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Changes planned this year

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

The Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project, which is expected to see completion before the 2008 holiday season, will not only solidify the intersection at Main and Railroad as the town's central hub, it will embody the stylistic direction Winters will take in coming years. Combining various elements of the town's history, character and culture, the plan tastefully marries the currently existing throw-back quaintness of the area with a new set of ideas intended to unite the town and attract foot traffic. The improvement project was discussed at the Feb. 12 planning commission meeting.

The project, which is still in its design phase, will create what is being described as "bulb-outs" on the four corners of the intersection. The wide sidewalks, which will most likely be constructed of soft-toned brick elements, will contain such amenities and features as benches, park tables, lights, bicycle racks, signage, planters and public art.

A meeting was held recently with the project's stake holders, allowing them to provide input and direction. It was at this meeting that the decision was made to favor the soft elements of wood and brick in favor of iron (inspired by the trestle bridge). The prospect of wood benches and tables concerned some commissioners.

"You know it's going to end up looking like the Gazebo," said Commissioner Glen DeVries, suggesting that the city would be left to deal with a great deal of maintenance and would probably end up replacing

Wheeling through Winters



Photo by Charles Wallace

The AMGEN Tour of California cyclists streaked through Winters at about 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19. The local tour of the race stretched from Lake Berryessa, down Grant Avenue and Main Street, over the car bridge and on down Putah Creek Road toward Davis. The annual race attracted 136 cyclists from 20 different countries, and local residents lined Main Street and cheered and rang cow bells to encourage them onward. The race begins in Sausalito and ends in Pasadena.

Warren named Officer of the Year

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

At just 27 years old, Jeremy Warren is the youngest officer on the Winters Police Force by almost 10 years. And now, after having worked there for only a year and a half, he has been named the 2007 Officer of the Year. He was formally honored at a joint police and fire department awards banquet, held at the Winters firehouse on Feb. 9.

"It's pretty cool to get that in my first year on board," he says. "I had no idea."

Warren grew up in Benicia and was taking classes at a junior col-



Photo by Justin Cox

Officer Jeremy Warren was named the Winters Police Officer of the Year at an awards banquet held on Feb. 9.

Frichard, Miller given top honors

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Sean Frichard was honored as the Winters Firefighter of the Year and Mike Miller was named EMT of the Year at a police and fire department awards banquet, held at the Winters firehouse on Feb. 9.

Frichard came to Winters three years ago in search of a place to raise his children and set his roots. He stopped by the fire department and applied to become a volunteer the day he arrived.

"I had never done it," he says. "I decided to join just to help out."

Frichard's wife Denise is a registered nurse. Together they have two children, Sarah Marie is one year old and Dennis John is five months.

"Family is the biggest thing," he says of his family's relocation to Winters. "We love the town. We're comfortable."

Frichard works in masonry restoration in San Francisco. His job

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School board meets Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, located at 909 W. Grant Avenue. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Recognition of Winters Middle School student Willie Nations and parent Annette Nations.
- ~ Recognition of the following school district employees: Sue Bridge, Carrie Graf, Veronica Hernandez, Tecera Philbrook and Bobbie Riise.

- ~ Communication and reports.
- ~ Public input for non-agenda items.

Action items

- ~ 2008-09 goals and directions.
- ~ Restructuring and expenditure reductions.
- ~ Revised technology master plan.
- ~ Approval of vote for 2008 CSBA delegate assembly election.
- ~ Title III Year 4 action plan.
- ~ New Winters High

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Courtesy photo

Winters firefighter Sean Frichard (left) and EMT Mike Miller were honored as the Winters Firefighter of the Year and EMT of the Year at an awards banquet held on Feb. 9.



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OBITUARIES

Maria Gervacia Morales-Nieto

Maria Gervacia Morales-Nieto passed away at Alderson's Convalescent Hospital on Tuesday, February 12 at the age of 107.

Maria was born in Chihuahua, Mexico on February 28, 1900, to Martin and Pilar (Mendoza) Morales, who have predeceased her. She had been a Yolo County resident for the past 45 years.

Surviving Mrs. Nieto are sons Miguel Nieto of Mexico and Ramon Nieto of Woodland; daughters Esperanza Navarete of Woodland, Concepcion Nieto-Ramirez of Winters, Cristina Jacquez (Vicente) of Mexico, and Irma Nieto (Victor) of Sacramento. Also surviving are 29 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, 18 great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Anastacio Nieto, and son Belisario Nieto.

A visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19 from 5-6 p.m. at Kraft Bros. Chapel, 175 Second Street, Woodland. Rosary to follow at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 301 Walnut Street, beginning at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, beginning at noon at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 301 Walnut Street in Woodland, with Father Uriel Ojeda officiating. Interment will be at Monument Hill Memorial Park, 35036 County Road 22, Woodland.

Memorial donations in Mrs. Nieto's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Assn., 2720 Gateway Oaks Dr. Ste. 110, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Kraft Bros. Funeral Directors of Woodland, CA is assisting the family with arrangements. Inquiries may be made by calling 662-4658.

Services for Joseph Rubio

Funeral services are planned next week for Joseph R. Rubio, who died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident on Jan. 26, 2008. Visitation will take place on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 6-7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with a Rosary Service. A Funeral Mass is planned for Friday, Feb. 29, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.



MARIA GERVACIA MORALES-NIETO

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File Photo
In February, 1995 these Winters High School Future Farmers of America students were awarded with FFA's highest honor, the State FFA Degree. Left to right: Jeff Cleveland, Emiliano Castanon, and Mike Kovach.

Berryessa rises .07 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by .07 of a foot during the past week with 1,265 acre feet of water added to storage, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 427.59 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,370,307 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 75 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 91 acre feet of water per day during the week.

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YEARS AGO

March 6, 1958

During the month of February, Lake Berryessa rose by 34.29 feet and water storage increased by 334,642 acre feet.

Jack Lindeman, construction management engineer for the Solano Project has been transferred to the Regional Office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento. He plans to continue to live in Winters.

Funeral services for Mrs. Clara Graham Sackett were held Monday in the McNary Funeral Home, Woodland. She was 84 years of age.

Alfred Graf announced this week that he plans to open architectural offices here in the old Telephone Company Building on Main Street about April 1.

Bill Winter, of Esparto, has joined the sales force of W.W. Stith and Son. He is a lifelong Yolo County resident and his wife has taught in the local school system for a number of years.

Mrs. Juanita Mosier of the Winters Laundromat installed all new washing machines over the weekend.

Vernon J. Hayes has purchased the Associated Service Station at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Grant Avenue from Sam L. Fernandez.

Hugh Shearer, of Woodland, was elected president of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of Yolo County Thursday night in the Buckhorn Dining Room. He succeeds Richard A. Frisbee, of Winters.

65
YEARS AGO

March 5, 1943

The High School Student Body will open their second scrap metal drive March 8, and it will continue for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell are hosts Sunday to all their children and their four grandchildren. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell, son and daughter, Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Al Reingniedr, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dunsmore and two sons of Sacramento.

J.H.D. Bassett, manager of the Bank of America has been named chairman of the U.S. bond sales committee. Serving with him are George H. Caldwell and J.R. Griffin, prominent farmers in the Winters district.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin have heard from their son Tony, now stationed at Camp McCain, Mississippi, with request for the "home town" newspaper.

Mrs. B.K. Goddard heard from her son 2nd Seaman, Hugh S. Goddard, that he had lately been sent from Farragut, Idaho, to New York, and was aboard a battle ship.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leggett heard from both their boys this week - George still in Hawaii, and LaVerne in Camp McCain, Mississippi.

Oscar Holmes Jr., Stanford student, was a Sunday visitor in town.

Mrs. Carmen Martinez visited a few days with her sister, Mrs. Joe Garcia and family, returning Tuesday to her home in Arbuckle.

100
YEARS AGO

March 6, 1908

Mrs. S.M. Warder and Miss Josie Brown went to San Francisco Friday to hear Paderewski.

D.O. Judy returned last night from a visit to his old Missouri home.

Traction engine demonstration this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the P.H. Johnson ranch. Don't miss it.

The Winters Express has been sold by the owners, F.H. and Walter Owen, to Fred C. Hemenway, the new proprietor to take full control after this issue.

J.C. Wallace of Weaverville was here this week visiting his brothers, W.S. and W.C. Wallace and niece, Mrs. Wm. Emery. He had not seen his brothers for 30 years.

A birthday anniversary occurred in the life of Miss Lulu Dalbey, teacher at Olive district (it would be hardly polite to give it a number) and the pupils celebrated the event with a candy pull, during which they surprised their teacher with a handkerchief shower as a slight token of appreciation of her work as teacher.

There is no law against it, except that which prohibits creation of a nuisance, but Winters people ought to have pride enough to prevent them from dumping rubbish in the creek bed in sight of the new bridge. Put your old cans and other rubbish in holes.

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YEARS AGO

March 4, 1893

W.E. Gannon who recently purchased the Wickers place, has bought sixty acres of the Waughtel place.

A millinery store is soon to be opened in Hemenway's building, on corner of Main and First Street.

A construction train has been operating up and down the road during the week, laying steel rails in place of the iron ones heretofore in use.

Walter Hemenway has opened his photograph gallery and is ready for business.

H.F. Judy left for his old home in Missouri on Sunday last, to see about the settlement of his deceased mother's estate. He will be gone two or three weeks.

If there is one thing that gives the editor of a newspaper more joy than to add a score of new subscribers to his list, it is to whack off one who is narrow and selfish enough to want you to shut off his paper because you have given expression to an opinion at variance with his own. When a fellow comes into the office and says with the air of a man who has you completely in his power and was about to crush and ruin you, "I want you to stop my paper," we cannot get him off the list quick enough, and when he is off we feel as though a barnacle has been removed from the rudder of the journalistic ship.

Weekly police report

Feb. 12

~ Donna Rae Niehaus, 52, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for failing to stop at a stop sign, driving a vehicle with expired registration and being an unlicensed driver.

~ On the 400 block of Manzanita Way, parties were involved in a verbal altercation.

Feb. 13

~ On the 400 block of Morgan Street, a verbal altercation became physical.

~ On the first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an ATM audible alarm. An employee was working on the ATM machine and activated the alarm accidentally.

Feb. 15

~ On the 100 block of Riverview Court, a verbal altercation became physical. The case is being forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. An employee had opened a door with a key and the alarm activated.

Feb. 16

~ Alejandro Gamboa Bermudez, 20, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana, failing to have two license plates affixed to a vehicle and

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PROJECT

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them with iron benches later on due to vandalism and wear-and-tear. “Wood makes for a long-term maintenance issue,” said Commission Chairman Vallecillo, echoing DeVries. “The city will be left to care for it.”

Redevelopment Director Cas Elena, who presented the project to the commission, noted that the benches and tables would only be placed in well-lit areas and would “not be tucked away.”

The Buckhorn and Putah Creek Café occupy two of the corners involved in the Streetscape Improvement Plan. It’s expected that these locations will be equipped with outer railings, creating patio areas separated from the public sidewalk.

The project also contains a mid-block crossing on Main Street. The crossing would be made of the same brick utilized at the Main-Railroad intersection. The immediate necessity of this portion was called into question during a public hearing.

“I think this money would be better spent improving the corner of First and Main Street,” said community member Bill Biasi. “If we have the extra money to do this, I’d rather see it spent to improve the corners first.”

Planning Commissioner Wade Cowan agreed with Biasi and Elena made note of the suggestion.

The stakeholders will meet again in April to

discuss the more specific details of the plan such as the benches and seat walls.

“At this point 90 percent of this will be locked in,” said Elena. “We should have 100 percent of the documents by June, bid in July and finish by the holiday season.”

“It seems to me that a year from now there’ll be a whole different feel downtown,” said Commissioner Bruce Guelden. “Pretty dynamic.”

The Depot

Plans to improve the façade at The Depot building (located on Railroad Avenue between Main and Russell) were approved by the planning commission. The building is owned by the Ogando family, who plans to enhance the building’s exterior in a number of ways such as replacing doors, replanting planters, applying a plaster finish and building metal awnings over the entryway to each business. They will also install hanging metal signs with their newly designed Depot logo, which will be visible from various points on Railroad Street. The improvements are intended to add character and make the building more inviting.

“It’s nice to know that property owners are coming to the city and upgrading,” said Planning Commissioner Bruce Guelden. “You drive by that building a couple of times a day and you don’t realize... These photos really accent the fact that it could use an upgrade.”

The project was warmly received by the council, whose only real concern was the appearance of one of the windows on Russell Street, which currently does not match the others on the building.

“We want to refrain from major structural changes,” said Ogando. “That’s not what we’re here for.”

They will consider ways to properly incorporate that window without veering from the aim of this project, which is to make façade improvements on the building.

Planning Commissioner Joe Tramontana asked if the changes would have any effect on the building’s tenants.

“This is not an attempt to raise rates or change tenants,” assured Ogando. “It’s for the benefit of the community.”

The plans were approved unanimously, with Planning Commissioner Corinne Martinez not present.

Other items

~ Guelden joined the Affordable-Housing Steering Committee.

~ Mayor Woody Fridae formally thanked Dan Sokolow on behalf of the Winters City Council for the work he has done with the city over the years. Sokolow recently accepted a job with the city of Woodland. A dinner was held in his honor Friday Feb. 15 at the Winters firehouse.

“I don’t think anybody has worked harder than Dan to make this planning commission run,” he said. “We wish you good luck in your future endeavors.”

Nami dinner and talk planned

NAMI-Yolo, the Yolo County chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness will host its 29th annual Winter Mental Health Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Davis Veterans Memorial Center; 203 East 14th Street, Davis. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Tom Wootton. The topic of his talk will be, “Never Accept a Diminished

Buchanan found guilty of first-degree murder

A Yolo County jury returned verdicts against Christopher Allen Buchanan, 22, for the June 25, 2007 beating death of Ryan Pimentel, 21. Buchanan was found guilty of first degree murder, arson, and unlawful mutilation of human remains. He was also found to have personally used a deadly weapon, as well as having been previously convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, a strike in California.

Buchanan, a lifelong friend of Pimentel, brought the victim to the apartment he shared with his girlfriend in downtown Sacramento. There Buchanan bludgeoned Pimentel to death with a solid metal jack handle, crushing part of his forehead and causing massive damage to his left eye socket, nose, left cheekbone, and mouth.

After the killing, Buchanan hid Pimentel’s body in the trunk of his girlfriend’s

car overnight. The next morning, Buchanan dropped his girlfriend off at work and then drove out to Russell Boulevard between Davis and Winters, where he dumped the body on a dirt road, doused it with gasoline, lit it on fire, and left. Within an hour the body was discovered by an employee of the Yolo County Department of Agriculture who was looking for fly traps.

Yolo County Sheriff’s deputies contacted Buchanan within a couple of days after learning he was the last person to be seen with Pimentel alive. Buchanan initially denied the killing. He then changed his story, claiming he caught Pimentel going through his bedroom drawers. Later, he changed his story again, claiming that Pimentel attacked him with pepper spray.

The defense argued Buchanan was blinded by the attack and reached for anything he

could find to defend himself, which happened to be the jack handle. Buchanan had found the jack handle a couple of months prior and had kept it in the back seat of his girlfriend’s car.

After Buchanan’s arrest, Sheriff’s Deputies served a search warrant on the apartment, where they found blood stains throughout the apartment, and a blood stained necklace belonging to Pimentel secreted in a pill bottle in Buchanan’s closet.

Prosecuting attorney Robert Trudgen stated, “We are obviously very pleased with the outcome and hope that it can provide some solace to Ryan’s family.”

According to District Attorney Jeff Reisig, “Mr. Buchanan faces a sentence in excess of sixty years to life in prison for his crimes. Clearly justice was served by the jury’s verdicts.”

Sentencing is set for March 10 in Dept 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Pets available for adoption at animal shelter

Animal Services, a section of the Yolo County Sheriff’s Department, receives thousands of animals a year in need of a good home. The selection of pets range from cats and dogs, to farm animals and birds, to reptiles and rodents.

“By adopting a pet, not only are you giving an an-

imal a second chance,” says Sheriff Ed Prieto.

For more information about the shelter and to answer questions about pet adoptions visit www.yolocountysheriff.com then click on ‘Animal Services’.

Yolo County Animal

Services, located at 2640 East Gibson Road in Woodland, is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It closes for lunch between 1-2 p.m. The shelter is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

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is to restore buildings with historic significance to the state of California, many of which are high-rises. Noting how much he loves his work, he explains that his job is to restore and retrofit the historic buildings so that they are both aesthetically pleasing and up to code. This often times has him hanging from tall buildings, looking down at the city from above.

“It’s all about history to me,” he says, noting his fascination with the rich history of Winters as well. “A lot of the buildings I work on are a lot like the ones on Main Street.”

Frichard has settled nicely into the town over the past three years and looks forward to raising his children here.

“I’m here to stay,” he says. “This is where my roots are going to be.”

Mike Miller and his family moved to Winters four years ago from Sacramento, where they lived for a short period of time in a housing track just three miles from downtown. Prior to that they lived for many years in Bishop, a mountain town in the eastern Sierra Nevada’s with a population of just 5,000.

“We decided it was

time to move back to the country,” he says. “We love it here.”

Having worked as a volunteer fire fighter while living in Bishop and being EMT certified for 14 years, Miller quickly got in touch with Winters Fire Department and joined the team shortly thereafter.

“Part of the draw to move here was the volunteer department,” he says.

He was awarded EMT of the year at the Annual Awards Dinner on Feb. 9., in a ceremony that also honored Police Officer of the Year Jeremy Warren and Firefighter of the Year and fellow volunteer Sean Frichard.

“Sean was well deserving,” he says. “I was really glad to see him receive that honor. That’s a fun event that brings everyone together.”

In addition to keeping the community safe and responding to a wide variety of emergencies, the fire department also hosts community fundraisers such as the Fish Fry, Crab Feed and Pancake Breakfast. The proceeds are then used to support the department.

“It’s always nice to serve your community in some fashion,” he says. “This is how I wanted to do it.”

~ Sixth month ADA report.

~ Consent agenda (minutes, warrants, etc.)

~ Informal review of Governance Team’s performance.

~ Closed session to discuss public employee(s) discipline/dismissal/ release; employment of Winters Middle School principal; conference with district negotiator; Superintendent Dale Mitchell, regarding negotiations with the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

~ Reconvene to open session.

MEET

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School course of study: agriculture mechanics technology and wood-working explorations.

~ New Winters High School course of study: ROP agricultural practices.

~ Board resolution regarding the Week of the Administrator.

~ Recommendation to enter into agreement with James P. Marta, CPA, ARM Firm as the district’s independent auditor for fiscal year 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.

WARREN

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lege in Napa when the idea of working in law enforcement first sparked his interest. He then transferred to Sacramento State, where he majored in criminal justice. After graduating he got a job with the Antioch Police Department and worked there until, as he puts it, a retired officer “tipped him off” on the position available in Winters.

“It’s a whole lot different here than in Antioch,” he says. “It’s more

of a family-oriented city; more low-key.”

In addition to regularly attending training classes, he is currently the department’s taser instructor. He hopes to continue to advance and ultimately make sergeant.

“This is a great place to be,” he says of the department. “We have very positive supervisors and everything seems headed in the right direction.”

Officer of the year was chosen by a vote on the part of the police department staff.

Tax Tip of the Week

Tax rebate checks coming this spring

Get ready for tax rebate checks expected to begin arriving in May. The checks are the centerpiece of the Economic Stimulus Package Act of 2008, legislation passed in the hopes of increasing consumer and business spending and keeping the U.S. economy from sliding into recession.

Here's what the new law contains and what it could mean for you.

~ Tax rebates. Single taxpayers can receive a one-time rebate of up to \$600; married couples who file a joint return may qualify for up to \$1,200. If your 2007 adjusted gross income exceeds \$75,000 (single) or \$150,000 (married, joint), rebate amounts begin to phase out.

~ Rebates for those paying no tax. Individuals with no tax liability but at least \$3,000 of earned income in 2007 may qualify for a flat \$300 check. Social security income and federal payments to disabled veterans and their widows qualify as earned income for rebate purposes.

~ Child rebates. Those who qualify for the basic rebates may also get an additional \$300 for each dependent child under age 17.

~ Business tax incentives. The Section 179 limit for expensing business equipment purchases is increased for 2008 from \$128,000 to \$250,000, and the phase-out threshold is increased from \$510,000 to \$800,000. First-year 50% bonus depreciation is available for qualifying 2008 equipment purchases.

~ Homeowner help. The new law increases the mortgage limits on loans issued by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Housing Administration.

The stimulus package is supposed to pump \$151.7 billion into the U.S. economy.

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Opinion



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OMIGOSH, I WAS WRONG. Mark that down on your calendar. But do it in pencil, just in case I wasn't. It appears that Hillary Clinton may not get the Democratic presidential nomination after all. I thought I could take that one to the bank.

To my delight and amazement, Barack Obama swept the Feb. 12 elections in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, raking in more delegates than Hillary Clinton. If his momentum holds, he may just get the Democratic nomination. If so, I'll have to reevaluate my belief that the outcomes of our elections are predetermined and are electronically manipulated whenever the voters appear to be threatening the coronations set forth by the party leaders.

President Obama. I'm so very tempted to set aside my belief that our elections are choreographed — they call this "suspension of disbelief" in the film industry — and just sit back and enjoy the show. It's worthy of a bucket of popcorn. Maybe several.

First off, there's the obvious possibility that we may soon have the first black or female president in U.S. history, and that's just pretty darned exciting. We've tried it the Good Old Boy way since Day One, and change is in the air. And then my pessimism creeps in. I suspect the President is to Congress as Mickey Mouse is to Disneyland — a familiar and visible mascot, but not actually in charge of anything.

Pessimism aside, it's great entertainment no matter what happens. If the Democrats emerge victorious, I can't wait to stay tuned and see what happens next. I just hope something *does* happen, and for the better. (As if things in this country could be much worse.)

As for the Republicans, things are already interesting right now. It seems that certain Radical Right Wing icons don't like the 2008 Republican heir apparent, John McCain, in particular, that pompous ass Rush Limbaugh and that wretched harpy Anne Coulter. Each has lashed out against John McCain, ranting and raving that he isn't a true Conservative and wildly distressed that he clearly will be the Republican nominee.

Coulter went so far as to declare that she'd vote for Hillary Clinton before she'd vote for McCain. This is the woman who expressed glee over the thought of shooting Liberals. Now she prefers a Liberal's liberal over a time-tested, staunchly Republican war hero? Coulter for Clinton? What sort of bizarro world have we tumbled into?

Apparently Limbaugh and Coulter are distressed over McCain's position on illegal immigration (he has a heart), and maybe prefer a President they can thoroughly and completely despise, one whose decisions they can summarily deride. A President with whom they might sometimes agree and sometimes disagree would require them to partake in rational discourse, and would inhibit their ability to cultivate the constant loathing and disdain that fuels their careers.

A McCain presidency would force Limbaugh and Coulter to address shades of gray, and that's not their shtick. They exist in a Republicans/Good, Democrats/Bad black and white universe. They only know how to hate completely and spew bile, insults and ridicule. Without their venom, they're nothing. Moreover, they're broke. Regurgitating hatred pays their bills. That's tough to do with a President they can't hate completely.

In short, although I'm tempering my enthusiasm over an Obama presidency because I don't want to have my heart broken, I must admit that if McCain wins, just knowing that Limbaugh and particularly Coulter will squirm in agony like vampires in sunlight just puts a little more bounce in my step. Anything that gives Coulter grief gets two thumbs up from me.

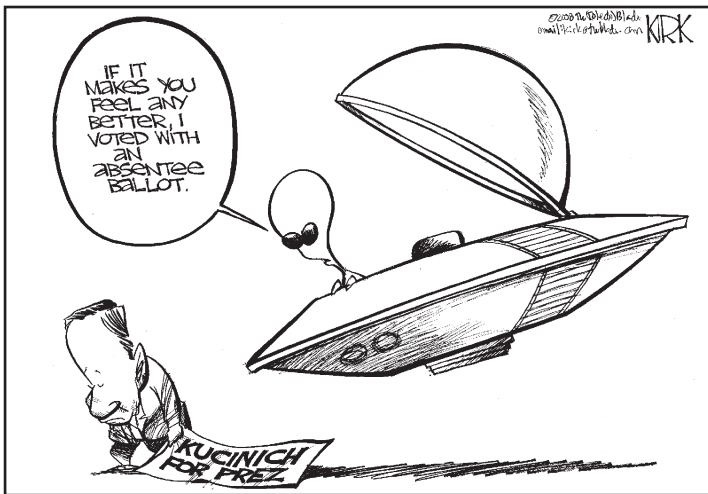
Ah, stop me before I slip into that delicious fantasy where I grab that skinny rag by her stringy hair and smack her nasty smirk into next week. Ooh, she has it coming.

Must resist the temptation. Back to the election.

As for the Republicans, John McCain isn't so bad. At least he knows firsthand what it means to be on the battlefield. And he has sworn to follow Osama bin Laden to the gates of hell if necessary, so unlike the current White House occupant, he at least understands who our actual enemy is. As far as Republicans go, we could do worse. As for Obama, as far as Democrats go, we probably couldn't do any better.

Whatever happens next fall, it will surely catapult our country out of the miserable quagmire of failure known as the George W. Bush presidency. No matter who gets elected, it's all good!

OUT OF OFFICE COUNTDOWN: the good times start in 48 weeks!



LETTERS

Time for annual tree sale

Dear Editor,

There's nothing like picking and eating fresh, tree-ripened fruit. Here's the perfect event to make that dream come true. The Winters Friends of the Library is holding its annual Fruit Tree Sale (rain or shine) on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. until sold out, at the parking lot on Railroad Avenue between Baker and Edwards Streets.

Featured this year are bare-root fruit and nut trees and potted dwarf citrus trees grown by two premier nurseries from the region. Sierra Gold Nurseries of Yuba City has donated 400 bare-root fruit and nut trees, which will be on sale for \$10 each. Four Winds Growers of Winters has donated 50 potted dwarf citrus trees to be sold at \$25 each.

The bare-root trees are first-grade grower quality and are in excellent conditions. The trees include peach (several popular varieties), nec-

tarine (two varieties), apricot (two varieties), almond, apple (three varieties), pear and cherry (three varieties). The citrus trees are two to three years old, vigorous, healthy and in #5 pots. The varieties are orange, lemon and lime. There is a limit of 10 trees to a customer.

Master Gardeners and pruners will be on hand to explain techniques for pruning and planting trees. In addition, Sierra Gold Nurseries and Four Winds Growers will furnish informational handouts.

Proceeds from the sale of these trees will be used to improve library collections and programs, and to contribute to the new Winters library. Construction is due to break ground this summer.

For additional information, call Charlotte, 795-0615, or visit www.trees.wfol.org.

LINDA SPRINGER
Winters Friends
of the Library

Saddened to hear about church

Dear Editor,

I am saddened at the closing of the Free Will Baptist Church on the corner of Haven and Edwards streets. This church was started in the Old Finney Laundry building on Main Street which had been converted into a residence in the early forties. I spent my teen age years there and remember well when my dad, Reverend Henry Constant, felt a need for a Free Will Baptist Church in Winters. Several families met and made plans for the ground work for the new church.

I had very little interest in the things of the Lord in those early teen years while growing up in Winters. But on Mothers Day 1956, after spending time in the military serving under General MacArthur in Japan things became more clear. My life was changed by the grace of

God, and I knew he had called me into the ministry.

The Winters Free Will Baptist Church was in need of a pastor, and I accepted the invitation in 1958. I served a total of 8 years in that capacity. One of your own Winters personalities (Reverend Marvin Bryant, deceased) who served as building inspector for several years also served as pastor for this church for 12 years.

As I read the Winters Express headlines on the internet here in Kentucky it's exciting to read about the plans for the facelift projects that are planned for the town. My prayer is that the Free Will Baptist Church will remain a lighthouse for that community, and remain a sanctuary for those who looking for a small homegrown family church for worship.

REV. JAY CONSTANT

Likes Japanese design influence

Dear Editor,

I like the artist's graphic concept of The Depot submitted by the Ogando family as it appears in the Feb. 14 Express.

It has a Japanese influence with its sleek clean-cut lines and no clutter. I can easily envision a pagoda added above the entrance. As it is, it handsomely honors the Japanese who had their own village with a well stocked grocery store with cured hams hanging

from the ceiling and tangle foot strips of paper also hung throughout the store to catch flies in flight. They had their own school house, wood frame with a typical Japanese screen inside the entrance to block our view from the graveled street, they had housing also. This was directly across from The Depot and railroad tracks on Elliot Street.

THERESA SACKETT



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

JUST ANOTHER CRAB FEED. The annual Little League Crab Feed may not be the best local event of the year, but it's in the top two. I can't think of another Winters happening that involves so many people at so many levels. There are those who put in the countless hours to put on the event and individuals and merchants who donate for the drawings. A lot of us just show up for the food and buy raffle tickets, so in a small way we are doing our part.

Johnny Lopez, who ran Winters Little League for years, talked about the day Rudy Rodriguez asked him to help out. Johnny pointed to Rudy's son, John Rodriguez, and drew laughs and applause, when he said, "I can pick 'em, too."

John Rodriguez has stepped up to fill some big shoes when it comes to running our little league. He also has a lot of help, which is the secret to success in any organization. My permanent tenant thinks John looks just like his father, but I don't see it. I do see Rudy in his smile and laugh.

I'm not sure how many people St. Anthony Parish Hall holds, but it was full. The party may be limited by how many dishes of crab you can get out of the kitchen, but the athletes who did the serving were pretty quick. I can only speak for our table, but there was plenty of everything and even crab left over. For those who wanted to try and eat their allocated three pounds, they had their chance.

I don't know what the average per person crab intake was, but I did my share. When I stepped on the scales when I got home, I had gained four pounds. I'm sure the bread, salad, pasta and beer weighed at least a pound.

If you get the chance, it does sell out, plan on attending next year.

Have a good week.

Tell them what you think

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Winters Joint Unified School District, 710 Railroad Ave., Winters 95694, 795-6100. Dale Mitchell, superintendent; Board of Trustees, Jay Shepherd, president; Tom Harding, Kathy McIntire, Robert Nickelson, Rodney Orosco, Mary Jo Rodolfa, Matt Brickey and David Hyde.

Policy for submitting Letters to the Editor for the Opinion page

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays for publication that week.

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, such as 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.

"Friends are relatives you make for yourself."
~ Eugene Deschamps

Community

Two city council seats up for grabs

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

County-wide elections will take place on June 3. In addition to addressing various local propositions and measures, the ballot will address the council seats currently occupied by Mayor Woody Fridae and Councilmember Tom Stone, whose four-year terms are coming to an end.

Fridae and Stone have until March 7 to decide if they will run for re-election. Those seeking to run for the city council must file all necessary paperwork between Feb. 11 and March 7. If either Fridae or Stone decide not to run, the filing period will be extended to March 12 and those interested in running will be given the five extra days.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Mike Martin will assume Fridae's position as mayor at the meeting immediately following the election. The mayor pro-tempore position will then be filled by the highest vote-getter from the June 3 election.

Those wishing to run for city council must be 18 years or older, registered to vote in Yolo County and live within the city limits.

All necessary documents and information are available at City Hall. These documents, in addition to general information, will include a section for each potential candidate to construct a personal statement, which will ultimately appear on the June 3 ballot.

For more information, call City Clerk Nanci Mills at 795-4910, extension 101.

Putah Creek Committee will meet Monday

The Winters Putah Creek Committee will meet Monday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Master Plan review/approval.
- ~ Stewardship update.

Gallery looking for volunteers

The Winters Participation Gallery/Winters Center for the Arts needs volunteers at the gallery on Fridays, 5-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-8 p.m.; and Sundays, 12-3 p.m.

For more information, call 795-0608 or 795-2009.

Chamber forum to focus on local business community

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Winters business forum on Monday, Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m. at The Palms, located upstairs at 13 Main Street. This two-hour forum will focus of the future for the Winters business community, as well as goals for the Chamber of Commerce.

All Chamber members are invited to attend and offer input. Those who are interested in the forum but are not yet Chamber members are welcome to attend and join that evening, or join the Chamber prior to the

meeting. Memberships are available for businesses, non-profit organizations and private individuals. Memberships cost \$135 annually for businesses and \$55 for non-profits and individuals.

For more information, call the Winters Chamber of Commerce office, 795-2329. The office is located inside the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue. Anyone who would like to offer suggestions or ideas about the local business community can also email them to: chamberwinters@yahoo.com.

UC Davis to host farm labor workshop

UC Davis will host a lecture concerning labor management practices in agriculture on Feb. 28, from 1-4 p.m. The event will be held at the UC Cooperative Extension office, located at Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland.

The workshop will address various topics such as attracting and keeping good employees in a tight labor market and developing and understanding incentive-

based pay programs in all types of agricultural job classifications.

To register for the event, call the Esparto Regional Chamber at 787-3242 or E-mail Elizabeth Campbell eac4@mac.com to reserve a seat.

Various knowledgeable people will speak at the event. Gregorio Encina Billikopf of the UCD co-operative extension will speak from 1-2:30 p.m. She will speak

about history, context for incentive-pay programs and provide examples.

Jim Durst of Durst Organic Growers Inc. and management staff will speak from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and will give a testimony as to how incentive programs work. He will describe the steps necessary to set up an incentive program. A question-and-answer period will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Sex offender information available online

Yolo County Sheriff-Coroner Ed Prieto has launched a new program called "Offender Watch" on the Sheriff's Department Web site, www.yolocountysheriff.com. Prieto announced the details of the new program that will make children in Yolo County safer by providing the following:

- ~ "Easy to Use" internet access, to see where sexual offenders and sexual predators live. By going to www.yolocountysheriff.com and clicking on the "Offender Watch" link, citizens can now simply type in any Yolo County address to see where registered offenders and predators live within a one-mile radius of any address they select. A map showing a one-mile diameter circle

will appear designating the residential location of each offender/predator. By scrolling to the bottom of the page, citizens can match the number of the offender within the circle with a name and address. If a citizen wants more information, they can simply click on the individual's name and view the information regarding the sex registrant. Users may also search larger geographic regions of Yolo County.

~ Email notifications. After clicking on the "Offender Watch" link on www.yolocountysheriff.com citizens can click on the link "Get Email Alerts" and sign up (at no cost) to receive email alerts advising of sexual offenders and sexual predators moving into their area and other im-

portant crime related information. Citizens wishing to familiarize themselves with more detail about the new program are welcome to review an online presentation by clicking on the link at www.yolocountysheriff.com and scrolling down and clicking on the presentation link.

~ Notifications Via U.S. Mail - The Sheriff's Department now has the ability to mail out postal notification to persons living near designated sexual offenders and predators.

This new system is similar to the Attorney General's "Megan's Law" webpage, but has additional information, and several additional features for public notification.

Check prosecution program recovers \$322,113

The Yolo County District Attorney's Check Prosecution Program reported that they recovered \$322,113.28 for Yolo County merchants and residents during the year of 2007. Jeff W. Reisig, District Attorney, said, "Much of the money was paid by check writers before criminal proceedings were initiated. Once criminal complaints are filed and arrest warrants are issued, the court supervises the payments of restitution

through the Check Program.

Also in 2007, 152 defendants appeared in court to answer to felony criminal charges and 24 defendants on misdemeanors related to passing bad checks. These individuals have either been convicted of passing bad checks or have been granted more time to pay their bad checks while under court supervision.

For more information about the Check Pro-

gram, call 666-8200 or contact the program at 301 Second Street, Woodland, CA, 95695.

Any merchant or residents needing check forms can pick them up at their local Chamber of Commerce Office. The Winters Chamber of Commerce office is located inside the Winters Community Center at 201 Railroad Avenue.

Forms can also be obtained online at www.yolo-da.org/forms.htm.

Local angus breeder recognized nationally

Martin Angus Ranch, of Winters, has been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having one registered Angus cow included in the Association's 2008 Pathfinder Report.

Only 2,306 of the more than 36,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, according to John Crouch, chief executive officer of the Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, reports Bill Bowman, Association director of performance programs. More than 1.6 million eligible dams

and more than 5.4 million weaning records were examined to determine Pathfinder status. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the Association.

The 2008 Pathfinder Report lists 9,917 individual cows and 273 Pathfinder sires. It is published in the April issue of the Angus Journal, and copies are available from the Association. The reports appear on the Web site at www.angus.org. The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is 94. Started in 1978, the Pathfinder Program continues to recognize outstanding breeders participating in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) Program.

Free food to be distributed

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible Winters residents on Friday, Feb. 22, at the First Baptist Church, 512 First Street, 12-1:30 p.m. and on Friday, Feb. 25, at Yolo Housing, 62 Shams Way, 3-5 p.m.

Food to be distributed includes applesauce,

green beans, grapefruit juice, and canned chicken.

Participants may receive food at only one site.

Eligible participants are asked to bring a bag to carry their food home.

For more information call the Food Bank, 668-0690.

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Nuestras Noticias



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Superdelegados Demócratas

No cabe duda que la elección del candidato presidencial por parte del partido Demócrata, esta siendo una pelea muy pareja, según los analistas políticos, que son los que saben todo sobre política, o al menos eso parece, esta contienda por la nominación presidencial la van a decidir los Superdelegados del partido Demócrata en su convención nacional. ¿ Pero quienes son estos Superdelegados, o cuales son funciones?

Kennedy es uno de cientos de líderes del Partido Demócrata, entre ellos los ex presidentes Bill Clinton y Jimmy Carter, el ex vicepresidente Al Gore y a los actuales y pasados gobernadores, senadores y representantes en el Congreso del Partido Demócrata. Estos líderes demócratas, como otros líderes designados o elegidos por el Comité Nacional Demócrata, pueden votar como Superdelegados en la convención que se llevará a mediados de este año en Denver.

Estos superdelegados, no tienen la obligación de votar en las elecciones primarias de sus estados o en las asambleas electorales. Pero su voto será decisivo en la selección del candidato presidencial. No quisiéramos ver que un candidato consiga la mayoría de los votos de sus partidarios, pero que en la convención Nacional Demócrata, el voto de los superdelegados le sea adverso. Hecho que se pudiera dar. Ya se tienen antecedentes de ello.

Un total de 4.049 delegados con capacidad de voto están programados para participar en la Convención Nacional Demócrata 2008. De éstos, 3.253 son delegados comprometidos, seleccionados durante las elecciones primarias; otros 796 son superdelegados no comprometidos con un candidato. Para lograr lograr la nominación del partido, un candidato debe obtener el voto de por lo menos 2.025 delegados.

Aunque los superdelegados demócratas son libres de votar por cualquier candidato, de alguna manera, sus votos ya están siendo contados. De hecho, los superdelegados que anunciaron su compromiso con un candidato específico, superaron en cantidad a los delegados comprometidos en las elecciones primarias y asambleas electorales. Antes de las elecciones primarias del 5 de febrero, la campaña de Clinton sumó 188 superdelegados entre sus 236 delegados; la campaña de Obama sumó 102 superdelegados de sus 165 delegados comprometidos.

Y adelantándose a lo que va a suceder en la convención nacional Demócrata, los precandidatos Clinton y Omaba, están empezando a enfocarse en los superdelegados, con la ayuda de su equipo de campaña, y sobre todo de amigos cercanos a su campaña, están ahora tratando de convencer a los superdelegados que todavía no se deciden por que candidato votaran, esta manera de seleccionar el candidato presidencial, la estableció el partido Demócrata en el año 1982, el mecanismo es otorgar influencia adicional a funcionarios demócratas y activistas del propio partido, para que puedan ellos elegir al candidato.

La labor y trabajo de un delegado es muy importante, porque si es un delegado con poder político, esta atraerá mas superdelegados hacia su candidato. Y también trae personas que se especializan en organizar eventos para recaudar fondos, ya que una campaña como la que están llevando a cabo los demócratas, necesita mucho dinero.

Clinton y Obama estarán buscando el apoyo de superdelegados bien reconocidos, como Al Gore, o Bill Richardson, actual gobernador de Nuevo México, que puede influir en docenas de delegados.

¿Estamos en recesión?

Cuándo los políticos y economistas hablan de recesión, nosotros podremos preguntarnos ¿ qué es una recesión, y como me afecta?. Sin el afán de entrar en muchos detalles técnicos para definir la palabra recesión, encontramos la respuesta muy fácil, sin ir a buscarla muy lejos, porque la respuesta la vemos en los alrededores, simple y llanamente, recesión significa para nosotros los trabajadores, que no hay mucho trabajo, o de plano no hay trabajo, si echamos un vistazo al sector de la construcción vemos cuantos amigos y familiares están pasando por momentos difíciles. Muchas personas están sufriendo la desaceleracion económica, otro termino para indicar que el trabajo esta escaso.

¿ A quienes afecta mas? Por supuesto que nos afecta a todos los que de una manera u otra dependemos del sector de la construcción, solo imagínense todos los componentes de una casa, y piensen que detrás de cada articulo están las fabricas que lo construyen, y que en cada fabrica laboran personas que tienen familia que depende de ellos. Si eres ciudadano o residente legal, puedes cobrar tu seguro de desempleo y más o menos sobrevives, pero las personas que por su condición migratoria no pueden cobrar su seguro de desempleo, son las mas afectadas, si, son los ilegales a los que más les ha afectado esta situación.

Personas que trabajaban en la construcción

ganando mas o menos bien, de \$15 a \$20 la hora, ahora andan buscando hasta trabajos de lo que sea, aunque sea de a 8 la hora. Es lo mas duro, ser el ultimo escalón en la estructura de algún trabajo, porque son los primeros desocupados, y este año no pinta nada bien para nadie, ahora imagínense el año que les espera a los ilegales, y por si fuera poco, el gobierno por medio del departamento de seguridad nacional anuncio que este año se iban a incrementar las redadas en todo el territorio nacional.

La crisis de las casas esta golpeando muy duro a los trabajadores, por que aun ellos son también compradores de casas en problemas, sin trabajo estable, y con el incremento en los intereses de las casas con hipotecas de alto riesgo, no se les pronostica un buen año.

Estadísticas indican que el 32 % de los inmigrantes trabajan en el ramo de los servicios y el 20 % en la construcción. En la industria manufacturera se emplea el 15 % y casi el 12 % en el comercio. Otro 6.5 % está ocupado en servicios sociales y el 6 % en la agricultura. En el año 2006 había unos 6.5 millones de inmigrantes mexicanos en la fuerza laboral de Estados Unidos y el 20 % estaba en el sector de la construcción.

Hay quienes se preguntan si estamos en recesión o no, pregúntenles a los trabajadores de la construcción que ahora son jornaleros, para ellos la recesión llegó y los está aplastando.

¿Quién es John Mc Cain?

El senador John McCain parece que se enfila a ser el candidato del partido republicano para las elecciones presidenciales, y esto gracias a que Mitt Romney abandono la lucha, y ahora lo que se tiene que tener en cuenta es su edad, tiene 71 años, y tal ves eso seria el cuestionamiento a su persona. Aunque el se jacta que ha estado mas activo que sus opositores en la campaña. Además, él pone de manifiesto que posee el conocimiento y la experiencia. En sus discursos Barack Obama hace notar la edad de McCain e inclusive la de Clinton, ya que dice que el es el puente del futuro, refiriéndose a que solo tiene 46 años, por los 71 de McCain y los 60 de Clinton.

John McCain fue prisionero de guerra en Vietnam, y tal eso le haga tener peso en sus opiniones sobre la guerra en Iraq, es una guerra que el apoyo. Es de la idea de mantener las tropas en Iraq el tiempo que sea necesario, dice que si llega a la presidencia, no sacara las tropas de Iraq.

El año pasado McCain fue uno de los principales promotores para una reforma migratoria, le pidió al senado legalizar a los indocumentados, pero cuando vino

el tiempo de participar como precandidato a la presidencia de Estados Unidos, cambio su táctica, por temor a no obtener el apoyo de los republicanos mas conservadores en su nominación como candidato. Ahora es de la idea de finalizar el muro fronterizo, y una ves hecho esto entonces hablar de una legalización de indocumentados. Y esto sinceramente no se ve como vaya a suceder.

En política exterior McCain sigue el mismo estilo de la política exterior de los Estados Unidos, apoyando a unas dictaduras, pero rechazando a otras, caso concreto el de Cuba.

Sin temor a equivocarme, McCain será el candidato republicano, pero debe estar consciente del voto hispano, ya que solo el 23 por ciento de los hispanos son afines con los republicanos, y McCain necesitara aumentar ese numero, si quiere tener éxito.

McCain esta librando quizá su ultima batalla, y necesita de aliados, necesita buscar el voto hispano, pero al buscarlo también tendrá que comprometerse, y aquí es donde la mayoría de los políticos fallan.

Ayuda a Propietarios

Por RÓGER LINDO

Countrywide, una de las mayores operadoras de hipotecas inmobiliarias del país y la organización Asociación de Organizaciones Comunitarias para una Reforma Inmediata (ACORN) dieron a conocer la semana una iniciativa para ayudar a los dueños atrasados con hipotecas riesgosas (subprime) a conservar sus viviendas.

Ambas entidades dijeron que han diseñado conjuntamente programas especiales que amparan todas las categorías de préstamos riesgosos, incluyendo las hipotecas de interés ajustable conocidas como ARMS y 80/20.

El plan de rescate abarca a los prestatarios de préstamos hipotecarios que han caído en alguna forma de insolvencia, no sólo a los que se encuentran al día con sus pagos, se explicó.

En Countrywide y ACORN creemos que ningún prestatario que haya demostrado su habilidad y deseo de cumplir sus obligaciones debe exponerse a que le embarguen su casa”, dijo Maude Hurd, presidente nacional de la organización no lucrativa durante una teleconferencia originada en la capital del país. Agregó que los componentes del acuerdo anunciado pueden ayudar a las personas que se encuentran dentro de categorías financieras que no son contempladas en otras iniciativas parecidas anunciadas anteriormente.

Countrywide ya había dado a conocer una iniciativa por valor de 16,000 millones de dólares para socorrer a sus clientes que se encuentran con el agua al cuello después de que se embarcaron en hipotecas por encima de su capacidad financiera real. Countrywide y ACORN dieron a la prensa que confían en que su iniciativa sea imitada por otras empresas del sector hipotecario.

Esta tiene el potencial de ayudar a propietarios en problemas como Sandra Valladares. Ella y su esposo adquirieron una propiedad por valor de 535 mil dólares en Arletta en 2005 bajo un plan de préstamo hipotecario tipo 80/20. “Todo parecía bien bonito, pero el que nos metió en esto no nos explicó lo del interés variable”, explicó. Ahora los Valladares apenas pueden con el pago de la casa, que pasó de 1,961 dólares a casi cuatro mil dólares

mensuales una vez que entró en efecto el reajuste de interés.

Es como si estuviéramos pagando dos casas. Mejor nos hubieran dicho que no calificábamos desde el principio”, dijo, aludiendo a la manera como le “endulzaron los oídos” hace tres años. Valladares se gana la vida limpiando casas, y su esposo trabaja como operario de un montacargas.

En el caso de los compradores con buen historial de pagos en vías de caer en la insolvencia tras el ajuste de interés de un ARM, la iniciativa Countrywide-ACORN contempla soluciones tales como el refinanciamiento de hipotecas con traspaso a un préstamo primario (prime loan) o la modificación del préstamo extendiendo por cinco años el tipo de interés inicial. Transcurrido ese período Countrywide haría una evaluación del caso.

En el caso de los préstamos impagos subprime con tasa fija y en el de los deudores que adquirieron una hipoteca ARM, Countrywide y ACORN crearán un canal simplificado para proveer opciones que permitan a aquellos conservar sus viviendas. Este incluiría planes de repago a corto plazo o modificaciones de los términos del préstamo, “de acuerdo con estándares identificados de capacidad de pago”.

“Countriwide está ansiosa por trabajar con los prestatarios, ya sea que sus hipotecas estén a punto de ser reajustadas o que tengan algún otro tipo de dificultad financiera”, declaró Steve Bailey, director administrativo de préstamos de la firma financiera. La firma aseguró que no se procederá a la ejecución de ninguna propiedad en su cartera de clientes antes de haberse contactado con los propietarios para buscar soluciones a su insolvencia financiera.

Los interesados pueden contactarse con especialistas de Countrywide a través del número (800) 669-6650, o solicitar orientación a ACORN en el (866) 67-ACORN. Countrywide informó que en diciembre pasado finalizó 12 mil arreglos, incluyendo 10 mil con modificación de los términos de pago. En 2007, agregó, el total de estas operaciones llegó a 81 mil. La operadora financiera dijo que se encuentra trabajando con 100.000 prestatarios de hipotecas para tratar de buscar soluciones a cuentas no pagadas.

Entertainment

Monticello Bistro will serve citrus-centric dinner

Masters in the art of creating flavorful dishes from locally grown foods, Monticello Bistro will serve another popular themed dinner event Saturday, Feb. 23. The menu will be citrus-centric, and staff members from the Four Winds Citrus Nursery in Winters will introduce and discuss the featured varieties. The event starts at 7 p.m., with seating starting at 6:30 p.m. It will cost \$60 and reservations are recommended.

Four Winds is a family-owned citrus nursery that has been developing and growing citrus trees on dwarfing rootstocks for over 60 years. Four Winds citrus trees safely winter in sunny windows throughout the US. When mature they can produce up to 2/3 the harvest of a standard size citrus tree. Four Winds will not be selling trees directly at this event, but will share printed information on growing citrus, varieties

available and other resources. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.fourwindsgrowers.com>.

The Monticello Bistro is located at 5 East Main Street in Winters and their website is monticellobistro.com. For more details by phone, call Rhonda Gruska at 792-8066.

The menu will include:
~ Blood Orange Mimosa
~ Crispy Spiced Sweet Potatoes with Rangpur Lime

Aioli
~ Baby Spinach with Tangelos, Belgian Endive, Pt. Reyes Blue Cheese & Toasted Almonds
~ Filet Mignon with Washington Naval Fennel Crust, Lemon Caper Mashed Root Vegetables & Dino Kale with Caramelized Onions
~ Creme Caramel with Candied Indio Mandarinquats
~ Old Soul Coffee or Assorted Tao of Tea Selections.

UC Davis Concert Band presents symphonic works

UC Davis' University Concert Band and Wind Ensemble, directed by Pete Nowlen, present "Connections: A World of Song and Dance," an eclectic symphonic band program including works by Ives, Mendelssohn, Rachmaninov and Hokoyama. An abbreviated performance will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the California State University, Sacramento, Music Recital Hall as part of the annual CSUS Festival of Bands. The full program featuring the Davis Joint Unified School District 6-9 Honor Bands will

take place on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in Jackson Hall of Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets for the Feb. 27 concert are \$5 for students and seniors and \$8 for adults and children. Purchase tickets in advance from the CSUS Ticket office, 916-278-4323, or tickets.com, or one hour prior to concert start via cash only at the door. For complete event information, to receive a Department of Music season brochure, or to join the department mailing list, call 752-0948 or visit music.ucdavis.edu/events.

Chris Webster show postponed for the spring

Chris Webster's appearance at The Palms Playhouse, originally scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, is postponed due to the performer's illness. Webster's show may be rescheduled for the spring. Those who bought tickets in advance can get refunds at the place of purchase.

Getting ready to perform



Courtesy Photo

Getting ready for the presentation of "Annie" are from top left, Colton Montgomery, Samantha Andrade, Allie Griffey, Kimi Bowen, Zac Vosburg, Colwyn Mantin, (front) Nicki McKenna, William Wicholson and Mallary Dunn. "Annie" will be on Saturday, Mar. 1 at 7p.m. at the Winters Community Center. For more information, call 795-3990.

Medicine advocate Dr. Andrew Weil to speak at Mondavi Center

As one of the foremost authorities on health, wellness and integrative medicine, Dr. Andrew Weil has inspired millions to lead healthier lives through his writings, lectures, teaching and television appearances. Next month, the best-selling author of books including "Healthy Aging," "The Healthy Kitchen," and "Dr. Andrew Weil's Self Healing" will come to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis for a lecture entitled "The Future of Medicine: An Integrative Approach to Treating Patients." The lecture begins at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 3, in the Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus.

Author and physician Weil is an internationally recognized expert on medicinal plants, alternative medicine, and the reform of medical education. He is a key figure in the creation and popularization of integrative medicine, which combines the use of conventional medicine with alternative treatments for which there is some scientific basis. His philosophy of treatment emphasizes preventive maintenance of health with a strong focus on diet, exercise and stress management, an idea that clearly has found a large and receptive audience: According to a nationwide government survey released in 2004, 36 percent of American adults aged 18 years and over use some form of complementary and alternative medicine.

Named one of the world's

100 most influential people and one of the 25 most influential Americans by Time, Weil is director of the Program in Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona, which includes courses on alternative therapies, mind/body interactions, healing, and other subjects not generally emphasized in medical education. He is also the author of 10 books on health, including five No. 1 New York Times best-sellers, and his frequent appearances on television programs such as Larry King Live and public television specials have brought his message of health, wellness, and integrative healing to millions.

"If there is one difference between the medicine I practice and what I see most doctors doing," says Dr. Andrew Weil, "it is that I believe people can get better. There is enormous interest in disease and very little interest in health and healing and how to promote it."

Born in Philadelphia in 1942, Weil studied botany at Harvard, earning an undergraduate degree in biology in 1964, then an M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1968. After completing a medical internship at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco, he worked a year with the National Institute of Mental Health, and then wrote his first book, The Natural Mind, published in 1972. From 1971-75, as a fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs, Weil traveled widely in North and South America and

Africa collecting information on drug use in other cultures, medicinal plants, and alternative methods of treating disease. From 1971-84 he conducted investigations of medicinal and psychoactive plants while a member of the research staff of the Harvard Botanical Museum.

Weil's interest in medicinal plants and alternative methods of healing together with his training in traditional Western medicine led him to become one of the first and most visible exponents of integrative medicine.

"If I were hit by a truck," explains Weil, "I'd want to go to a modern emergency room." But Weil argues that "gentler, nature-based systems" can often be more ef-

fective in treating some of the chronic conditions that modern medicine has difficulty dealing with, such as autoimmune disorders and gastrointestinal-tract illnesses.

Since the 1970s, Weil has published prolifically in magazines and scientific journals and authored or co-authored 10 books including: The Natural Mind; The Marriage of the Sun and Moon; and From Chocolate to Morphine (with Winifred Rosen).

Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office, 754-ARTS (2787) or online at MondaviArts.org. Tickets are \$49/\$41/\$36 for adults; \$24.50/\$20.50/\$18 for students and children.

Ranchers will discuss water policy

The University of California Cooperative Extension and the Yolo County Natural Resources Conservation Service will be holding a meeting to discuss rangeland water quality. The meeting is for ranchers and rangeland managers who are interested in current and future water quality policy and research on rangelands and livestock operations.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at Norton Hall, UC Coop. Extension Office, 70 Cottonwood Street in Woodland.

Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. and will be followed by an introductory overview of what will be discussed throughout the day. A series of presentations by local experts will follow and last until noon, when the meeting adjourn.

For questions or to RSVP, call Morgan Doran, (707) 784 1326, or Nick Gallagher, 662 2037, extension 115.

POLICE

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being a minor in possession of alcohol. Bermudez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ Jaime Bautista-Rios, 19, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

~ Jorge Franco Cortez, 19, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

~ Juan Vallejo, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, failing to have two license plates affixed to a vehicle and failing to show proof of insurance.

~ John Matthew Lorenzo, 25, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and failing to have two license plates affixed to a vehicle.

~ On the first block of East Abbey Street, officers responded to an audible alarm. Upon arrival, it was determined the alarm was activated accidentally.

~ Robert Allen Martinez, 25, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving at an unsafe speed, driving a vehicle with expired registration and resisting a police officer. Martinez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

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

Researchers identify gene expression profile distinctions in autistic children

A group of genes with known links to natural killer cells (the first to attack viruses, bacteria and malignancies) are expressed at high levels in the blood of children with autism when compared to children without the disorder, according to a new study from the UC Davis. Researchers also found gene expression distinctions in children with early onset and regressive forms of the disorder. The outcomes, published in the January issue of Genomics, offer hope that gene expression analyses can provide biological evidence of autism, currently diagnosed only through behavioral assessments, in some children.

Eleven specific genes were found with expression levels that were significantly higher in the blood of children with autism when compared to the blood of typically developing children, said Frank Sharp, se-

nior author of the study and professor of neurology. Those 11 genes are all known to be expressed by natural-killer cells, which are cells in the immune system necessary for mounting a defense against infected cells.

In conducting the study, Sharp, molecular pathologist Jeff Gregg and their colleagues used blood samples from 35 children diagnosed with autism, 14 with development delay but not autism and 12 typically developing children. The samples were subjected to gene expression analysis using microarrays and compared for common patterns. In addition to finding the 11 genes with natural-killer cell connections shared by all of the children with autism, they identified a pattern of 140 genes differentially expressed in children with the early onset form of the disorder and a pattern of 20

genes differentially expressed in children with the regressive form of the disorder.

The team is the first to use genomic profiling of blood to observe differences in children with autism. A serious and increasingly prevalent neurodevelopmental disorder, autism is characterized by language impairments, social deficits and limited, repetitive behaviors. While some parents report they knew something was wrong with their child close to birth, others report their children progressed just like others and then lost social and/or language skills later, usually between the ages of 1 and 2. These separate experiences led clinicians to hypothesize that there are at least two types of autism: early onset and regressive. This study offers biological evidence of those two subtypes.

Workshop aims to help dementia caregivers

“Accepting the Challenge,” a training program about providing care for people with dementia is planned on Saturday, Feb. 23, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Yolo Adult Day Health Center, 20 North Cottonwood Street, in Woodland. The program is designed for all caregivers of memory impaired persons.

Topics to be discussed include “What is dementia,” “Symptoms of Alzheimer’s,” skill building, “Your Physical Approach,” “Cues: visual/verbal/tactile,” “Progression of the Disease,” “Levels of Cognitive Loss,” “Meaningful Days,” and “Dealing with Problem Behaviors.” Informational materials will be available.

Reservations are appreciated, but not required.

In-home care is available, if arranged in advance.

For more information, Call 666-8828 or email pphelps@dcn.org

The program is partially funded by Area 4 Agency on Aging.

AA meets weekly in Winters

Local meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are held on Thursdays at 8 p.m., Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. (book study) at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. Adults are welcome at all meetings.

Auxiliary needs help

The Sutter Davis Hospital Auxiliary is recruiting new volunteers, who are in good health and over 18 years of age, to volunteer in various capacities in the hospital. They must attend a general orientation and on-the-job training.

For more information, visit www.sutterdavis.org/about/volunteering.html.

Applications are available at the website, or call the hospital information desk, 759-7485, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

Lady Warriors headed to section playoffs

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity girls' basketball team is once again headed to the northern section playoffs after posting a 14-10 regular season record and taking third in the Butte View League with a 5-5 record. Winters won their last three games to tie up the number five seed in the playoffs and will host Central Valley on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in round one.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, the Warriors played Orland and lost a close game 43-40. After trailing by nine at the start of the fourth period the Warriors made a big push for the lead out scoring the Trojans 15-9 but came up short in the end.

Freshman, Tess Hyer led the Warriors with 12 points and had eight rebounds and four steals. Rebecca Salas scored eight points, had two rebounds and five steals. Taryn Jones scored seven points and grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked four shots. Jenny Campos scored six points, had three rebounds and four steals. Chelsea Corrales scored five points and had three rebounds. Amy Avellar scored two points and had three rebounds. Alyssa Oxley had two rebounds and Megan Avellar had three rebounds for the Warriors.

On Friday, Feb. 8, the Warriors took on Las Plumas High School in a 62-47 victory and locked up third place in the Butte View League. Jones led the Warriors with 15 points, seven rebounds, two assists and two steals. Corrales also scored 15 points and had four rebounds and three steals. Salas scored 10 points and had six rebounds, six



Photo by Eric Lucero
Freshman, Tess Hyer pushes the ball up court during a recent varsity girls basketball game.

assists and three steals. Campos scored nine points and had four rebounds and a steal. Hyer scored seven points, had two rebounds, three steals and three assists. Oxley scored four points and had seven rebounds and two steals, while Megan Avellar scored two points and had two rebounds, three steals and an assist.

The Warriors were back in action the following week starting with a 51-33 victory over the Sutter Huskies on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The Warriors had four players in double figures with Salas scoring 12 points, two rebounds, two steals and one assist. Corrales scored 12 points as well and had three rebounds, two assists and two steals. Campos scored 10 points, had six rebounds, six assists, a steal and a block. Megan Avellar scored 10 points and had nine rebounds and two steals. Jones scored three points, had four re-

bounds, two assists, three steals and a block, while Amy Avellar had seven rebounds for the Warriors.

Winters finished up their regular season with a 61-47 victory over Wheatland on Friday, Feb. 15. Campos led the team with 18 points. She pulled down 10 rebounds, had four steals and two assists. Hyer scored 13 points and had three rebounds and three steals. Corrales scored eight points and had a rebound and a steal. Jones scored six points and had six rebounds, an assist and a block. Salas also scored six points, had six rebounds, dished out 12 assists and had seven steals. Oxley scored four points and had five rebounds and a steal. Amy Avellar scored four points and had a rebound. Olivia Wingard scored two points and Megan Avellar had four steals and a rebound for the Warriors.

Hellinger places first at divisions

◆ **White takes third, Brickey fifth**

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors had three wrestlers place in the northern section division championships last Saturday, Feb. 16, at Farmers Hall in Gridley. Jesse Hellinger continued his dominance on the mat with an impressive first-place finish.

“Jesse did real well,” said coach Tim Hausler. “He dominated his final match with a 15-0 victory.”

Brandon White placed third for the Warriors losing only in the semi-finals. “Brandon has been injured so he was a little out of shape but did real well,” said Hausler. “Taylor Brickey took fifth and did a good job also.”

The three wrestlers will advance on to the

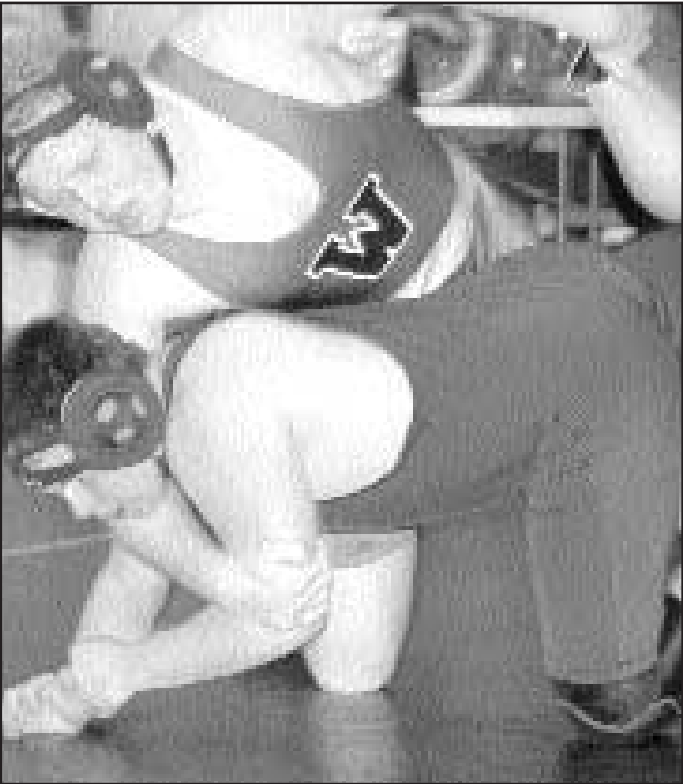


Photo by Eric Lucero
Taylor Brickey drives his opponent to the mat on his way to pinning him for a first round victory in the Butte View League Championships at Young Gymnasium on Saturday, Feb. 9. Brickey took second place in the meet.

masters this Thursday, and Friday, Feb. 21 and 22. The tournament will be held at the Civic Cen-

ter in Redding. The top two in each weight class will move on to the state tournament.

Warriors play final games

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity boys' basketball team played their last two games of the season last week and unfortunately had to face the top two teams in the league. The Warriors faced Sutter on Tuesday, Feb. 12,

and suffered an 80-29 loss to the Huskies. The Warriors started slow and just couldn't get anything going.

T.J. Johnson led the Warriors with 10 points. Alex Huizar scored four points. Dillon Miles and Jules Damey both scored three points. Maurice

Ackridge, Miguel Del Rio, Kelven Leverett and Aaron Geerts each scored two points, while Jose Ceja scored one point for the Warriors.

The Warriors lost to Wheatland in their final game of the season by a score of 71-23. No stats were available.

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EXPRESS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Cody Romero

Cody Romero, a sophomore on the JV boys' basketball team is this week's athlete of the week. In the Warriors last two games of the season Romero led the team in scoring, averaging 16.5 points per game. Romero scored 17 points against Sutter on Tuesday, Feb. 12, then scored 16 points against Wheatland on the following Friday.

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Schools

JV boys play final games

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters JV boy's basketball team played their last two games of the season last week starting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, against the Sutter Huskies. The Warriors lost 73-45 but had big games offensively from Cody Romero with 17 points and Israel Aguilera with 15 points. Ed Latimer and Cody Klimper each scored six points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Feb. 15, the Warriors played their final game of the season against Wheatland and suffered a tough 56-45 loss to the Pirates. The Warriors played a good, close game but had an unbalanced amount of fouls called against them in the fourth period.

"We played a good game," said coach Brad Burton. "We didn't get any calls our way and they went to the line the



Photo by Eric Lucero
Cody Klimper plays tough defense for the Winters High School JV boys basketball team in a recent game.

whole fourth period."

Romero once again led the Warriors with 16 points. Aguilera scored 10 points, Vince Doyle

scored eight points, Latimer scored six, Tyler Berg had three and Zak Pangburn scored two points for the Warriors.

National FFA week recognized in February

February is the month to recognize National FFA week. It is a time for all FFA members, its' alumni and supporters to celebrate the Future Farmers of America as it creates an awareness of what FFA is really all about. FFA is more than just a student club, it is an organization that promotes a love for our land, family and self. The Winters FFA chapter has been working diligently to ensure a successful year for all of its' members.

This year has been filled with many exciting events. It began with the election of new FFA officers. Amy Cross as president, Sara Warren as vice president, Alex Huisar as sentiniel, Raven Castro as reporter, Katie Eslick as secretary and Ellis White as treasurer. The team held a weekend retreat at Bodega Bay during the summer to

Sutter offers scholarships for health related studies

Applications for Sutter Davis Hospital Auxiliary scholarships for the year 2008 are now being accepted. Anyone who is a resident of the geographic area serviced in Davis, Dixon, Winters, and Woodland school districts, and intends to pursue a health-related career or re-enter the health field is eligible to apply.

Application materials are available at the high school offices in Davis, Dixon, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland. They are also available at the Sutter Davis Hospital Information Desk (2000 Sutter Place, Davis).

The deadline for submitting all applications, including a personal essay, official transcript of academic work, and letters of reference is March 31. Recipients will be announced in April and honored at an Auxiliary luncheon in May.

For additional information, call the Sutter Davis Hospital Information Desk at 759-7485.

School Board Meetings
are held 1st and 3rd
Thursday of the month.

Cookie sale coming soon



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
The local Brownies and Girl Scouts will be selling cookies on the weekends of Feb. 22 and Feb. 29 in front of Lorenzo's Market, Cody's Deli and First Northern Bank. The local troops include, from left, (front) Sierra Mazza, Julia McHugh, Alex Arredondo, Lillian Matthews, Sandra Wiser, Taylor Davis, Megan Drummond, Camryn Hamilton and Alexis Pedroia; (middle) Gabi Svozil, Ashley Drummond, Sarina Tackett, Baylee Rippee, Brandy Bess, Jennifer Johnson and Alexa Paredes Lopez; (back) Trichelle Leslie, Yesenia Zarate, Katie Sebastian, Taylor Rippee, Abby Reckard, Lilia Walton and Emily Donlevy.

Features

Hepatitis C spread in many ways

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I would like to know more about hepatitis C. I know sex, childbirth and sharing hypodermic needles with drug users can pass it on. Can a person contract it from using the same toilet as an infected person or from using such a person's cups or dishes? — D.S.



ANSWER: Hepatitis C is anything but a seldom-seen illness. Around 4 million Americans have it. The initial illness — acute hepatitis — brings symptoms like fatigue, nausea and vomiting. Rarely does it cause yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes. Most get over the acute sickness in a short time. In fact, the largest number of infected people never have a single day of illness and never know that they are infected. The virus, however, stays in the body for life in many and can continue to wreak havoc in the liver. Twenty years down the road, about one-fifth of those infected will have developed liver cirrhosis, and some will have come down with liver cancer. The chief route of viral transmission in North America is sharing of contaminated needles for illicit drug injection. Having multiple sex partners is another important route of infection. However, transmission from an infected marital partner to a spouse is possible but not common. Medical personnel can catch the illness through an accidental needle stick from an infected person. Infected mothers can transmit it to their babies. Blood transfusions, once a great contributor to spread, rarely pass the illness now that all blood is checked for the virus. And there is a category of people whose source of infection is not known. The illness is not picked up from toilet seats. Using cups, plates or eating utensils of an infected person doesn't spread it. Neither does kissing or hugging an infected person. It is not wise, however, to share things that might have blood on them — for in-

stance, razors or toothbrushes. Hepatitis C is treatable but not always curable. The medicines are interferon and ribavirin. The pamphlet on all the hepatitis viruses explains the illnesses they cause and their treatments. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 503W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery. ***

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you assure my mother that it is OK to take the anxiety medicine her doctors recommend? She thinks it is a weakness to use such medicine. When she takes it, she is happy. When she doesn't, she is miserable. — M.M.

ANSWER: Anxiety prepares us to fight or flee when danger arises. Constant anxiety is not normal. It takes its toll on the heart, on blood pressure, on the digestive tract and on just about all organs. It does not come from a moral weakness. It comes from a mix-up in the production of brain-messenger chemicals. Medicine can correct such an imbalance, and your mom should not hesitate to use it.

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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Huckawho?



Arkansas is possibly going to give both Virginia and Texas a run for their money as "the home of presidents". It might sound unbelievable but truth often can be stranger than fiction.

Americans love fables—inspiring stories that champion folk heroes and revive fantasies. On the banks of the Mississippi 19th century author Mark Twain wrote about Huck Finn taking off from home and exploring this mighty river that now forms the eastern border of the state of Arkansas. Today another Huck is crisscrossing the USA as the underdog candidate for the Republican nomination for president.

Bill Clinton and his wife could be jolted by surprise. Maybe two presidents coming from Arkansas and the candidates from both political parties in 2008 being people who claim Arkansas as their home. It's more fantastic than the plot of a Star Wars adventure.

To be sure, Arkansas is not California. Arkansas is a humble state that's more in step with Heartland America than the aberrations that exist in places like San Francisco or Manhattan among other places. Mike Huckabee has a name that seems almost comical, as unacceptable for a presidential surname as a name like Zellweger or Streep would have been for actresses 60 years ago. Because we have Orville Redenbacher's popcorn and a governor named Schwarzenegger, Ol' Huck is in with some good company.

With Mitt Romney out of the Republican race and John McCain pro-

claimed as the virtual nominee, Huckabee can't be counted out yet. Rumors of his political death have been "greatly exaggerated", as Mark Twain himself would have been inclined to say. If McCain slips up soon Huckabee is waiting in the wings to fill the void. Even if McCain doesn't make any serious blunders, Huckabee could become a compromise vice presidential running mate and end up in the Oval Office eventually.

One of the difficulties with McCain is that he is vulnerable in many ways. Having recovered from a bout of cancer a few years ago he is now 71 and will be older than Ronald Reagan was when he became president in 1981. Like Vice President Cheney the condition of his health is questionable. He has a driven Type A personality and that could be a recipe for a fatal heart attack or stroke. He has been known to have exhibited a sharp temper and probably an elevated blood pressure reading to match. McCain as well is also considered to be too liberal for the entrenched Republican conservative base and may need to do some backtracking toward the likes of Huckabee and his supporters in order to head up his own political party.

Few people have heard Huckabee speak at length but those who

have enjoyed the experience find him to be about as guileless as a politician can be. In a presidential race overshadowed by the heavy subjects of race and gender he provides some needed putting at ease. His sharp and generous wit would make him a great talk show host someday.

Mike Huckabee may be the longest of long shots but so was John Kerry when he broke out of the pack late in the game and headed the Democratic Party's attempt to reclaim the presidency in 2004. No one had really heard of Jimmy Carter when he came out of almost nowhere to run and get elected in 1976. It is also true that Barak Obama was an unknown just a little while ago.

Some new bumper stickers have been showing up on interstate freeways such as: "I like Mike" and "Huck Filary". The amount of eloquence is endless!

Americans, especially older ones who are more likely to be registered to vote and actually do so, may need an avuncular figure to reassure them (as Ronald Reagan did) that our nation still knows the difference between right and wrong and isn't about to fall down the abyss. His idea to abolish the IRS and replace it with a national sales tax doesn't hurt Huckabee either, or the fact that governors have been more likely to become president than mere senators. Being a Republican could be a liability but Huckabee is redeemed by being a rare one that seems to have a social conscience.

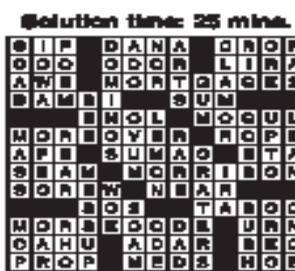
You heard it here first. As American as Huckleberry Pie could be one of our next presidents.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Judy Engels
Occupation: Nail Technician at Aura Day Spa
Hobby: My grandkids
What's best about living in Winters: "It's friendly and everybody knows everybody."
Fun fact: I used to deal blackjack in Reno.

King Crossword Answers



Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing, and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

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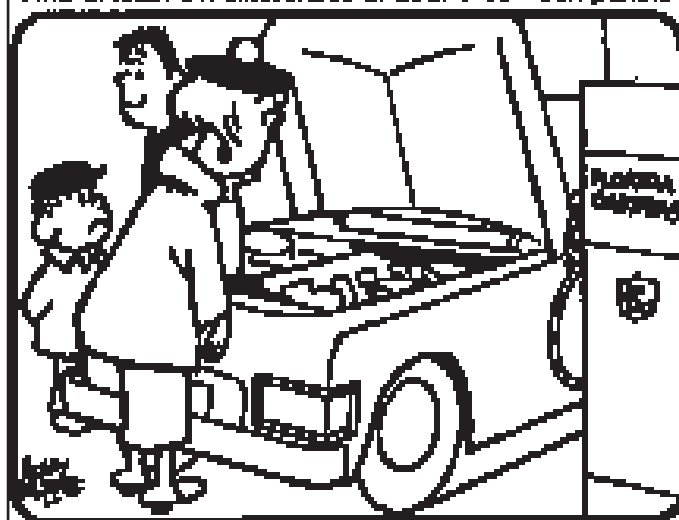
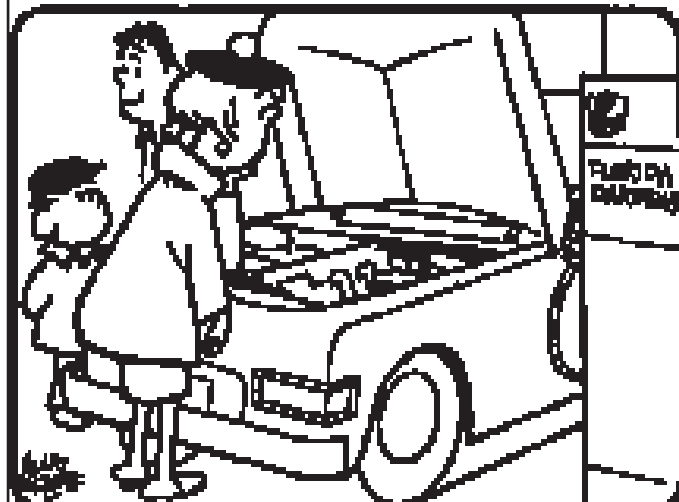
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Notice of Trustee Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1121010-04
APN: 049-335-01-1 TRA: LOAN NO: Xxxxxx2857 REF: Conrique, Miguel IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED August 06, 2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 18, 2008, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded August 12, 2003, as Inst. No. 2003-0048906-00 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Miguel Conrique Married and Ana Conrique An Unmarried Woman, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: At the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 17045 Matie St Esparto CA 95627 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$112,549.04. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: February 13, 2008 Trustee Sale Officer: Thelma B Cabacungan. Published: (R-166790 02/21/08, 02/28/08, 03/06/08)

Notice of Trustee Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1124252-14
APN: 049-210-27-1 TRA: LOAN NO: Xxxxxx8807 REF: Gavigan, Everett IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED September 06, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 18, 2008, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded September 08, 2006, as Inst. No. 2006-0035513-00 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Everett Gavigan and Angie Gavigan, Husband And Wife As Joint Tenants, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: At the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 24985 County Road No 23a Esparto CA 95627 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$372,824.79. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: February 18, 2008 Trustee Sale Officer: Rhonda L Rorie. Published: (R-165311 02/21/08, 02/28/08, 03/06/08)

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January 25, 2008
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Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2008-095
Fictitious Business Name
Mother and Baby Source
714 Second St., Davis, CA 95616
Lori J. Rumsey, Trustee 26459 Co. Rd. 21, Woodland CA 95695
James W. Rumsey, Trustee 36459 Co. Ro. 21, CA 95695
This business classification is: Husband and Wife
s/Lori J. Rumsey and James W. Rumsey
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Notice of Trustees Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1121525-14
APN: 003-492-21-1 TRA: 002000 LOAN NO: Xxxxxx8767 REF: Torres, Sergio IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 09, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 11, 2008, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 13, 2007, as Inst. No. 2007-0009188 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Sergio Torres, Unmarried Man will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: At the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 117 Broadview Lane Winters CA 95694 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$330,072.44. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: February 05, 2008 Trustee Sale Officer: Mary J Statham. Published: (R-165658 02/14/08, 02/21/08, 02/28/08)

Notice of Trustee Sale

TS # CA-07-111700-MO Loan # 0003779212 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/8/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ARMANDO DEL RIO, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 05/16/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0019310 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California; Date of Sale: 3/5/2008 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$299,761.87 The purported property address is: 104 GRANT AVE WINTERS, CA 95694 Assessors Parcel No. 003-152-03-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 2/12/2008 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: (714) 573-1965 or Login to: www.priorityposting.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 Linh Tran, If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This notice is sent for the purpose of collecting a debt. This firm is attempting to collect a debt on behalf of the holder and owner of the note. Any information obtained by or provided to this firm or the creditor will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. P360267 2/14, 2/21, 02/28/2008

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Notice of City Council Discussion

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL EAST ABBEY STREET VACATION

The Winters City Council will discuss the possible vacation of a section of East Abbey Street between Railroad Avenue and Elliot Street at a regular meeting of the City Council, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: EAST ABBEY STREET BETWEEN RAILROAD AVENUE AND ELLIOT STREET.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A section of East Abbey Street between Railroad Avenue and Elliot Street is being considered for vacation as part of the development of the 1.823-acre block (Assessor Parcel Numbers 003-224-01, 02, 03, and 04) bordered by Railroad on the east, East Abbey on the north, Elliot on the west, and East Main Street on the south. The block has been referred to as the Main Street Village Project. If the vacation occurs, a section of the street (south side) near the southeast corner of East Abbey and Railroad may be used for a building footprint which would extend from the existing City parking lot into a portion of East Abbey. The remainder of the street would be used for limited vehicle access and on-street public parking. The City would retain public utility and public/fire access easements for the abandoned street.


The purpose of the City Council discussion on the possible vacation of a section of East Abbey Street is to introduce the subject to the Council and community, receive early input, and provide staff with direction on whether to start the process for a street vacation. If you are unable to attend the March 4, 2008 City Council meeting, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Redevelopment & Economic Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694, email comments to the City at cas.ellena@cityofwinters.org, or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 105. In the event that the City Council instructs staff to start the process for vacation of a section of East Abbey Street, one or more public hearings before the City Council at futures dates will be required before the Council can take final action on approving or rejecting the vacation. Subsequent notice of the public hearing(s) will be provided. Cas Ellena – Redevelopment & Economic Development Director

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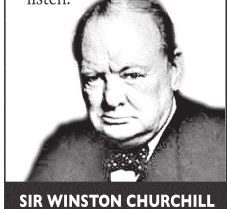
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