



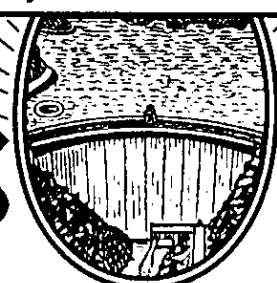
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Winters Express

"Gateway to the Monticello Dam"



Developer raises objection

◆ Winters Highlands developer cries foul over Mary Rose fees

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Dave Snow's Mary Rose Gardens site plan was sailing nicely through the March 20 city council until stopped by a gripe from Winters Highlands developer Granite Bay Holdings (GBH).

Snow's 28 unit site plan is in the last undeveloped puzzle piece of the Carter Ranch, across from the middle school play yard, north of Grant Avenue. The project will complete construction of Ivy Loop, making it a true loop.

Community Development Director Dan Sokolow described the project in detail, followed

by City Engineer Nick Ponticello's presentation on the utility and road work required of Snow.

Tyler Wade of GBH spoke during the public portion of the hearing, objecting to Mary Rose Garden's contribution to public amenities.

"Winters Highlands has been asked to participate in a number of programs and civic improvements that Mary Rose Gardens has not," said Wade. "These include, above and beyond capital improvements for sewer and water, the Urban Water Management Plan, the Putah Creek Park Development Fund, the high school cafeteria, the growth impact analysis endowment, the \$250,000 improvements to the regional park north of Moody Slough Road, as well as the com-

munity pool contribution coming due in April for \$1.25 million.

"We believe that all these programs are a great benefit to the community and we are glad to participate, however, we feel all developers should be held to the same standard. Though Mary Rose Gardens is significantly smaller, they should also be held responsible for a portion of these programs or equivalent."

"The pool is not there," responded City Manager John Donlevy about Snow's project. "Why? Because the pool is a project that has moved on."

Donlevy said different requirements are made of different developers for a variety of reasons. The sports park is adjacent to the north edge of Winters Highlands, and Winters

Highlands can do the grading job along with grading work for Winters Highlands, according to Donlevy.

Snow is being required to contribute to the library and the public safety facility, said Donlevy. Snow is also required to contribute to the cost of fire equipment, which is not being asked of Winters Highlands. Mary Rose Gardens will be required to contribute toward Grant Avenue road improvements, including sidewalks across the street from the project.

"When we approved Winters Highlands we set a very high standard, and all subsequent agreements should be held to that standard," said Mayor Woody Fridae.

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Officer Leach bids adieu

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Police Chief Bruce Muramoto spoke glowingly of departing officer Scott Leach's service to the city at the March 20 council meeting and Leach spoke even more glowingly of his experience here. Leach is leaving to join his wife, who is posted with the army in Twentynine Palms in southern California.

"This is really sad," said Muramoto. "Scott is one of the best officers I've ever had the pleasure to work with, and I've worked with over a hundred officers if not more. Scott is at the top of the list. He's just done a bang-up job."

"In a very short time he became a training officer

and he was able to help with the training of Jeremy, our newest officer. When you talk about officers that take the extra step, well, Scott takes all the extra steps.

"I can tell you that time after time, I'm walking around town, and I am stopped by people telling me Officer Leach is a wonderful officer. He's really helped me out and I appreciate it and thank you."

"I've said to him, how about just a long term commitment in terms of marriage?" joked Muramoto. "You'd see her once every four or five months, would that be so bad?" Leach's wife is a captain with three more years to serve

See **LEACH** on page A-3

Winters appears in Sunset

Winters got a nod in the current April 2007 issue of Sunset, a magazine featuring the best in "western" living. The write-up appears on page 42, and mentions the monthly Art Walks (renamed Winters Walks), as well as photos of the town and recommendations to visit Ficelle, the Putah Creek Café and the Buckhorn for food, The

Palms and the Putah Creek Nature Park as local attractions, and Briggs & Co. and the Berryessa Gap Vineyards tasting room as places to visit.

The story also notes that the Winters area is great for cycling, and recommends VeloCity for cycling tips or equipment, and notes that Winters has "a proud local spirit."

Hogging the street



Photo by Rory Linton

Hundreds of Harley Davidson enthusiasts rumbled into town on Sunday, March 25, and settled onto downtown Main Street for food and live music, and some rest. Winters was the final stop in the annual Vernal Equinox Run, sponsored by the Vallejo Harley Owners Group, and included various stops in Northern California. Many local residents headed downtown as well to get a look at the fancy rides. By about 3 p.m., the motorcycles were on the move again, and Main Street was empty. Until The Buckhorn opened, that is.

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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
March 21	.02	70	47
March 22		72	54
March 23		80	45
March 24		84	50
March 25		81	54
March 26		78	45
March 27	.03	65	40

Rain for week: .05

Season's total: 8.47

Last year to date: 26.91

Average to March 27: 19.81

Sewer spill penalty delayed

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The city has received an extension for payment of a fine to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, as a result of recent sewer spills. The city council, in a letter approved at the March 20 meeting, asked the board to delay the March 25 deadline, to allow the city to explore with the board the possibility of doing what is called a "Supplemental

Environmental Project (SEP)".

The \$70,000 fine is part of an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint from the board for a series of sewage spills over the past two years, culminating in a 44,000 gallon spill into Putah Creek that took place in December, 2006. The complaint calls for the city to pay the penalty, or submit to a hearing within 90 days.

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Nomination deadline April 6

Due to limited response, the Winters Youth Day Committee is extending the nominations for the 2007 Winters Youth Day Parade Grand Marshal to Friday, April 6.

Each year, a member in the community is honored for years of service to Winters and dedication to the youth of Winters. The honoree will lead the 71st annual

Winters Youth Day Parade on Saturday, April 28.

Send letters of nomination to Youth Day Grand Marshal, P.O. Box 807, Winters, CA 95694, or by email to Parade Chairman Mike Sebastian at mjkasebastian@aol.com.

The Grand Marshal will be chosen at the April 7 Youth Day committee meeting.

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OBITUARIES

John E. Hale Jr.

John E. Hale Jr. passed away on March 12, 2007, at his home in Winters at the age of 77. He was born on March 4, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio to Margaret and John E. Hale. He served in the US Navy from 1947 to 1968.

He married Jackie Gale on June 23, 1967 in Los Angeles. After retiring from the Navy, he attended California State University Sacramento, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in biology. He began his second career as a lab technician at the Livermore Veterans Hospital, then worked at Eldridge State Hospital in Glen Ellen. He and his wife moved to Winters to be near family when he accepted a position at the Vacaville Medical Facility. After retiring from the state in 1995, he enjoyed many hobbies, including model railroading and attending numerous Navy ship reunions.

He is survived by his children, John E. Hale III and wife Pam, Teresa Bowser and husband Robert, Wayne Hale, Louise Gale-Cummings and husband David, Stan Gale and wife Diane, Celie Kent and husband Cliff; sisters, Betty Presley, and Marge Lafreniere and husband John; brother, David Hale and wife Carol; sister-in-law Yumiko Hale; 12 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Robert Hale, and brother Dale Hale and his wife of 33 years, Jackie.

There will be a graveside service at the Winters Cemetery on March 30 at 11 a.m. The family requests that memorial donations be made to Yolo Hospice, P.O. Box 1014, Davis, CA, 95617-1014.

Grace McNeil

Grace Darlene McNeil passed away in Davis on March 12, 2007, following a long illness. Born in Sioux City, Iowa on Dec. 20, 1929, she was 78 years old. She moved to Winters around 1980, and ran her own board and care home for the elderly in Davis for approximately 20 of those years. After retiring, she enjoyed collecting Beanie Babies.

She is survived by her daughters, Lois McClaughrey and Frances Austin; sons, Robert, Charlie and Russell McNeil; 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and five sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell McNeil.

No services have yet been planned. Cards and remembrances may be sent to Lois McClaughrey, P.O. Box 721, Winters, CA, 95694.

Ida Griffin

Ida Griffin passed away on March 13, 2007 at St. Johns Retirement Center in Woodland. Born in San Francisco on July 28, 1922 to Frank and Carnation Perez, she was 84 years old. She attended local schools through her high school years. She was a homemaker for over 60 years and was a resident of Yolo County for the past 65 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Joanne Susskind, Dorothy Quadros, Donna Hann, Patty Gandra and Marilyn Benedict; sons, Gary Darrell, John Thornton and Robert "Buzz" Griffin; 24 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren..

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert R. Griffin.

Interment services are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, March 30, at the Winters Cemetery. Evergreen Funeral Service of Woodland is in charge of arrangements.

Weekly fire department report

March 20

~ Fire investigation, northbound Interstate 505 at County Road 31. Grass fire.

~ Fire investigation, Interstate 505 at Putah Creek Road. Grass fire.

~ Fire investigation, 500 block of Edwards Street. Electrical fire.

March 21

~ Medical aid, 400 block of Main Street. Dizziness

~ Mutual aid, Monticello Dam at State Route 128. Grass fire.

March 22

~ Medical aid, 20000 block of County Road 89. Un-

known medical aid.

~ Medical aid, Second Street and Russell Street. Victim of a fall.

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Grant Avenue. Unconscious male.

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Grant Avenue. Unknown medical aid.

~ Medical aid, 300 block of Russell Street. Unknown medical aid.

March 23

~ Medical aid, Grant Avenue and Morgan Street. Vehicle accident.

~ Medical aid, 300 block of First Street. Unknown medical aid.

YESTERYEAR



File photo

Pictured above are some of the 1991 Winters Youth Day officials. They are, left to right, seated at the council table: Jesse Bates-Jackson, Judge; Tom Nelson, councilman; Jonah Lindeman, mayor; Jason McKinney, councilman; and Rachael Bruckman, city attorney. Standing, left to right, are: Svetlana Kozin, city clerk; Heidi Schnieder, community services director; JoAnn Baylor, public works director; Bret Gruben, police chief; SangHee Novotny, building inspector; Laini Nance, city attorney; and Errett Crum, fire chief.

35
YEARS AGO

March 30, 1972

William J. Nichols, who has spent most of his 16-year banking career at the Winters Branch of Bank of America, is the new manager of the office, succeeding A.G. Anderson, who retired after 45 years with the bank.

The State Wildlife Conservation Board, meeting in Sacramento last Thursday, approved an appropriation of \$62,000 to purchase 22 acres of land adjacent to the existing Putah Creek Fishing Access, west of Winters.

The Yolo County Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting this evening at the El Rancho in West Sacramento. Winters Mayor Ed Neel, president of the county chamber, will preside at the meeting.

A number of Chico State College students are home or coming home for the Easter holiday. Anne Reimers is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. John Reimers; Cynthia Morgan will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Morgan; Marianne and Rosanne Turkovich will spend the Easter week with their family, the Walter Turkoviches; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reynolds are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meyer.

The Winters Fire Department was called out Tuesday morning at 10:35 when a shed in back of the apartment house at 206 Russell Street was destroyed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Tortosa were honored last Saturday evening when friends gathered in their new home on North East Street for a house-warming party.

50
YEARS AGO

April 11, 1957

N.D. Clark, chairman of the Napa Board of Supervisors, said this week that Napa County would carry the battle to Congress to obtain control of the recreational development of Lake Berryessa.

Football lights for the Winters High School for next season appears likely as the Winters District Chamber of Commerce's Football Lighting Committee has made real progress towards lighting the field, according to Dr. J.R. Sellers, committee chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Washabaugh, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born April 7, 1957, at Mercy Hospital, Sacramento.

Mrs. Max Johnson was chosen president of the Winters Fortnightly Club for 1957-58 at the annual election held Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stowers have moved from their Abbey Street home to 107 Edwards Street.

Misses Juanita Estepa, Mary Rojo and Ilona Herrala were accepted for membership in the Davis Assembly, No.103, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and were initiated on Monday.

Warren Johnston, a student at the University of California at Davis, who recently completed his Army duty in Germany, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Winters Rotary club at noon today in the Buckhorn Dining Room.

The annual Japanese Community picnic held Sunday in the Roth Hills was a huge success, with between 400 and 500 people present for the occasion.

65
YEARS AGO

April 10, 1942

The town Council held a brief session Tuesday evening with all members present. Clarence Leggett was appointed to the position on the street work force, recently resigned by Royal Pleasants.

Miss Juanita Thompson, teacher in a Berkeley school spent the Easter recess at her home on the Davis road.

The nominating committee announced that following nominations at the Tuesday P.T.A., that were unanimously elected: President, Mrs. L.A. Thompson; 1st vice pres., Mrs. G.E. Merchant; 2nd vice pres., J.M. Clayton; treasurer, Mrs. D.L. Baxter; secretary, Mrs. Charles Pearse; historian, Donald Barnes, and auditor, C.P. Culton.

Dean Knowles Ryerson of Davis Agricultural College was the guest speaker at the Monday Service Club dinner.

Harry (Buzz) Willard in U.S. Army service in San Francisco spent Easter Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. K. William.

Born in Woodland, April 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne S. Ireland, a son.

George and Bob Crum spent Easter Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Crum.

Oscar C. Homes Jr., Stanford student was among the Easter visitors in town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cattermole of Berkeley were Easter Sunday guests at the Rice Brothers ranch in Wolfskill district.

Carl Poppe of Richmond was an Easter guest in town and visited his mother Mrs. Henry Kunz in Woodland.

100
YEARS AGO

April 5, 1907

Has an automobile any more right to speed through the public streets than a team or a bicycle? The ordinance fixes four miles an hour as the speed limit on Main Street, and it should be enforced or repealed. Automobiles think nothing of a 15 or 20 mile dash, and some of these times they will dash into somebody.

The Buckeye Whist Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chapman last Saturday evening. Mrs. J. H. Haile won first ladies' prize, and Will H. Hoy won first gentlemen's prize.

Berryessa fell .14 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .14 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 2,627 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 434.01 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,488,438 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 220 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 26 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 167 acre feet of water per day during the week.

A year ago, on March 28, 2006, water was still about 15 inches above the spillway at Lake Berryessa, with storage computed at 1,628,614 acre feet of water.

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Council member Tom Stone asked if Donlevy could come up with a review of per unit costs of the two projects, so a fair evaluation could be made. Donlevy said it would be difficult to do on short notice, and it would not be “true apples to apples”, because many of the items are complex, with one developer doing an improvement that benefits another, and then later being reimbursed.

“We will come up with something for the next meeting,” said Donlevy.

“I would caution the council it is not going to be an apples to apples comparison,” said Sokolow. “It’s hard to compare a 400 unit project to a 28 unit project. There are economies of scale involved. The mitigation issues are not the same. Certain projects have more environmentally challenging issues. I think they are both doing their fair share.”

The hearing will continue at the April 3 meeting.

Community Development Agency

The council approved issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for architectural and engineering design of city streetscape improvements.

Asked about publication, Donlevy said the city easily connects with likely candidates because the city engineer has worked with so many of the companies doing this work.

Council member Martin asked about scope of the work. Donlevy said this RFP applies to roadways and the right-of-way, unlike form-based code, which applies to facades and building details.

“The lion’s share of the work will be on Main from Second to Railroad and on Railroad from the car bridge to Grant Avenue,” said Donlevy. He said the city is looking for a consistent design theme that will apply throughout the study zone, though this RFP applies to the blocks closer to Railroad and Main. Staff plans to re-activate the Downtown Master Plan Committee to act as a steering committee for this process. Council approved the RFP unanimously.

Donlevy introduced Chris Kelsch of the Winters Health Care Foundation, who said he wants to turn the vacant lot adjacent to his office on Main Street into a mini-park. The city recently purchased the lot from Michael Barbour and Valerie Whitworth, with the goal of establishing an arts center on the site.

“My personal interest is just to see a park there, and I would like to act as a facilitator, working with the city and the Winters Center for the Arts. I’ve talked with a Davis landscape designer who likes this kind of project and she has agreed to do this incredibly cheap, because she like to make things like this happen.”

The landscape architect has designed four art-themed plans to present to the community at meetings to be held at different places in the city. Council voted unanimously to move forward with the plan.

Other items:

Mayor Fridae asked to put off discussion of creating an outdoor no-smoking ordinance to the next meeting. Council will be reading examples of such ordinances from Emeryville and Belmont, in preparation for the discussion.

The council approved, on the consent agenda, an application for a grant from the regional water board to create a plan to make use of recycled water.

Also on the consent agenda, the city approved Main Street closures on six separate nights throughout the year for Buckhorn’s Cruise Night program, attended by a large number of antique and show cars.

The city held a first public hearing of an ordinance, at the request of city building official Gene Ashdown, to require installation of smoke alarms and clear building numerals when homes change ownership. Ashdown intends to announce the program in English and Spanish, and make smoke alarms available at low to no cost for people that cannot afford them.

The next city council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

lation in exchange for payment of the penalty.

The board has since agreed to a time extension, according to city management analyst Carol Scianna. The extension does not mean acceptance of the SEP approach, but it is an alternative the city will begin to explore.

Pool progress



Photo by Elliot Landes

Construction of the Bobbie Greenwood Community Swim Center at the high school is nearly finished, months ahead of the scheduled June 1 completion date. The swimming pool, which will serve both the community and the schools, is even holding some water.

LEACH

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in the army veterinary corps, said Muramoto. “But apparently he does miss her, and she does miss him.”

Leach has taken a job with the San Bernardino’s Sheriff Department.

“When they asked for a recommendation, we told them that you are going to

get an outstanding officer and it is going to be our loss and your gain,” said Muramoto.

“We certainly appreciate your dedication,” said Mayor Woody Fridae after reading a proclamation honoring Leach’s service to the city, from April 26, 2004 to March 31, 2007.

“I have to tell you, the organization you have here is outstanding,” said Leach. “The leadership

you have established here is excellent. When you have new officers arriving to work here, you have the tools to develop them to become the most professional officers in this area. It is outstanding working here .

“With the effort you put forward, with the chain of command here, the city will support you. I would say this ship is running smoothly, and I hope it

continues to do so. And if it does, you’ll continue to get quality officers like you seek. It is with a heavy heart that I leave, and I definitely would want to come back. I hope to see you in the future.”

Also at the meeting, Muramoto announced Craig Urquhart as this year’s Officer of the Year. Urquhart will receive a pin for the honor, but was unable to attend the meeting.

Teach Peace plans to screen ‘Beyond Treason’

The documentary “Beyond Treason” will be the next selection for the monthly film and discussion series hosted by the Teach Peace Foundation. The screening will take place on Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m., in the Blanchard Room of the Davis Public Library, 315 E. 14th Street. There is no charge to attend.

“Beyond Treason” focuses on information obtained through the Freedom of Information Act regarding secret military experiments upon unsuspecting citizens, featuring interviews with civilian and military experts. Topics of discussion include the use of depleted uranium in Iraq, experimental vaccines, and the Gulf War Illness.

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

PENALTY

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According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) web site, a violator may voluntarily agree to undertake an environmentally beneficial project related to the vio-

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO
BECAUSE I SAY SO

SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO grab your little appointment book by the neck and show it who's boss. Reschedule those appointments, reclaim your life (even if it's only for a few hours) and kick your lazy brain in the butt. Make it think some new thoughts. Make it wonder. When was the last time you wondered?

I did recently, at the opening of R. Crumb's show at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco. Famed for "Keep on Truckin'" and "Fritz the Cat," trust me, Crumb's aren't your grandfather's comics. On the other hand, they might be. And they aren't, as one local artist noted with a chuckle, "polite."

Be warned: If you can't see the inherent humor in sexuality and human genitalia, Crumb's work isn't for you. How to describe it... raw, yet whimsical. (Sounds like some wine snoot describing a cabernet franc!) You might squirm a little, but you'll laugh. And wonder.

Like: What if, while performing the act that 90 percent of the male population performs to relieve sexual frustration (or when they're just bored), something other than what's usually produced is, in fact, produced? Like, say, grass? Can you imagine the performer's utter shock and dismay? R. Crumb can. And he drew it. Made me chuckle. But then, I think sex is hysterical. Almost as hysterical as all the hysteria surrounding it.

I wonder. Do men actually worry about such things? And what other things do they worry about producing besides grass? Popcorn? Bubbles? A flock of parakeets? There's a gallery's worth of possibility there.

Crumb's show prompted me to further wonder what would happen if a female artist took the same zany, over-the-top, in-your-face approach, but with female anatomy and sexuality. Would she receive fame and notoriety like R. Crumb, or would it be so threatening to our uptight patriarchal Puritanical society that she'd be publicly castigated and scorned. Sort of like what happens when the CEO gets tough and assertive in a board meeting. If he's a man, he's called a leader. If she's a woman, she's a bitch.

Just some of the things one wonders about, all because one saw grass a-growin' from someplace it shouldn't. Ain't art great?

Also at the YBCA, I discovered the interactive work of William Pope L., called the Black Factory, opening on the same night as R. Crumb. At first glance, one of the pieces appeared to be a wall covered with plastic bags, each containing a book and a bottle of white glue. Upon closer inspection, each book was a copy of The White Man's Bible, written by Ben Klassen, founder of the white supremacist hate group, Church of the Creator. An anti-hate group purchased the books to remove them from circulation. They were later donated to the Black Factory, which explores racism through art.

Rather than destroy the books, the books were transformed into an artistic social statement. Similarly bagged books and glue, signed by the artist, can be purchased at the YCBA. After purchase, new owners are invited to use the bottles of glue to "highlight the passages found most noteworthy."

Wonderful!
Alas, I didn't quite get my fill of wondering in San Francisco. On to the Mondavi Center in Davis last Monday, to hear New York Times columnist Frank Rich and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tony Kushner preach to the choir about the Titanic disaster otherwise known as the George W. Bush presidency. The talk was filled with random nuggets about which to wonder, and even ponder.

Rich explained that the reason we don't have Bob Woodward and Carl Bernsteins to take the government to task anymore is because the Washington press corps is more concerned about being out of the privileged loop than digging up the truth. He also emphasized that the reason infotainment passes as news nowadays is because all televised media and most print media is owned by entertainment corporations like Viacom and Disney. I knew it. Mickey Mouse really is in charge. That explains everything.

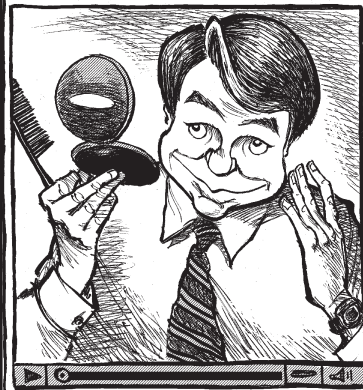
Rich further predicted that Dubya won't be impeached simply because those on Capital Hill remember the ugliness of the Clinton impeachment and just don't want to go there again. Still too fresh. Too traumatic. OK, queried Rich, if the politicians won't do it, why can't the people? If Californians recalled an incompetent governor in mere months, why can't Americans recall an incompetent president? Or can we? If so, I wonder where can I sign the petition?

And if all that hasn't inspired you to wonder and ponder, how about this: Why don't wonder and ponder rhyme?

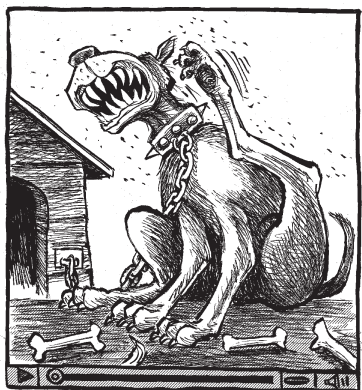
SOME LOCAL WONDERS performed at the Note of Elegance, held at the Community Center last weekend. Due to miscommunication about the camera, I was unable to take photos of the event. But photos wouldn't have done it justice anyway. This was something you needed to hear. Wow, has Winters got talent! There wasn't a single act that wasn't fabulous, and such a range, from jazz to bluegrass to big band. Sitting in the audience, I felt proud to be in a community with such abundant talent, so many people willing to volunteer their time to make events such as these happen, and so many people showing their support by attending the event.

Hats off to everyone involved in supporting music programs in our schools, even if it was just to buy a ticket.

VIDEO CLIP OF
JOHN EDWARDS
ARRANGING HIS HAIR



VIDEO CLIP OF
ANN COULTER
ARRANGING HERS



LETTERS

So many people to thank

Dear Editor,

We'd like to thank everyone who came out to support this last weekend's Note of Elegance. The audience this year was treated to wonderful performances ranging from the musical saw to the swingin' sounds of a full "big" band. Special thanks go to all the performers who gave of their time and talents to make the evening a musical treat for everyone.

Putting on a show of this size and complexity takes the efforts of many people, all pulling together. There isn't enough space here to thank everyone that deserves it, but a few people and groups need special mentioning for their selfless donations to the "Note."

I want to start by thanking all the High School students who did a superlative job helping out on stage, helping with lights and sound, serving food, seating people, and staying to clean up. And thank you to Tania Mannion, and her able sub, Nate Reinking for their help at the High School. And a very special thank you to Lynne Secrist at the middle school for her immeasurable help from band and choral direction to set-up and clean up and moral support. Thank you.

Thanks also to the city of Winters for the use of the hall, and a very special thanks to Jeannie Ritchie and Sherry Del Toro, for their helpfulness and patience. Of course, we thank Howard Hupe and the Winters Theater Group for the invaluable loan of

their partitions and equipment. We'd also like to thank Dan Maguire and the Winters Chamber of Commerce for their support and assistance, and especially the Winters Express for their help and generous coverage.

We can't forget Winters High School and the Winters Music Boosters for all their help and support. A huge contribution was made by Cody's Marketplace for tablecloths and Pacific Ace Hardware for ticket sales and Four Winds Nursery for the donation of potted plants. Thank you all.

Special thanks also go to the individual efforts of Annette Blandin, volunteer coordinator, and the volunteers: Pinky Dahn, food coordinator, and her serving staff; Mark Dahn, stage manager and his crew of Christa Blandin, Hannah Long and Ron Lewis; Darsen Long, most excellent sound magician and Ken's Pro Sound of Susan; the lighting crew of Austin Dahn and Jesse Fowles; and especially Theresa Foster, Mistress of Ceremonies par excellence.

Extra special thanks to Dwight Howard, technical director, decoration magician and lighting wizard; Nancy Howard, decoration magician, publicity chair and hostess; (these two made the hall into the elegant club you saw) and Linda Eastman, programs; and most especially, Linda Johnson Ticket Queen and patient partner.

Thank you all very much.
BRUCE BREWER

Cyclist frustrated by drivers

Dear Editor,

Whatever happened to speed bumps and bike lanes?

Along Main Street (I think most of it, except between First and Railroad), and on Hemenway near the middle school, you will see long white lines on the sides, similar to shoulders on the highway. At each crossing, you will see a stick figure of a biker. Or maybe you won't, because some illegal parker parked on him.

Let's face it: bikers hog the street. One biker takes up a lane. Thankfully, to make the streets safer, the city painted several bike lanes. For me, and several of my friends, these are a blessing. Then some guy parked in the bike lane, and my friend hit it. Both made it out alive, luckily, but in this case, (even though my friend failed to see the car) it was the car's driver's fault. The car was parked illegally, without the driver even knowing it.

Ok, ok. Everyone is going to tell me "Where else do we park our cars?" Parking in bike lanes is illegal (See code 21211. Thanks, Officer Ramos). You are supposed to park your car in a parking lot, driveway

or garage. Granted, parking in bike lanes is easier, but parking in a bike lane causes us bikers to have to veer out, or get dangerously close to your "baby" (your car, that is). Both get us named as "idiots" and make bikes "menaces to the streets." (By the way, when we have to do that, we are legal. You can call us idiots, jerks, or whatever; just don't call us illegal. I could tell you the code if you want it.)

Finally, there are speed bumps. If you live near Anderson Road, you know how annoying the speed bumps are. Unfortunately, you have to live with it. I have nearly gotten hit because someone in his or her "tricked out ride" couldn't go over the speed bump without "bottoming out." Instead, they swerved into, yes, the bike lane. Why? I mean, at least stop to let me by! Bike lanes are not there so someone can avoid speed bumps! I have to do one of those fancy turn-and-stops on a bike (in other words, I fell) to avoid hitting him. The man didn't even slow down.

Naturally, you're better

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CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK OPINION

NAME THIS DEVELOPMENT. Granite Bay Holdings, the developer planning to build not only a lot of houses, but also a commercial project across from Lorenzo's Town & Country Market, is also building, (if that is the right term), a wetlands area as part of their residential project. They are asking our school aged children to help them come up with a name for each project.

I'm not sure I'm in favor of naming every new home built in Winters. Add four houses, or a couple of buildings, and someone comes up with a new name. There is some money riding on these new names, so maybe it is worth the time to sit down, grab a pencil and help your child come up with a name.

Gateway Plaza would be my choice for the new downtown they are planning to build. For the wetlands, how about Prairie Shrimp Preserve. I don't care what they call their housing tract, because when someone asks you where you live, you should just answer Winters.

JUST A FEW MOTORCYCLES. I enjoy having local motorcycle clubs visit our town. This group, the Vallejo Harley Owners Group (HOG), didn't stay around as long as the FYAO group from Vacaville, but they stayed around long enough to drop a few dollars and entertain us for an afternoon.

Tourism has always been important to Winters, but it seems there are more tourist than citizens lately. Speaking of names. The Art Walk, is now the Winters Walk. This is something everyone should get behind. Winters Walk is scheduled for the first Saturday of every month. Is it asking too much for everyone to walk downtown, once a month. Bring your dogs with you and let them lead you down the Putah Creek Nature Trail. Remember to bring a plastic bag, just in case they aren't creek trained.

While you're on your walk, take a minute to walk across the train bridge. Look over at the car bridge and take a mental picture of what it looks like. It is supposed to be removed in a year or two, with the project scheduled to take a couple of years to complete. Remember it took a year to get a traffic light that changed color.

I have an idea that might speed up the project. Hire the crew that is replacing the train trestle in Sacramento. They are rebuilding a thousand feet of burned-out bridge in 16 days. They showed up while the bridge was still burning, and had equipment on site before the last ember was put out. They could finish our bridge in about a week.

So when you have to drive on Highway 505 to get to the other side of the creek, remember what a private company can do if they want to.

Have a good week.

Get out, talk to neighbors

Dear Editor,

I am becoming increasingly concerned with how our town is turning. We are losing our neighborly quality that most of us embraced when we moved here; it doesn't matter how long ago. We all thought it was one of the positive things about this small town.

More and more, instead of talking to your neighbor about whatever it is they are doing to irritate you, people just pick up the phone and call the police to solve the problem. I am sure your neighbor is not deliberately trying to make your life difficult, and just a simple request from you either by phone or in person could solve the problem.

How many of us even talk to our neighbors any more? Do you know their names? Their work schedule? Their children's names? All of these things are important. If you or they are away from home, extra eyes watching can prevent unwanted visitors. Let's face it burglary is a top crime around this town.

We should all be able to phone an adult in the house if a child is doing something dangerous or otherwise disrupting our lives. I believe this is especially important for teenagers. I have stopped my car to speak with kids who are doing something destructive or dangerous. I have gone to other kids' parents when a problem

has occurred and have had parents come to me about my child.

I believe a parent that has received a complaint will work at a solution so the issue will not get out of hand. We are adults and can talk to each other before involving the police. I do know there are some people who think "not my child," so when communications break down or the issue cannot be resolved then call the police.

I have always thought of Winters as one big neighborhood, (we live here; our children go to school here) and Youth Day as our "block party" (which don't exist any more). Are we all so paranoid or tainted we cannot get these values back? Or maybe we are just too busy to watch out for each other.

Remember, children watch and learn from adults and their actions, if they don't see us working out our problems together, how can we expect them to work out theirs together? It does take a village to raise a child; the parent can't be everywhere and can't see everything.

With the light staying longer, go outside introduce yourself, exchange phone numbers and laugh, compare notes, or just talk to each other. I don't expect a utopian town, but I do believe talking to each other can change the direction, before we get much larger and deeper in trouble.

SUSAN BONIN

Write to us: news@wintersexpress.com

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than that driver is, but it is possible that you still park on the street. Just for once, everyone, try to park in your driveway. (If you don't have a driveway, I forgive you. But the law says you need one, just to let you know). Go over the speed bumps, and don't flip off bikers. Trust me; we will appreciate it.

STEFAN BLANDIN

Your efforts made it great

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Winters Music Booster Association I would like to extend a very big and grateful thank you to all the community members who attended and supported the Note of Excellence. I would like to thank the many local businesses, individuals and organizations, too many to list without making this letter exceedingly long, who through their donations of time, capital and goods helped to make the evening a positive endeavor.

Thank you to the Chamber, Bruce Guelden and his crew hosting the no-host bar in dispensing wonderful libations from our local wineries.

Thank you to the many area musicians who spent their time and talents to provide us with an evening of wonderful and varied musical performance. It simply is amazing how many talented musicians live in and are associated with our community and are willing to perform in support of music education.

Thank you to the many Music Boosters who worked hard and long on the project, specifically but not limited to Annette Blandin, Pinky and Mark Dahn, Jessie Fowles, and the Long family.

Finally, I would like offer a very large and special thank you to the Note sub-committee, whose direction, imagination and hard work brought this evening of musical entertainment to life: Bruce Brewer, Linda Johnson, Dwight and Nancy Howard, Theresa Foster and Linda Eastman. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Through all of your efforts, this, the Music Booster's largest fundraiser of the year, will help support

our current and future young musicians and their instructors in our public school music programs continue to grow into well-rounded individuals making beautiful music.

ALBERT VALLECILLO
President
Winters Music Boosters

Many ways to get involved

Dear Editor,

It's time for parents, families, and community members to start thinking about their personal involvement in their child's education. Don't know where to start? Try these tips:

Volunteer: Find manageable ways you can enrich the learning environment at your child's school by contributing your knowledge and skills and providing services and support to students

Support learning at home: Families can help their children develop good study habits, supervise their homework, monitor TV viewing and after-school activities, supervise regular bedtimes, and maintain good school attendance. Also, teach respect, discipline, and a love of learning to your child.

Communicate: Parents and schools should communicate regularly about information important to the student's success through newsletters, conferences, scheduled visits, and voice mail and email messages.

Support school activities: Participate in the activities sponsored by your school and PTA. Your presence and participation will show your child that you care.

Join your school's PTA: Parents, teachers and administrators, working together through the PTA, can make remarkable things happen for children, schools, and the community.

For more information on PTA visit these websites: California State PTA (www.capta.org) and National PTA (www.pta.org).

JENYSE LICHWA
Winters Combined PTA
winterspta@netscape.net

It was a success

Dear Editor,

Thank you to everyone who helped make Waggoner's Book Fair Beach a huge success. A special "thank you" to Marge Se-

bastian, who worked diligently from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during our book fair to help count money, run the cash register and assist our young customers.

Thank you parent volunteers, Brandy Wingard and Lawren Brickey, for helping operate and manage the book fair during the week. There is a lot of work in setting up and taking down book displays.

Thank you, teachers who helped set up the book displays on Friday, March 16, after working all week: Louise Cummings, Ambi Gardner, Linda Springer, Stephani Hernandez, Robin Rotenkolber, and Robbie Otten. Thank you Linda Springer, Nan Williams, Robin Rotenkolber, Ambi Gardner, Marge Sebastian, and Liz Layne, for helping take down the book displays and pack up the book fair on Friday, March 23. I couldn't have done it without your help.

I appreciate each and everyone who purchased items from our book fair. We hit a record high in sales during the week. We were able to sell over \$5,000 in books, posters, cool school tools, software and more. Our school library will receive 30 percent of the proceeds. The proceeds will help support our new Accelerated Reader Program at Waggoner School Library.

RITA HOLDER
Librarian, WJUSD

Everyone had a wonderful time

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the fire and police department for participating in the St. Patrick's Day celebration at the gazebo Friday, March 16. As usual, the cookies from Lester Farms Bakery were a big hit and the lemonade Charlie at the Pizza Factory delivered was just right.

Of course, the children provided all the enthusiasm and the right amount of green the day called for. I would like to thank all the teachers for their hard work in helping the kids in making of their hats. I am sure we will all see each other next year, same time, same place.

SUZY BONIN

We're too hard on Bush

Dear Editor,

I think you and others are too hard on Bush. Granted, his performance has been awful, but how can we expect better from the leader of our silly and screwed up political and legal system? Corruption, sheep-following-sheep political correctness and untold other vomit. Let's not let our ignoramus society escape our ire.

My favorite long-ago political pundit, H.L. Mencken, was prescient in an article in the Baltimore Evening Sun on July 26, 1920: "As a democracy is perfected, the office of the president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the great folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron.

I wonder how many of us are "Mencken morons"?

ED DAWKINS

Still standing up for peace

Dear Editor,

Every Saturday, a group of people stand in silent witness for peace. At the G Street Plaza between Second and Third Streets in Davis, we stand with a banner: "Peace is the Answer." Please join us any Saturday between 11 a.m. and noon. We gather every week regardless of weather.

For more information, call 795-1807.

MILT and MERRY JOHNSON

The deadline to submit letters to the editor is Mondays at noon

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays. Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, or emailed to news@wintersexpress.com. Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use all capital letters. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter. Letters must be legibly signed by the writer. However, we may withhold writers' names from publication if there is a legitimate reason, like fear of reprisal.

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

Community

Winters Health Fair planned

The Winters Health Fair will take place on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 2pm., rain or shine, at the YMCA preschool, 100 Myrtle Drive (Yolo Housing).

Family oriented topics will include information on fire safety, nutrition for children and adults, car seat safety, physical activity tips, dental care, and blood pressure screening for the whole family. The Health Fair is sponsored by several groups including the Winters Fire Department, Yolo Community Health Department, Communicare Dental, Woodland Highway Patrol, University of California Cooperative Extension, Community Medical Center, and First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission. There is no cost to attend this event.

For more information, call Kathy Berrettoni, 666-8143.

Woodstove exchange program nearly over

A limited number of incentives are still available from Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District for the Woodstove Changeout Program. In an effort to reduce particulate matter (PM) emissions from wood smoke, the air district is sponsoring an incentive program that runs through March 31. The \$200 rebate can be matched by participating retailers and is available to anyone who resides within the district when they replace a non-certified woodburning stove or insert with any of the following appliances: natural gas, propane, pellet stove or EPA certified woodstove.

Woodstoves and inserts manufactured before 1992 have a higher emissions rate, producing 70 percent more smoke than appliances with today's technology. Current products also produce less than 6 grams of particle pollution an hour which is a significant drop from the 40-60 grams produced by older appliances. In addition, the heating efficiency has almost doubled.

Do Your Part
“We still have a few rebates left and would like to see each one put toward a cleaner burning appliance,” according to Mat Ehrhardt, Yolo-Solano AQMD executive director. “Residents of the air district still have time to reserve the rebate but must do so before March 31 while funds are still available.”

The district is working with the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association (HPBA) and local retailers to provide additional financial incentives to qualified applicants. Funding is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete details and application forms are available at www.ysaqmd.org or by calling the YSAQMD, (800) 287-3650 or 757-3650.

The Yolo-Solano AQMD is a public health agency dedicated to protecting human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution.

Former Olympian visits Winters



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Salt Lake City residents Tanya and Rick Silva and their son, Anthony, visited Rick's mother and stepfather, Therese and Donald Sanders in Winters last week and stopped by the Winters Express office. Rick is a former Winters resident. Tanya, formerly of Kazakhstan, competed in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake, playing on the women's hockey team. Rick and Tanya met in a Russian computer center where he worked. He later went to Siberia to ask for her hand in marriage. Donald Sanders, who writes a Features page column for the Express, recently wrote about their love story. Rick and Tanya attend the University of Utah and work part-time. Tanya is considering Stanford or UC Berkeley to work on her masters degree and is interested in international economics. She did not compete in the 2006 Winter Olympics, but plays hockey in Salt Lake City and is considered a “scrapper” on the ice, says Donald.

Public hearings on next agenda

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Winters Community Development Agency finance workshop.
- ~ Adopt resolution declaring Public Nuisance on specified parcels.
- ~ Update on Winters Highlands project by Granite Bay Holdings, LLC.
- ~ Request from Venita O'Brien to accept application for annexation of assessor parcel numbers 030-190-26 and 29.
- ~ Development Agreement review

ment review

~ Continued public hearing and consideration of the Mary Rose Gardens Subdivision. The project is a proposed subdivision of 5.69 acres to create 28 single-family lots at 415 Grant Avenue (northwest corner of Grant Avenue and Cemetery Lane. Applicant: Dave Snow.

~ Continued public hearing and consideration of Anderson Place Subdivision. The project is a proposed subdivision of 2.13 acres to create 24 residential lots with a total of 28 residential units and 9 office suites at 723 Railroad Avenue. Applicant: Eva Brzeski.

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~ Adopt ordinance regarding an amendment to the Winters Municipal Code to require the installation of smoke alarms whenever the city issues a building permit for a Group R occupancy (residential) and amend the current addressing standard.

~ Update on strategic planning.

~ Contract for legal services; Special City Attorney Steve Rudolph.

~ Confirmation of expiration of option agreement for exclusive purchase negotiations — 8 East Abbey Street.

Biomonitoring program to be discussed

The Yolo Basin Foundation will host the last Flyway Nights lecture of the 2006-07 season on Wednesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. The featured speaker is Andy Engilis who will discuss the UC Davis Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology's long term Biomonitoring Program in Putah Creek and the Yolo Bypass. Engilis is the Curator of Collections at the museum, which is housed in the university's Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Conservation Biology.

The biomonitoring program is funded by the Low-

er Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) and the Department of Water Resources. The goal is to study wildlife populations and diversity in relation to changes in water flow and restoration activities in the creek and by-pass.

“Through these studies we've been able to determine that Putah Creek supports more complex avifauna than previously thought,” said Engilis. “We're very excited to have received 10 more years of funding from the LPCCC.”

Engilis is in charge of

the program, which uses graduate students and undergraduates to carry out the monitoring and research.

The Yolo Basin Foundation hosts Flyway Nights the first Wednesday of the month from November to April. The talks are held at the Department of Fish and Game's Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters at 45211 Chiles Road in Davis. A \$5 donation to support the program is suggested, and Yolo Basin members are free. Call the Yolo Basin Foundation, 758-1018, for more information.

Curbside collection offered next week

In an effort to curb illegal dumping activities along roadsides and waterways, and provide a convenient way for residents to get rid of unwanted bulky items, Waste Management offers a curbside collection of up to five cubic yards of material as part of your trash collection services. (Example: one cubic yard = a washing machine; three cubic yards = sofa) There is no additional charge for this cleanup.

Pickup days are scheduled on April 6, May 4, June 1, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 7, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, and Dec. 14. Pickups must be scheduled at least one week in advance. Residents are allowed one bulky waste pickup per year.

“While Waste Manage-

ment is the nation's leading waste hauler, and largest recycler, we are also your local community partners in Winters,” said Marissa Juhler, Waste Management of Winters' recycling education coordinator. “This is all in an effort to keep our community clean. We want to make it as easy as possible for our customers to recycle items, and properly dispose of items that have become a major part of our waste stream. As a corporation, we lead by example, and we hope our customers will join us in this effort.”

The deadline to sign up for the next curbside collection is Friday, March 30. Call Waste Management, 795-1201 to schedule a bulky waste pickup appointment.

Chapman celebrates 98th birthday party

Friends and family gathered at the home of Viona Hague on Sunday, March 4, to help Dorothy Chapman celebrate 98 years of life on March 5.

Organizing the festivities, along with Viona, was daughter-in-law, Nicki Chapman. The guest list included Carmen and Joe Rubio, Jeanie Spain, Bobby and John Greenwood, Alicemae and Candee Briggs, Kim and Sandy Briggs, Shelly Chapman, Debbie Kent, Eleanor Kent, JoAnn and Kathryn Wenning, Brad and Rachel

Chapman, Bruce, Nadia Chapman and daughters, Doug Hague, Chis Kerr, Carin and Juan Benavidez, Lea Benavidez and friend, David, Donny Engell, Matthew, Glenda and Matthew Delman Hague, Haydee Aviles, Randy and DeAnn Hague-Dunn.

A buffet lunch was served along with the typical birthday cake. The birthday song was helped along with the musical version of Stan Kenton's “Happy Birthday.”

Planning to get married?
Don't forget to announce your engagement in the Express!
Call 795-4551 for assistance

www.wintersexpress.com

Fund will offer aid to Melton

Kingsley Melton, former field representative of Assemblywoman Lois Wolk and former Buckhorn employee, was severely burned in a house fire in San Diego in December. 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.

Weekly police report

March 10

~ On the 100 block of Main Street, an unknown suspect(s) forged and cashed checks at a business. Loss: \$5,731.28.

March 15-17

~ On the 200 block of White Oak Lane, a suspect contacted victim several times in violation of a court order. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

~ On the 100 block of East Baker Street, a motorized scooter was taken into safekeeping.

March 17

~ On the 100 block of Main Street, an officer responded to a suspicious circumstance call involving a subject taking pictures of a 19-year-old female. The subject was contacted and no pictures were found. The subject was advised to avoid future contact with the female.

March 19

~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, a suspect left notes indicating that there was a bomb. No device was located and it was determined that the notes were false.

~ On the 30 block of East Main Street, an unknown Hispanic male juvenile damaged a handicap parking sign. Loss: \$50.

~ A found bicycle was turned into the police department.

March 20

~ On the 10 block of East Baker Street, an unknown suspect(s) drilled out the lock on a car wash coin box and took cash from the box. Loss: \$50.

March 21

~ Jose Luis Lopez Lopez, 21, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, driving an unregistered vehicle and no proof of insurance.

~ On the 400 block of Abbey Street, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$1,200.

~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, an unknown suspect(s) stole a cell phone from a student's backpack. Loss: \$350.

~ On the 400 block of Russell Street, unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and took a backpack containing multiple items. Loss: \$540.

March 23

~ A found bicycle was turned over to the police department.

~ On the 30 block of East Main Street, an unlocked vehicle was entered. No property was stolen.

~ John Bledsoe, 59, of Woodland was traveling south bound on Railroad Avenue. Richard Smith, 60, of Crozier was stopped at the stop sign facing west on East Abbey Street at Railroad Avenue. Smith did not see Bledsoe approaching and pulled out on to Railroad Avenue. The vehicles collided.

~ Kelly Carner, 47, of Winters was traveling eastbound on East Grant Avenue. A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was stopped

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D'feeting ALS



Photo by Eric Lucero

Community members hit the pavement on Saturday, March 24, to participate in a walkathon to raise money for research on Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS). The event was coordinated by Winters High School student Nathanael Lucero, who made the event his senior project. The walkathon took place at City Park.

Forum planned to address community needs

The Yolo County Community Services Action Board (CSAB), in coordination with the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services (DESS), will be planning programs for the 2008 and 2009 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding cycle. The CSBG program is designed to provide a range of services to assist low-income people in attaining the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The program

also provides low-income people with immediate life necessities such as food, shelter and health care needs.

In order to determine the needs in our local communities, the CSAB will hold public forums in Woodland and West Sacramento. The public is invited to the public forums to give input on the service needs in Yolo County. The information gathered in these forums will be used by the CSAB and DESS to set service priorities for

the CSBG program.

The meetings will take place on Wednesday, April 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Department of Employment & Social Services Community Room, 500-A Jefferson Boulevard in West Sacramento, and on Thursday, April 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Department of Employment and Social Services Community Room, 25 North Cottonwood Street in Woodland.

For more information, call Robert Lilly, 661-2770.

Local information available online

Yolo County residents now have a new and improved community information resource available literally at their fingertips. The YoloLINK Community Database and Directory, which contains current and accurate information on services for Yolo County residents, can be found online at www.yololink.org. YoloLINK holds more than 900 listings on subjects related to housing, healthcare, senior services, legal, recreation, education, mental health, rehabilitation, counseling and much, much more.

"Yolo County is in the 'people business'," said Mariko Yamada, chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. "We hope that this online database will help all Yolo County residents access information about topics ranging from autism to Alzheimer's. Our library staff is to be commended for their Herculean efforts in providing this important community resource online."

Sponsored by the Yolo County Library and the YoloLINK Steering Committee, the YoloLINK Community Information Database and Directory has undergone an extreme makeover in the past year. Anyone can log on to www.yololink.org from his or her home, or at the public access computers at any of the seven Yolo County branch libraries.

The database can be searched with simple keywords such as "food" or "housing," by program provider name, or by any local community name within Yolo County. Sophisticated searchers can combine terms for more complicated and focused searching with instructions located on the site under "SearchTips."

For information on the Yolo County Library system or to find your local branch library see: <http://www.yolocounty.org/library/DEFAULT.HTM> or call 666-8005. For more information on YoloLINK, contact Mary Reece, 666-8007.

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Save a tree! We offer email subscriptions for \$20 per year!

SPRING IS BLOSSOMING on Main Street and all over town, including at the Winters Chamber. The blossoms on Main Street were a perfect setting for the colorful March Chamber Mixer at Cloth Carousel and Quilting. Owner Jan Bawart was a great hostess while displaying a selection of the beautiful handmade quilts and accessories that makes her shop a popular oasis for cloth artisans throughout the County.

The Chamber Board is also blossoming with a lofty list of new programs and projects promoting the vitality of our business community. The leadership is continuing to prioritize the programs for immediate handling and long term projects serving the interests of the business community.

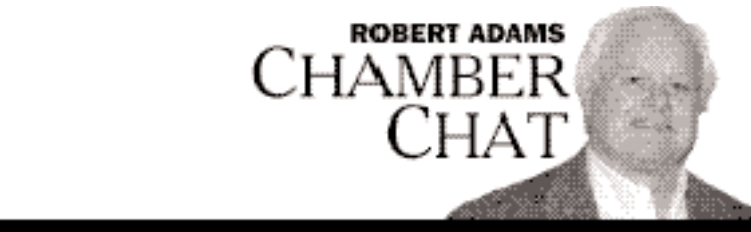
Two concerns rising to the top of the list are “downtown beautification” and “membership development.” As we have discussed before, the Chamber sees value in spearheading a clean-up project as a welcome to the shopping attendees.

Last month, the professional bike tour spectators were impressed with the Chamber’s clean-up initiative when the cyclists raced across the freshly painted bridge. We will continue this program with a significant beautification project prior to Youth Day in April. Allow us to tip our Chamber hat to all the business owners and employees who take pride in both their business and our community by cleaning up and picking up as a part of overall appearance.

Speaking of spring blossoms, what a great opportunity to kick off the Chamber’s membership development program. Winters is growing and new issues are confronting us daily. The board of directors are actively aware that full effectiveness requires full participation from all of our business community.

Your investment in the Chamber of Commerce is key factor in the long term growth of your business. The Chamber has an impressive list of long-standing members with a commitment to our business vitality and we appreciate the foundation you have built. Now more than ever, it is time to build upon this foundation with new members and renewed members who might have inadvertently let their membership renewal slip.

Since spring has sprung, the Chamber is springing ahead with designating April as “new member month.” This means we are taking the opportunity to kick off our membership to promote 100 percent membership in April. You and your friends can contact me today for a membership application. We don’t consider the annual dues a contribution but rather, a business investment. At only about 32 cents a day for networking, business communication, unified growth and representation in city and



state governmental issues, membership in the Chamber is the best bargain in town.

Right now, the Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory, Relocation/Resource Guide and city day tours handbook is being developed. The Chamber office responds to numerous requests for information about coming to Winters. This vibrant membership directory will be mailed in response to requests for relocation, day trip and Winters events information. The directory will be ready for print by April 30, in order to be available for summer requests, so let’s move quickly.

As celebration of new members month, the April Mixer will focus on new members along with a great networking opportunity to recognize current dedicated members. The mixer will be held at The Palms on Monday, April 16, 5:30-7 p.m., and will include a special “Taste of Winters,” with the always exciting raffle and maybe a little entertainment.

Speaking of spring, Youth Day is about to blossom. Mark your calendar now for the 71st Youth Day. There will be an abundance of events under this year’s banner “Youth Ahoy.” Smooth sailing is guaranteed with ship’s captain Mike Sebastian and his vivacious crew serving as committee chairs.

The Winters Chamber is delighted to be actively involved in all the programs surrounding Youth Day, including the educational component. To help you plan your day, activities include the Rotary Pancake Breakfast, 6:30-9:30 a.m. Harold Anderson is chairing this activity. The Kiddie Parade will start at 9:45 a.m. and Amber Sebastian is coordinating this fun event.

The Main Parade starts at 10 a.m. Chris Jones (owner of Chris’ University Florist) is coordinating the booth vendors and, yes, the Chamber is in charge of the beer booth and we need a few dedicated volunteers for this fund-raiser!

BUSINESS ALERT: We are always on alert when the legislature is in session. On just the Thursday and Friday of the filing deadline, more than 2,000 bills were filed for handling by the state assembly and senate. Many bills involving small business, workers comp and health plans were filed. As your Chamber representative, I will review business related legislation and keep you informed in a timely manner.

Beautiful quilts



Courtesy Photo

Dave Fleming, Chamber President spoke to Jan Bawart owner of the Cloth Carousel and Quilting about her beautiful display of handmade quilts and accessories that make her shop a popular oasis for cloth artisans throughout the Country.

Chamber meetings monthly

The Winters Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Friday of each month at 7 a.m. in the Chamber office, located inside the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue. The only exception is on April 13th because of Spring Break.

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

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

April is New Member Month at the Winters Chamber of Commerce

Not a member? This is the time to join! Call 796-2329 for more information and to find out what the Chamber can do for you!

Meals available for seniors

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 requirements. Sample menu: roast pork, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, butter-scotch 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. The suggested donation is \$2.50 per meal.

Entry deadline approaching for Dixon May Fair

Those who do bead work, scrapbooking, needlework, crocheting, embroidery and other home arts and crafts can enter their work in the Dixon May Fair and vie for premiums and top honors. Entry forms are due April 2, but the exhibits are not delivered to the fair until April 21.

New categories this year are memory quilts, group

quilts, bead work, scrapbooking, Christmas-craft projects, and "craft projects not Christmas." There are expanded classes for afghans, needlework, embroidery, knitted items, crocheting and home holiday decorations. Other new divisions include boys' wear, girls' and infant wear, men's wear, women's wear and "knitted, crocheted infant

apparel and nursery accessories."

The preserved food show has new divisions, including dehydrated foods and vinegars, and expanded classes. There are also opportunities for special friends to enter their work.

Last year Winters resident Laurie Sengo won best of division for her quilt.

The fair's premium guidebooks, which list what area residents can enter in the May 10-13 fair and the awards or premium available, may be obtained at the fair office, 655 S. First St.; at the UC Cooperative Extension office, 501 Texas St., Fairfield; and at public libraries in Solano County. The information and entry forms are also online at

www.dixonmayfair.com. All completed entry forms, except for those entering cut flowers, must be in the fair office at 655 S. First St. by 5 p.m., Monday, April 2, or postmarked by then. Entry forms for cut flowers are due by 5 p.m., Thursday, May 3.

For more information on exhibits, contact Janice Wimmer at jwimmer@dixonmayfair.Com.

Annual garage sale scheduled

The annual community garage sale, taking place in the driveways and front yards of homes all along the west end of Main Street, is scheduled for Saturday, May 12. For more information or to participate, call Bruce Guelden, 795-4919.

POLICE

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at the stop sign facing north bound on Morgan Street at East Grant Avenue. The juvenile did not see Carner approaching and pulled out onto East Grant Avenue. The vehicles collided.

Geret Losoya, 20, of Winters was arrested for battery, preventing a person from calling for aid on a wireless communication device, vandalism, and a violation of probation. Losoya was transported directly to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

March 24

~ On the 700 block of Main Street, an unknown suspect(s) stole an unlocked vehicle while it was parked across the street from the victim's residence.

~ Blanca Gonzalez, 18, of Winters was arrested on corporal injury spouse, battery, fighting in public, and resisting/delaying officers. Gonzales was transported directly to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ On the 800 block of West Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

~ On the 30 block of Main Street, an unknown suspect(s) stole an unlocked vehicle while the victim was in a business.

Sports

Campos hits triple in extra innings

◆ Neil hits grand slam against Wheatland

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School varsity baseball team won two league games last week with a nail-biter on Friday, March 23, against Orland. The Warriors took on Wheatland first on Tuesday, March 20, at home and had a huge fourth inning that sealed the game.

Winters scored nine runs in the fourth led by Brock Neil's grand slam. After Neil put one in the end zone of the football field, the Warriors continued to round the bases and won the game 13-2 in five innings.

Nathanael Lucero threw all five innings for his second win of the season giving up two runs on three hits, struck out five batters and walked just one. At the plate, Ray McIntire was the only Warrior with two hits, batting 2 for 3 with two runs and an RBI. Cody Campos batted 1 for 2 with two runs scored and an RBI triple.

Kevin Rowell batted 1 for 1 with an RBI. Kaplan Smith batted 1 for 2 with a run scored. Neil batted 1 for 3 with a grand slam, four RBI and a run scored. Lucero batted 1 for 3 with two runs

scored and an RBI. Alexio Jurado batted 1 for 3 with a run scored. John Cummings scored two runs, while Nick Hedrick and Alex Thomson each scored a run and had an RBI.

On Friday, March 23, the Warriors traveled to Orland and probably felt pretty fortunate to come home with a 2-0 victory. The Warriors had a hard time swinging the bat and didn't get on the board until the eighth inning when Campos hit a triple that scored Rowell. Campos then scored himself when Orland tried to throw him out at third and over threw the base.

"Cody's hit was clutch," said coach Jeff Ingles.

Winters then held the Trojans in the bottom of the inning and improved their overall record to 8-1 and 2-0 in league.

Thomson threw all eight innings for the Warriors giving up no runs on two hits, with 12 strike outs and four walks. Thomson improved his record to 3-1 on the season.

At the plate, Campos led the Warriors batting 1 for 3 with a triple, a run scored and a RBI. Jorge Huizar and Jurado each batted 1 for 3, while Hedrick and Thomson each batted 1 for 4 with Hedrick's hit being a double off the right field fence.

Jurado, Crabtree on all league team

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School varsity boys basketball team held their annual awards ceremony on Sunday, March 4, at the gym, with coach

Jason Davis and Ben Geerts honoring the team and honoring individuals for their accomplishments.

Alex Jurado and Colton Crabtree were named to the Butte View All League team

and Alex Thomson was named honorable mention all league. Jurado also was given the Coaches Award and earned the Individual Scholastic Achievement Award. Also earning the Individual

Scholastic Achievement Award were Crabtree and Nathanael Lucero. Lucero also earned the Block W Senior Scholar Athlete Award for having the highest GPA which was over a 4.0.



Courtesy photo

The Winters High School varsity boys basketball team includes, from left, (back) Lindsey Mayhew-Hughes, coach Jason Davis, Alex Jurado, Damon Miles, Brock Neil, Colton Crabtree, Matt Catalan, assistant coach Ben Geerts and Noelle Mandolpho; (front) Pierre Cooper, Alex Huizar, Kelven Leverett, Nathanael Lucero, Justin Valenzuela, Alex Thomson, Nick Hedrick and J.R. Selby.

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Lady Warriors having a hard time scoring

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity softball team hosted Wheatland on Tuesday, March 20, and suffered a 7-0 loss to the Pirates.

"It was a scoreless game until the fourth inning, said coach Traci Calvert. "Wheatland was getting worried. This is a team who ten run ruled us last year by the fourth inning. Today it took them a full seven innings to get the win.

"Caitlin Calvert and Jessica Graham both pitched well. Combined, they allowed seven runs on 12 hits with three errors. Our infield really did a great job today. The Warriors struggled at the plate as they totaled just three hits.

"Ashley Kraintz, Amber Johnston and Savannah Waldron all had singles for the Warriors. We just have not been

patient at the plate. We get up there and just start swinging. Even though this goes down as a loss in the record book, it was a big step for us as a team. We are playing much better ball this year. If we can get our bats working we should be able to get some wins."

The Warriors were on the road on Friday, March 23, as they traveled to Orland for another Butte View League game. They lost the game 6-0.

"Today, one inning killed us," said Calvert. "All six runs were scored in the second inning. Caitlin had a rough outing. Overall she has pitched great this season, but it just wasn't her day today. Jessica came in relief and just did an awesome job. She pitched

four and two-thirds innings, allowing no runs on just three hits."

Defensively the Warriors committed no errors.

"I was really proud of the girls today," said Calvert. "They have been working really hard to eliminate the errors and today's game showed it. Left fielder Olivia Wingard made two outstanding catches that saved a couple of runs.

"Chelsea Corrales, who is catching for us this year, threw out two runners attempting to steal second. Once again, we did not score a run. We got on base, but we just can't seem to get them home."

Kraintz, Johnston, Calvert and Lindsay Mayhew-Hughes all had singles for the warriors.

"Our overall game has

shown a lot of improvement over last year, but we won't win games if we can't score a run," said coach Calvert.

CORRECTION:

In last week's JV softball story, it was mistakenly printed that Tyler Pearce threw the entire game with five strike outs to get the win. It was actually Olivia Manas who threw the entire game with five strike outs in the Warriors 11-0 victory over Esparto.

We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Chelsea Corrales

Chelsea Corrales, a sophomore on the Winters High School varsity softball team, is this week's athlete of the week. Corrales has been the starting catcher for the Warriors since the first game of the season.

"Chelsea has really stepped up big this year," said coach Traci Calvert. "People don't realize the value of a good catcher and how important they are to a good defense. Having a good catcher allows the pitchers to use all their pitches and she has done that for both of our pitchers."

Last week against Orland, Corrales threw out two runners at second base.

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

Schools

Heredia receives FFA Regional Star Counselor award

By AMY CROSS
Winters FFA reporter

For many Winters residents, it has been hard not to notice the outstanding success of the Winters FFA chapter over the past years. The accomplishments of the chapter are numerous, and often attributed to chapter advisors, Kent Benson and Donnie Whitworth. However, what many may not understand is that without the help of Winters High School counselor, Marcela Heredia, much of this would not have been possible.

As counselor, Heredia manages the schedules of half of the student body at Winters High School. She gives the students valuable advice on what classes to enroll in, and assists with scholarship and college applications. Along with this, Heredia helps increase the number of

students enrolled in agriculture classes by promoting the FFA program and recommending that students become involved.

“She encourages students to enroll in ag because she knows it will help them be more prepared for college,” said Winters chapter advisor, Kent Benson.

She is an active supporter of all FFA activities. Attending banquets, judging various competitions, and taking ag students on college visits are just a few of her valuable contributions. Recently, Heredia also gave a speech emphasizing the importance of agriculture education at the Yolo County Ag Administrators Night.

Winters FFA members noticed the extraordinary actions of Heredia, and decided to nominate her for the Star Counselor award. Her dedication and support to the Winters



MARCELLA HEREDIA

FFA was recognized on March 13 when she received the honor of Regional Star Counselor. Heredia is now being considered for the State Star Counselor award, which will be given at the California State FFA Convention in April.



Courtesy Photo

Sarah Warren, Ashley Kraintz, Westly Kraintz, and Justin Valenzuela get ready to auction off their services to raise money for the annual FFA Senior Scholarship Auction which will be on April 5 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

FFA to hold annual Senior Scholarship Auction

By AMY CROSS
Winters FFA Reporter

High school graduation is fast approaching, and Winters FFA members are getting out their shovels and picking up their dust rags in an effort to support their senior FFA members. On April 5, students will be auctioning off their various services, such as babysitting,

house cleaning, lawn mowing, gardening and other assistances to the community.

The annual FFA Senior Scholarship Auction is an annual event that has provided many deserving FFA members with generous scholarships. Anyone in need of a little help or anyone interested in supporting the

graduates may attend the auction at the Winters Community Center at 7 p.m. Fine hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be provided in appreciation of those attending.

If you would like to “purchase” a group of students but are not able to attend, contact FFA advisor Kent Benson, 795-6146.

Teaching students how to be more earth friendly



Photo by Elliot Landes

Entertainers Andrea and Erik of EarthCapades Environmental Vaudeville had a room full of kids in stitches at St. Anthony Parish Hall on March 25, as they sang, joked and talked about how people can to be more earth friendly in their daily activities. They were helped by Alexis on the tambourine, Jaime on the bike horn and Cantalise on the rain stick.

Student poster contest highlights Water Awareness Month

The Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) and the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District are sponsoring the 2007 Student Poster Contest in recognition of May as Water Awareness month highlighting the importance of California's water resources. The contest educates students about the need to use water carefully and its importance in our every day life.

The contest is open to all students from kindergarten to 8 th grade living in Yolo County. The theme is “Use Water Wisely and Keep It Clean - It's a Way of Life.”

Original artwork must be on white paper no larger than 11 by 17 inches. Artwork must have the student's full name, teacher's name, grade level, school name and city printed legibly on the back of the poster. Home-schooled students can also submit artwork with contact information provided.

Additional rules for entries are posted at <http://www.yolowra.org/wae.html>, just click on “2007 Student Poster

Contest Flier.” Winning artwork from the 2006 contest is displayed on the 2007 Yolo County Water Awareness Calendar on the WRA's website at www.yolowra.org and the District's website at www.ycfwcd.org.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners, including a \$50 grand prize to the overall winner and \$100 to the winning student's classroom. The winners are expected to be honored on May 22 at 11 a.m. by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Friday, April 6. Winters stu-

dents may drop off their entries at City Hall.

For more information about the poster contest, contact Donna Gentile, 666-2733, or go online to www.yolowra.org/wae.ht ml.

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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Fortuna de escándalo

Para nosotros que salimos de México, viniendo a este país a buscar una mejor vida en muchos aspectos, el conocer que Carlos Slim es la tercera persona más rica del mundo es de México, resulta contraproducente y escandalosa. Y según la revista Forbes, el paso que lleva al amasar tanto dinero, pronto lo va a situar en el tope del mundo, como la persona mas rica de este planeta. Lo que llama la atención es lo rápido que se ha incrementado su fortuna en los últimos años. El señor gana 2.2 millones de dólares por hora, y tiene a su disposición casi un cuarto de millón de personas, parte de sus negocios incluyen, bancos, inversiones bancarias, restaurantes, acciones de petróleo. Todo esto sería muy normal en un país desarrollado, pero estamos hablando de que este señor se ha hecho rico en México, en donde el ingreso promedio es de casi 7000 dólares anuales, y las condiciones de pobreza son extremas, el dinero amasado de es un insulto a los mexicanos.

Lo que más frustración causa es el saber el principal generador de la riqueza del empresario es el controversial monopolio telefónico Telmex. Esta empresa, que controla más del 90% de las líneas telefónicas fijas de México tuvo en 2006 ingresos por 15,900 millones de dólares; su contraparte América Móvil, S.A. que domina el 70% de los teléfonos celulares obtuvo 21,600 millones.

Gran parte de esas extraordinarias ganancias se deben a que las tarifas telefónicas que pagan los mexicanos son excesivamente altas. Según la Organización para la Cooperación y el Desarrollo Económico (OCDE), México ocupa —dentro de esa entidad— el tercer lugar de tarifas más costosas para telefonía residencial fija de bajo consumo y el primero en las que se cobran a los pequeños y medianos empresarios.

Pero todo esto que Slim ha podido realizar en México, es porque indiscutiblemente cuenta con el apoyo del gobierno de México, no es casualidad que Carlos Slim haya destinado fuertes sumas de dinero a las campañas presidenciales de los candidatos del PAN, PRI, y PRD. Él, por las dudas se protege, y así puede tener controlado su imperio.

Para calmar los ánimos, ha anunciado que destinará un poco más de su dinero a obras filantrópicas, pero nada comparable a lo que dan Gates o Buffet. Slim no está obligado, en efecto, a hacer obras de caridad. Pero si de verdad quisiera, como dice, ayudar a México debería bajar las tarifas telefónicas, aceptar la libre competencia y reconocer que su imperio se ha convertido en una carga para su país.

Curiosidades

El Instituto Lovenstein, un “tanque de pensamiento” en Scranton, Pennsylvania, sacó su edición 2007 del coeficiente intelectual de los mandatarios estadounidenses, donde el joven Bush resultó el peor evaluado de los últimos 60 años. Su coeficiente intelectual fue ubicado en 91, que es 24 puntos menos que la media entre los presidentes republicanos, y 65 puntos menos que la media entre los demócratas. Si uno se va a mayor detalle, W. Bush tiene 64 puntos menos que el mejor republicano ranqueado, Richard Nixon, y 91 menos que el demócrata mejor clasificado, Bill Clinton.

El Instituto Lovenstein, que desde 1973 realiza cada año esta comparación presidencial, colocó a W. Bush en la parte baja del rango “promedio”, que los especialistas que hacen el estudio explican por su aparente dificultad en el dominio del inglés y su limitado vocabulario: 6 mil 500 palabras estiman que tiene, contra las 11 mil que empleaban sus antecesores. Pero esa carencia no es lo único.

A diferencia de todos los presidentes anteriores a él durante las seis décadas medidas, él no ha escrito ningún libro -hasta Ronald Reagan lo sobrepasó-, y mucho menos publicado ensayos durante su época de formación, como la gran mayoría de ellos. Problemas adicionales, según explicaron los responsables del estudio, es que tuvieron que basarse en sus declaraciones públicas y discursos para poder evaluarlo.

W. Bush es un desastre en muchos sentidos. De hecho, en la Wikipedia, la enciclopedia en red que tiene más lecturas que la venerable Enciclopedia Británica, incorporó en su vastísimo acervo la palabra “bushismo”, que define como un neologismo del inglés americano (bushism), para denotar el “error lingüístico” en el que incurre con bastante frecuencia el presidente estadounidense. Esos errores han consumido mucho espacio en internet, gracias a la abundancia de los bushismos del presidente.

Las cosas más estúpidas que pueda decir una persona son fácilmente asequibles cuando uno escucha regularmente al actual presidente de Estados Unidos. Si alguien lo duda, puede consultarlo a www.politicalhumor.about.com, y encontrará perlas espectaculares que hacen ver la comparación del Instituto Lovenstein como algo generoso. Como botones de muestra, los siguientes:

“Yo sé que el ser humano y

los peces pueden coexistir pacíficamente”, dijo sin remordimiento alguno en 2000, en los albores de su primer cuatrienio. “¿Trabaja en tres empleos?”, le preguntó a una madre de tres, divorciada, en Nebraska.

“Únicamente americano, ¿no es cierto? Es fantástico que lo esté haciendo”. “Nuestros enemigos son innovadores y con recursos, como también lo somos nosotros. Nunca dejan de pensar en nuevas formas para hacer daño a nuestro país. Tampoco nosotros”.

“Francamente, estoy sorprendido por la enorme desconfianza en (Washington). Lamento que este sea el caso, pero trabajaré mucho para incrementarla”. “Yo creo que el vicepresidente es una persona que refleja una mentalidad de vaso medio lleno y medio vacío”. “La mejor manera para derrotar el totalitarismo del odio es con una ideología de esperanza, una ideología de odio. Disculpenme, con una ideología de esperanza”. “No se confunda. Yo sé lo difícil que es, señor. Yo hablo con las familias que murieron”.

“La única forma de ganar”, dijo en Colorado a fines de 2006, “es irse antes de completar el trabajo”. “Ustedes saben, cuando hice campaña aquí en 2000, dije que quería ser un presidente de guerra”, “Ningún presidente quiere ser un presidente de guerra, pero yo soy uno”. “No me retiraré”, le dijo a figuras claves en el Partido Republicano sobre sus planes en Irak, “aun si sólo Laura (su esposa) y Barney (su perro) sean quienes me apoyen”. “El punto ahora es cómo trabajamos ahora para lograr objetivos importantes. Y una de esas metas es la democracia en Alemania”. Claro, Bush no lo dijo en 1945, sino en mayo de 2006.

“Es un gran lugar para traer a sus familias”, declaró cuando visitó Nueva Orleans, aún sucia y semidestruida por el huracán Katrina. “Uno presta juramento para defender nuestra bandera y nuestra libertad, y mantiene su palabra bajo el agua y bajo fuego”.

“Como pueden ver, me herí a mí mismo, no aquí en el hospital, sino en combate, con un cedro”, afirmó durante una visita a soldados que sufrieron amputaciones en un hospital militar en San Antonio en enero de 2006. “Eventualmente le gané al cedro, que me dejó sólo algunos raspones”. “Cualquiera que está en una posición de servir a su país, debe entender las consecuencias de sus palabras”.

Así es, aunque Bush sea de los pocos que no se dan cuenta.

Meses difíciles

Los problemas económicos y políticos a los que sigue enfrentando Bush, lamentablemente no solo son de él, sino también de los demócratas, que a pesar de su estruendoso triunfo electoral, se tienen que poner a trabajar para cumplir los retos y las metas que se han propuesto. Los meses venideros serán de una lucha constante, entre el presidente y los demócratas, y además como se esta presentando el panorama político, tendremos una campaña electoral presidencial muy adelantada, que desde ahora se pronostica que el ganador tal ves no sea el mejor candidato, sino el ultimo que se caiga.

La mayor señal actual de los problemas de Bush está en la crisis que puede traducirse en la obligada salida del Procurador General Alberto González, su viejo amigo y colaborador, que comienza a verse como un estorbo para un gobierno que no puede darse el lujo de tenerlo.

González está en el centro de un escándalo creado por el despido de ocho fiscales federales que al menos en apariencia y según las quejas demócratas tuvo motivaciones políticas, en especial porque aparentemente sirvieron para sancionar actuaciones de los demócratas y recompensar a leales.

En alguna medida, el tema no sería problema si el Congreso fuera republicano, toda vez que el gobierno Bush dice que los fiscales federales son nombrados por y sirven a discreción del presidente, y que otros mandatarios relevaron a la total-

idad de los fiscales sin problema, como Bill Clinton. Pero la controversia sobre los despidos comenzó justo cuando los demócratas asumían la mayoría legislativa y los republicanos mismos se sentían engañados por el Departamento de Justicia.

Bush es además el propicio “chivo expiatorio” para explicar las pérdidas políticas sufridas por los republicanos en las elecciones de 2006. La impopularidad de su gobierno y la guerra en Irak son ciertas, como también lo fueron sin embargo los abusos de poder y corruptela en la mayoría republicana.

Y si bien es cierto que los legisladores republicanos ya no pueden ser considerados como aliados ciegos del presidente Bush, también lo es que hay temas donde están todavía de acuerdo con él, como la guerra en Irak, y donde de hecho tienen la posibilidad de frenar a los demócratas -como lo hicieron la semana pasada en el Senado. Y ahí está el problema para los demócratas, que no tienen mayorías de suficiente peso como para imponer las propuestas que ayudaron a su victoria legislativa, especialmente en lo que se refiere al retiro de tropas de Irak.

La lucha política que ese panorama es difícil, con la complicación adicional de una campaña política en la que republicanos y demócratas sostendrán de hecho el equivalente a guerras civiles políticas internas mientras tratan de determinar al mismo tiempo el curso del país.

Feria de la salud en Winters

El próximo Sábado 31 de Marzo se realizará una Feria de la Salud en la ciudad de Winters en el salón pre-escolar de la YMCA, en el 100 Myrtle Drive desde las 10 de la mañana hasta las 2 de la tarde.

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Conducir bajo los efectos de las drogas

A nivel mundial, y en los Estados Unidos, el conducir bajo los efectos del alcohol ha sido un problema reconocido. Aunque los conductores embriagados (borrachos) son noticia, los peligros de conducir después de fumar marihuana o usar otras drogas a menudo pasan desapercibidos. Mientras que los adolescentes se preparan para aceptar la responsabilidad de conducir, los padres de familia y todos los adultos influyentes, deben utilizar este momento importante para hablar con ellos acerca de los peligros del uso de sustancias y comportamientos de alto riesgo.

El riesgo de accidentarse se amplifica cuando se combina con el uso de droga ilícita. Según un estudio, aproximadamente uno de cada 6 (15%) adolescentes reportaron haber conducido bajo la influencia de marihuana, una cifra casi equivalente a la de aquellos que reportaron haber conduci-

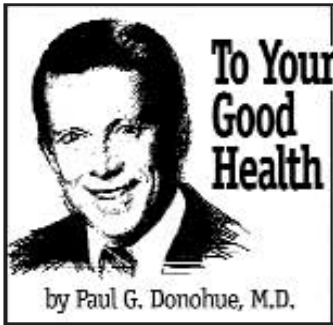
do bajo la influencia de alcohol (16%), a pesar de lo común que es el consumir alcohol entre adolescentes. Aproximadamente 38,000 estudiantes en el último año escolar de la preparatoria en Estados Unidos reportaron en el 2001 que chocaron al conducir bajo la influencia de la marihuana, y 46,000 reportaron que se accidentaron al estar afectados por el alcohol.

Pero, ¿cuántos padres les hablan a sus hijos sobre los riesgos de viajar en un automóvil conducido por una persona bajo los efectos de la marihuana? ¿Cuántos adolescentes creen que la marihuana realmente los hace mejores conductores? Al igual que el alcohol, la marihuana y otras drogas pueden afectar muchas de las destrezas necesarias para conducir bien, tales como estar alerta, tener la capacidad de concentrarse, tener coordinación y reaccionar a tiempo.

Features

Baby can't catch shingles from grandpa

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My dad had a very bad case of shingles. He's getting over them. We plan to visit my parents this spring. We have an 8-month-old baby whom they haven't seen. Is the baby in any danger of catching shingles from my dad? — C.B.



ANSWER: The baby isn't going to catch shingles from your dad. No one is. Shingles is the chickenpox virus that lives on in a person from the first day it infected that person. If a person with shingles is at the stage where the rash has fluid in it, there is a possibility that others who never had chickenpox could catch the chickenpox virus and become ill with chickenpox. That's a remote but theoretically conceivable scenario. Once the shingles rash dries, there is no chance of transmitting the virus to anyone. The booklet on shingles describes this illness and its treatments. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 1201W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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ANSWER: No, it wouldn't. It could make it more pronounced. The triplets stretched your skin beyond its elastic limits, and it cannot spring back to its normal size. It happens all the time to obese people who have a weight-loss opera-

tion. The only way I know that the dangling fold of skin can be gotten rid of is by surgery. Why not discuss this with the doctor who delivered your children? If he or she doesn't do that kind of surgery, he or she will know a doctor who does.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When is the best time to exercise, morning or afternoon? I have free time in the morning, and it's more convenient for me to exercise then. I'm told morning is a dangerous time to exercise. Is this true? — R.H.

ANSWER: More heart attacks occur in the morning than at any other time. If you're in good shape and if you are not older and haven't had any doctor exams in a long time, it might be better to hold off on strenuous exercise until later in the day. If you are older, it would be much better to first get an exam from your doctor to make sure exercise at any time is safe for you. The body is at an increased capacity for work between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. — about a 10 percent increase in capacity. That shouldn't sway anyone to switch from exercising in the morning to a late-afternoon exercise time.

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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As for children, just say none, one or two

Even in our so-called liberal society, there are still many taboos. In polite circles, you simply are not allowed to question a person's religion. Anyone's beliefs, however far-out those beliefs seem, must be respected. "You go where to pray on Wednesdays? Oh really, how interesting!" No one can tell another about how to raise their children — whatever ruckus the darling is raising, you cannot simply ask the parent to request the offspring to be quiet.

And what about people's weight? Ever told anyone (outside the family) that they eat too much? Need to spend a bit more time (actually, quite a bit more) in the gym? Another forbidden subject: never criticize the number of children someone has — none is fine, four is fine, eight is fine — it always comes down to "Oh, how nice, my (some long-distant family relation) had eight too."

Which brings us to development — specifically, development in western Yolo County. Did you know that 2,100 houses are planned in the Dunnigan Hills, that the I-505 and 27 interchange is to be developed industrially, or that Esparto is due to grow by 900-plus units? How do you feel about this? It is difficult to argue against this growth if you have children. Rather like those "Save Energy" bumper stickers on the back of vehicles. After all, if you have kids, where do you expect them to live? Marin or Placer County, perhaps, but then why not Yolo County? Another state? But if you live in California, in Winters, why can't they?

The human population



in the US just keeps growing and growing. An incredible 300 million people, just officially reached a few weeks ago. We are the third most populous nation in the world. It is not all births of course, immigration plays a role too. But the government has gotten very tough on immigration since the attacks of 9/11, especially illegal immigration. Think of it, at one time thought of as outlandish, and now actually under construction — a 2000-mile fence running along the Mexican border. And as the Great Wall of China failed to stop the Mongols, and as the security "fence" protecting illegal Israeli settlements in Gaza provides little security to the Jewish settlers, and as the Berlin Wall failed to keep ideas of life in the west away from East Germans, the wall along the Mexican border will do little to stifle illegal immigration.

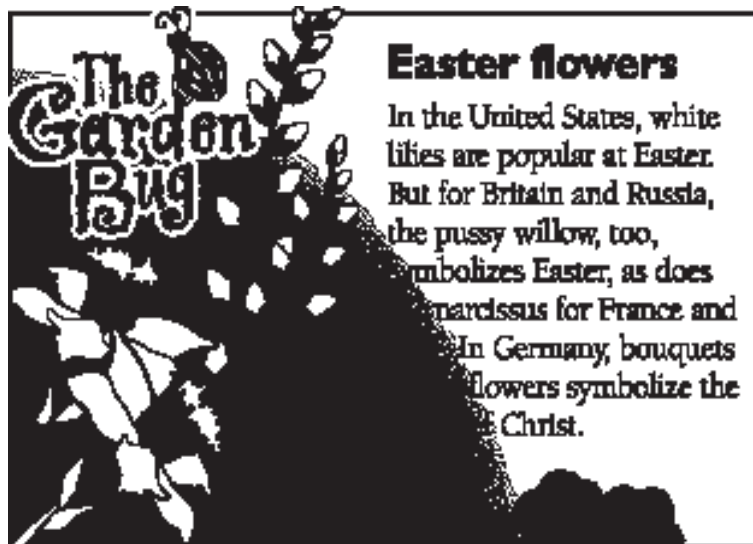
Fair enough, limit immigration, some may say. But now it is also far harder to enter the country legally — more hurdles to jump — more red tape. H1 immigrant status, or F1, or J1, or that Holy Grail — the Green Card? But no one would dream of making it more difficult to have children. Imagine financial penalties for having more than two children, for instance. Why two? Well, that is replacement growth — two parents, two children. But such a platform would



be unthinkable politically: millions of large families casting their votes for the other, pro-creation candidate. That's right, no one talks about birth control at a national level — growing economies are predicated on growing demand for products and that hinges on a growing population.

But in China they limit family size. The one-child family is still national law. In China, they have to. After all, it is the most populous country in the world, with 1,314 million people. But we are not far behind, after India with 1,095 million, the U.S. weighs in at number 3, with 300 million. Surely, there will come a time when large families are frowned upon, when the government will sanction against large families either in monetary terms or by making them illegal. Right now, larger families are rewarded through our taxation policies — more children, more deductions.

So if you worry about rural Yolo becoming urban "Sacramento West," the bottom line is to tell your kids not to have children of their own. If they want families, adopt, and if they must have "biological" progeny, stick to one or two — replacement growth. But no parent ever says that.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Put your restlessness to good use by indulging the Arian love of exploring new places and seeking new challenges. There also could be a new romance waiting to be "discovered."

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surprise message from someone in your past could lead to a long-awaited reunion with a once-close friend. Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your self-confidence is rising, and that should be a significant factor in helping you adjust to a new social situation, as well as adjusting to a series of changes in the workplace.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Turnabout could be lots of fun when someone who previously accepted your tender, loving care without question now suggests that he or she wants to start taking care of you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Put the lessons you learned from past disappointments to work in planning your future. The way ahead opens to opportunities "purrfectly" suited to the adventurous Lion.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to renew contacts with family members and/or old friends who somehow slipped off your personal viewing screen in recent years. Travel is also favored.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Most problems surrounding that recent personal situation have been resolved, and that means you should move on to other things that are important to you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Spend this weekend recharging your physical and spiritual energies. When you return to your workaday world, you'll be ready to take on that new project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Be careful how you advise a troubled friend. Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood. Better to suggest that he or she seek professional help.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family problems once again dominate and, once again, everyone seeks your guidance in these matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some mixed signals create confusion in the workplace. Best advice: Ask for explanations before you attempt to deal with any of these matters on your own.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A patch of roiling water in the workplace could be threatening, but stay the course and you'll soon be clear of it. Then go out and have a great time with loved ones.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your extraordinary leadership qualities mark you as someone people can turn to for guidance in difficult situations.

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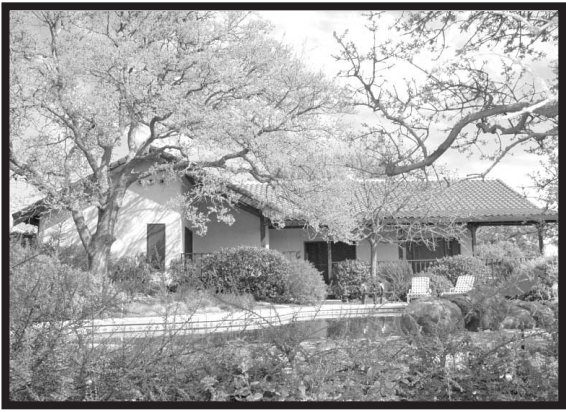
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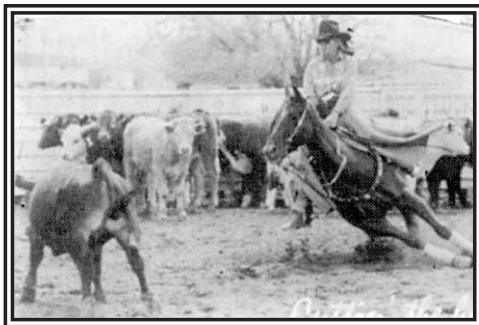


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JV softball team wins one, loses three

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School JV softball team had a rough couple of weeks as they lost three out of four games. On Tuesday, March 13, the Warriors lost 10-2 to Dixon. The Warriors highlight came off Brittanie Hedrick's home run early in the game. Keeley Nickelson and Anna Solorio each hit two singles. Zulema Mora had a RBI, while Nicole Trost had a single and struck out three batters on the mound.

The Warriors traveled to Willows on Thursday, March 15, and came home with a convincing 16-9 victory over the Honkers. Hedrick once again led the Warriors with two doubles and a single with three RBI. Trost hit a double and a single with two RBI. Nickelson and Mora each hit two singles. Lillian Boisrame had a double and two singles with an RBI. Tyler Pearce and Courtney Corrales each had a single and

an RBI, while Jessica Sharp and Olivia Manas each had a single for the Warriors.

The following week, the Warriors hosted Wheatland on Tuesday, March 20, in their first Butte View League game and lost. Hedrick had a single and an RBI, while Pearce, Corrales, Nickelson and Trost each had singles for the Warriors. Manas pitched a complete game and struck out two batters.

The Warriors were back on the road on Friday, March 23, as they traveled to Orland for their second straight defeat in BVL play. Sharp led the Warriors with a triple, a single and two RBI. Hedrick had two singles and two RBI. Trost had two singles. Nickelson had a single and two RBI. Corrales and Mora each had a single and a RBI, while Manas and Solorio each had a RBI for the Warriors. Manas also pitched a complete game with two strike outs.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Nicole Trost hits a shot into the outfield during the Warriors recent victory over Rio Vista.

JV boys still undefeated at 8-0

◆ Geerts bats 4 for 6 with six RBI and a run

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters JV baseball team is still undefeated at 8-0 and now, more importantly, they are 2-0 in Butte View League play. The Warriors played at home on Tuesday, March 20, as they hosted Wheatland for their first BVL game and pulled off a 3-2 victory.

“I think we were fortunate to get this win,” said coach Daniel Ward. “They are a pretty good club and we didn’t have to face their best pitcher.”

Offensively, the Warriors were led by Aaron Geerts who batted 3 for 3 with three RBIs. Patrick Kuehn also batted 3 for 3 with two runs scored. Wesley Krintz batted 2 for 2 with a run scored and Kyle Tobler batted 1 for 3 for the Warriors.

Krintz also threw the first six innings for the Warriors giving up two runs on five hits, four strikeouts and walked one batter. Kuehn threw the last inning for the Warriors giving up no runs, no hits and struck out one batter.

On Friday, March 23, the Warriors traveled to Orland to take on the Trojans in their second league match up and did a better job of putting the bat on the ball with six players totaling eight

hits.

Cody Romero led the Warriors hitting 2 for 3 with an RBI. Tobler batted 2 for 4 with a run scored. Geerts batted 1 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI. Roco Romero batted 1 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI. John Rowell batted 1 for 1. Vince Doyle batted 1 for 3 with a run scored. Kuehn scored two runs and had a RBI, while Krintz scored the other run for the Warriors.

Tobler threw five innings for the Warriors giving up two runs on one hit, with nine strikeouts and no walks. Wayne Holland threw the last two innings and gave up one run on two hits with three strikeouts and one walk.

Youth Day election update

Voter registration for the Winters Youth Day student officials took place on Monday and Wednesday, March 26 and 28. Candidates for Youth Day mayor, city council and various other city offices are circulating nomination papers at Winters High School. Elections will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3 and 4. Winners will be announced to Winters High School students on Friday, April 6, before Spring Break and in the Winters Express the following week. Youth Day activities will take place with city and student officials the last week in April.

Videotape/DVD addresses children’s stuttering

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on elementary school-age children. Now some new help is available for parents, teachers and speech-language pathologists at the Woodland Public Library in Woodland and the Yolo County Library in Davis, in the form of a new videotape designed specifically to help school-age children who stutter.

The video features students from first through sixth grade, some of whom talk about their experiences with stuttering. They talk openly about the teasing they face from classmates and how their stuttering sometimes makes them feel about themselves.

These five experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing

how stuttering can be reduced.

The 38-minute video/DVD, entitled “Therapy in Action: The School-age Child Who Stutters,” is being distributed free of charge to public libraries nationwide. For more information about obtaining a copy, contact the Stuttering Foundation, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749, call toll free at (800) 992-9392, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org.

2007 Softball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME	Release Time	BUS
29-Mar	Thursday	* Gridley	Winters	JV/V	4:00		
30-Mar	Friday	* Sutter		JV/V	4:00	Lunch	1:30
3-Apr	Friday	Rio Vista	Rio Vista	JV/V	3:30	Lunch	1:40
17-Apr	Tuesday	* Wheatland	Wheatland	JV/V	4:00	Lunch	1:30
20-Apr	Friday	* Orland	Winters	JV/V	4:00		
24-Apr	Tuesday	* Las Plumas	Las Plumas	JV/V	4:00	Lunch	1:15
27-Apr	Friday	* Sutter	Winters	JV/V	4:00		
1-May	Tuesday	* Gridley	Gridley	JV/V	4:00	Lunch	1:30
15-May	Tuesday	Playoffs - First Round		TBA	V	TBA	
17-May	Thursday	Playoffs - Second Round		TBA	V	TBA	
19-May	Saturday	Playoffs - Championship		TBA	V	TBA	

* = Butte View League game

Varsity Head Coach: Traci Calvert
Varsity Asst. Coaches: Don Calvert
JV Head Coach: Ada Lake

2007 Baseball Schedule

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29-Mar	Thursday	* Sutter	Sutter	JV/V	4:00	Lunch	1:30
30-Mar	Friday	Woodland Tournament		Woodland	V	TBA	
4/2,3,4	Mon. to Wed.	Tradesman Tournament		Winters	V	TBA	
4/12 to 4/14	Thu. To Sat.	Rio Vista Tourn.		JV	TBA		
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19-May	Saturday						

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Varsity Head Coach: Jeff Ingles
Varsity Asst. Coaches: Jason Davis, John Saragoza, Phil Thomson
JV Head Coach: Daniel Ward
JV Asst. Coach: Jason Molina