cold, and it's depressing to walk out of the office at the end of the day into darkness. Standard Time only makes both those unpleasant aspects of winter yet that much worse.

Why do we put ourselves through all this upset twice a year? What practical purpose does it serve? Aside from up-at-dawn farmers, who have an irrational attachment to Standard Time despite the fact that they can get up whenever they darn please, most people seem to prefer Daylight Savings. Sure, some grumble about waking up an hour earlier when we spring forward, but if we didn't mess with the clocks in the first place, that problem would solve itself.

According to www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving, Daylight Savings was Benjamin Franklin's idea. Following a visit to Paris, Franklin proposed setting clocks forward after noticing that most people were still asleep long after sunrise. He asserted that it was thriftier to make use of natural light than to rely on lamps. Since then, Daylight Savings Time has had an on-again, off-again history, never official policy until 1966, when the Uniform Time Act was passed.

Franklin was right. By offering extra daylight after work, Daylight Savings conserves energy. Think how many times you wake up in the morning and the sun has long since risen, and all that free light goes to waste. Simply put, people use less electricity when it's still light outside. True, in December, it's a wash. You can only squeeze about 10 hours of light out of the day no matter how you slice it. You'll either light your house earlier in the morning or later at night. But even if, from an energy perspective, it makes no difference in December one way or the other, remaining on Daylight Savings would eliminate all the upset to our sleeping patterns as well as the annoyance of resetting every clock in the house. And that's a lot of clocks. Go count them.

Besides plain old clocks and wristwatches, most appliances, electronics and computers have clocks these days. I have 12 to fiddle with every fall and spring, but I really shouldn't count the VCR or stereo clocks. I've long since lost the owner's manuals and without a teenage boy in the house any longer to master the electronics, they'll blink "12:00" in perpetuity.

It's bad enough that I have to reset all those clocks every time the power goes out without having to do it again twice a year, as if we have to schedule some additional annoyance like an insurance policy just in case life doesn't provide us enough on its own. It's been my experience, however, that life always comes through in that department.

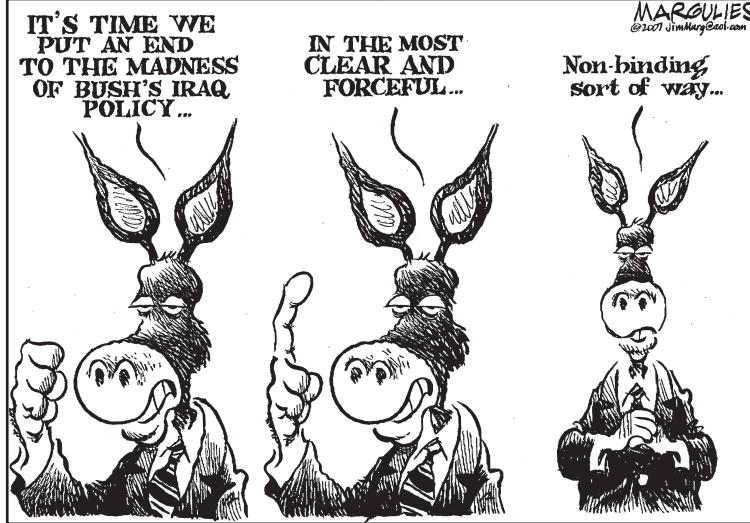
Besides energy savings and freedom from petty annoyances, another Daylight Savings bonus is safety. More daylight during the evening commute hours means fewer traffic accidents. And it adds up. A U.S. Department of Transportation study on traffic-related accidents estimated that 50 lives were saved and about 2,000 injuries prevented during a two-month Daylight Savings study, with a savings of \$28 million in traffic accident costs. In addition, there's less personal crime, such as assaults and robberies, during Daylight Savings because people are safely home before it's dark. The baddies prefer to work under cover of darkness.

And one more thing — if we had a little extra daylight after school and work all year round, wouldn't it provide more opportunity for children to get outside and play? The issue of alarming childhood obesity rates have been continually in the news lately. If we allowed more opportunity in their lives for kids to do what they do best — play — maybe some of that problem would go away on its own. Take away the video games and shoo them outside towards their bicycles and basketballs. Real life beats virtual life hands down. Particularly when it's still light enough outside to see it.

As far as I'm concerned, there are only good reasons to stay on Daylight Savings all year, and no bad ones. Moreover, if the main reasoning behind extending Daylight Savings is to save energy, wouldn't it make a lot more sense to stay on Daylight Savings all year? It's not as if there's an energy saving "season." We should make every attempt to conserve all year round.

But that would make too much sense, and what did making sense ever have to do with government decisions. Do you suppose we could convince our lawmakers to put an end to this spring-forward-fall-back nonsense? Although standardized time is a federal law, the decision about whether or not to observe Standard Time or Daylight Savings is left up to the states. If you've had enough of these biannual switcheroo shenanigans, tell your state representatives so. And it wouldn't hurt to tell Arnold as well. Who knows, maybe someone will listen if they think it will help their reelection campaigns.

May this Sunday be the date that California springs forward for good.



LETTERS

Jared's family says 'thanks'

Dear Editor,

As so many of you know, our son Jared Davis passed away on Aug. 8, 2006 after a valiant struggle with Aplastic Anemia. On behalf of my husband, Ross, Jared's sister Ashley and his brother Zach, we would like to thank the community of Winters for the tremendous outpouring of love and support given us throughout Jared's illness; and it continues today. From all the cards and gifts sent to Jared, the blood drive (held by Susie Stocking) to Jared's funeral, you were all there by our sides and we could not have made it this far without you.

When Jared and his brother Zach first came to Winters they felt a warmth that they had never felt before. They were immediately accepted into the community with open arms. I would have to say that the last two years of Jared's life were his happiest. Of course, this would have never been possible if it hadn't been for Ben and Debbie Geerts and their sons, Keith, Aaron and Skyler, known as their "Winters Family." They literally opened their home and hearts to both of our boys and we will be eternally grateful for this. The extended family beyond Ben and Debbie's immediate family (Thomases, Stockings, McLaughlins, Ivorys, Geertses, and Coxes) were equally as supportive and made them feel at home instantly. I know this love and friendship will continue forever.

George Griffin and Tom Crisp and all of the staff from Winters High School literally gave Jared a sec-

ond chance at not only basketball (his passion), and an education, but unconditional love and support from an incredible group of people. This prompted us to start a memorial scholarship in Jared's memory.

On Jan. 23, 2007, the high school varsity basketball team honored Jared in the first inaugural "Find a Cure Night." This event was the inspiration of Ben Geerts, Jared's "second father." Thank you, Winters Express, for your part in helping get the word out about this special night. Money raised during this event coupled with donations from family and friends has topped the mark required to establish a perpetual scholarship. Therefore, each year beginning this year, a scholarship will be given to a Winters High School senior who plans to attend a four-year college or university, a community college or trade school. Further information regarding this scholarship can be obtained by contacting Winters High School.

We are eternally grateful to the Winters community for the incredible demonstration of generosity. Our most profound gratitude, however, is extended to the people who shared Jared's life; his friends, his teachers, his coaches and all those people who stood by his side during his incredible fight for life.

For the incredible expression of love, sympathy and support, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

**SUE, ROSS,
ASHLEY and ZACH
(Jared's proud family)**

Youth Day committee needs help

Dear Editor,

It's hard to believe that we are already in the middle of March. There's only a little over a month until the 71st Annual Winters Youth Day Celebration takes place on Saturday, April 28, and the Youth Day Committee is hard at work preparing for another great day.

We have an extremely dedicated group of only 10 people who are working very hard to put on an event that attracts thousands of people to our city. This is a milestone year for me, as I celebrate my 25th year as Parade Chairman and 29th year as parade announcer. It's hard to believe that I haven't missed a single Youth Day since we moved to Winters in 1966.

The reason I am writing to the Winters community is that we need help. With such a small group of volunteers, we are falling well short of the help we need to pull off this event. There are two main areas we need help with. Mainly, we need volunteers to help work a very short shift in the Kid's Faire area.

For those not familiar with this part of Youth Day,

the Kid's Faire takes up the entire fenced in Little League Park and is filled with games, bounce houses and other fun activities. This area is free to kids, as our sponsorship money helps run this part of the day. This all takes place between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. following the parade. To help, contact Kathy Donlevy or Kathy McIntire, our Kid's Faire Chairmen.

The second area we need help with are the parades. First, we need an adult volunteer to help the Student Kiddie Parade Chairman, my daughter Amber, to run the Kiddie Parade. Mostly, we need the adult help on Youth Day morning helping register children and line them up. For the Main Parade, we need someone who can acquire cars and drivers to carry our dignitaries. We also need some student help as parade marshals, lining up the parade entrants as they come in on Youth Day morning.

Sometime in the next two weeks we will be trying to assemble a student Youth Day council from the high school. We are ac-

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CHARLES R. WALLACE
**A QUICK
OPINION**

A CREEK FOR ALL. The city is updating their Putah Creek Master Plan, which is fancy language for updating their plans for Putah Creek within our city limits. There have always been grand plans for the creek, but never any money for the renovation. With the help of the Putah Creek Council, money is flowing our way, along with a permanent water flow past the Diver-sion Dam.

We've been running articles, from time to time, about the rehabilitation of the creek and the work being done by Putah Creek Streamkeeper Rich Marovich. With the cooperation of private property owners Rich has been killing what are called invasive weeds, better know as blackberry and arunda (false bamboo). He is also taking out the cottonwood trees that have grown in the creek.

I've written before about what the creek was like when I was growing up, and how many summers I spent exploring the creek and nearby mountains. It was a great childhood that I don't think kids get to have today. I blame parents as being too protective and everyone for allowing the creek to get so overgrown that no one except teenage boys and brave people go down there.

Low Water Bridge is an example of what happened when someone, Jack Fay, built a family picnic area and fishing access along Putah Creek. Solano County thought so much of Jake Fay's place that they condemned (took) it and turned it into what you see today.

We are luckier in Winters. We already own much of Putah Creek next to the city, and few commercial developments have happened along the banks. We have an opportunity to, finally, have a recreational/nature area that we can be proud of. There is an advisory committee, appointed by the city council, that has been working on a vision of what the City of Winters' portion of the creek should look like. They are going to recommend to the council that the perc dam be removed and access be expanded from the train bridge to the Highway 505 overpass. Their work is just beginning.

There is talk of a walking/nature trail along both banks of the creek. Can you image a two mile loop trail, starting behind the Community Center, heading east to Highway 505, some kind of bridge, either the existing car overpass (with divided pedestrian area) or a suspension bridge, allowing access to the south side of the creek. You could then walk back along the south bank until you came to the renovated train bridge and the Community Center.

Let your imagination work on what could be along the trail. Can you imagine picnic areas, fishing access, interpretive signs, a real swimming hole with small docks reaching out into the water. What happens to the creek is up to us. The Putah Creek Council has been around for years, as has the Putah Creek Master Plan. Now that there is money, people willing to work on the creek and a public effort to improve the creek, this is our chance.

The first of two public workshops on the Putah Creek Master Plan will be held this Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. until noon, at the Winters Community Center. The Winters City Council will make the ultimate decision, but this is an opportunity to speak up and voice your opinion.

There was a Letter to the Editor last week making a point to save the perc dam. Jeff Ten Pas states his argument for keeping the dam, but he disparages "someone who has never spent time at Little Rock who works for an outside agency and who looks at Little Rock and sees a decrepit dam." There are also fliers around town talking about out of town interest taking out the dam. Our council may be a lot of things, but they are not an out of town agency. If KO Construction doesn't bid on the project, I'll concede that an outside entity will probably remove the dam.

I take offense to Ten Pas' name calling. It is my job to call people names instead of using facts in an argument. When I look at the creek, with my eyes closed, I don't see a decrepit dam, I see picnic tables, families swimming, people fishing and access for all.

You may not agree with my vision of the creek, but I don't want to see this chance to improve access to the creek pass us by without my splashing a little water on somebody.

Have a good week.

Politically incorrect but right-on

Dear Editor (Winter Sex Press),

As she often does, our editor comes up with a big time editorial in the Let's Talk About Sex column (Feb. 15). She is so politically incorrect and so right-on in her usual hilar-

ious pull-no-punches fashion.

Debra gets my applause for being such an effective iconoclast in a world of the cowed and clueless.

Vive l'amour.

ED DAWKINS

THANKS . . .

The family of Herman Lopez would like to thank everyone for their generosity of food, flowers, and kind words during this very difficult time. Our family has been comforted by all the wonderful stories and out pouring of love that has been shown towards Herman. Herman was a very special person and will be missed greatly by his family and by those who life he touched.

THE LOPEZ FAMILY

Write to us: news@wintersexpress.com
Deadline: noon on Monday

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tively seeking some students to be General Chairman, Parade Chairman and Kid's Faire Chairman. If you are a student reading this, or a parent, please get your students involved in this 71-year tradition. There are not many things that survive the changes of life, but Youth Day has weathered many problems to stay the springtime event of the year. Besides, I need to retire someday, so we need to get some new blood in line to keep this tradition alive.

Our next Youth Day meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at Round Table Pizza. If you are interested in helping in one way or another, please come to the meeting or send word along that you can help. For more information or to volunteer, please feel free to call me at 795-2091.

Thank you and see you at Youth Day.

MIKE SEBASTIAN
Youth Day
Parade Chairman

Don't let title scare you

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Winters Theatre Company, I would like to invite our friends and patrons in the Winters community to attend one of our six performances of "Let's Murder Marsha," which opens this Friday night. Champagne, non-alcoholic punch and dessert will be served as part of our traditional gala opening. The refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by an 8 p.m. curtain.

Don't be mislead by the title. "Let's Murder Marsha" is not a dark drama about death, but rather a comic spoof about a woman who reads too many lurid novels and allows her imagination to run amok with hilarious results, so it's quite appropriate for grandma and the older kids.

I would like to remind everyone that the Saturday evening performance on March 10 is a dinner theatre benefit for the Yolo Family Service

Agency, and all reservations must be made by calling that organization at 662-2211. Two Sunday matinee shows, March 11 and 18, are included in the schedule, and regular evening performances on the weekend of March 16 and 17 will be presented.

You have a choice of a champagne gala, dinner theatre, regular evening shows and Sunday matinees. Please plan to join us for one of our presentations. We promise many laughs and a happy ending in spite of the title.

GERMAINE S. HUPE
Winters Theatre Company

Softball program hits homerun

Dear Editor,

Our softball players should be proud of the new fields located at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. Through a cooperative effort between the school district, Little League and numerous volunteers the varsity and JV high school softball fields have taken shape over the last year.

Thanks go out to Gary Cooke, facility director for the school district, who coordinated the effort, and the district for making a significant financial contribution to this girl's program. To our local Rotary Club, that purchased the score board, and Principal George Griffin and Matt Cooley for installing it, Jim Hyer and his crew; Tom Towne, Dave Egbert, Dave Hyer and Robert Nicholson for designing and installing the shade structures that our Little League purchased.

Many thanks to our Little League volunteers for assistance with installing the batting cage. Little League's Softball program will also utilize the new fields.

Thanks to Vintage paving for working with the district for paving needs, to Coach Tracy and Don Calvert for their countless hours and effort toward making the High school softball program a success. Our community can be proud of these fields.

Again thanks to everyone involved.

ED ANDERSEN

Come if you care about the creek

Dear Editor,

Take a walk down by the creek. Seems very peaceful. Birds singing, raptors calling, water flowing, trees swaying in the breeze — la-la-la. But changes are coming. Big changes — removal of the perc dam, clear-cutting of big trees, even changing the channel of the creek.

The only chance we have, as citizens of Winters, to state our opinions about all of this is to attend a public meeting. It's this Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Community Center.

If you care, be there. Be there or shut up.

LINDA SPRINGER

Help protect Winters' Little Rock

Dear Editor,

An out-of-town agency and its employee have pushed a plan to demolish the old percolation dam in Winters. The dam is the heart of Winters' Little Rock swimming and fishing hole.

If there were a real environmental need for dam removal, I would not stand in the way. But the gains from dam removal are small compared to the \$636,000 cost and the affects on the best swimming hole on Putah Creek.

Help protect Little Rock. Please come to the public meeting, Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m. at the Community Center.

JEFF TENPAS

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Annual mower exchange program planned

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, a sponsor for the 11th annual Mow Down Air Pollution lawn mower exchange program, will held hold this year's event on March 31 at California State University, Sacramento. This once-a-year opportunity to exchange a gas-powered mower for a new cordless rechargeable lawn mower at a reduced price is available to a limited number of pre-registered residents.

The Neuton Cordless Electric Mower will be sold for \$189 (including tax) with the exchange of a gas-powered mower, a savings of approximately \$230. For more details on the Neuton mower visit www.myneuton.com.

To reduce waiting in line on the day of the event, pre-registration is required on Wednesday, March 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a first-come, first served basis. Each successful registrants will be given an assigned time for the exchange.

Register online at www.smud or call (888) 742-7683 on that date.

For additional information call 757-3650 or visit www.smud.org.

Quiz Show teams forming

The 4th annual Winters Friends of the Library fund-raiser, The Quiz Show, takes place Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Teams of five will pay an entrance fee of \$100 to try to win the prize money of \$300, and get their names on a perpetual trophy, created by Jeff Hesemeyer.

Teams can be sponsored by organizations or businesses, or can be groups of smart friends willing to have fun. The first two teams of high school students will be sponsored by WFoL, so the registration is free.

There will be three rounds of play. Questions will be from a variety of categories ranging from history, literature, and science, to Winters trivia. In the first round, team members will work together to come up with answers to a variety of questions. The

top five or six teams will continue on to the next level where teams can use strategy to help them gain more points while answering tougher questions.

After several rounds of play, and a break for refreshments, the top two teams will go head to head in the championship round.

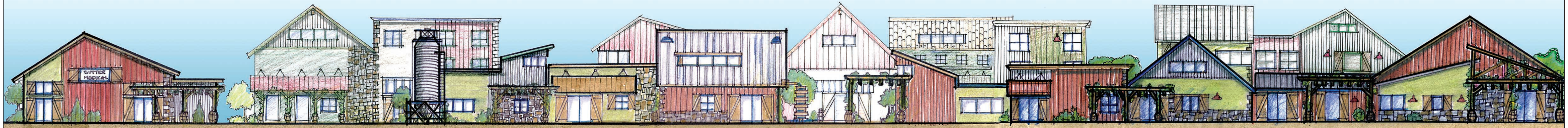
Those interested in being at the event, but not participating, are invited to come and watch. A four-dollar donation for spectators is requested at the door. The Friends will provide refreshments.

Teams interested in registering need to do so by Friday, March 24, or for an additional donation of \$20, may register at the door. Registration forms are available at the library, on the corner of 1st and Russell streets. For more information, call Rebecca Fridae, 795-4600.

Proposed commercial project

Graphic courtesy of Beth Creswell/Granite Bay Holdings

This is an artist's conception of the proposed commercial development to be located south of Grant Avenue, across from Lorenzo's Market. The project is being developed by Granite Bay Holdings. The 49,500 square foot development features retail, medical and office space.



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es with vines growing through them. We feel the fabric of this project would blend more with Winters."

The design puts structures of slightly different styles adjacent to one another, and Creswell showed pictures of similar buildings in Healdsburg. The new design adds a meandering path along Grant Avenue, trellises for shade and a full size old-style water wheel as a focal point, along with a pond and a waterfall. There is also a silo-like structure, to relate to the

water tower and silos on the other side of Grant.

The designers dropped the clock-tower idea, in response to planners concerns the development would be seen from the highway as downtown, and damage traffic to the real downtown. "This project is not meant to distract from downtown Winters," said Creswell.

Commissioners spoke positively about GBH listening to the commission's comments and new design. "I think it looks very nice," said commissioner Jack Graf.

"I concur," said commissioner Albert Vallecillo. "You've obviously worked very hard on this and you've kind of

run with it and put some juice into it, and it shows. It's very promising."

"I was pretty vocal last time about how grandiose the design got," said commissioner Joe Tramontana, "and this is very nice."

Commissioner Pierre Neu spoke in favor with the comment, "sometimes we think that nobody is listening." He said he liked the disappearance of one of the drive-throughs, and didn't see the point of any drive-throughs in a pedestrian oriented development.

Joe Tramontana asked about the roundabout proposed at the intersection of Walnut and Grant. Community Development

Director Dan Sokolow said the project can go forward without a decision on the roundabout. "They've planned for it and they have left enough right-of-way for a roundabout," said Sokolow.

Sokolow said this was not a hearing, but a conceptual site plan review. "They have a number of technical studies underway, and the crucial one will be the traffic study," said Sokolow. Once those are done and we figure out the CEQA on this, it will come back for a formal site plan review."

Winters Highlands Tyler Wade, GBH development manager, provided an update of their

Winters Highlands 432 unit project proposed for the northwest part of town, near Moody Slough Road. He said the underground utilities plan is being completed and will be available in early March. Design development has begun and GBH has chosen two architectural firms to design the residences. Landscaping plans are nearing the end of design development.

"The real news is our progress with the environmental mitigation," said Wade. All of the wetlands mitigation is in place, purchased from the L. C. Gridley mitigation bank, according to Wade. The on-site mitigation for burrowing owl

habitat is progressing. GBH has made habitat improvements to the buffer area north of the Shirley Rominger School, in hope of inducing at least one of the three owl pairs to move to that part of the parcel. Wade showed images of various landscape structures, called "refugia", installed on the site to entice the birds to the preserve area.

"I can report that at least one of the male owls has been seen in the preserve area in the last two weeks," said Wade. GBH is looking to a couple of different mitigation banks for off-site preserve areas as well.

The Catholic Diocese of

Sacramento is in the process of creating the conservation easement on a Yolo County parcel that GBH will purchase for Swainson's hawks mitigation. He said the mitigation should be in place by spring 2007, before construction begins.

At the next meeting Wade intends to show the new logo for Winter Highlands. He will also bring the design team for the energy efficient model home to make a presentation.

308 Baker

The commission held a site plan review of a manufactured home that Fred Chernidglo proposed to install for the property

owner, Manuel Lopez, at 308 Baker Street. The home is to be 1188 square feet, with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. The home is manufactured by Golden West, and will sit on a foundation raised 18" off the ground, according to the staff report. The plan calls for a detached 293 square foot garage. The garage access is from the alleyway, and calls for one covered space and a 24-foot wide apron that can accommodate two cars.

Chernidglo spoke, saying his company has been doing manufactured homes for eight years. He said the home will be 2 x 4 construction, with lap siding. "We will attach a

porch on the front of it, which will give it a nice design review."

Chernidglo said the foundation is raised 18" to match neighborhood homes. He said the home will have 1 x 6 window trim, eight inch fascia, and handrails on the porch, for a better appearance.

Neighbor Jose Diaz objected to a manufactured home being installed at that site, and was concerned about the impact of this home on parking. He said there are other homes owned by Manuel Lopez on that street and wanted to know if the home was to be a rental.

Commissioner Jack Graf said he understood

the neighbor's concerns, but said the new home would be an improvement over the old car and trash sitting currently on that site. "It just doesn't look good now," said Graf.

Commissioner Wade Cowan had no objection to the parking in back, and liked having the garage off the alley. "I'm not a fan of modular homes, never will be, but it does fit the lot. I wish it could be made a little more appealing and less modular-like. I know there is at least one on the street already. I guess it is what it is, and it still looks modular."

Commissioner Albert Vallecillo agreed with Cowan. He said the lap

siding was a help to the appearance. "We really can't address the issue of who the occupant is."

Vallecillo said it would be good to address the issue of making the house more attractive. "It would be nice if the owner would do a little more to improve the curbside appeal of the home, rather than just simply a modular box. This is a little better than that, but not a whole lot better than that. One of our jobs here at the planning commission is to be the design review." He suggested the front siding be extended along the sides, for an improved appearance.

Commissioner Pierre Neu agreed, and suggested landscaping to improve the appearance of the home. Chernidglo suggested he could add decorative rock to the foundation and concrete walkways and shade trees.

"That's good, but we need to see it. We need to see it on the plan," said Vallecillo.

Sokolow reminded the commission that they have the option to modify the conditions for approval, or continue the item and asked the builder to come back with an improved design. He said the commissioners are aware of the law that requires

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Community

Leininger named manager of River City Bank branch

Winters resident Jean-Marc Leininger has been named the new manager of River City Bank's Davis branch.

Leininger has a background in loan production, sales and management. He was previously an escrow assistant for First American Title, assisted in the preparation of personal tax returns for Carbahal & Co., and was a financial planner for Carbahal Olsen Financial Group. He was formerly the assistant branch manager of Home Savings of America, now Washington Mutual. Leininger is fluent in French and Spanish.

"We could not be happier in selecting Jean-Marc as the new Davis branch manager," said Jeanne Reaves, presi-

dent and CEO of River City Bank. "With his extensive experience and community involvement in Davis, Jean-Marc is the ideal person to represent River City Bank."

Leininger has been a part of the Davis community for 17 years. Active in the Davis Chamber of Commerce and Davis Downtown Business Association, Leininger is a triathlete and has been a board member of the Davis Mad Cows Racing Team since its inception in 2001.

Leininger graduated from the UC Davis with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural and managerial economics. His wife, Diane Ullman, is an associate dean and professor for the College of Agricultural & Environmental Science.

Winters Lions Club news

By JUANITARAMOS
Special to the Express

The Winters Lions Club met on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Tomat's. President Frank Ramos presided.

Lion Vic Bussard's wife, Vi, was honored at the meeting. She was presented with a large chocolate Valentine's heart. She always works very hard at the Lions Club blood drives, and the club thanked her for all her homemade "goodies" and hours working at the Community Center at the blood drives.

The club also thanked its PDG Lion Walt Flanders and wife Rena for visiting the Winters club from the American River Lions Club.

The Woodland Lions Host Club is sponsoring Lion Cathy Garcia for vice district governor. A fund-raiser will be held on Sunday, March 18, at the home of Linda and Dennis Puccetti in Woodland. The cost is \$10 per person.

The Winters Lions Club and the VFW members will co-sponsor a booth on Sunday, March 15, at the annual Vernal Equinox Hog Run in Winters.

Rotary World Peace Fellowship applications available

Applications for Rotary World Peace Fellowships are now available from the Rotary Club of Winters. The fellowships are for study at one of the six Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution to obtain a master's degree in international relations, peace studies, conflict resolution, and related areas. The Rotary Centers have been established by The Rotary Foundation, in partnership with prestigious universities throughout the world.

During their studies, Rotary World Peace Fellows will work to advance knowledge of issues related to peace, causes of conflict, and world understanding. The fellows will participate in an annual Rotary Center seminar and will commit to a career related to international relations, peace, and conflict resolution.

Rotary World Peace Fellowships are for up to two academic years and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board

and other limited expenses.

For more information and a fellowship application, contact Rotary Club of Winters member Cecil Padilla, 753-0585, by May 1. Interested individuals can visit the Rotary International Web site, www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_sch/centers, for more information and to download an application.

There are six Rotary Centers for International Studies involving the following seven university partners:

- ~ Duke University and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (both universities jointly host one Rotary Center)
- ~ International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- ~ Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- ~ University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- ~ University of California, Berkeley
- ~ The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Reinhart, Grulke to marry

Jerisa Reinhart of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota and Joshua Grulke of Winters plan to exchange wedding vows in August in St. Cloud Minnesota.

Jerisa is the daughter of John and Joanne Reinhart of Sauk Rapids. She has a sister, Jenni, of Plymouth, Minnesota, a brother, Jeff, and a twin brother, Jason, both of Sauk Rapids. She attends St. Cloud State University and is a 2004 graduate of Sauk Rapids High School. She is employed at the Covoron Cancer Center.

Joshua is the son of William and Laurie Lane of Winters and Paul and Patricia Grulke of Georgia. His sisters and brothers include Kevin and Hailey Lane of Winters, and Michael and Heather Grulke of Georgia. He is a 2002 graduate of Winters High School, attended St. Cloud State University in Minnesota for two years, and currently attends Sacramento State University. He is employed with Target and is in the United States Coast Guard Reserves.



JERISA REINHART and JOSHUA GRULKE

Senior Citizens Club news

By MARGE SEBASTIAN
Special to the Express

Our February meeting/potluck was held on Wednesday, Feb. 14, Valentines Day.

The potluck was very nice, with a wide variety of foods. We would like to thank everyone who brought a dish to share.

We would like to thank the following people who brought gifts for our drawing: Ursula Navaro, Carol White, Sheri Del Toro, Lillie Branscum, Dorothy Becker, Betty Davis and Sandy Webster, as well as

Jessie Gill. The gifts were great and the winners went home with some very nice gifts.

After lunch, we played Bingo for our Brown Bag prizes, donated by Dorothy Becker. It was a fun afternoon for all.

Our March meeting/potluck will be on Wednesday, March 14, and a gentleman from the Yolo County D.A.'s office will come and talk to us on elderly abuse.

We will have corned beef and cabbage, so bring a dish that might go good with this.

Meals available for seniors at 11:45 a.m.

Are you tired of cooking and/or eating by yourself? Not eating healthy or only snacking throughout the day? Are you interested in meeting new people or trying a new activity? There's a solution for you: Come join the folks at the Elderly Nutrition Program who offer a well balanced, hot, complete lunchtime meal each weekday at 11:45 a.m. at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue.

The program offers a varied menu available for review to meet many tastes and health re-

quirements. Sample menu: roast pork, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, butterscotch pudding and milk. Come every day or only certain days. Activities such as Bingo and crafts/sewing are available after meals on certain days.

Interested seniors are invited to come visit or make a reservation a day in advance with site manager, Sherry Del Toro, 795-4241. For a suggested donation of \$2.50 a meal, you can get out of the house, avoid cooking a full meal, socialize with new friends and stay healthy.

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Edward Jones Hosts Broadcast Presentation: "How to Protect Yourself from Scam Artists"

Edward Jones Financial Advisor David Jarrett of Winters will host a free satellite broadcast titled "How to Protect Yourself from Scam Artists" at 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at 7 East Main St., Ste 7E.

Author and investigative reporter Chuck Whitlock will provide practical tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and financial scams.

This interactive event is presented at select Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private video network.

To reserve a seat or for more information about the program, call Jarrett at 530-795-3929. For those unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.

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Chamber Mixer planned

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Mixer on Monday, March 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Cloth Carousel, located at 9 Main Street. Handmade items will be displayed during the reception. Everyone is invited to this great opportunity to support local merchants.

For more information contact the Chamber office, 795-2329.

Hispanic Advisory Committee

The Hispanic Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall. Topics of discussion will be "key policy needs" and a community meeting planned for March 22, at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

For more information, call 795-4910.

Conservation district plans annual dinner

The public is invited to attend the Yolo County Resource Conservation District's Annual Dinner for an evening celebration of conservation partnerships and a special presentation by Dr. Jeffrey Mount, professor of geology at UC Davis, and director of the UCD Center for Watershed Sciences.

At the dinner, the RCD will honor Tom Muller as he closes a two decade term of leadership as chairman of the RCD board and for his and his brothers' continuing conservation efforts as 'vanguard' Yolo County farmers. Following dinner, Mount will describe the conclusions of a major report released this month that presents options for managing the increasingly unstable Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta system, including the impacts on agriculture and the water supply. The event will take place at the Zamora Town Hall from 5:30-8 p.m. on March 14.

The RCD dinner is an annual educational and fund-raising event to sponsor select local high school students for the week-long California Range and Natural Resources Camp in Half Moon Bay each June. To that end, there will be a silent auction of items donated by local organizations, farmers and businesses. The event starts at 5:30 with a tasting of area wines poured by local producers, followed by a barbecued tri-tip dinner with a vegetarian option, followed by the program at 7 p.m.

The Yolo County RCD is a local special district that has been active in Yolo County for over 50 years to support private landowners and farmers in their ef-

Monthly film focuses on peace

The Teach Peace monthly film and discussion series continues with "9/11 Eyewitness." The screening will take place on Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the Blanchard Room of the Davis Public Library, 315 E. 14th Street in Davis. Admission is free.

For more information, call (530)554-7061 or (530)758-8431 or visit www.TeachPeace.com.

Spring bazaar, rummage sale planned

A spring bazaar and rummage sale will be offered by the city of Vacaville in the Three Oaks Community Center parking lot on Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge to attend.

For event or vendor information, call (707) 449-6185.

forts to conserve their natural resources and enhance area wildlife habitat. The RCD is a nationally-recognized leader in the application of native vegetation for on-farm soil, water and wildlife habitat projects. Current projects include on farm water quality management support, watershed coordination and stream enhancement efforts in cooperation with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and many local private and public partner organizations.

More information and tickets for the event are available for \$25 through the RCD office and can be reserved by phone or email from Sheila Pratt, 662-2037, extension 117 or pratt@yolorcd.org. Seating will be limited to 125 guests, so early registration is recommended.

Fund established to aid Melton

Kingsley Melton is the former field representative of Assemblywoman Lois Wolk and a former Buckhorn employee who was severely burned in a house fire in San Diego on December 26, 2006. He survived 25

days in a coma and two successful skin graft surgeries.

A family spokesperson reports that his strength and spirit has inspired all those around him, including his family and the medical team at the UC San

Diego Medical Center Burn Unit who saw him through this crisis.

An account has been established to help Melton with his expenses and to help him through the long and difficult rehabilitation

ahead. Contributions can be made to the Kingsley Melton Recovery Fund in person at any Golden 1 Credit Union branch (Acct# 827005) or by mail to P.O. Box 72505, Davis, CA 95616.

PROJECT

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them to accept modular homes, but they are allowed to ask for design changes. “That is at your discretion.”

Graf said the commission should not micromanage the design process.

“I agree with Jack, it’s not our job to design it,” said Vallecillo. Vallecillo made a motion to continue the process, and the commission approved unanimously.

Rotary Park update

Edmund Lis, chair of the Rotary Park Vision Committee, presented the proposed first phase of the park improvements, which includes improving the Gazebo for accessibility and installing a manufactured pair of restrooms. Lis said the prefabricated restroom would be installed at the southeast corner of the park, with the doors facing north towards Main Street. Lis said the group liked the fact the restrooms could be moved as a unit in the future, should it be necessary. For example, if a remake of the Community Center building included public restrooms, this unit could be moved somewhere else, like the linear park.

“The main issue is making the ramp ADA compliant. It is no longer compliant,” said Lis, discussing the gazebo. Lis said the group also wanted to make the stage more user-friendly by extending it. “And a fresh coat of

paint.”

The first phase will include installation of a drinking fountain.

In response to a question by Graf, Lis said the ramp grade is no longer acceptable, because the accessibility specifications have changed. The remodel provokes the need to bring it into compliance.

“What’s going to happen with all the bricks?” asked Commissioner Joe Trammontana, referring to bricks engraved with names of donors for the construction of the gazebo.

Lis said the bricks will be reused with the new ramp as much as possible, and all will be preserved.

Other items:

Neu invited all to attend the meeting on the Winters Putah Creek Park on March 10 from 9 a.m. to noon., where the park design and removal of the old dam will be discussed.

Commissioner Wade Cowan complimented JDS Builders on the job they did in the remodel for Aura Spa on Main Street.

Sokolow presented a two year report on progress on the city housing element component of the general plan. He said the process is beginning now for revamping the housing element for a 2008 deadline. He said the city will hire consultants to help with this process, and the plan will come before the planning commission and the city council.

The next planning commission meeting will take place on March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Outstanding officer



Photo by Charles Wallace

Winters Police Officer of the Year Craig Urquhart (left) is congratulated by Chief Bruce Muramoto at a police and fire department awards banquet held last month.

CREEK

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Railroad Avenue Bridge.

Winters citizens will have an opportunity to express their vision for the creek, and to comment on the design of recreational access, trails, vegetation and other proposed changes to the creek. The meeting will be facilitated by Cheryl Sullivan of Cunningham Engineering, who was retained by the city to update the plan she developed in 1995.

Eric Larson, a geomorphologist, and Rich Marovich of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC), will

describe plans to remove the percolation dam, to narrow the channel, and to create flood planes to improve native habitat and reduce erosion.

The LPCCC, through the Solano County Water Agency, received a \$452,000 California Resources Agency grant to remove the percolation dam. Additional funding through the California River Parkways program funded by Proposition 50 is being sought to continue the work begun by Marovich to reshape the creek and install “W” weirs.

For more information about the workshops, call City Hall, 795-4910.

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Entertainment

‘Let’s Murder Marsha’ opens Friday

By GERMAINE HUPE
Special to the Express

The complex comic script of “Let’s Murder Marsha,” which opens this Friday night, requires an ensemble cast of seven actors to bring the plot vividly to the stage. The Winters Theatre Company is pleased to introduce two new performers for this production and to welcome back five veteran players as well. Jenell Novello is making her acting debut as Persis, the supposed “other woman” in the plot. Jenell is a middle school teacher and the mother of a 22-month old daughter. Her hobbies include participating in marathon races; she recently completed her fifth competition. Jenell often attends Winters High athletic events to support our local teams and her husband, coach Chris Novello.

Greg Lanzaro is another newcomer to the Winters Theatre Company. Greg portrays the millionaire stockbroker Tobias whom his wife suspects of both infidelity and potential murder. Greg is a professor at the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine where microbiology, immunology, and pathology are his fields of expertise. He finds acting, set building, and stage craft new, exciting and challenging pastimes.

Marsha, the mystery reading, overly dramatic, often eavesdropping title character, is portrayed by Joanie Bryant. Joanie made her acting debut in the challenging, two person play “Collected Stories” several seasons ago. Since then she has appeared as the singing jester in “Twelfth Night” and the Amazon queen Hippolyta in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” both plays in the Shakespeare in the Park summer productions. Joanie is a former elementary school teacher and is now a stay-at-home mom with her toddler son.

Jim Hewlett, who plays the naive next door neighbor, is a long standing member of WTC. His many roles include four seasons with major roles in Shakespeare productions and several dramatic produc-



Courtesy photo
Marsha Gilmore and her neighbor, Virgil Baxter, react as husband, Tobias Gilmore and “the other woman,” Persis Devore, prepare to drink the poisoned liqueur. From left are Greg Lanzaro, Joanie Bryant, Jim Hewlett, Jenell Novello. Winters Theater Company presents the comedy, ‘Let’s Murder Marsha,’ which opens on Friday, March 9. For tickets and information, call 795-4014.

tions as well. He lists his favorite roles as the Tin Man in “The Wizard of Oz” and especially the difficult portrayal as mentally challenged Mickey in “Greetings,” WCT’s holiday production two years ago. Jim’s most recent role was that of Silvius, the lovestruck shepard in “As You Like It.”

Janette Dahn appears as Bianca, the attractive young maid who becomes Marsha’s ally. Although Janette is only 21, she is an “old timer” with WCT, having made her acting debut almost 10 years ago as the bratty little boy in “The Nerd.” Janette has literally grown up in WCT; her most recent roles have been as Hero in “Much Ado About Nothing” and the disdainful shepherdess in “As You Like It.” She also portrayed the major character of Puck in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

Ben Moroski, who played the major role of Orlando in last summer’s production of “As You Like It,” returns to play Bianca’s policeman boyfriend in “Let’s Murder Marsha.” Ben is currently a UC Davis student majoring in managerial economics. He joined

WTC two years ago in the role of Lysander in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

Lynette Thoren, Marsha’s well meaning mother, is played by Germaine Hupe, a founding member of WCT. Her favorite roles include Mame in “Auntie Mame” and Clairee in “Steel Magnolias,” and she especially enjoys editing and introducing the Shakespeare plays which WTC presents every summer. She has also written several melodramas and two plays for the company.

The directorial duties of “Let’s Murder Marsha” are shared by Trent Beeby and JoAnn May. Trent directed his first play “Alone At Last” two years ago, and he is enjoying the challenge of directing another fast paced comedy. He has been a frequent leading man in numerous WTC plays. His most recent appearances were as the acerbic philosopher Jaques in “As You Like It,” and as the Swiss Captain in “Arms and the Man.” His favorite role was that of the pet owner in “Sylvia,” a man who carried on long conversations with a stray dog that he adopts as his pet and confidant.

JoAnn May has performed several times back stage for WTC productions. She served as stage manager for “Arms and the Man” and for “As You Like It.” Local audiences will remember JoAnn as the harried school teacher in “A Christmas Story.” A member of the WTC Board of Directors, JoAnn finds that working as a director presents special opportunities and challenges.

“Let’s Murder Marsha” opens this Friday with the champagne gala at 7:30 p.m. Subsequent shows are a dinner theatre show on Saturday, March 10, and regular performances at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17. There are two Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on March 11 and 18.

The March 10 dinner theatre show is a benefit performance for the Yolo Family Service Agency and reservations must be made by calling 662-2211. Tickets for all other performances of “Let’s Murder Marsha” are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and the Chamber of Commerce office. Reservations for these shows can be made by calling 795-4014.

“Note of Elegance”



Courtesy photo
Vatrene King brings her smooth jazz vocals to the stage of the Community Center for the “Note of Elegance” on March 23 and 24. Presented by the Winters Music Boosters, this is the primary fund-raiser in support of music programs in Winters schools. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the no-host bar, curtain is at 8 p.m. Most of the tables for Saturday night have been sold, but there are still plenty of tables and individual tickets available for Friday night. Tickets can be purchased at Pacific Ace Hardware and at the Winters High School Office, and are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Call Linda Johnson, 795-3447, to reserve a table for eight. The evening features exceptional entertainment and fine desserts.

Plant life subject of art show

The Vacaville Art Gallery will exhibit over 60 mixed media pieces of art recording and celebrating the wide range of plant species in our world from March 10 through April 5. A “Meet the Artist” Reception takes place Friday, March 16, 7-9

p.m.

The gallery is located at 718 East Monte Vista Avenue in Vacaville. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information call (707) 448-8712.

Day of bountiful bunnies planned

The Bunnies and Bonnets Family Fun Day, sponsored by the City of Vacaville, offers an event for the entire family. Activities include free egg hunts and stage shows, hands-on crafts and story time. Visitors are invited to bring a camera and “hop on over” to the Bunny Hut for a photo with Ms. Bunny Bonnet.

There will also be plenty of craft and food vendors, and activities offered at nominal prices.

The event takes place on Saturday April 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Carroll Plaza/Andrews Park in Vacaville. All ages are welcome.

For information, call (707) 449-6185.

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SCHOOL

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Dale Mitchell told district trustees on March 1 that student growth from development projected for 2008-09 is “iffy” and that the district is probably going to need more budget reductions.

Budget pressure also is coming from the district’s emphasis to better align resources with goals and directions and commitment to close the achievement gap between English language learners and other students. Mitchell is recommending that the board approve using general fund monies to fund a halftime intervention teacher at Rominger Intermediate School and a halftime intervention teacher at Waggoner Elementary School, and to also use general fund money to augment declining MediCal revenue to ensure that there is no reduction in pupil services or classified positions for the 2007-08 school year.

Mitchell also wants trustees to reinstate the assistant principal position at Winters Middle School to a fulltime position and add English Language Learner Coordinator responsibilities to the position. To pay for these changes, he is suggesting a reduction in the general fund reserve.

Trustees will consider the recommendations at their March 15 board meeting.

Holiday shift costly

This year, Martin Luther King’s birthday — observed on Jan. 15 — was a school day because the school calendar approved by district trustees and employee bargaining units used the time off for that holiday to extend winter break. As a result, student absenteeism the

Awakening the dreamer symposium

The Awakening the Dreamer — Changing the Dream Symposium explores the link between three of humanity’s most critical concerns: environmental sustainability, social justice and spiritual fulfillment. The event takes place on Saturday, March 17, 12:30-5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Davis at 27074 Patwin Road in Davis.

Using video clips, short films, leading edge information, and group interactions, participants gain new insight into the very nature of our time and the opportunity we have to create an inspiring future. Those who are ready to be moved to action, both individually and collectively, as part of a thriving community awakening from and changing the dream of our modern industrial culture, are invited to come to the symposium.

Registration can be done at www.pachamama.org by clicking on “Awakening the Dreamer” followed by “Symposium Calendar”. Registration should be for the event scheduled in Davis. The requested donation is \$20. No one will be turned away for the inability to pay.

Sponsored by an alliance of community members committed to the future well-being of our planet with the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis.

Obtain additional information at the Pachamama Alliance website, www.pachamama.org, or call Cathy Dyaico M.D., 758-0645.

day that the rest of the nation observed the holiday was four to five percent higher than normal.

“Educationally and financially that is costly,” Mitchell told district trustees. And, although school calendars are usually approved for two years at a time, the 2007-08 school calendar may shift back to the traditional observance of the MLK holiday if all parties involved in calendar negotiations agree.

Mitchell’s comments were part board discussion on preferences for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 calendars that will be built by committee, but must be approved by all three employee groups and the board of trustees before they can be implemented.

In recent years, the school district has adopted calendars that conclude the first semester before winter break and have an extended winter break so there will be less absenteeism when school starts in January.

Report cards

Student report cards should be less confusing to parents next year as the school district strives to standardize the format and content of report cards for grades K-8 and explain A (advanced), P (proficient), B (basic), BB (below basic), and FBB (far below basic)

grades.

The grading system will be tied to percentages, but parents might be surprised to know that their “B” student is performing in the 60 to 74 percent range instead of the 80-90 percent range usually associated with a traditional “B.” Students performing in the 90-100 percent range will earn an “A,” but those in the 75-89 percent range will earn a “P.” A 45-59 percent performance will earn students a BB, and any scores below 45 will be in the FBB category.

“We’re trying to make report cards better reflect how students are doing,” director of educational services Emilie Simmons said.

Personnel

Trustees approved a 5.31 percent pay increase, retroactive to last July 1, for members of the school district’s pupil personnel services bargaining unit. The pay increase, which also applies to special education and bilingual stipends, boosts the salary range for the district’s counselors, nurses, speech and language therapists, and psychologists to \$41,829 at the beginning level (\$47,599 for psychologists) and \$78,502 at the top of the range. Preschool employees and supervisory/confidential employees also received 5.31 percent pay increases. District administrators re-

ceived a 5.2185 percent pay increase.

Several employees were recognized by the board for their service and dedication to the district. They included Gloria Alarcon, crossing guard substitute; Kathy Blankenship, counselor; Brad Burton, Daniel Ward and Carla Cox, teachers; Sari Johns, payroll technician; Suzanne Martin, Winters Middle School principal; Yalina Prado, bilingual instructional aide; Roberta “Bobbie” Rise, special education instructional aide; and Joyce Snyder, secretary.

Trustees also approved the release of three probationary teachers and 10 temporary certificated employees, effective at the end of the current school year.

Shirley Rominger Intermediate School student Naomi Mora received a certificate of recognition from the board for her advancement in reading (two grade levels) since the beginning of the school year. Parent Andrea McKenna received board recognition for her volunteer work organizing Rominger School’s Boxtops for Education program for two consecutive years.

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School.

OBITS

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40 years, and he is still admired at Pacific Hardware to this day.

Sandy’s lifelong passion for golf started when he learned to play as child on the glamorous Sugarloaf Golf Course, a sheep pasture with sand greens in Monticello. Playing until he was 80, he and Janice could be seen enjoying life to the fullest on beautiful courses around the world.

Sandy is survived by Janice, his wife of 59 years; his daughter, Ann (Jim) Leonard of Walnut Creek; his sons, William Alexander (Tonia) of Seattle, Wash., John of Silver Springs, Nev., and David (Darcy) of Dixon; owner of Pacific Ace

Hardware in Winters, his grandchildren Amy, Katie, Courtney, Megan, Ian, Kalee and Drake; his five great-grandchildren; his sister, Rosemarie Michael of Greenbrae; and his sister-in-law Gwenn, of Napa.

Sandy was preceded in death by his parents, Albert A. McKenzie and Ethel McDonald, and his brother, Robert McKenzie.

A memorial service will be held at the Monticello Cemetery at Spanish Flat on Wed. March 7, at 1 p.m. Friends and family are encouraged to come and enjoy the beautiful hillside setting near Lake Berryessa where Sandy grew up.

A reception will follow immediately at the senior center next door at 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd., Napa.

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Sports

Warriors lose opener then beat Live Oak 21-2

◆ Hedrick hits first home run of the season

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors didn't start their season the way they would have liked or expected as they traveled to Napa on Thursday, March 1, to take on Justin Sienna for their season opener and came home with a disappointing 8-3 loss. The Warriors trailed by just two runs in the fourth inning before costly mistakes took their toll on their defense.

"We had one bad inning and that's all it took," said coach Jeff Ingles.

The defending section champion Warriors look to have a big season with high hopes of winning back to back titles but may have to be patient in their quest. The Warriors have six players that played on the basketball team that have only had a couple of practices this season, three of which are returning pitchers Alex Thomson, Brock Neil and Nathanael Lucero, who combined over the last two seasons have a pitching record of 27 wins, four losses and three saves.

In Napa, Thomson started on the mound for the Warriors and threw the first three innings to take the loss, while Kevin Rowell threw the last three innings. At the plate, the Warriors had just three hits with Kaplan Smith batting 1-1 with an RBI. Lucero batted 1-2 with two runs scored. Nick Hedrick batted 1-3 with a run scored, while Neil picked up an RBI for the Warriors.

The Warriors returned home on Friday, March 2, for their first home game of the season and beat the Live Oak Lions 21-2. Winters didn't face the same level of pitching that they did in Napa but they did a good job of swinging the bat.



Photo by Eric Lucero

Warrior pitcher Kevin Rowell throws a strike to catcher Jorge Huizar as shortstop Ray McIntire gets ready to make a play.



Photo by Eric Lucero

Brock Neil holds a Justin Sienna base runner on first base on March 1.

Rowell batted 2 for 2 with a run scored. Jorge Huizar batted 2 for 3 with a double, two runs scored and four RBI. Lucero batted 2 for 4 with a run scored and an RBI. Alexio Jurado batted 1 for 1 with a triple, four runs scored and two RBI. Hedrick batted 1 for 2 with a homerun, three runs scored and two RBI. Cody Campos batted 1 for 2 with three runs

scored and three RBI. Ramon Bermudez batted 1 for 1 with a double. Greg Contreras batted 1 for 2 with a run scored, while John Cummings batted 1 for 3 with a double and two runs scored.

Neil got the win for the Warriors on the mound throwing the first three innings, while Ray McIntire threw the last two innings for Winters.

Lady Warriors show improvement

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School varsity softball team was back on the field for the first time this season on Thursday, March 1, as the Warriors traveled to Napa to take on Justin Sienna but came home with a 12-6 loss. Winters only has 11 players with five juniors and three sophomores, but second year coach Traci Calvert is already pleased with the improvements she has seen compared to last season.

"Our first game out showed a huge improvement over last year both offensively and defensively," said coach Calvert. "Our first at bat looked a little shaky. Some of the new girls were nervous but settled down in the latter innings. Defensively, the team looked pretty good."

"Five errors are five too many, but looking back to last season, that number was double. After a few more games I expect to see that number go down. I have a lot of confidence in my infield."

Sophomore Caitlin Calvert pitched the first three innings, allowing three runs on four hits, with four errors, striking out three and giving up no walks, while Jessica Graham pitched the last three innings, giving up nine runs on 10 hits with just one error. "Amber Johnston is anchoring our outfield again this year, Calvert said. "Today she made a great catch in centerfield that saved a couple of runs. Mattie Long at first base played a great game, including assisting with a double play, and sophomore Chelsea Corrales did an excellent job behind the plate for us."

"The biggest difference between this year's team and last year's was the hit-

ting. Today just about everybody was on."

Mattie Long batted 3 for 4 with three singles and two RBIs. Jessica Graham was 2 for 3 with two singles and a double. Amber Johnston had a triple, Caitlin Calvert a double and Olivia Wingard hit a single.

"Overall I was very happy with the way we played," said Calvert. "Now that we've gotten that first game jitters out of the way, I'm looking forward to a successful season."

The Warriors traveled to Yuba City on Friday, March 2, to play in the Live Oak softball tournament. Winters played Live Oak in their first game and lost 6-0.

"We started off looking a little sluggish," Calvert said. "Their pitching was much slower than we are used to and the girls had a tough time adjusting to it."

The Warriors were able to adjust and hit the ball; unfortunately it was right to the defense. They improved defensively, committing

only three errors but those errors turned into runs.

Graham pitched the first inning for the Warriors and gave up three runs on three hits, with three strikeouts and one walk. Calvert threw the remainder of the game and allowed three runs, with three hits, one error, three strikeouts and a walk. Johnston had the Warriors only hit.

On Saturday, March 3, the Warriors played their second game of the tournament and lost a close one to Lindhurst by a score of 3-2.

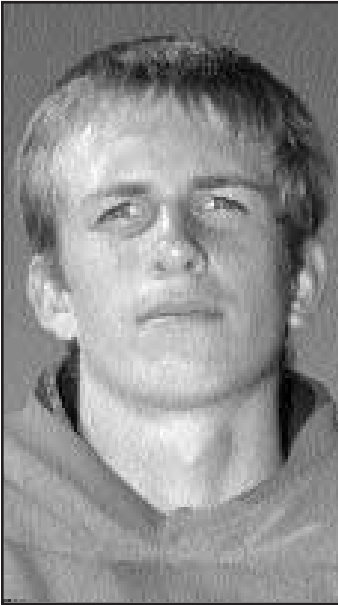
"This was a good game," Calvert said. "The infield did a great job, shutting out their bunt plays at least five times. I was really proud of them. Not one error occurred in the infield. We made some mistakes in the outfield that really cost us the game. We know where we need work and it's early enough in the season to get it done."

See **SOFTBALL** on page **B-2**

CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Patrick Kuehn

Patrick Kuehn, a sophomore on the Winters High School JV baseball team, is this week's athlete of the week. In the Warriors first two games Kuehn batted 5 for 9 with a double, four stolen bases and pitched 5 and 2/3 scoreless innings for two saves and eight strike outs.

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Calvert named to all tournament team

Winters High School All Tournament team Live Oak tournament. In softball player Caitlin based on her outstanding two full games, Calvert was named to the effort on the mound in the lowed just five hits.

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Schools

Winters Jr. Warrior program taking sign-ups

There will be sign ups for junior cheerleaders and football players at Cody's Deli on Sunday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be sign ups on Youth Day, Saturday, April 28, at City Park. All those interested

in signing up need to present a copy of their birth certificates and insurance information.

The cost to participate is \$175. A deposit of \$50 can be made during sign-ups. The full amount must be paid by the first prac-

tice day. Sponsorships are available — inquire during sign ups.

More coaches are still needed. To become a coach, inquire during sign ups or ask any board member.



Courtesy photo

This year's Winters Jr. Warrior football board includes, from left, (back) Terry Moore - at large, Scott Williams - equipment manager, Rory Linton - vice president, Mark Layne - president, Rudy Baylor - assistant equipment manager; (front) Sara Moore - cheer coordinator, Dawn Mayes -co-concession coordinator, Theresa Linton - co-concession coordinator, Kelly Lowrie - secretary. (Not pictured, Marni Ashdown - at large, Dave Ray - at large, Bridget Mariani - assistant secretary, Karen Doyle - at large, and Christiana Grey – treasurer.)

Davis Martial Arts Festival planned

Discover the wonders of Asian and European martial arts at the Davis Martial Arts Festival, April 28, 3:30 to 7 p.m., at Central Park, 3rd and B streets in Davis, just east of the UC Davis campus. Watch demonstrations of aikido, Brazilian and Japanese jujutsu, Western fencing, Korean hapkido, judo, kendo, Chinese tai chi, Filipino stick fighting, and more.

Learn what these arts have to offer you in the way of recreation, exercise, self-defense, and physical development. Participate in introductory workshops and experience the art firsthand. Ask instructors and students what full classes are like and how to join.

This event is free of charge. Bring the family and enjoy a Saturday afternoon watching

students demonstrate solo exercises, paired practice exercises, freestyle sparing, self-defense applications, and formal presentations of traditional martial technique.

For more information, see www.davismartialartsfest.com; send questions to MartialArtsFest@gmail.com, or call 757-2081.

Local gymnast excels in Bay Area competition

Winters resident Christopher Kays traveled to Rohnert Park on Sunday, Feb. 4, to compete in gymnastic competition in the Wine County Classic. Kays competed in level four, age nine competition. He finished the competition with a second place on the high bar with a score of 8.6, 8.95 scores on the floor and the rings for a first place on rings. Kays scored 9.45 on parallel bars for first place, 9.5 on vault for first place and 9.525 on the pommel horse also for first place. Kays finished first overall with an impressive all around score totaling 54.975.

Along with the Aerials Boys Gymnastics Team of Vacaville, Kays went to San Francisco on Feb. 18 to compete in the Gold Country Classic at the Fort Mason Center. Kays finished the competition with scores of 9.450 in Floor, 9.500 on Pommel, 9.00 on Rings, 9.100 on Vault, 9.400 on Parallel Bars, and 8.950 on high bar. Kays' all-around score totaled 55.400 and he finished first in his age group within the Level 4 competition.

Kays and the Aerials team also traveled to Oakland and competed in the Pacific Coast Classic on Feb. 24. This meet also included the

Pacific Coast Collegiate Classic with numerous US teams and over eight different countries competing.

Kays finished the competition with scores of 8.900 on the High Bar, 9.100 on the Vault, 9.100 on Parallel Bars, 9.300 on Floor, 9.500 on Pommel, and 9.850 on Rings. He finished the meet with an all-around score totaling 55.750, a personal best, and a second place finish overall.

The Level 4 boys team finished third overall in the competition. The Aerials Boys Team, Level 4, will travel to San Mateo for the state championship on Saturday, March 10.

Waggoner library gets ready for book fair on March 12-16

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Waggoner Elementary School Monday, March 12, through Friday, March 16. Clifford the Big Red Dog Storytime will be featured during the Book Fair. Clifford is scheduled to read stories to students in the Waggoner multipurpose room on Tuesday, March 13, at 8:45, 9:15, 9:45 and 10:15 a.m.

Afternoon kinder students will see Clifford in the library at noon on March 13. Parents are invited to join stu-

dents for Clifford's storytime and to visit the Book Fair.

Parent Conference Week begins at Waggoner on Tuesday, March 13, through Friday, March 16. Grades 1-3 will be released from school at 1:06 p.m. during Parent Conference Week. The Book Fair will be open during Parent Conference week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. On Wednesday, March 14, the Book Fair will be open from 8:30

a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

Parent volunteers are needed to help run the book fair. Contact Waggoner librarian Rita Holder, 795-6121, extension 17, or send email to rholder@wintersjUSD.org to help with the Book Fair.

Teacher Wish Lists will be posted during the book fair for parents to view. This is a great way for parents to help increase their child's classroom library by purchasing a book for their child's classroom teacher.

International storytelling planned for children in the Community room

Children's International Storytelling will take place in the Community Room at International House, 10 College Park in Davis, on Sunday, March 18, from 2-3 p.m. Award-winning writer and storyteller J. Glenn Simpson, (aka Red Beard), will entertain in the tradition of Celtic bards of old. His performances bring to life stories ancient and modern.

Red Beard will tell one of his signature stories, the Celtic folktale "The Old Hag's Long Leather Bag." Children are delighted with Red Beard's rendition of the characters (especially the animals) in this story. Additionally, Red Beard will share some of his favorite dragon stories and will be sure to wear his

Scottish kilt.

The storytelling event is open to the public. There is no charge for International House members. There is a suggested donation for non-members: \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

Every third Sunday afternoon per month, children ages 4 through 10 enjoy storytelling performances with international content at the I-House.

For more details, contact Shirley German, 758-4196, or Kathryn Tyson, 753-5007. More information on the Storytelling Program is at www.internationalhousedavis.org/storytelling.

For more information on Redbeard see www.redbeardtales.com International House, Davis is an independent,

nonprofit community organization. Its purpose is to promote respect and appreciation for all peoples and cultures.

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SOFTBALL

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Caitlin Calvert pitched a full game, allowing three runs, on just two hits with two strikeouts.

"Caitlin's pitching has been really consistent so far this year. I hope she can keep it up," said coach Calvert.

Graham led the Warriors with a double, while Ashley Kraitz and Kelsy Fox both had singles for the Warriors.

The Warriors played a second game on Saturday against Biggs and lost 6-3.

"Facing some of the best pitching we've seen, the girls

really stepped it up," Calvert said.

Long, Kraitz and Lindsay Mayhew-Hughes all had singles and Corrales had a double for the Warriors.

"All the girls hit the ball well," Calvert added. "It was

a big improvement over last year."

Graham pitched a full game, giving up six runs on 11 hits, with two strikeouts and two walks. In the field, the Warriors committed just one error.

Nuestras Noticias



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Asuntos comunes

En una semana mas se reunirán los presidentes de México y de Estados Unidos, en Mérida, y en realidad lo que necesitan hacer es enfocarse en otros asuntos que son de suma importancia para los dos países, y no tratar de poner el tema de la inmigración como el plato fuerte de las conversaciones, la relación entre los dos países esta llena de mucha diversidad y al mismo tiempo es demasiado compleja.

Si ponemos atención a las noticias mundiales el flujo migratorio entre los países es ya algo tan natural, especialmente cuando los habitantes de un país pobre o de un país con un desarrollo lento, buscan una mejor vida, esto resulta en el movimiento natural emigrando a los países que tienen las oportunidades para poder llenar esos vacíos de pobreza y necesidad que se tiene en su país de origen. Nosotros somos un ejemplo de lo anterior al emigrar de México a este país. Y así como nosotros llegamos aquí, en Europa y en todo el mundo se esta dando este fenómeno, lo que ahora se conoce como la globalizacion mundial.

Hay demasiados temas que se necesitan hablar, como insistir en el respeto de los derechos humanos para los inmigrantes que cruzan la frontera, por supuesto esta la seguridad nacional de los Estados Unidos, y por que no, también debería ser prioridad para México ante las recientes amenazas de Al-Qaeda, esta también el contrabando de pequeñas armas de norte a sur, que pertrechan a delincuentes que tanto daño hacen a nuestras dos sociedades, con el tráfico de sur a norte de estupefacientes. Economía, intercambio cultural y artístico, asuntos del medio ambiente, comerciales... La lista es muy larga y ha sido desatendida.

Lamentablemente el gobierno de Vicente Fox fue tan terco que sabiendo que no iba a lograr una reforma migratoria, perdió el tiempo buscando esta con su homologo Bush, que acabo por descuidar la relación entre los dos países.

El gobierno de Fox quería una “enchilada completa”, un convenio de todo o nada, y México se quedo sin nada. Las circunstancias han cambiado, en el Capitolio los legisladores de mayoría demócrata parecen estar ensamblando un proyecto, con partes de propuestas descartadas, particularmente la de los senadores Edward Kennedy y John McCain, que propone regularizaciones y cuotas. El líder del Senado, Harry Reid, reveló que el asunto puede ser encarrilado dentro de un mes.

Como dueño de la puerta de entrada, los Estados Unidos cierran y abren la puerta según la necesidad de trabajadores, si los legisladores de México logran que se respete a los mexicanos que cruzan la frontera legal o ilegalmente seria muy alentados. Debemos esperar que los dos presidentes amplíen el dialogo, para que haya un replanteamiento de una relación que benéfica para ambos países.

Jóvenes y alcohol

Si bien muchos padres se preocupan de que sus hijos tomen decisiones informadas acerca del uso del alcohol y las drogas, a otros se les escapa la realidad: el impacto de los medios de difusión que también contribuyen a la toma de decisiones. Conociendo que la población latina es la que más rápidamente se multiplica en este país, y que el 40% está conformado por menores de 21 años (en comparación con el 30% de la población general), resulta ser fuente de atracción para quienes comercializan las bebidas alcohólicas.

Un estudio realizado determinó que los hispanos están mucho más expuestos a los comerciales de bebidas alcohólicas que los otros jóvenes. Las compañías invierten más en las revistas en inglés, porque la mayoría de nuestros jóvenes ya inmersos en el sistema escolar local terminan teniendo más fluidez en ese idioma que en el español. Por otro lado, aquellos que recién han llegado a este país quieren identificarse con la corriente actual, por lo que las revistas en inglés resultan más atractivas.

En cuanto a la radio, no hace falta más que escuchar un campeonato deportivo para darse cuenta que allí están los patrocinadores de bebidas alcohólicas, todas propuestas como la fórmula exquisita para aliviar la sed. Los deportes están enraizados en la cultura latina, y la necesidad de re-

forzar la identidad permite una rápida conexión con el deporte.

En televisión, programas como Ver para creer y MadTV son algunos ejemplos donde abundan estos comerciales y las compañías gastan alrededor de 23.5 millones de dólares. Los adolescentes carecen de un espíritu crítico acerca del valor de los comerciales y también de la programación. El espíritu crédulo les permite creer que todo lo que ven es una realidad; así es como incorporan ideas y conceptos sin examinarlos.

Al asociar un producto con las imágenes de un show de moda, dan permiso para incorporar en sus vidas el mensaje vinculado a éste. Todo esto, que ya no nos llama la atención porque nos hemos acostumbrado demasiado a ver y escuchar, forma impresiones perdurables en sus vidas.

Los más expuestos son los que viven en grandes ciudades, que llevan una vida más ajetreada, más presiones y menos presencia de los padres. Las mayores inversiones de comerciales de bebidas alcohólicas se realizan en Los Ángeles, Miami, San Antonio, San Francisco y Houston. Las consecuencias son trágicas. Los jóvenes latinos son quienes consumen más alcohol y comienzan temprano a verse involucrados en accidentes automovilísticos, homicidios y suicidios.

¿Acuerdo en este año?

Estamos viviendo en un país que parece que un día eres aceptado y al otro día te atacan, me refiero a las personas y asociaciones que se han dado a la tarea de buscar como perjudicar a los inmigrantes que no tienen la suerte de tener papeles, y al mismo tiempo dentro de nuestra misma sociedad nos encontramos con el otro lado de la moneda, personas y asociaciones que luchan por dar al inmigrante el valor y dignidad que como personas tienen. En unos estados como el de Arizona ya votaron para quitarle la ciudadanía a los hijos de inmigrantes ilegales, y en otros estados se están dando a la tarea de declarar el ingles como la lengua oficial, y más cosas que seguiremos mirando y escuchando en contra de los inmigrantes ilegales, hasta que no se tenga una reforma migratoria.

Al mismo tiempo en que se ha iniciado la con-

strucción de un muro de 700 millas para evitar la entrada de indocumentados, se discuten en el congreso varias propuestas para legalizar a los 12 millones de ellos que ya están aquí. Por fin ¿los inmigrantes son bienvenidos o rechazados? ¿Que parte predomina en Estados Unidos: la que discrimina a los inmigrantes o la que, por el contrario, le abre las puertas y le ayuda a superarse a los recién llegados?

Este año existe la oportunidad para que el congreso controlado por los demócratas, le envíe al presidente Bush una propuesta para que si Bush la aprueba, la pueda firmar. Y hasta ahorita es el único tema en donde ellos están de acuerdo, porque ni en la guerra de Irak, ni en temas como la economía y el calentamiento mundial.

Pero el tiempo apremia y deberán de empezar a trabajar en un acuerdo y

trabajar en todos esos posibles detalles que no pudieran concordar, este parece ser el año para la reforma, tiene que ser antes del fin de año, ya que no hay elecciones que pudieran influir en alguna decisión al respecto. Y lo mejor es que Bush no se tiene que preocupar por buscar la reelección. Si se dejara para el año 2008, se perderá la oportunidad. La campaña por la presidencia se lo va a comer todo el próximo año y ningún candidato se la va a jugar apoyando a indocumentados que ni siquiera votan. Tengan por seguro que el congreso ya se ha dado cuenta de cómo votaron los hispanos en las elecciones pasadas, y por lo menos eso les va a hacer pensar mas en como obtener un arreglo que al final de cuentas les favorezca también a ellos con sus electores.

Los republicanos solo obtuvieron el 29 por ciento del voto latino por

la percepción de que los republicanos son antiinmigrantes, Si los votantes latinos, que cada vez son más, perciben que el partido Republicano boicoteó de nuevo la legalización de indocumentados, van a votar contra ellos en el 2008.

De igual manera, si los electores hispanos no ven que el partido Demócrata hizo un verdadero esfuerzo por reformar las leyes migratorias, les van a pasar la cuenta en las elecciones del próximo año.

La política de inmigración en este país es muy variable, a veces muy dura, otras veces muy blanda, pero casi siempre los extranjeros somos bienvenidos. Personalmente no me puedo quejar, me han tratado bien, así como a millones de gentes y tengo la leve esperanza de que el congreso y el presidente hagan lo correcto y tengamos una verdadera reforma migratoria.

Complacencia

Cuando todos esperamos que este sea el año para reformar el sistema de migración, el gobierno federal esta mostrando lo duro y cruel que puede ser al llevar varias redadas de indocumentados en todo el país, en el plano político esto lo podríamos interpretar como un gusto que el presidente Bush le esta ofreciendo a los conservadores del partido político, tratando de mostrar una mano de hierro contra los ilegales, para después poder tener una reforma mas razonable, como diciendo primero los asusto y después me tienen que complacer con mi plan.

Todos entendemos el derecho del gobierno a llevar a cabo estas redadas, pero ellos no toman en cuenta el impacto que están teniendo en las familias que prácticamente están partiendo, la excusa del gobierno es que las redadas son en contra de personas que tenían ordenes de deportación y más problemas con la justicia.

Quizá no tendríamos argumentos para decir que Estados Unidos esta haciendo mal, están en su derecho y eso tenemos que reconocerlo, lo que quizá debemos cuestionar es la manera en que los agentes llevan a

cabo las detenciones, tan siquiera mostraran mas humanidad y compasión para aquellas personas que con su trabajo esta dando beneficios económicos a esta sociedad.

Existe una gran hipocresía que permite disfrutar los precios bajos de los productos y servicios ligados a los indocumentados, al mismo tiempo que se les persigue como delincuentes. Por ejemplo, a estos inmigrantes se les autoriza a tener un número especial para que paguen impuestos, pero deben salir a trabajar cada mañana con el temor de que no regresarán a su casa.

La única manera de poner un poco de sentido común a este panorama es legislando una reforma migratoria razonable que tome en cuenta los aspectos de seguridad, de necesidad económica y, por supuesto, la parte humana. Millones de personas han construido una vida productiva en Estados Unidos y han formado hogares en nuestro país. Ellos merecen la oportunidad de seguir cumpliendo sus responsabilidades sin miedo a que una deportación destruya el sacrificio de muchos años.

La registrati3n de kinder comienza

La matrícula para el kindergarten para el 2007-08 año escolar empezara del 12-30 de marzo en la Escuela de Waggoner. Los formularios de registrati3n pueden ser recogidos en la oficina de la escuela en 500 West Edwards Street, de 8

de la mañana a 4 de la tarde durante la semana.

Entregen los formularios de registrati3n completado en la oficina de Escuela de Waggoner no mas tarde del 30 de marzo. Para más informaci3n, llame a 795-6121.

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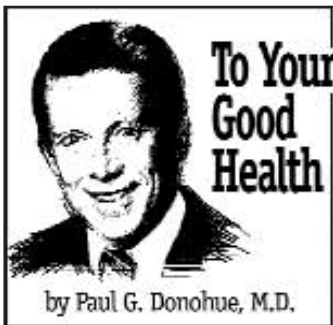
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Desk jobs can promote varicose vein problems

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am in my 20s and have a desk job. I find it difficult to sit without crossing my legs. In one year, I have gotten noticeable varicose veins. I exercise 30 minutes every day. I take birth control pills. Does the risk of blood clots go up with the appearance of these veins? How can I stop their progression? — C.E.

ANSWER: Varicose veins can encourage clot formation, but clots in varicose veins that can be seen are not usually dangerous clots. Clots in the veins deep in the legs are the ones that present a serious threat. Pieces of those clots can break off and be swept into the lungs, where they cause big trouble. Stop crossing your legs, even if you find it difficult. Crossed legs hinder the return of blood to the heart and dilate leg veins. For the same reason, don't wear anything that constricts the thighs or the waist. Do wear elastic support stockings. While at your desk, get into the habit of contracting your leg muscles every 15 minutes, five to 10 times. That keeps blood moving in the leg veins. If you can get up and walk around, that's even better. Birth control pills do promote clots. The varicose vein report describes this problem in great detail. Readers can order a copy by writing to: Dr. Donohue — No. 108W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: As a kid, I perfected belching to a fine art. As an adult, I find myself doing so involuntarily. It mortifies me. How can it be controlled? Maybe I'm being punished for my childhood antics. — R.R.
ANSWER: Swallowed air is responsible for most belching. You might protest that you don't swallow air when you eat. You do. Everyone does.



Some swallow more than others, and all are unaware of what they're doing. Slow your eating. If you eat rapidly, you are bound to gulp air. The swallowed air distends your stomach, and a belch is the only way to obtain relief. Keep your lips together when you swallow. If you can't manage to do so, keep your teeth as close together as you possibly can while swallowing food and drink. Don't chew gum. Don't drink carbonated beverages. Don't smoke.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is cigar smoking less dangerous than cigarette smoking? My husband has switched from cigarettes to cigars. A good idea? — L.B.
ANSWER: Cigar smoking is a bit less dangerous than cigarette smoking, but not so much that it constitutes a health bonanza. If cigar smokers don't inhale, they protect their lungs. Former cigarette smokers, however, are used to inhaling, and often inhale cigar smoke. Cigar smokers absorb nicotine through the linings of the mouth. Nicotine constricts arteries — not a healthy effect. They put themselves at a high risk for cancers of the mouth, tongue and larynx (voice box).

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Soon we will all see the casualties of war

Soon the war will come home to us. Up until now, the war has been just something that we read about in the papers or see on the news. That will all change now that there has been sufficient recovery time for many seriously wounded veterans of the war in Iraq.

At first you will see one or two disabled veterans in church, at the mall, or just on the street. In time there will be more and more, and they will seem to be everywhere. They will be missing legs or arms and some will be scarred or burnt. They will not be pretty.

There are 23,417 seriously wounded American soldiers and they are soon to be on every street in every town across the nation. Those of us who are old enough can remember when the Vietnam era veterans had recovered enough to flood out upon our streets. Most disabled Veterans will agree that they all share a feeling of invisibility. They feel that "normal" people look right through them and don't seem to notice them. I think it's because of the uncomfortable feeling you get when someone with horrible wounds is near. Many people will walk right past them as if they weren't there.

I am a disabled veteran myself and I am guilty of the same offense. I was released from the army in 1971 and I don't remember much about 1972 except that I ran into a friend from high school. Dean Adams was a one of those good looking, popular, football players. All the girls would swoon as he passed them in the halls. He had everything going for him at home but he, like many of our peers went to war and put regular life on hold. I ran into him in a grocery store. I didn't recognize him as he walked up and called my name. I looked up and I was taken aback by the sight. His right arm was gone. We shook hands with our left hands.

I asked him what was up with the hair on his nose and with a laugh he told me that his nose had been blown away. The doctors had grafted skin from his back onto his nose, thus the hair. I told him that he had better shave that puppy and he laughed at that too.

As I looked him in the eye it was apparent to me that, like me, his heart was breaking. It was breaking and there wasn't much of either of our hearts left to break. I looked at him and he looked at me and I know that we were both thinking and wondering why this war had to happen at all. It was a dreadful experience for both of us. I never saw Dean again because he killed



himself a month or so later.

The Vietnam War was built on lies. In 1964 Robert McNamara used falsified intelligence reports that were directly tied to President Johnson's decision to initiate the blanket bombing of North Vietnam. It gets worse if you want to read the "Pentagon Papers." Lies, lies, everywhere are lies. Take a look at today's news and you will find that it's happening again.

Now we find that our intelligence community had intentionally invented reports that were used as justification for our invasion of Iraq. (i.e. Radium from Africa and association with al Qaeda, neither of which turned out to be true.) What kind of a man would deliberately falsify a report, knowing that its result will be the killing and maiming of thousands of people. Bush is pleading innocent via lack of knowledge of the truthfulness of the reports. So why did he use these reports without verifying their legitimacy. Whatever happened to "The buck stops here?" I believe that Bush and Cheney are two of the greatest idiots that have ever reached into the pockets of the American people, and that's exactly what they are doing.

You must consider the reasons for the falsification of a document that has the power to send two nations headlong into full scale war. Why would someone do that? I will tell you why; the almighty dollar. Bush, Cheney, and the rest of the goons on capital hill all have financial ties to major corporations throughout the nation. Enron, Halliburton, and who knows what else.

There are billions of dollars up for grabs. Here are the contracts awarded on just two days this month. (Feb. 14 and 16) When you consider that it was probably a year prior to the beginning of the war that the first contracts were awarded and it has been five years hence, that's a lot of money.

~ Feb. 14, 2007: Stronghold Engineering Inc., Riverside, CA, \$11,865,452; Hess Corporation, Woodbridge, N.J., maximum \$5,224,042; Truman Arnold Companies, DBA TAC Air, Amarillo, TX, maximum \$16,304,474; McDonnell Douglas Corp., Long Beach, CA, \$10,000,000; Textron Marine & Land Systems, New Orleans, LA, \$28,434,303.

~ Feb. 16, 2007: Raytheon

CO., McKinney, TX, \$70,400,000; Northrop Grumman Mission Systems, Clearfield, UT, \$57,653,113; Northrop Grumman Systems Corp., San Diego, CA, \$5,000,000; AAI Corporation, Hunt Valley, MD, \$24,931,772; Esterline Armtec Defense Inc., Coachella, CA, \$24,158,793; Kilgore Flares Company L.L.C., Toone, TN, \$18,899,083.

The boys on the hill all have their hands in the till; you can believe it. If you don't believe me, check for yourself. By law, elected officials are required to provide financial statements to the public. It is there all laid out for you to view. War is big money. It's as simple as that.

That is what I was thinking when I heard the news of Dean Adam's suicide. I was so angry and there was nothing that I could do. I spent the next 30 years in a drug-induced fog. Only now, in my old age, do I feel like speaking out.

I only hope that there is someone out there who can hear me and perhaps be smarter and braver than I, and actually do something about the state that we are in. Killing for dollars — what a miserable game we play. The sad thing is that now our children will play the same game.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Francisco "PJ" Fernandez
Occupation: Student at Wolfskill (senior)
Hobby: Skateboarding
What's best about living in Winters: "Nice People."
Fun fact: Can do a backflip off a wall.

Return To Your Bible

Submit to God and be at peace with Him; in this way prosperity will come to you.
Job 22:21



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King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

LEWD	INN	BRAT
ALOE	DIE	RAGE
CARP	COOLS	OVER
ENDOW	GIMPER	
	BLOG	NOR
APPE	MUCK	ILL
NOH	FISHY	ODV
YEA	ATTU	GENE
	DOT	DMAR
SERIES		FORCE
OMAN	CODICILS	
DUCK	ONE	EPOS
ABBY	TOW	RATE



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're correct to want to help someone who seems to need assistance. But be careful that he or she isn't pulling the wool over those gorgeous Sheep's eyes. You need more facts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine optimism will soon dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, that good news you recently received is part of a fuller message to come.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Call a family meeting to discuss the care of a loved one at this difficult time. Be careful not to let yourself be pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open the way to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by midweek. Friday brings news.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done, and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it.

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ACROSS
1 Leechy
5 Horrel
8 Peaky ldd
12 Shoving-cream additive
13 Conk out
14 Anger
16 HOV lane groups
17 "to hear," in count
18 Ba philanthropic
19 Silly smile
21 Trudge (through)
24 Neither male
26 Church area
28 Mine
30 Under the weather
33 Japanese theater
34 Arousing suspicion
35 Coquettish
36 Verily
37 Aleutian Island
38 Hackman or Kelly
39 Bug-spray letters
41 The Tentmaker
43 Epleodic TV show
46 Impel
50 Arabian Sea nation
51 Will

DOWN
1 Charilly, e.g.
2 Verve
3 Information
4 Give testimony
5 Reply to the J.P.
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7 Capone too
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FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2007-193
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:Hedgerow Farms
21740 County Rd 88 Winters, CA 95694
John Anderson and Marsha Anderson 21740 County Rd 88 Winters, CA 95694
This business classification is: Husband and Wife s/Marsha Anderson
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California, County of Yolo
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Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007

Notice of Sale of Personal Property

To: JOHN LEE PEELER, Tenant formerly in possession of the premises at, 16876 Yolo Avenue, City of Esparto, County of Yolo, California.
The personal property described below will be sold on 3/31/07, to satisfy the storage costs of your landlord:
Miscellaneous personal property including furniture, decorative items, aquarium and appliances.
Amount of the lien: \$300
Please contact Lance or Gina Linville, at 3 Russell Street, Winters CA 95694, Phone: (530) 795-1713, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to make payment to satisfy this lien.
Landlord: Lance Linville
March 8, 15, 22, 2007

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FBN NUMBER 2007-185
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Jeffrey Masteller 610 Second St. Winters CA 95694
This business classification is: An Individual s/Jeffrey Masteller
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Notice of Petition to Administer Estate

FILED YOLO SUPERIOR COURT Feb. 21, 2007
L. CORREIA
CASE NUMBER: PB07-40
Notice of Petition to administer estate of ANTHONY C. BORCHARD
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Anthony C. Borchard.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ARLEEN BORCHARD
In the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
The Petition for Probate requests that: ARLEEN BORCHARD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: March 27, 2007 at 9 a.m. Dept. 2, 725 Court Street Woodland CA 95695
If the object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months form the date of first issuance of letter as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for petitioner: Stanley H. Wells
Attorney at Law 510 Fourth Street Davis, CA 95616 (530) 758-1990
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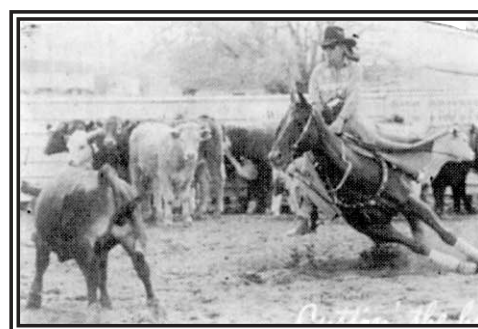
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JV baseball team starts season 2-0

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV baseball team has started their season with a 2-0 record after playing their first game on the road in Napa on Thursday, March 1, against Justin Sienna. The Warriors came home with a 6-2 victory over a good baseball team.

“Justin may be the best team we see all year,” said coach Daniel Ward. “They are a good club, we just played better today. It was a big first win.”

The Warriors were led by the pitching of Wesley Kraintz and Patrick Kuehn. Kraintz threw the first four innings for the Warriors giving up two unearned runs on two hits and five strike outs, while Kuehn came in and threw the last three in-

nings and gave up three hits and no runs.

At the plate, the Warriors did a good job of making contact with the ball as they totaled 10 hits as a team. Justin Contreras batted 2 for 3 with an RBI. Aaron Geerts and Taylor Brickey each batted 2 for 4 with two RBI, Kuehn batted 2 for 4, Kraintz batted 1 for 2 and Russell Romero batted 1 for 3 with an RBI for the Warriors.

The Warriors returned home on Friday, March 2, to take on Live Oak in their first home game of the season and beat the Lions 12-5.

“We didn’t play as well as we did in the first game,” said Ward. “But we kept on fighting.”

Kyle Tobler got the win as he threw the first four innings for the Warriors. Tobler gave up three runs on

five hits.

“Kyle threw well for us,” Ward said.

Vince Doyle came in and threw one third of the fifth and gave up two runs on three hits and two walks before being relieved by Kuehn. Kuehn threw the last two and 2/3 innings and didn’t give up any runs, struck out six batters and allowed just one hit.

Kuehn also led the Warriors at the plate batting 3 for 5. Geerts batted 2 for 3 with two RBI. Russell Romero batted 2 for 4 with two RBI. Tobler batted 1 for 2. Cody Romero and Jaime Stack each batted 1 for 3 with two RBI, while Brickey and Kraintz each went 1 for 4 for the Warriors. As a team the Warriors totaled 11 steals.

Entries sought for UC Davis Picnic Day parade

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Picnic Day takes place on Saturday, April 14. For an

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Passover Community Seder planned

The second night of Passover, Tuesday, April 3, will be celebrated with a seder led by Rabbi Greg Wolfe at Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Road in Davis. The entire community is invited to join in celebrating this holiday of freedom.

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JV softball team battles but comes up short

◆ Hedrick hits her first homerun

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV softball team lost their first two games of the season but did a good job of putting the bat on the ball in their second game against Live Oak. The Warriors traveled to Napa to play Justin Sienna on

Thursday, March 1, and lost a close game 5-3.

Olivia Manas pitched a complete game for the Warriors and had five strikeouts. Brittanie Hedrick had a double and an RBI and Nicole Trost had a single for the Warriors.

On Friday, March 2, the Warriors played host to Live Oak and lost 16-8. Winters did a much better job at the plate as they to-

taled 11 hits, led by freshman Hedrick who hit her first high school homerun and had a single. Manas had two singles and two RBI.

Jessica Sharp, Lillian Boisrame and Trost each had two singles, while Courtney Corrales hit one single for the Warriors. Trost took the mound for the Warriors and threw a complete game, striking out seven batters.