

Wonderful Warriors



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Who will wear the Mr. Warrior headdress? The community is invited to come to the annual competition and find out. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 511 Main Street. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Competing for the title of Mr. Warrior are, from left (back) Robert Franco, Ellis White, Andrew Fridae and Taylor Brickey; (front) Joey Sanders, Kevin Rowell and J.R. Selby. The Winters High School student government class coordinates the Mr. Warrior contest.

The cutting continues

◆ Financial woes not over for Winters School District

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Thanks to the Governor's cuts in education funding, the school board and staff got to keep doing their least favorite activity at the Feb. 21 meeting, cutting expenditures. This round of \$123,000 in reductions is caused by the state budget deficit. It comes a short month after the board completed restructuring cost reductions for the coming year, because of declining enrollment. The board has yet to address \$208,000 in cuts needed for the 2009-2010 year because of, well, more declining enrollment. There is also a \$240,00 shortfall in categorical funding (as opposed to general fund monies) the board will have to address, after de-

cisions made at the school sites.

The Feb. 21 meeting was the action part of a two-meeting process. Superintendent Dale Mitchell's proposal was to cut 1.17 teaching positions at the high school, .2 of counseling positions at the Wolfskill, .25 of the grounds keeper positions, .2 of the middle school counselor positions, and .4 of library positions at the middle school and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. He presented statistics the board asked for at the earlier February meeting on how many students repeat classes, in response to high school principal George Griffin's suggestion that cutting electives at the high school would cause more students not to graduate, as evidenced by the number of students that repeat classes.

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Tax on next agenda

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Consent calendar (approved as one item without discussion, includes request for street

closure of Main Street between Railroad Avenue and First Street on Sunday, March 23, the 16th Annual Vernal Equinox Ride; consultant contract with Audubon California for

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FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

*BRETT CHARLES SKAVDAHL was born to Laura and Rance Skavdahl of Modesto at Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock on Feb. 21, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He joins a sister, Jenna Mae Skavdahl. Maternal grandparents are Sherri and Charley Wallace of Winters. Maternal great-grandparents are Newt and Ida Wallace and Gloria and Ray Massei, all of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Cheryl Skavdahl of Modesto and Dave Skavdahl of Chicago, Illinois. Paternal great-grandmother is Laura Thompson of Modesto.

Ideas aired at business forum

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Local residents and members of the business community joined the Winters Chamber of Commerce board of directors at a business forum on Feb. 25. The gathering took place at The Palms, and gave Chamber members an opportunity to express their concerns and opinions about how to invigorate business in Winters.

"We want to focus on the future," said Chamber president Nancy Meyer. "We want to unite as a city, business community and Chamber."

The goal of the meeting was to focus on three to five projects to accomplish in 2008. City Redevelopment Director Cas Elena suggested an expanded Business Improvement District with an assessment levied at businesses to ensure participation, and to expand BID projects citywide, and not just focused on the downtown area.

She discussed the pros and cons of the new BID, but objections from Chamber board member Charles Wallace and Buckhorn owner John Pickerel may have shelved the idea,

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SEAN PRITCHARD

Pritchard named Firefighter of the Year

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Sean Pritchard was honored as the Winters Firefighter of the Year at a police and fire department awards banquet, held at the Winters firehouse on Feb. 9. Pritchard 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."

Pritchard's wife Denise is a registered nurse. To-

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That's the ticket



Courtesy photo

An evening of dinner, dancing, silent auction and raffle will benefit Grad Nite, providing a safe and sober graduation celebration for the Winters High School Class of 2008. The event takes place on Saturday, March 1, 6-11 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 511 Main Street. Tax-deductible donations are \$100/couple (includes two dinners and \$50 chance raffle ticket). \$50 chance only tickets are also available. Raffle prizes are \$7,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000. Tickets are available from Sarah Dickinson, 867-0180, Kathy McIntire, 219-6070, or Linda Barbosa at First Northern Bank. Donations will be gladly accepted at www.wintersgradnite.com. Holding some of the lucky raffle tickets are, from left, Briana Prado, Kim Heilman, Lora Bassett, Cindy Walker and Julia Millon.

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Woodland, Davis, Capay Valley, Dixon,
Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

Weather readings are taken at 9 a.m. each day, covering the previous 24 hour period.

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Feb. 20	.20	57	47
Feb. 21	.02	59	42
Feb. 22	.37	53	46
Feb. 23	.16	63	35
Feb. 24	1.26	49	41
Feb. 25	.26	57	42
Feb. 26	.01	63	40

Rain for week: 2.28

Season's total: 23.06

Last year to date: 8.05

Average to Feb. 26: 17.04



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OBITUARIES

Joseph R. Rubio

Joseph Ramos Rubio, 75, of Winters passed away on Jan. 26, 2008 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident between Winters and Davis. He was born in Marchal de Lubrin, Almeria, Spain, on Feb. 8, 1932 to Jose and Esperanza Rubio, and came to the U.S. at the age of 2. He and his mother, sister and brother met his father in West Virginia and then moved to Gary, Indiana. The whole family moved to Winters when he was 6 years old and he lived in Winters for the rest of his life. He graduated from Winters High School in 1950. He also had his own electrician business after retiring from the Civil Service. His favorite pastimes were spending time with his family, gardening and Giants baseball.

Mr. Rubio served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. Following his service, he had a career as a refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic and electrician, and was employed in the civil service and worked at military bases in Winters, Davis, Sacramento, Dixon and Concord. He retired in 1987 and started his own business, Rubio Electric, and did electrical work for the next 20 years. He was a charter member of the local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and gave the chapter its name, the Golden Harvest Chapter. He was also a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Winters.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carmen, of Winters; daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Miles Weber of Loomis and Elaine and Dan Fiser of Hanford; grandchildren Matthew Joseph and Mark Edmund Weber of Loomis and Jeanine Michelle and Amy Nicole Fiser of Hanford; sister, Marie Pitts of Winters; sister-in-law Esperanza Rubio of Glendale, Arizona; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ralph and Josie Cuberos of Winters and brother-in-law Joseph Cuberos of Selma, Oregon; many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Esperanza Rubio, brother, John Rubio, and brother-in-law, James Pitts.

A visitation will be held for Mr. Rubio on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 6-7 p.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with a Rosary Service. A funeral Mass is planned for Friday, Feb. 29, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Edith Steele

Mary Edith Sharp Steele died on Feb. 13, 2008 in Woodland at the age of 97. She was born on Jan. 1, 1911 in Nashville, Tennessee. She attended Peabody College for Teachers and worked in a book store and was the purchaser for children's books. She later worked as a journalist for a small newspaper. She was married to Gordon Kirkpatrick Steele, a career Army officer, in 1943. They lived briefly in Kentucky, Germany, France and Arkansas, and then for many years in Hawaii. After Gordon died in 1976, she moved to California to be closer to her children.

She is remembered for her southern hospitality, graciousness, generosity and love of family. She was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker. She also loved her pets, which included a German Shepherd dog, several cats, parakeets, a wild mongoose, and wild birds. She was interested in Hawaiian plants. She made beautiful hand embroidered quilts for family and friends. More recently, she enjoyed scrabble and crossword puzzles, and always enjoyed literature and reading.

She is survived by her son, Kirk Steele of Los Angeles; daughter, Lee Wilce of Winters; and grandson, Brendan Wilce of Placerville.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the Winters Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 963, Winters, CA, 95694.

James Snodgrass

Services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008 for Tracy resident James "Jim" Snodgrass, 75, who died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008 at his home in Tracy with his wife, Lois, by his side.

He was born on Oct. 17, 1932 in Winters. After marrying Lois in 1964 they moved to Mountain View. In 1966 they moved to Sunnyvale, then in 1972 the family moved to Campbell. Mr. Snodgrass and his family lived in Campbell until 1995. He and his wife then moved to Morgan Hill in 2000 until their move to Tracy in 2006.

Mr. Snodgrass served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954. While serving as a radioman onboard the icebreaker USS Burton Island he participated in the Bering Sea Explorations. He owned his own business for many years enabling him to have time to go to his children's school and sporting events while they were growing up. He was an avid 49er fan, Valley Christian High School Warriors Football fan, and he enjoyed breakfast each morning with his wife at Perko's, going to the Bethany Activity Center in Ripon and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of more than 43 years, Lois Snodgrass of Tracy; daughter and son-in-law Cherie and Carl Mealie of Tracy; sons and daughters in law Jeff and Patty Snodgrass of Castle Rock, Colorado, Jason and Carrie Snodgrass of San Jose, and Justin and Rebecca Snodgrass of Castle Rock, Colorado; grandchildren Michael, Matthew and Rachael of Tracy and Jacob and Jared of Castle Rock Colorado; many nieces and nephews.

His mother Anna Snodgrass, father Rupert Snodgrass, brother Richard Djubek and granddaughter Natalya Mealie preceded him in death.

Donations may be made in Mr. Snodgrass' name to a charity of the donor's choice.

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File Photo
James "Spider" Thomas, above, of Winters, commuted in the summer of 1969 between Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where he pitched for the Pittsfield Red Sox in the AA Eastern League, and McClellan Air Force Base, Sacramento, where he is assigned with the 81st Maintenance Sq., Air Force Reserves. Throughout the summer he flew 6000 miles each roundtrip to attend montly weekend drills at McClellan AFB. In the dual capacity of Air Force Reservist and hurler for the Boston Red Sox farm team, he compiled a record of six wins and seven losses.

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YEARS AGO

March 13, 1958

John Greenwood was elected president of the Winters Rotary Club for the coming year, at the meeting of the club, held at the Buckhorn Dining Room last Thursday. He succeeds Dr. Corbin Young as president of the club.

A building permit was issued by the city this week to Voydell Pinkston to build a two bedroom home at 442 Russell Street.

Monday night the high school board asked the community swimming pool site committee to proceed with plans to use school grounds as the site for the community swimming pool.

R.W. Degener, manager of the Winters Theatre, reported that there was standing room only at Friday night's showing of "Old Yeller," breaking a seven year attendance record.

Mrs. E.E. Baker visited this week with her son, Dr. E.A. Baker of Orinda.

Mrs. R.L. Keep arrived from Central America by plane last Tuesday and will be shortly followed by her husband. She was called home by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Carroll Culton.

Mrs. Berniece Norris entertained at luncheon on March 6 in the home of her daughter, Mrs. A.E. Parker.

Recent guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ernie Young were Colonel and Mrs. John Brickwalter and daughter Jan, of Birmingham, Alabama. Old Air Force friends of the Youngs, the Brickwalters were en route to Formosa where he will be on a two year tour of duty with the Air Force.

Mrs. Etta Morlan visited a portion of last week in Woodland with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Plocher and family.

65
YEARS AGO

March 12, 1943

Chairman R.E. Degener called a meeting of local Civilian Defense Corps Monday evening in the Fireman's Hall. Degener showed films demonstrating training for air wardens.

Russell H. Pleasants, in Signal Corps at Camp Callan, San Diego, is spending a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Pleasants. Russell is accompanied by his wife, the former Dorothy Hutton to whom he was married last August.

According to Mrs. C.H. Sackett, Red Cross Roll Call chairman, \$2,000 of the \$2,500 quota has been received.

Dr. H.G. Potter of the Medical Reserve unit and family were Winters visitors yesterday. Dr. Potter is stationed at Camp Stoneman, near Pittsburg, and his family is living in Isleton.

LeRoy Harrington, Navy enlistee in training at Farragut, Idaho, had a 5-day leave this week that he spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrington.

Vernon Bruhn Jr., in Navy training in Alameda was a recent brief visitor at his home here.

Frank Bassett was successful in passing tests for entrance into the Army Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Ireland went to San Francisco Wednesday to greet their new granddaughter, born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ireland. The new arrival has the distinction of being the first girl of the Ireland name in 48 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Baker and daughter, Misses Colleen and Dolores, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cole in Vallejo.

100
YEARS AGO

March 13, 1908

Work has commenced on the foundation of the Main Street Anderson building. P.S. Bertholet and son are putting a concrete wall in front of the basement and the old board walk is to be replaced with a cement sidewalk.

The Winters Social Club gave its regular dance last Friday night. S.H. Hoy having injured his eye was unable to play violin and F.L. Gesford took his place.

J.L. Robbins and wife of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, are visiting his brother-in-law, C.E. Smith.

Mrs. S.C. Sanborn and children who have been in New York for the past two years have returned home.

The Yolo and Solano County boards of supervisors have accepted the concrete bridge across Putah Creek at Winters. Surveyors Steiger and Ashley were pleased with the work of the contractors and recommended that the work be accepted.

Mrs. N.A. Hawkins and Mrs. Fred Miller of Woodland are visiting Mrs. William Brinck.

T.H. Buckingham and F.B. Chandler of Vacaville were up to see the traction engine demonstration on the P.H. Johnson ranch Saturday p.m.

Berryessa rises 1.33 feet in week

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by 1.33 feet during the past week with 24,131 acre feet of water added to storage, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 428.92 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,394, 438 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 65 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet in flowing is Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 29 acre feet of water per day during the week.

115
YEARS AGO

March 11, 1893

Samuel Taylor has sold the apricot orchard on his place, known as the "Porter Orchard," to the Pacific Canning Company for a consideration of \$40,000. This is at the rate of \$500 an acre.

The Ohio State Board of Health has decided that kissing is dangerous, and has requested the Pastor's Union of Columbus to make an effort to stop the practice.

Miss Ada J. Hanson will open a fashionable line of millinery next week in the Hemenway Building corner of Main and First streets.

Dr. M.O. Wyatt, Winters' popular and skillful resident dentist, has moved his dental office into the Hotel DeVilbiss building, occupying half of the room used by Gregory & Wyer as a real estate office.

Mrs. John Merchant of Vaca Valley was the guest of her son, O.E. Merchant, of Apricot District, this week.

J.D. Boggs, teacher of the Wolfskill District school, went over the Napa on Friday of last week to visit his family, returning on Monday. He was accompanied by Master Irwin Baker.

Rufus Thurber of Pleasant Valley reports 41 inches of rain for the season, and plenty more to come.



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Equipment failure closes pool

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Winters swimmers were left high and dry for two weeks this month when a chlorinator at the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center failed on Feb. 11 and left the swimming pool with sub-standard chlorine levels. Although the pool is considered to be a community facility, it is the school district's responsibility to maintain it.

Gary Cook, facilities director for the Winters School District, said a chlorine feeder pump malfunctioned and had to be replaced. However, when the new pump was installed, there was a problem with the software that runs it and unfortunately no one in the school district has the expertise to fix the software.

The pump worked off and on, but the chlorine levels in the pool fluctuated, so chlorine was added by hand. However, the fluctuations caused the pool to be closed un-

expectedly on several occasions, so the city stepped in and made the decision to close the pool until the equipment and software were fixed and operating correctly. Because the city runs the community programs that are offered at the pool, it is up to city staff to make decisions about whether its programs are open to the public.

City Manager John Donlevy explained that he made the decision to close the pool until it was working correctly because he didn't want to see swimmers "jerked around" and show up to swim, only to find out that the pool was closed. He added that anyone who paid to swim in February and couldn't use the pool will have their money prorated to March.

He further expressed frustration about the problems in getting the pool up and running again.

"These problems diminish the people's confidence in our ability to

get this pool online," said Donlevy last week. "The pool is less than one year old. It should be working."

Donlevy said he met with Winters Superintendent of Schools Dale Mitchell to discuss the situation with the pool, and also brought his own public works staff to the pool to see if they could offer any assistance, as three of the public works staff are skilled in operating the computerized chlorination systems that provide city drinking water.

"We know how to chlorinate water," said Donlevy.

He stressed that the city owns the pool, which cost almost \$2 million dollars, and called the malfunctioning equipment and problems getting it fixed "unacceptable."

"We need to get that pool dialed in and working."

He added that as the equipment is still under warranty, the company that constructed the pool

needs to repair or replace the equipment, and firmly stated that whoever is responsible to correct the problem "will be held culpable." He also explained that because maintenance is the school district's responsibility, the calls to the pool contractor need to be initiated by the school district.

According to Cook, that took place on Friday, Feb. 22, and the equipment was working correctly. However, there is some disagreement between the city and the school district about which entity actually succeeded in getting the equipment up and running, because Donlevy says city staff also worked on the new equipment on the same day.

Whoever finally fixed the problem is probably less important to the swimmers than the fact that the pool reopened on Monday, Feb. 25 and they could finally get back in the water.

Workshop addresses changes to plumbing, mechanical codes

There have been significant changes to the California Plumbing and Mechanical Codes, which went into effect on Jan. 1, and are now being enforced in the City of Winters.

The building departments of the cities of Winters, Davis and Woodland and Yolo County are hosting a free training to help familiarize contractors, homeowners, business owners and design professionals with the changes.

The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Woodland Community

and Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland.

The workshop will be instructed by IAPMO Certified Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector, Jose A. Jaimes. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the new plumbing and mechanical codes is invited to attend.

For more information or to sign up for the free workshop, call Gene Ashdown, City of Winters Building Official, 795-4910, extension 117.

Those interested in attending are asked to sign up by Monday, March 17.

AGENDA

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irrigation improvements at Winters Nature Park, not to exceed \$12,000; Buckhorn car shows for 2008; Yolo County Animal Services contract.)

~ Swearing-in of Reserve Officers Matthew Martin and Anthony Furtado.

~ Presentation to Officer Jeremy Warren, the Winters Police Department's "Officer Of the Year."

~ Public Safety Facility update Report: Police Chief Bruce Muramoto, Fire Chief Scott Dozier and Architect Dennis Dong will present the project's site plan and programming for council review.

~ Traffic circles at the east and west ends of Main Street, at Morgan and Walnut Streets, and Valley Oak Drive.

~ Introduce ordinance to amending the Winters Municipal Code to authorize compensation for planning commissioners.

~ Resolution regarding reconfiguration and partial vacation of East Abbey Street between Railroad Avenue and Elliot Street

~ Re-adopt resolution to propose a ballot measure for the Utility Users Tax Reduction and Modernization Act; transmission of the proposed ballot to city attorney for preparation of an impartial analysis.

~ Re-adopt resolution calling an election for June 3 and requesting Yolo County to consolidate the election with the statewide primary election, calling for the election of city council members for two vacant positions, and placing the Utility Users Tax Reduction and Modernization Act on the ballot.

~ Authorize city manager to execute amendment with Calpo, Hom and Dong, architects for the Public Safety Facility Project; revised project budget sheet.

~ Resolution establishing city planning, engineering fees and building permit fees.

Bikers to rumble into town

ABATE (American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education), a non-profit organization that supports motorcycle safety and education is holding its 20th annual Freeze Your (Tail) Off Poker Run on Sunday, March 2. As many as 600 motorcycles are expected to roll into town in the late morning, and spend the afternoon at the Winters Community Center, where they will enjoy a barbecue lunch.

Winters is the final destination of the annual

event, and run pins will be awarded to the first 250 bikers to finish. Local events include a 50-50 raffle, live music and catering by Jennifer Guetter, owner of JJ's Saloon.

All motorcycle makes and models are welcome, and walk-ins are welcome at the party. A \$20 donation is requested at the door.

For more information, call Glenn, (707) 718-4790 or Tookie, (707) 450-0900, or visit abate17@Comcast.net.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO

BECAUSE I SAY SO

SO, I HAD THIS FANTASY: What if, in the interest of unifying the country and healing its deep, festering partisan wounds, the eventual presidential candidates agreed to accept their opponent as their vice president rather than select a running mate. I realize, of course, that pigs will fly first, but just play with the idea for a moment.

Because the majority of voters are roughly an even split between Republicans and Democrats, with enough Independents, Greens, Decline to State and Libertarians tossed in to sway things one way or the other, with this bi-party ticket strategy, the majority would pick the president and the minority would still have their candidate as vice president to protect their concerns. It'd be a consolation prize of sorts for the losing side, and one half of the country wouldn't be forced to grimace its way through the next four years in "like it or lump it" mode.

Another bonus to a bi-party ticket: Maybe, just maybe, the candidates would be a little more careful about slinging mud in each other's faces if they knew that ultimately they'd be looking at that face every morning, and have to get along and function as partners with the person behind it.

Having one's opponent as a co-pilot would also provide built-in checks and balances. The vice president wouldn't be, at the one extreme, an obedient lap dog and quintessential "yes man," or at the other extreme, the actual engine of the White House machine, charting the course in stealth while the "President" sits at the wheel and "drives," waving to the crowds like an average 4-year-old riding the kiddie car merry-go-round at the county fair. (Admit it, you can easily envision Dubya grinning from ear to ear at the wheel of a cute little sparkly green Jeep, can't you. Beep beep!)

A Republican/Democrat partnership that must hammer out an agreement rather than pander to the party base would set an example for the whole country. We'd have to learn to focus our energy where we agree and strive for compromise and flexibility where we don't. Moreover, there'd be no more pointing fingers at "the other side" for causing all the problems, because both sides made the decisions.

If Barack Obama and John McCain are the eventual nominees, you can picture this scenario materializing. They represent the best of both worlds. Obama is change, hope and optimism, while McCain is wisdom, experience and caution. Obama is "let's try something new" and McCain is "this has always worked." You need a mix of both – the willingness to take chances fueled by experience that remembers why that approach blew up in your face the last time. Put them together, and you figure out how to take a chance, but from a different angle this time so you don't repeat your mistakes. With Obama and McCain pulling together, we'd have a composite of hope and experience.

Dang, it's enough to make one giddy just thinking about it.

But that's assuming Obama gets the nomination. Should Hillary still pull it off, for some reason that bi-party White House seems less enticing. Without Obama, there's no "hope" element. I don't get "hope" from Hillary, other than to hope she'll stop talking. Her voice grates on my ears like fingernails on a chalkboard.

I get "change" from Hillary, but it's along the lines of changing her position like a chameleon changes colors depending on what the latest opinion polls are saying and how well her "positions" will propel her political career forward rather than because she truly believes in them (her support of the Iraq War comes to mind). That's not the kind of change Obama represents.

And if Mike Huckabee pulls off one of those miracles he keeps talking about and ends up in this bi-party plan? Regardless of who he's paired with, things will be beyond interesting. Not only will pigs fly before Huckabee is the Republican nominee, they'll do barrel rolls and loop-de-loops. And a Hillabee White House? Now we're talking pigs in space.

Unless something remarkably unexpected transpires, all things are pointing to an Obama vs. McCain showdown come November. What a cool thing it'd be if it were instead an Obama-McCain vs. McCain-Obama election. What a cool thing it'd be if we no longer were a Red and Blue country, but one big Purple one.

Imagine. It's easy if you try.

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. It just feels that way sometimes.

OUT OF OFFICE COUNTDOWN: The Jeep ride is over in 47 weeks!

Calling all astronomers to party

Dear Editor,

Waggoner School's third grade class will be having its annual Star Party this Thursday, Feb. 28, from 6-8 p.m. We are asking for community help by requesting your presence at our playground with your telescope and/or knowledge

about astronomy.

Students learn more from this kind of personal interaction. The moon will be in its third quarter, so viewing should be good. Come one, come all. We can use both your help and expertise.

**Vickie Catalan and
Third Grade Teachers**



LETTERS

Let's keep our town clean

Dear Editor,

My little sister is a Girl Scout, in Brownies; it was this that influenced her to do the most beautiful thing the other day. We were walking home when she noticed trash on the side of the street. Without hesitation, my sister walked over to it, picked it up and told me that she was going to throw it away when we got home. Then, she picked up every piece of garbage on the way, and put it in the trash can when we were home. I was so proud of her.

I noticed that it was not that hard to make the street look a little better. As you may have noticed, there is trash everywhere in Winters. I asked myself, is this because people don't care? Then, I came to the conclusion that if more people cared than didn't, the people who leave the trash would be outnumbered by those who threw it away. It would not be that hard if everyone pitched in to make Winters a

cleaner, better place to live. It would persuade young generations, such as my sister, to keep the Earth clean.

Here are a few suggestions of things that we can do to keep Winters a cleaner town:

~ Have a Community Clean-Up Day every few months where we can get the whole town involved in picking up the streets for a day.

~ Put more trash cans around areas of the town to make it easier to throw away trash.

~ Promote keeping Winters clean by putting reminders in the paper or putting up signs around town.

~ We can also go to the schools and talk to the students about keeping their garbage in trash cans and off the streets.

I believe by making a few small additions to our already active community, we can make Winters a cleaner, more pleasant place to live.

**ASHLEY WISER
Student**

Youth Day group needs help

Dear Editor,

Plans are in full force for the 72nd Annual Winters Youth Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, April 26. Festivities will begin with the Youth Day Opening Ceremonies at the Winters Community Center on Friday, April 25.

Youth Day morning will begin with the annual Winters Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast, benefiting high school scholarships.

Following breakfast, the Kiddie Parade will precede the 72nd Winters Youth Day Parade, featuring over 100 entries from throughout California. After the parades, a day-long celebration is planned at City Park. Due to huge crowds at the park, the Youth Day Committee is contemplating an extra venue with music and booths at Rotary Park, helping to spread the crowds out and giving literally thousands of people access to downtown businesses and the Rotary Park area.

Entry forms are now available for the 72nd annual parade, with cash awards being offered to the best in many cate-

gories. Forms can be obtained by calling Parade Chairman Mike Sebastian at 795-2091 or at Winters City Hall, 318 First Street. The deadline for turning in entries is Friday, April 18. Entries received after that date can participate but will be ineligible for awards.

On a personal note, this marks my 30th year on the Youth Day Committee. I started as dance chairman and parade announcer (which I still do today) when I was a 14 year old freshman at Winters High. It is hard to believe this time has passed so quickly. I encourage people to get involved with the Youth Day Committee and bring in fresh ideas to help this annual tradition keep up with the times.

It would be nice to add to our committee of only eight people to put on this fun event. This doesn't have to be a 30 year commitment. Please come to a Youth Day meeting and find out how you can help.

**MIKE SEBASTIAN
Winters Youth Day
Parade Chairman**

Thanks for helping to find dogs

Dear Editor,

Last week, my dogs got out of the yard, and I want to thank all the wonderful people who lent a hand in getting them back home. Fortunately, my neighbors picked up one of my dogs, but I had to search for the other one. So many helpful people called in response to my flyers, and

one gentleman spent quite a while driving around his neighborhood helping me search.

Frankie is now back home safe and sound, after spending a night at the animal shelter in Woodland.

Thank you all so very much — your generosity is really appreciated.

PATTY QUICKERT

"Go oft to the house of they friend,
for weeds choke the unsued path."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

IT'S A BOY. I starting to like this grandpa business. You really don't have to do much, just show up once in a while with a bag of M&Ms in your hand, pull a wagon to the playground and push a swing for a few hours.

My favorite daughter, and ex-temporary tenant, just had another child. This could be it for grandchildren, as she now has a girl and a boy, which makes for a modern day family. She should be accustomed to this family set up, as she is the older of our two children. I hope my granddaughter, Jenna, treats her little brother, Brett, better than Laura treated Robert, when they were younger.

I've been fortunate to be there with the birth of my two grandchildren, and this one was a walk in the park. The doctor wasn't in the room 40 minutes when he started making comments about what a fine "boy" we had. It went real quick, at least for Sherri and me. Laura didn't look all worn out like the last time. Maybe she'll think it was such an easy chore she'll have an even dozen.

The last time I wrote about having a grandchild, Shirley Marks phoned to tell me her children were also born at Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock. As I was listening to Sherri give me driving directions I was thinking that Mike and Betty Ann Ireland live in Turlock and probably know the way to Emanuel Hospital. It is a small world.

At seven pounds and five ounces Brett is huge. We aren't used to large babies and to tell the truth, the Wallace gene pool could use a little slimming down. A little side note about the hospital, when Laura and Rance checked in, they gave them the same room as last time. Kind of like a hotel who remembers your name when you check in. Pretty nice of them don't you think.

LOTS TO DO THIS WEEKEND. For those that say there is never anything to do in Winters, there is a motorcycle rally coming to Winters on Sunday, March 2. It starts in Vacaville, runs around the countryside and ends up in Winters for lunch. If you like the sound of Harleys, and looking at motorcycles, this is your chance. You can also pay a few dollars and have lunch with people you may not normally associate with.

ABATE is a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who have banded together to educate the public and the politicians about motorcycle safety and to watch which laws get passed that might negatively impact riders. That is a full time job in not just California but everywhere politicians gather to pass laws.

There will be almost 2,000 new laws considered this year by our legislators. The first law they should pass is one that would make them get rid of an old one before a new law takes place. There are plenty of laws on the books that they could shed, and plenty of new laws that they could skip altogether.

With November quickly approaching, politicians will want to prove to us that they are doing their jobs. What that usually means is they want to spend more of our money trying to convince us that they are in Sacramento to help. I'd laugh out loud, but it really isn't funny how they continue to pass new laws, spend more of our money and don't seem to be concerned about the *15 billion dollars* they are spending that we don't have. Maybe they've been watching their cousins in Washington, D.C. for too many years. What is the federal deficit this year, \$450 billion? The national debt is approaching \$9 trillion, which means Brett is born owing over \$30,000 just to pay off past debts that he didn't even know about.

ABATE is one of those groups that tries to keep laws that infringe on our rights off the books. It is a struggle, but someone has to do it. Stop by, have a cold beverage, a little barbecue and say hello. While you're at the Community Center, take a walk across the train bridge, watch the waters of Putah Creek flowing by, take a breath and count your blessings.

If you are still looking for something to do, head for the Capay Valley Almond Festival. The festival was scheduled for last weekend, and for the first time in my memory, was postponed because of the weather.

It may take you awhile to drive all the way up the valley, but if the weather is nice and the almonds are blooming, it's worth the traffic. Stop at Guinda for some music and remember to stop in Esparto for a sandwich. You might just find a car show in Madison, but if you just look around the whole event is one big car and bike show. Cache Creek isn't as pretty as Putah Creek, so you might as well come home, take a walk along the creek and count your blessings, again.

For those new to Winters who wonder what the * next to our future subscribers is for, it is for a gift to the publisher. In the past it was for cigars, but lately it's been chocolate chip cookies. See's suckers aren't bad either. The guy that is supposed to be on page two started the * but told everyone that it meant that the couple had been married for nine months or more. He said it wasn't that funny "but it sure brought in the cigars."

Have a good week.

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Community

Annual tree sale planned March 8

The Winters Friends of the Library is holding its annual Fruit Tree Sale on Saturday, March 8 (rain or shine) at the parking lot on Railroad Avenue between Baker and Edwards Streets. The sale starts at 9 a.m. and will end when the last tree is sold.

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. The trees include several popular varieties of peach, nectarine, apricot, apple, pear, cherry, and almond. Four Winds Growers of Winters has donated 50 potted dwarf citrus trees, including orange, lemon and lime, to be sold at \$25 each. There will be a limit of 10 trees to a customer.

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

Proceeds from the sale of these trees will be used to improve the library collections and programs and to contribute to the new Winters library. Construction is expected to break ground this summer. For more information, call Charlotte, 795-0615, or go to www.trees.wfol.org.

Fortnightly Club enjoys Burns poetry

By **AUDREY THURMOND**
Special to the Express

The Winters Fortnightly Club celebrated Valentine's Day a little early with a poetry reading by the talented Maggie Burns at the meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Burns presented a number of works on the theme of love, from vintage to very modern, including several of her own poems.

A former cell biologist, Burns maintains numerous interests beyond her poetry, including theater arts and philanthropy. She has been instrumental in the Yolo Community Foundation, a mechanism for philanthropy and the creation of an endowment used for the good of the community. The club members appreciated the entertaining and thought provoking presentation.

President Darlene Benson presided over the business meeting, covering preparations for the group's upcoming fund-raiser to support the Winters Fortnightly

Search on for new director

By **JUSTIN COX**
Staff writer

With Dan Sokolow gone and the Community Development Director position at City Hall now vacant, staff is staring down the barrel of what's expected to be a very rigid search for a replacement. At the Feb. 19 council meeting, they recommended that the city enter into a professional services agreement with an employment search firm. After receiving proposals from three potential firms, they chose Peckham & McKenney, who will conduct the search at a price not to exceed \$23,000.

"Search firms are very effective," said City Manager John Donlevy. "It's their business to establish a wide variety of contacts."

"The market is competitive right now. And as much as we might like consider ourselves the center of the universe, we're actually a little bit out."

According to staff's report, Bobbie Peckham of Peckham & McKenny has "extensive experience working with city councils, executive boards and local government administrations."

She actually headed the search that ultimately led Donlevy to the city manager position in 2001. At \$23,000, the price of such a service was called into question by the council.

"I have a problem with the cost," said Councilmember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry. "Yes, we want the best, but it's hard to justify the dollar

amount when we're already pinching pennies. What alternatives have we looked at?"

Donlevy explained that while the City has enjoyed hiring locally for many positions in recent years, the Community Development Director position carries with it a degree of difficulty that will not be so easily met. In a testament to the hard work put forth by Sokolow during his time in Winters, Donlevy insisted that the City would be best served by looking at a deep pool of candidates with relevant experience. By allowing a search firm to actively pursue potential replacements, the diversity and variety will be greatly expanded and the odds of finding a strong, prepared candidate will in turn go up.

Of concern to Councilmember Harold Anderson was the issue of salary range, noting that that's "really the issue."

"Is salary an issue?" responded Donlevy. "Absolutely, and our salaries are a little low. But that adds to why you want a search firm."

"We don't expect to find a person who's going to bring 20 years of experience. We need someone to bring the commitment to want to come be a part of Winters."

Having weighed the pros and cons, the council ultimately approved the move in a 4-1 vote (Aguiar-Curry voted against), the main point being that while \$23,000 is not a small amount of money, it's far less devastating than the prospect of hiring the wrong per-

son and having to absorb the monetary effects of a failed attempt.

"There's probably no one in the community that could fill this particular job," said Councilmember Tom Stone. "It's a difficult job."

"I trust John (Donlevy's) judgment on this," said Mayor Woody Fridae. "I feel this is important. Otherwise he wouldn't be bringing it to us."

Other Items

~ March will be Women's History Month. A luncheon will be held on March 6 at the Woodland Community Center, where a PowerPoint presentation will be shown in honor of local female artists from all disciplines.

"We will honor women while bringing communities together and restoring hope in the face of impossible odds," said representative B.J. Ford.

~ Proclamations were given in honor of various local contributors for their support of the first annual Harvest Festival, which took place in Sept. 2007. The festival was designed to help bring the Anglo and Hispanic communities together in Winters. Those honored were Mariani Nut Company Foundations, Aguiar Ranch, Valerie Whitworth, Michael Barbour and Howard and Germaine Hupe.

~ Proclamations honoring the Winters High School Agriculture Issues Team were given. The team included Amy

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Annual Quiz Show accepting team signups

By **REBECCA FRIDAE**
Special to the Express

What state has no straight line in its border? What element has the symbol Ag?

Last year's Quiz Show champions, the Wintun Warriors, sponsored by Warrior Video, are already studying up on questions such as these for the 5th annual Winters Friends of the Library fundraiser, The Quiz Show, planned for Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Will they be able to continue their two-year streak as champions?

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

Show champions. The trophy is currently on display in the library.

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

There will be three rounds of play. Questions will be from a variety of categories ranging from history, literature and science, to Winters trivia. In the first round, team members will work together to come up with answers to a variety of questions. The top five or six teams will continue on to the next level where teams can use strategy to help them gain more points while answering a variety of questions.

After several rounds of

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

Those interested in attending the event but not participating are invited to come and watch. A \$4 donation for spectators is requested at the door. The Friends will provide refreshments.

Teams interested in registering need to do so by Friday, March 28, or for an additional donation of \$20, may register at the door. Registration forms are available at the library, on the corner of 1st and Russell streets.

For more information, call Rebecca Fridae at 795-4600.

(The answers to the questions at the top of this article are Hawaii and silver.)

Change in utility users tax will be considered Tuesday

By **DEBRA LO GUERCIO**
Express editor

A change in the way the city receives its utility users tax will be the focus of a public hearing planned for the March 4 agenda. The city council held an emergency meeting on Thursday, Feb. 21, to qualify the tax change for the June 3 ballot. Before appearing on the ballot, the measure must first be approved by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

The deadline to make submissions for the ballot is March 7. However, as the county supervisors already met on Feb. 26, and would not meet again before the deadline, the city was forced to hold a special meeting to make a formal resolution to send the ballot request to the county supervisors by the Feb. 26 meeting. In addition to the ballot measure, the resolution included an election for two city council seats.

According to Nanci Mills, director of administrative services, the measure would reduce the current 5 percent utility tax already charged to customers to 4.75 percent, but would add a utility tax to other companies that are not charging it. She explains that when the utility tax measure was initially written in 1992, some technology that didn't exist at that time was not included in the language. As it stands, the tax applies only to gas, electric and telephone service. The purpose of the change is to correct the language to include current technology, such as cable communications, Pay-Per-View programming and satellite television. If voters do not approve the change, the utility

tax will remain as it is, at 5 percent.

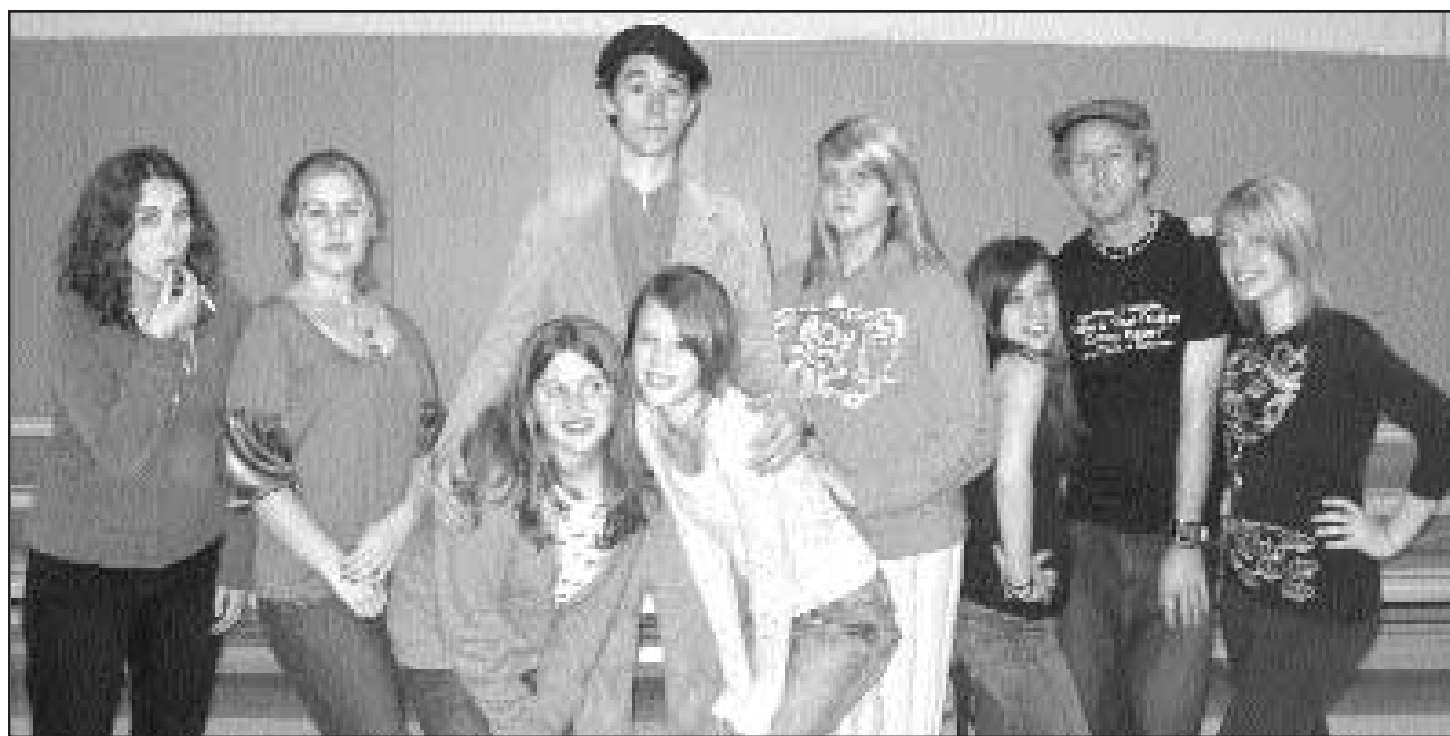
The utility users tax was adopted by the city council in 1992, with a one-year sunset, to generate revenue for the police and fire department budgets. All money collected from this tax goes into the city's General Fund and is earmarked specifically for that purpose.

The city council re-approved the tax in 1994, with a three-year sunset. However, Proposition 218 was subsequently passed by the voters, stipulating that changes in taxation can only be made by voter approval in an election. In 1998, the utility tax was approved by Winters voters at 5 percent, with no sunset. Mills explains that even lowering a tax cannot be done without approval by voters. She adds that if a user's tax is higher than \$300 per account, the city will offer that user a refund for the difference.

According to information provided by the city's finance officer, Shelly Gunby, the following utilities are already collecting the Winters utility users tax and turning that revenue over to the city: PG&E, AT&T, On Star, PNG Telecom, Intelgretel, OPex Com, Comtel Telecom, Talk America, New Cingular, Global Star, Intellectual Metro PCS Wireless, Pacific Bell, Sempra Energy, Accent Energy, BBG Com, Trim Comm, Zone Communications, Commerce Energy, T-Mobile, First Communications, Lifeline, Verizon, Sprint Nextel, Strategic Energy, Sprint Spectrum, Sprint Telphony PCS, Matrix Telexom, Cingular, Primus Telecom, Sprint, Comliance.

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Courtesy Photo

Joanie Bryant, Sarah Stephens, Allie Griffey, Andrew Fridae, Kimi Bowen, Jessie Freckmann, Ashly Shaw, Jim Hewlett and Jessica Bassett prepare for this weekend's show of Annie. The show takes place at the Community Center on Feb. 29 and March 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$10 general admission, \$6 seniors and students.

'Annie' comes to Winters this weekend

A huge musical spectacle will take place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 29 and March 1, at the Community Center when "Annie" fills the stage with more than 30 singers and dancers featured in the Winters Parks and Recreation production.

Curtains rise at 7 p.m. but be early to claim

good seats. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance at Winters Middle School, Shirley Rominger Intermediate School or City Hall.

The cast includes Samantha Andrada, Taylor Biasi, Chaney Coman, Chloe Graf, Eric Guzman, Jean-Luc Hayes, Briana Hernandez, Aadiana Jimenez, Jennifer

Johnson and Vanessa Lee.

This double-cast show will be different each night, but everyone will be onstage for the big numbers, including Lilly Manas, Colwyn Martin, Nick McKenna, Colton Montgomery, Emma Nicholson, Will Nicholson, Danielle Ries, Kayleen Rogers, Katie Sebastian,

Mikenna Sims, Alexis Torres, Malaya Vosburg, and Lilia Walton.

This fast-paced jubilant production (with no intermission) will bring chuckles and tears while introducing the next generation of local "stars" in Winters.

Tickets are adults/\$10; students and seniors/\$6.

PRITCHARD

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gether 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."

Pritchard works in masonry restoration in

San Francisco. His job 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, look-

ing 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."

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

Breakfast aids West Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department

The West Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department is holding its 30th annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 2, at the fire station on County Road 95, one mile north of County Road 31. An all-you-can-eat breakfast

will be served from 6:30-11 a.m. The cost is \$6.50 if purchased in advance and \$7.50 at the door. Children under six eat free. Money raised will be used to purchase emergency equipment.

For more information, call the station, 756-0212.

CLUB

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Club \$1500 scholarship, presented to a deserving senior girl at Winters High School.

The "Spring has

Sprung" Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held at noon on Saturday, March 15, at the Winters Community Center. Tickets are \$15 and available from club members or by calling Marge Graf, 795-2813.

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Avellar, Megan Avellar, Caitlin Calvert and Raven Castro.

"We worked really hard to make state," said Castro. "We were passionate and dedicated and we feel we did a good job of informing the public about our topic (food safety)."

"Our team put a lot of effort into this," added Calvert. "And we had a lot of fun."

~ The council approved the first reading of Ordinance 2008-05, which will amend a portion of the municipal code in regard to building permit fees. The amendments will simplify the process and flatten the fees. The second reading will take place on March 4.

~ Donlevy and Director of Finance Shelly Gunby presented a fiscal forecast for the City of Winters.

"We see that there's a potential problem ahead of us," said Gunby. "And we'd like to meet it head on."

In an effort to remain financially sustainable, virtually no buildings permits will be issued until July 2010. Donlevy and Gunby will meet with the councilmembers on April 1 to examine the entire fiscal picture and discuss potential changes in policy and budget cuts.

~ A measure will appear on the ballot at the June 1 elections in regard to utility fees. The current language is outdated and not entirely applicable.

~ The council agreed to require that all who receive monetary compensation or reimbursement from the city be formally certified through ethics training, which can now be done on the internet. This was an alteration to an already-existing requirement.

"I'm here to stay," he says. "This is where my roots are going to be."

(Editor's note: In last week's story about the Firefighter and EMT of the Year awards, Sean Pritchard's last name was misspelled, so we are rerunning the portion of the story about him. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.)

CUTTING

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Griffin, a teacher, and two students objected to the proposed cuts, which are expected to reduce the amount of elective offerings at the high school.

“We are not in declining enrollment at the high school,” said high school teacher Liz Coman, “and won’t be next year, and yet the biggest hit will be at the high school in terms of staffing — so it’s kind of on our backs. When the decline does come and you make more cuts, what will be left?” She suggested parents with means would send their kids elsewhere, further affecting attendance. She also objected to increasing class size, as a violation of negotiated contracts.

Students Raven Castro and Amy Cross came in their FFA uniforms, to speak against the effect cutting electives could have on the ag program at the high school.

“For me, ag has been a huge part of my success in high school,” said Castro, “and FFA has influenced my life and impacted me so tremendously. It’s more than just ag in the classroom, it becomes a student’s life. It becomes a life choice. I would hate to see anything happen to the ag program. Community members as well see it as such a beneficial program, it should not be cut.”

“Agriculture and FFA are both near and dear to my heart,” said Cross. She pointed out the success of the program at state and national competitions, and the scholarships the program has generated for students, including Fullbright scholarships. She also talked about advanced placement classes, which have helped her earn a 4.3 grade point average (GPA), and mentioned a Davis friend who had achieved a 4.9 GPA. She said AP classes are key for the college application process.

“Electives are the reason many students can drag themselves out of bed in the morning,” said Cross. “Before you decide, go out and talk to the students and see these programs.”

High School principal George Griffin said the superintendent’s calculation of class size is too simple, overlooking a number of sections that for various reasons cannot be expanded beyond a 20 to 1 ratio. There are 16 sections that must be kept at 25 to 1 or less for reasons of safety.

“For example,” said Griffin, “the home economics room will not handle more than 25 students, because of the number of kitchens. Supervising more than 25 students in the welding and wood shops is considered a safety problem. Our ag incentive grant allows us to limit classes to 20 to 1, and exceeding that puts those grants in jeopardy

as well.”

Griffin said AP classes are typically 11 to 1, so they would be affected by striving for a 27 to 1 ratio, as the superintendent proposed. He said staffing could be safely reduced by .5, but not the 1.17 called for in the proposal.

“Beyond that means eliminating opportunities,” said Griffin. “I would point out we already have one retirement from my site that would be \$20,000 to \$35,000 in savings, that hasn’t been accounted for.

Trustee Rob Nickelson asked what the new schedule will look like. Griffin explained the schedule process, saying student requests get the most weight in the decision, and the result can arrive as early as early summer, or as late as two days before school starts. The subjects with the fewest student requests are the most in jeopardy.

“I don’t think it’s going to be the end of the world,” said Nickelson of the 1.17 reduction.

“The school will not be able to serve all of the juniors or seniors that request more classes than the number they are required to take,” said Mitchell.

“These cuts directly affect our students,” said trustee Rodney Orosco. “If we approve this, the reduction will actually be 2.0, because one teacher is retiring. These enrichment programs are on the chop-

ping block, the very programs that are the reason students come to our school. If we keep chipping away, there will be no incentive to send my child here. I don’t agree with this proposal — I don’t think we’ve been creative enough.”

Trustee Matt Brickey asked about considering the retirement of a teacher at the high school, mentioned by Griffin, as part of the calculation.

Mitchell objected to this approach, because it cherry-picks one favorable unexpected change to the accounting, but will ignore unfavorable unexpected changes.

“The district operates with a fluid budget,” said Mitchell. “You can’t do it both ways. That is not sound financial practice.”

At this point in the conversation, Mitchell offered a way to limit the pain to cuts of four periods instead of seven, by using one-time monies. He said the amount could not exceed funds needed to keep three periods, without affecting certification of the district by the county.

Trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa proposed trustees reduce their own stipends by half, saving the district about \$9000, or the equivalent of reducing the 1.17 staffing cut to 1.0. The conversation got more interesting as Orosco suggested the board give back all its stipend, and

Nickelson strongly objected to giving back any.

“Can I make a motion that Rodney give up all of his paycheck?” said Nickelson. “Just kidding, Rodney.”

“We love having you on the board,” said Orosco, “you make it so interesting.”

Nickelson moved accepting the superintendent’s plan, along with the one-time money amendment. Rodolfa objected to using one-time money, but said she would grudgingly support it.

Trustee Jay Shepherd said he would vote no, objecting to the one-time money aspect. He also objected to trustees commenting on how their own children in the school would be affected.

“As a board, we represent all students in the district. Even if we are making recommendations that are site-specific, we are supposed to take into consideration the needs of the whole district.

“We have a governor that is willing to balance the budget on the backs of the school kids, It doesn’t get any easier folks. We are going to have to deal with those issues as we go along.”

Asked by Orosco why he is voting no, Shepherd said the superintendent’s original proposal is a good one, and the high school should be able to handle it.

After Shepherd’s com-

ments, Rodolfa said she agreed and would vote no.

The motion failed, with Shepherd, Orosco and Rodolfa voting no.

Rodolfa brought up the stipend reduction again, raising the question of whether the board could reduce the stipends of all the members without a unanimous vote. She moved this approach, but the motion failed without a second.

Asked by Nickelson, Mitchell reiterated his comfort with the one-time money proposal, regardless of whether trustees took a stipend reduction.

Orosco said he would challenge the trustees to give up all their stipend, but at the same time would vote no on the motion, because of his objections to any cuts in staffing.

In an effort to get something to work, Rodolfa moved the same earlier motion again to make cuts with the help of one-time money, despite her having voted no the first time.

The motion passed this time, including the use of one-time monies to limit the cuts to four periods as opposed to seven, with only Orosco voting no.

The next school board meeting will take place on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the district office, 901 Grant Avenue. The meetings open with an opportunity for the public to address the board on non-agenda subjects.

Youth Day doesn’t happen by magic!

The Winters Youth Day Committee needs volunteers to help with this year’s event!

Call Mike Sebastian, 795-2091 to volunteer

Nuestras Noticias



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Voto importante

No podemos quedarnos fuera de la jugada, seguiremos hablando de las elecciones que están acaparando a diario la atención de la gente. Por el lado republicano parece que la decisión esta tomada, John McCain será el candidato a buscar la presidencia de los Estados Unidos, parece que el partido republicano ya hizo su tarea, mas, sin embargo, McCain no es el favorito de todos los republicanos, especialmente de los conservadores, pero si no pasa otra cosa, McCain estará peleando en noviembre contra, Obama o Clinton. Hasta hoy a pesar de que Obama parece ser que esta aventajando a Clinton en el conteo total de delegados, no todo esta dicho, sobre todo cuando faltan por entrar en la votación los estados de Texas e Illinois.

Cuando hablamos de política, tenemos que mencionar el voto hispano, ahora el voto hispano se ha vuelto importante, se ha vuelto significativo, ya no son solo un pequeño porcentaje de hispanos votando, no, ya ahora somos una cifra significativa, y eso lo saben muy bien McCain, Obama y Clinton.

Las dos veces que Bush gano la presidencia, el voto hispano fue factor importante, y ahora en estas votaciones primarias, el voto hispano se ha consolidado, se ha hecho más importante, ahora inclusive los medios de comunicación en ingles, ya hablan del voto latino. Será que ya no somos el gigante dormido, en un futuro seremos la tercera parte de la población, y, por consiguiente, habrá hispanos con mas dinero, y más educación, lo que se traducirá en mas puestos políticos, mas poder.

No se que tan lejos estemos de tener un latino en la presidencia, pero mientras tanto nuestro voto esta eligiendo desde alcaldes, hasta gobernadores, y ahora candidatos a la presidencia. Y para muestra basta un botón, Clinton y Obama saben de la importancia del voto latino en Texas, por lo tanto han apuntado todas sus baterías a los hispanos de Texas, porque saben que después de las primarias en Texas, el final estará mas cerca para uno de los dos, uno que se quedara atrás, y el otro se enfrentara a McCain.

Se ha cuestionado el apoyo de los hispanos a Obama, se habla de tensiones raciales entre las dos comunidades, pero lo que pasa es que somos dos grupos buscando una mejor calidad de vida, y sabemos que nuestro voto pondrá a las personas indicadas en la posición de ayudarnos.

Y al principio el equipo de campaña de Obama, no puso mucha atención en el voto hispano, pero se dieron cuenta que si querían darle pelea a Clinton, tendrían que buscar a los hispanos, y buscaron el apoyo de Luis Gutiérrez y el ex alcalde de Denver y exsecretario de transporte, Federico Peña, contrataron a una asesora en medios hispanos y el cambio se sintió casi inmediatamente.

Los latinos conocemos mas a Clinton que a Obama, la conocemos por Bill Clinton, y juzgamos que con Bill Clinton los hispanos tuvimos un avance importante en este país, tal ves ahora solo tendremos que darle un poco mas de tiempo a Obama, y así podremos saber cual será su alcance con la comunidad hispana, solo queda esperar las votaciones en Texas, para saber si Obama sigue con su paso arrollados, o si Clinton le puede poner un freno, y se vuelve a emparejar la pelea. Los dos saben que en parte su futuro político depende de los hispanos, sino al tiempo.

Inscripciones Para Kinder 2008-2009

Niños que cumplen cinco años el día 2 de diciembre de 2008 o antes, son elegibles para empezar kinder el próximo año escolar. Las formas para la inscripción de kinder se pueden recoger en la oficina de la Escuela Waggoner,

500 W. Edwards Street, del 11 de marzo a 1 de abril, de 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Las formas de inscripción pueden regresarlas a la oficina de la Escuela Waggoner para el 1 de abril. Para mas información llamen la oficina al 795-6121.

¿Usted que hará con su dinero gratis que le regresara el gobierno?

Si pitagoras no se equivoca, y espero que el gobierno federal tampoco lo haga, mi familia va a recibir 1500 dólares de parte del gobierno de los Estados Unidos. El gobierno dice que es dinero gratis, pero ya estamos tan acostumbrados a este país, en donde sabemos que aquí nada es gratis, que aquí si quieres tener algo, tienes que trabajar para conseguirlo. Insisto será dinero gratis, vamos a hacer de cuenta que le atinamos a cinco números de lotto.

Este cheque lo recibiremos los que trabajamos, vivimos y pagamos impuestos, lo estarán enviando a las casas en el mes de mayo. Pero ¿Usted que hará con su dinero gratis? Tal

ves este pensando comprar una televisión plasma, o tomarse unas pequeñas vacaciones, saldar algunas deudas, en fin. Todos tenemos diferentes necesidades que estoy seguro que este dinero será muy bien aprovechado.

El presidente Bush quiere que gastemos el dinero, no quiere que lo ahorremos, piensan que con este estímulo la economía va a mejorar, y se evitara una recesión, que por cierto creo que ya estamos en ella, pero el gobierno no lo ha hecho oficial. En total, van a ser 152 mil millones de dólares los que el gobierno federal regalará a toda la gente de Estados Unidos.

El objeto del gobierno

Un hogar seguro para todos

Por MYRIAM GRAJALES

El hogar es un lugar de refugio y seguridad, pero los peligros pueden acechar y pasar desapercibidos. Un alto número de esporas de moho que son invisibles podrían estar causando problemas respiratorios; el plomo, que se aplicaba a la pintura hace mucho tiempo, podría impedir que los niños aprendan y se desarrollen normalmente, y el agua potable, que luce perfectamente sana, podría contener químicos y contaminantes que podrían enfermar a su familia.

La Extensión Cooperativa de la Universidad de California es parte de un programa nacional cuyo objetivo es concientizar a los estadounidenses sobre los peligros que se hallan dentro de sus casas y lo que pueden hacer para minimizarlos. El Departamento de Agricultura de EE.UU., el Servicio Estatal Cooperativo de Investigación, Educación e Instrucción, el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano y la Extensión Cooperativa están trabajando juntos para divulgar esta información entre familias con niños de bajos recursos en toda la nación.

La coordinadora de Casas Saludables de California (California Healthy Homes) es Gloria Barrett, directora de Extensión Cooperativa de UC en el condado de Sacramento y consejera sobre desarrollo comunitario. Barrett indicó que las preguntas más comunes sobre seguridad en el hogar que le hacen son acerca del moho. Existen muchas especies de moho que pueden crecer en una vivienda y los científicos hasta ahora no han determinado si alguna de ellas es particularmente mortal. Lo que sí saben es que cuando el moho crece en interiores, las esporas se concentran en el aire y pueden causar problemas de salud, especialmente entre personas que son sensibles a alergénicos o sufren de asma.

De acuerdo con la Junta para los Recursos del Aire de Califor-

nia (California Air Resources Board), la mayoría de las personas pasan por lo menos un 80 por ciento de su vida adentro. Controlar el moho es una forma de mantener la calidad del aire en el interior. Barrett contó con la experiencia y el apoyo del experto en la durabilidad de la madera de Extensión Cooperativa de la UC, Stephen Quarles, para informarse sobre el tema del moho. Las esporas minúsculas de moho se encuentran presentes en el medio ambiente, tanto en el interior como en el exterior. Para crecer, las esporas necesitan cuatro cosas: la temperatura adecuada, suficiente oxígeno, alimento y humedad.

Debido a que la temperatura, el oxígeno y el alimento – los materiales con los que las casas están construidas, como madera y tablaroca – son difíciles de excluir, los residentes que deseen reducir el moho deben enfocarse en la humedad, dijo Quarles. La humedad puede provenir de una variedad de fuentes, como el vapor de agua en la ducha, el cocinar, derrames de agua y hasta de la ropa mojada que se seca en el interior. Sin embargo, la mayoría de los problemas relacionados con la humedad en las casas de California son el resultado de goteras, señaló el experto.

La primera señal de que existe un problema con el moho puede ser un crecimiento visible en el baño o la cocina, cerca de una ventana o en el techo; pero el intentar limpiarlo es sólo el comienzo. “No viene al caso tratar de deshacerse del moho si no se soluciona la situación del exceso de agua que le permitió crecer. Usted puede eliminar las esporas de moho de diferentes maneras”, mencionó Quarles. “Pero debido a que las esporas de moho prevalecen, si no se deshace del problema de humedad, las esporas regresarán y pronto volverá a aparecer el moho”.

dinerito. ¿Quién lo va a terminar pagando?

Son más de 150 mil millones de dólares que tendrán que salir “de alguna parte”.

Claro, dirá usted: El dinero lo pone el gobierno. Obvio. Pero, ¿de dónde? Tiene que venir de algún lado.

Algunos ya sugieren que el gobierno “se cobrará” ese dinero más tarde, recortando programas y gastos.

El dinero que nos van a regalar simple y sencillamente se acumulara a la deuda de este país, algo así como 9 248 con nueve ceros. Los que saben de economía, nos sugieren ahorrarlo, o saldar algunas deudas. ¿Usted que hará?

Diálogo ecológico de los redactores de la Revista Ecológica

Querido DiálogoEcológico:
He estado leyendo sobre los varios festivales verdes que se dan alrededor del país y quiero asistir a alguno y ponerme al día en aspectos medioambientales y productos. ¿Cuáles recomendaría Ud. y cómo se puede uno mantener al corriente acerca de esto?

— Alex, Chicago, IL

No importa si eres un consumidor en busca de productos verdes y de alimentos biológicos sanos, un abogado ambiental que busca similares, o un empresario que quiere “ambientalizar” sus operaciones, es probable que haya un acontecimiento ambiental ideal por ahí para ti.

Uno de los mejores es la Serie de Festivales Verdes, que aparece en un número cada vez mayor de ciudades de los E.E.U.U. cada año y está creciendo a pasos agigantados. Copatrocinado por dos grupos sin fines de lucro nacionales prominentes, Global Exchange y Co-Op America, estas “fiestas con propósito ulterior” reúnen negocios, grupos ambientales y organizaciones de la comunidad trabajando hacia la meta colectiva de “forjar una economía justa, sostenible, inclusiva del ambiente—una economía verde”.

Centenares de miles de gente de todas las clases sociales han participado en estos festivales durante la década pasada para examinar quioscos repletos de exhibiciones, oír expertos, hacer conexiones con gente semejante y para gozar de música, arte, cultura y cocina “ecologista”. En 2008, los acontecimientos ocurrirán en Seattle (el 12-13 de abril), Chicago (el 17-18 de mayo), Washington, C.C. (el 8-9 de noviembre) y San Francisco (el 14-16 de noviembre).

Otro acontecimiento generalmente dedicado al público ecologista es EcoFest, realizado cada septiembre por las dos décadas pasadas en la ciudad de Nueva York. Este acontecimiento gratuito ofrece innumerables demostraciones ambientalistas tanto comerciales como sin fines de lucro, a la vez de discursos por actores y otras personas famosas. Los asistentes al acontecimiento EcoFest de 2008 podrán inspeccionar prototipos de vehículos de energía alternativa, echar un vistazo a un desfile de modas con temas ambientalistas, y participar en talleres de educación ambiental, entre otros eventos.

Un acontecimiento muy educativo es el Festival Anual de Película Ambiental de Washington, CC, que ocurre el 11-22 de

marzo este año en la capital de EE.UU. El festival ofrece 115 películas documentales, animadas, clásicas, experimentales, y para niños, mostradas en varias partes de Washington, incluyendo museos, bibliotecas, embajadas, universidades y teatros. La mayoría son gratuitos y muchos incluyen discusiones con los cineastas y/o científicos y líderes ambientalistas.

Muchos festivales ambientales son amplios con respecto a los asuntos cubiertos, pero varios eventos de temática más específica o interempresariales ocurren a través del año también. Para informarse mejor acerca de estos acontecimientos, vaya a la página Green Fairs and Festivals [página verde de ferias y festivales] en el Directorio Ambiental de EcoBusinessLinks. Los ejemplos incluyen el Rodeo de Energías Renovables de Tejas, la Colorado's Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Fair [feria para vida sostenible de Rocky Mountain, Colo.], la expo de GreenBuild de Georgia; SolarFest de Vermont, y en Nueva York, el Gran Renacimiento del Río Hudson, en Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., que ha estado levantando fondos para proteger el río Hudson de Nueva York desde las postrimerías de los años 70.

Los eventos ambientalistas ocurren todo el año, pero un gran número tiene lugar en la primavera para coincidir con el Día de Tierra (el 22 de abril). Muchos grupos ambientalistas escolares y locales llevan a cabo celebraciones del Día de la Tierra anualmente. Para encontrar un acontecimiento del Día de la Tierra cerca de ti esta primavera, sencillamente consulta la base de datos gratis en línea de la Earth Day Network [Red del Día de la Tierra].

CONTACTOS: Green Festivals, www.greenfestivals.org; EcoFest, www.ecofest.com; EcoBusinessLinks Environmental Directory, www.ecobusinesslinks.com; Earth Day Network, www.earthday.net.

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Entertainment

Community Center stage to become ‘Bus Stop’

By GERMAINE HUPE
Special to the Express

Drama and film critics often discuss — and sometimes debate — the merits of bringing plays written for the theater to the screen. Aficionados of the stage point out the immediacy and interaction with the audience as well as the playwright’s original theatrical concept as the reason for keeping plays on the stage. Film buffs, on the other hand, maintain that the scope of the camera and the use of both special effects and natural backgrounds brings an added dimension to the original work.

Both points of view have merit, but even the most ardent movie fan will notice the differences in the final production. These differences are very apparent in the stage and film versions of “Bus Stop,” the play currently in rehearsal by the Winters Theatre Company.

Many fans of classic films and the late Marilyn Monroe are familiar with the 1957 movie version of William Inge’s very successful comedy-drama “Bus Stop.” Although Inge himself adapted the screenplay from his original work, Twentieth Century Fox, the film’s producer, obviously had considerable influence on the resulting script which became a vehicle for the studio’s major star, Marilyn Monroe, rather than featuring the ensemble cast of the play. In fact, the roles

of the Kansas sheriff and the misanthropic college professor, both major characters in the play version, were eliminated entirely, and the part of the idealistic but naive teenager — almost a human metaphor for 1950s America — was cut to a few scenes where she acts as a foil for Cherie, Monroe’s character.

Some aspects of the plot remain essentially the same in the stage and film versions. A few travelers find themselves stranded in a small town bus stop by a snow storm, and as the night passes, they interact with several local people and each other. All learn valuable lessons about human nature and about themselves.

However, the stage version makes clear that the setting is in Kansas, about 30 miles from Topeka. The film bus stop-restaurant was located somewhere in the West between Arizona and Montana, the final destination of the bus route. All play action occurs in the small Kansas bus stop, but the film has several locations.

Because a major character is Bo, a rodeo champion cowboy, the film took advantage of a real Arizona rodeo and used the parade, the arena, and the expert performances of actual rodeo cowboys to enhance the beginning of the movie. Bo’s rodeo expertise is frequently mentioned in the play, but the audience doesn’t see him perform.



Courtesy photo

Mark Meyers as “Virgil,” Kirsten Meyers as “Cherie” and Ben Moroski as “Bo” prepare for Winters Theatre Company’s upcoming performance of “Bus Stop.” For tickets and more information, call 795-4014.

Cherie, the would-be Hollywood star and self-styled “chanteuse” sings in a seedy night club, the Blue Dragon. This set, complete with many extras portraying drunken cowboys, was shown in several film sequences, but only described in the play.

Finally, a good deal of the movie action occurs on the bus itself. This does not happen in the play. In fact, the film is literally half over before the bus stop of the title actually appears on the screen.

In spite of their differences, both the play and film versions offer real entertainment and point out the particular merits of each art form. The members of the Winters Theatre Company invite their friends and patrons to see Inge’s original play version first performed in 1955.

The cast and stage crew are busy constructing a ‘50s style roadside diner with actual decor and props of the period.

The six performance run begins on Friday, March 7, with an opening gala performance. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by an 8 p.m. curtain. Additional shows are Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15, at 8 p.m. There will be two Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on March 9 and 16. Tickets are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and the Chamber of Commerce office. Advance reservations may be made by calling 795-4014.

The Saturday, March 8, performance is a dinner/theater benefit for the Yolo Family Service Agency, and reservations can be made by calling 662-2211.

Coming to The Palms



Courtesy photo

Kenny Neal is one of the great young blues performers in the world. Born and raised in Louisiana into a family of world class blues players, he delivers a fantastically dynamic and charismatic show — a combination of Louisiana swamp blues, funky rhythms and deep soul vocals. He and his band will appear at The Palms on Saturday, March 8, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and at the door if not sold out.

Saturday, March 1, is Winters Walk day
Take a walk downtown and have some fun

King artwork on display



Mary Neri King’s watercolors and acrylic paintings will be displayed at the LedgeWood Creek Winery, 4589 Abernathy Road in Suisun during March and April. An artist’s takes place on Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The winery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (707) 426-4424 for information or visit www.ledgerwood-creekwinery.com.

Chamber Mixer

The next Chamber Mixer will be held at the Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, on Monday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m. All community members are welcome at these montly event, which are hosted by Winters businesses. Refreshments and a raffle are featured. A \$5 donation is requested.

Calendar

Saturday, March 2
ABATE motorcycle rally, around noon at the Community Center.

Friday, March 14
Chamber Board of Directors meeting, 7 a.m. at the Community Center. The meeting is open to all Winters residents and business owners.

Saturday March 23,
The 16th annual Vernal Equinox Ride will stop on Main Street, featuring music and street vendors.

Saturday, April 26
Youth Day.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Nancy Meyer made her first appearance as the new Winters Chamber of Commerce president at the Jan. 26 Year in Review banquet. She introduced the new board of directors and asked everyone to help her make this a great year for the Winters business community.

Meyer named Top Agent

Nancy S. Meyer of Gateway Realty was named Top Sales Agent for the month of January. She has been a realtor in Solano and Yolo Counties since 1986 and has been an agent at Gateway Realty's Vacaville location for over 10 years. She is also a member of the Association of Realtors in both Yolo and Solano Counties.

"We are proud to honor Nancy as our Top Sales Agent, she is dedicated to her clients and our community," said Bev Dorsett, Owner/Broker of Gateway Realty.

Meyer was recently appointed to the board of directors for the Northern Solano County Association of Realtors

and also holds several prestigious awards and designations: she is a Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI) designee and also has a Certified Residential Specialists (CRS) designation. She has also volunteered countless hours to the Winters community, and is the Winters Chamber of Commerce president. She also assists with fundraisers for several local and national charities.

Meyer has been a Solano County resident since 1969 and a Winters resident for 17 years. For more information: www.nancysmeyer@gatewayrealty.com, or call (707) 249-6857 or 795-NANC, or email her at nancymeyer@gatewayrealty.com.

Spotlight on...



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Pacific Ace Hardware's motto is "Everything in Hardware" and they live up to it. From nuts and bolts to paint and plants, they probably have it — even tickets to shows at The Palms. All ready to help you find just what you're looking for are, from left, Jack Martinelli, Cecilia Chavez and manager Gino Mediati. Pacific Ace Hardware is located at 35 Main Street. Hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. The phone number is 795-3368.

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our new members

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Valley Yellow Pages of Marysville

Sports

Warren takes up drag racing

In November, Sarah Warren attended the Frank Hawley School of Drag Racing in Pomona. She was one of eight students to attend the class. Some students traveled from as far as Texas and Missouri. The Instructor was professional funny car driver Jack Beckman.

During the two-day course the students had classroom instruction and actual on track racing in a super comp dragster. Warren learned race car safety, how to do a burnout, how to stage the dragster and safely completed a 600 foot run down the race track at 130 mph.

Warren attended this class as a part of her Senior Project. Her project mentor is Justine Jeffrey from Dixon who competes in a Super Comp dragster. In 2007, Justine placed 8th in the nation in the Super Comp Class.



Sarah Warren, high school senior, standing next to professional car driver Jack Beckman attended the Frank Hawley School of Drag Racing in Pomona in November for her Senior Project.

Courtesy Photo

Lady Warriors blow by Central Valley in first round

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity girls' basketball team almost doubled the score of first round opponent Central Valley in the section playoffs with a 61-30 victory before falling to a 57-45 loss to Corning in round two. On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Warriors hosted Central Valley and followed the hot hand of senior Jenny Campos. Campos started the game by hitting four three point shots in a row and ended it with 19 points, nine rebounds, three steals and one assist. The only other senior, Rebecca Salas, also had a good game with 12 points, seven rebounds, five assists and two steals.

"Jenny and Rebecca played their hearts out," said coach Matt Cooley. "It seems like every year the seniors play two speeds faster than the rest of the team in the last few games."

Freshman Tess Hyer also played big with 10 points, seven rebounds, six assists and three steals. Sophomore Taryn Jones represented the underclassmen as well with six points, nine rebounds and one

assist. Chelsea Corrales scored four points, had two rebounds and four steals. Olivia Wingard had four points and grabbed eight rebounds. Alyssa Oxley scored three points, had four rebounds and a steal. Megan Avellar had two points, two rebounds and two steals, while Amy Avellar grabbed one rebound for the Warriors.

On Friday, Feb. 22, the Warriors traveled to Corning for the second round of the northern section playoffs and couldn't recover from a slow start in the first half.

"We started out slow and couldn't catch up in the second half," said Cooley. The Warriors made a run for it in the third, outscoring the Cardinals 11-5, but couldn't overcome the 38-20 halftime deficit.

"I am proud of these girls," Cooley said. "Nobody would have picked us to do as well as we did. The team (Family) should be proud. I know I am."

Campos finished off her high school career with a double-double, scoring 18 points, pulled down 12 rebounds and had a steal. Corrales scored 12

points, had six rebounds and a steal. Salas scored eight points, had three rebounds, three assists and a steal in her final high school game. Hyer scored four points, had seven rebounds and four assists. Jones had two points, three rebounds one assist and a block. Amy Avellar had one point and one rebound. Oxley grabbed two rebounds and had a block, while Megan Avellar had one rebound and on steal for the Warriors.

Winters finished off the season with an impressive 15-11 record and advanced to the second round of the playoffs with just two seniors on the team. The future looks bright for the Lady Warriors and coach Matt Cooley. Hyer finished off her freshman season fifth in the Butte View League in scoring with a 12 point average, while Jones ranked third in rebounds averaging eight boards a game and sixth in blocks with two per game in just her sophomore season. Add that to a strong junior class and the results should be exciting to watch next season.

What are they doing now?

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Here is a brief look at where a few of Winters High School graduates are continuing their passion for baseball.

1991 graduate Javier Valdivia is in his third season as head varsity

baseball coach at Woodland High School.

2003 graduate Sean Shoffit is in his third season with the Lansing Lugnuts a minor league affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.

2006 graduate Sebastian Salas is in his second season with Con-

sumnes River College baseball team.

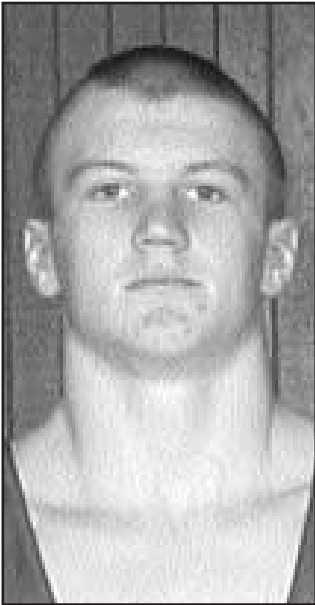
2007 graduate Alex Thomson is in his first year with the Consumnes River College baseball team.

2007 graduate Brock Neil is starting his first season with the Marshall University baseball team.

EXPRESS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Jesse Hellinger

Jesse James Hellinger has not only broken records he has broken the rules. The only way an athlete will be named the athlete of the week twice in the same season is to do something that's never been done before and that is exactly what Hellinger has done. This season Hellinger has won six tournament MVP titles, a league MVP, a division title and now has won the Masters (section title) and is headed to the California State Wrestling Tournament in Bakersfield on Friday, Feb. 29. Hellinger became the Warriors first representative at the state level after dominating his opponents at the section finals last Friday, Feb. 22.

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Jesse Hellinger headed for state

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Winters High School junior wrestling standout Jesse James Hellinger has reached the first part of a life long dream as he advanced to the California State wrestling championship this Friday, Feb. 29. On Friday, Feb. 22, Hellinger dominated his final match of the masters with an 11-1 blowout. That was actually the closest match of the tournament for him as he dominated all his opponents.

"Jesse had a good day," said coach Tim Hausler. "He was focused and just dominated the tournament."

Ramos takes on coaching job at Solano

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Winters High School graduate Josh Ramos has just accepted a job as the linebacker coach at Solano College. Ramos played linebacker for Solano for two seasons then transferred to Sacramento State where he will graduate this spring with a major in communications.

Ramos actually started his coaching career as a senior in high school when he took on the head coaching job for the Winters Jr. Warriors Midget team for his senior project. Ramos took his team to the playoffs and was an extra point away from advancing to

Hellinger is the first Winters High School wrestler to go to the state tournament.

"Jesse and I have talked about it and both agree that we are excited to be going but he is going there to win not just to participate," Hausler said. "I think he can do it. But it will be very tough."

Brandon White also placed at the masters. White placed fifth for the Warriors to make it the first time in school history that Winters had two wrestlers place at the section finals.

"Brandon did well," said Hausler. "He had some tough competition and did a good job of competing."

Taylor Brickey was the only other Warrior on the mat in the tournament. Brickey won his first match and advanced to the finals on Friday with a 1-1 record before losing his next and final match.

"Taylor was impressive," Hausler said. "For a first year wrestler to make it to the finals that's impressive. He should do really well next year."

The state tournament will be held on Friday, Feb. 29, and Saturday, March 1, at the Bakersfield Convention Center. Hellinger was ranked 10 in the state before the masters and will match up with the top 30 wrestlers in California.

film, editing and offering suggestions. After a while they began asking more questions and seeking more suggestions. They must have liked what they heard and offered him a staff position.

The job description for

See RAMOS on page B-3

Schools



AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, and probably more of you don't, a few weeks ago, the 6th grade class went to Loma Mar for outdoor school. This is always exciting for the 6th graders, and this year I was able to go as a counselor, so I was excited as well.

For a whole week, students go up to camp, which is located just outside of Pescadero. During that week they visit the redwood forest, the oak forest and the beach to learn all about the different parts of nature and how they can protect it. For a lot of students, this is the first time they have ever been away from their parents for that amount of time, and they gain a lot of independence throughout the week.

One of the most difficult, but most rewarding things the 6th graders do during their week is the night hike. The trail group (usually consisting of a boys and girls cabin) goes out after dinner and takes a hike with no flashlights. During that hike, the students do a solo hike, where they walk by themselves down the trail. Many of the students are scared to do this, but afterwards, they are always proud of their accomplishment. This year it was really muddy, and climbing up the hill in the dark was even more challenging. Everyone, counselors and naturalists included, was slipping and sliding around.

What a week! From the moment we arrived at the middle school at 6:45 Monday morning to 3:30 on Friday, we were in constant motion. Hiking, supervising and enjoying nature can really take it out of you. Although we were working really hard, the staff also worked really hard to give us a break. Every day we had a chance to meet and talk about any problems, and sit around and eat junk food. Just that break in the day was enough to go back out and herd those kids around for the rest of the day.

It was a ton of hard work, but honestly, I had a blast. I ended up with a great group of girls in my cabin who were all really fun. They started out a little quiet, and shy about singing all those silly songs that go along with camp. By the end of the week however, they were singing along with everyone else and that made it all worth it. It was really great to see them having fun, and I had a lot of fun too.

This is really a great experience for the 6th grade class, and there are a lot of people that work hard to make it happen. The teachers at the middle school put on fundraisers throughout the year so that every student has an opportunity to go. The naturalists do a great job of teaching the students, and helping them have fun too. Hey and don't forget us counselors! I had a great experience at Loma Mar, and am very grateful that I have an opportunity to go again next year.

What's coming up at the High School:
~ March 5 — Mr. Warrior Pageant
~ March 10 — School Holiday

Board recognizes middle school

By **ELLIOT LANDES**
Staff writer

Middle school principal Pam Scheeline recognized student Willie Nations as well as his mom Annette Nations at the school board meeting Feb 21, and they received plaques of recognition.

“When I first came to middle school, Willie had been in adjustment period for a while. Sometimes it can take a while to get it right. And then when you get, you’ve got it. And Willie has really got it. I can’t tell you how proud of Willie we are. He gets his work done on time. He vol-

unteers in class. He is respected and respects others. And Annette his mom, has been wonderful. She is always happy to drop everything to help out. She’s stayed with us through this and we’re glad things have turned out so well.

Plaques were also presented to district employees, including physical education teacher Sue Bridge and clerk typist Carrie Graf, teacher Tercera Philbrook and special ed aide Bobby Riise. Not present, but also recognized was district secretary Veronica Hernandez.

Presentation will benefit high school students with special needs

Yolo County SELPA will be hosting an evening transition fair for high school students with special needs and their families who are interested in planning for the future. Community agency representatives will be on hand for presenta-

tions and questions. The free event will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at the Yolo County Office of Education Conference Center located at 1280 Santa Anita Ct. unit 120 in Woodland

The event will go from 5-7 p.m. To RSVP, call 668-3786.

2008-2009 Kindergarten Registration will begin

Kindergarten registration will be March 11 through April 1. Children who will be turning 5 years old on or before December 2, 2008 are eligible to begin kindergarten in the 2008/09 school year. Registration packets can be picked up

in the Waggoner School office at 500 W. Edwards Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Completed registration forms are due by April 1.

Call the Waggoner office at 795-6121 for more information.

Winters Preschool Registration begins April 15, ends May 29

Registration packets will be available at the preschool site, 219 Edwards

Street, between 3-4 p.m. Enrollment priority will be given to 4 year old children.

Winters PTA will meet March 12

By **JENYSE LICHWA**
Special to the Express

The PTA has already been working on the event calendar for the following school year. Please consider attending our next meeting on March 12 to get an idea of what we are about and how you can help. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room at SRIS. Childcare will be provided.

Through our annual fundraiser the PTA was able to fund and support such events as: Sock Hop, Family Science Night, Spelling Bee, Farm & Pioneer Day, Star Party Software technology, grade level money, teacher gift cards and so much more. Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered to make this year such a great success!

We ask that you please continue to clip the box tops off the General Mills products. Winters Combined PTA and Shirley Rominger earns ten cents for each one we collect!

The PTA would like to thank everyone who has signed up to be a member of the eScrip program. Through this program the PTA has earned approximately \$400. If you have not yet signed up or need to renew your cards please go to www.escrip.com, refer to group # 139431312.

The current board members: President Brandy Wingard, Vice President Laura Ray, Andrea McKenna, Secretary, Jenyse Lichwa, Treasurer, Liz Layne, VP of Membership, and Theresa Borchelt. If you would like to contact the PTA please email us at: winterspta@netscape.net.



WHERE'S THE OUTRAGE??!! It may seem odd, but I am seriously disappointed that there have not been any letters to the editor in recent weeks from people who are angry about the restructuring/expenditure reductions that the school district is having to make. Perhaps, it is because you have heard for several years that the district is experiencing declining enrollment and must reduce, as a result, expenditures. This, however, tells only part of the story.

In January, the Governor publicly announced his preliminary budget for 2008-09. Perhaps the community's lack of outrage is due to not fully understanding the condition of education funding in our state and the budget implications. Information from Education Week Quality Counts 2008 recently noted that “California is losing ground in per-pupil spending, now ranking 46th in the nation, and trailing the national average by nearly \$2,000 per student.” Perhaps you did not know that according to the Legislative Analyst's Office, state general fund revenues are estimated to increase by 40.2 percent from 2003-04 to 2008-09 while Proposition 98 (the primary education funding mechanism) is projected to grow only 30.4 percent.

If you believed that funding of public education is the primary cause for the lack of a sound fiscal state budget, this data shows that this is not the case. The state has consistently overestimated income, funded increases in welfare and prisons beyond available resources and refused to collect taxes and fees that are the result of loopholes or political priorities other than education.

For 2008-09, the Governor is proposing a 2.43 percent reduction in general fund revenue to school districts and a 10.89 percent reduction in categorical funding. The district projects that this means a reduction in \$283,800 to the general fund and \$240,900 of categorical monies. For the state, the reductions total \$4.8 billion. The budget is not a “done deal” at this time. There will be a May revise and sometime this summer the legislature and governor will agree on a budget. How that budget impacts public education and our school district will very much be influenced by you, parents and community members. Your silence will inform decision-makers in Sacramento that the proposed reductions are acceptable. Your voice will say that education is a priority and should not be cut.

While my initial comments talked about expressing outrage through letters to the editor, the most effective expressions will occur when you write, email, call, and/or meet with legislators. Unless they hear otherwise, they will conclude that reducing funding for our district and for public education is acceptable.

Outrageous!

Children’s storytelling planned

Laura Sandage will present a program focusing on Ireland. Her performance will include stories with Irish content, tunes on penny-whistle and concertina, and audience participation in some Irish folk songs she learned as a child.

Local musician and writer Laura Sandage has been praised for her “strong lyricism and fine musical sense, exhibiting a wide and satisfying breadth of style, from silly to stirring...” (Mark Cohen, The Folknik, 2006). She has taught theater, music and writing classes at the Davis Art Center, and has a wide-ranging performing history with audiences of all ages. Recent projects include self-produced CDs of her original songs, composing and directing music for youth summer Shakespeare productions, and publishing choral arrangements of her original material.

Laura performs locally with the acoustic folk trio “MudLark”.

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

For further details, contact Shirley German at 758-4196 or Kathryn Tyson at 753-5007. More information on the Storytelling Program is at www.internationalhouse-davis.org and on the performer at www.laurasandage.com/home.html.

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

International House, Davis is an independent, nonprofit community organization. Its purpose is to promote respect and appreciation for all peoples and cultures.

This is National FFA Week

By **RAVEN CASTRO**
Special to the Express

February is the month to recognize National FFA week. It is a time for all FFA members, 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 the 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, president; Sara Warren, vice president; Alex Huizar, sentinel; Raven Castro, reporter; Katie Eslick, secretary; and Ellis White, treasurer. The team held a weekend retreat at Bodega Bay during the summer to plan the upcoming year events. The officer team was ready for the task to lead their chapter through the 2007-08 school year.

In September, members and their families enjoyed a Welcome Back barbecue to encourage student and parent involvement for the upcoming year. The FFA hosted and organized this year's successful Winters High School career fair where all Winters High School students were allowed to attend "mini workshops" with professionals in that



The 2007-08 Winters FFA chapter officer team includes Alex Huizar, Raven Castro, Sarah Warren, Amy Cross, Katie Eslick and Ellis White



Attending the Winters FFA mission possible social are Donnie Whitworth, Sarah Warren, Ray McIntire and Darian Clark Stinson

field.

One of FFA's biggest events is the annual Harvest Festival that the community looks forward to every year, with its pumpkin patch, petting zoo, goodies and games. The Christmas tree sale is one of FFA's annual fundraisers. FFA members sold quality trees the first weekend in December. At the conclusion of the sale, members enjoyed spreading the holiday spirit by serenading the town with

Christmas carols.

Spring is just around the corner and members will be busy preparing the animal barn for all the new animal projects. This is just a sampling of what the Winters chapter has done thus far, there is still much more to come.

The Winters chapter has been active in many contests and competitions. They have developed many flourishing teams such as the Marketing team, the Agri-

culture Issues team, Livestock Judging team, Agriculture Sales and Service team, Creed Speakers, Prepared Public Speakers, and Job Interview participants. Winters FFA is proud of the many teams and individuals that competed this year both locally and at the national level.

As we look back on the success thus far, we are excited to see what is still yet to come from the Winters FFA chapter.

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Weekly police report

Feb. 10

~ On the first block of Grant Avenue, someone was allegedly threatened.

Feb. 17

~ On the first block of Baker Street, a verbal altercation turned physical. An investigation continues.

Feb. 18

~ On Maple Street, juveniles were "play" fighting, and injured a juvenile's face. An investigation continues.

~ Guillermo Munoz, 20, of San Jose was stopped northbound on Lincoln Street. Munoz saw a vehicle driven by Ashley Renee Jordan, 17, of Winters, approaching from the west on McArthur Avenue. Munoz assumed he could make a left turn from Lincoln Street onto McArthur Avenue before Jordan's vehicle approached the intersection. Munoz pulled out in front of Jordan's vehicle causing the vehicles to collide.

Feb. 19

~ A 16-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for petty theft and theft by use of an access card. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

Feb. 20

~ A 14-year-old Woodland juvenile was traveling eastbound on Manzanita Way approaching the intersection at Wild Rose Lane. The juvenile was intending to make a right-hand turn onto southbound Wild Rose Lane. The juvenile accelerated out of her turn, lost control of the vehicle and collided with the east curb on Wild Rose Lane. As a result, the juvenile was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and

making an unsafe turning movement.

~ On the 400 block of Manzanita Way, a verbal argument between two siblings turned physical.

Feb. 21

~ Rogelio Anaya Valenzuela, 33, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, having unlawful tinted vehicle windows and failing to provide proof of insurance.

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

Feb. 22

~ Javier Leal Diaz, 19, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, having a loud vehicle exhaust and failing to provide proof of insurance.

~ Sean Lee Knudson, 45, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to stop at a stop sign, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and concealing/destroying evidence. Knudson was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Glen Lamont Williamson, 40, of Vacaville was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoke driver's license and having unlawful tinted vehicle windows.

Feb. 23

~ Jose Angel Amezcua, 22, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to stop at a stop sign, assault with a deadly weapon and resisting an officer by use of violence. Amezcua was booked at the Winters Police Department and

See **POLICE** on page B-8

Friends of the California State Fair accepting scholarship applications

In periods of economic uncertainty it is often education programs, scholarships and grants for students that dry up, leaving some of the most promising students without support to cover college expenses. In anticipation of that trend, the Friends of the California State Fair today announced that it will continue its scholarship program for the 2008-2009 academic year. California college students and graduating high school students are eligible and must submit an applica-

tion by Friday, March 21.

This year, as many as 32 scholarships will be awarded in the following areas: arts, general studies, agriculture, international studies, teaching credential programs, fair management, business, sports management, history, viticulture, enology and culinary.

"In times like these it is even more important to maintain a support base for California's students," said Friends of the California State Fair Immediate Past Presi-

dent Harry Moos.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of personal commitment, goals established for their chosen field, leadership potential and civic accomplishments. All applicants are also eligible for the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance \$5,000 outstanding candidate scholarship.

To receive an application and information, prospective applicants may visit www.bigfun.org or call (916) 263-3636.

RAMOS

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Ramos will include coaching and recruiting. He will be in charge of recruiting players in his own area

which will include the Davis, Dixon and Winters area, and will recruit for linebackers where ever he can. Solano will start their recruiting on March 8, and begin spring workouts on April 28.

YMCA crab feed

The North Bay YMCA will hold its annual Crab Feed on Saturday, March 8. The event will go from 6-10 p.m. The ticket price is \$40. To purchase please call (707) 421-8746. All proceeds benefit the Strong Communities Campaign.

Each year, funds that are raised help the North Bay YMCA serve more than 3,700 youth and offer financial assistance for programs and membership to over 400 families in Solano County.

In a collaborative effort, volunteers, YMCA members and friends make annual donations that enable the YMCA to fulfill its mission of "building strong kids, strong families and strong communities." This would not be possible without the leadership of volunteers who reach out to people in the community and make a difference in their lives.

If you are interested in investing or volunteering for the Crab Feed or Strong Communities Campaign, you can contact Rodney Chin at (707) 421-8746.

Features

Spinal stenosis is a pain in the back

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am seeking advice for my dad. He is 75. He has gone to doctor after doctor, to no avail. He sits in his recliner 24/7. He has been diagnosed with spinal stenosis and arthritis. He is so bent over, it's pathetic. He says his back feels weak. He walks with a shuffle. Any suggestions? — C.D.

ANSWER: Stenosis is a narrowing and, spoken of here, it refers to the spinal canal. The backbone — the spine — is a series of blocklike structures called vertebrae, which are stacked one on another. The spinal cord is a delicate structure, about the width of a little finger, that runs from the top of the neck to the lower back. It passes through a tunnel in the spine — the spinal canal.

Narrowing of the canal — spinal stenosis — puts pressure on the spinal cord or the nerves that emerge from it. When the process develops in the lower back, as it often does, it generates pain in the back. The pain often runs down into the buttock and leg. Sometimes there is numbness, tingling or muscle weakness.

Arthritis of the spine is often responsible for spinal stenosis. It leads to bone spurs that compress spinal nerves. Thickening of spinal ligaments can also squeeze the cord, spinal nerves or both.

Your dad needs a physiatrist (fizz-EYE-uh-tryst). This doctor is not a psychiatrist. Physiatrists are specialists in rehabilitation medicine. They devise exercise programs for people like your dad. They prescribe medicines for pain and evaluate back patients to see if they are candidates for steroid injections to mobilize the spine. They can also assess people's potential for spinal surgery to enlarge the spinal canal or to remove bones spurs or anything else that might be compressing the cord or nerves. They can tell you if your dad is a candidate for newer treatments such as spacers. Spacers are devices that push spinal structures apart to give the cord



and spinal nerves some breathing space.

Your dad must become more active, if that's possible. Disuse is going to weaken all his muscles.

The back booklet gives a rundown on the many causes and treatments for back pain. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 303W, 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: Is it better to drink diet pop or regular pop? — B.

ANSWER: It's OK to drink either if you do so in moderation — one or two cans a day.

Regular pop has a hefty supply of calories, about 150 for 12 ounces. You don't get any other nutrients with those calories — no minerals, no vitamins, no fiber. Sugar in regular pop promotes tooth decay.

Diet pop has no sugar, so that's something in its favor. Caffeine in either form of pop puts women at risk for coming down with high blood pressure if they drink four or more cans a day.

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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A rough start to a new year

I hope the first month of the new year was a good one for everyone because, for me it was a combination of good and bad events. Every New Years Eve, my wife and I try to stay awake until midnight so that we can kiss each other and say, "Happy New Year." Just before midnight the battery went dead on my watch. The watch and battery are seven years old so I thought nothing of it except that I didn't want to miss the New Year's moment. Midnight came and went.

A half an hour later I took my nightly walk around the perimeter to check that everything is locked and secure before bed. Well it seems that our new little Chihuahua doesn't like to get her paws wet in the dewy grass so she goes to the bathroom in the middle of the sidewalk. She is a small dog but her droppings squeezed nicely between my toes. At 12:30 a.m. I'm washing my foot off with the water hose before I can go back into the house

For several months I've been working hard at writing a new book about my experiences as a kid in an orphanage, except I changed things so that the kid would murder some of the other kids. The name of the book is "The Orphanage." On New Years day my wife and I were sitting on the sofa and watching TV when a commercial comes on about a new movie called, "The Orphanage." It too is about a kid in an orphanage that kills some of the other kids. As we watched the commercial my wife and I looked at each other with a surprised look on our faces when all of a sudden my wife started cracking up. She was laughing so hard that she almost peed her pants. I didn't think it was funny at all so I got up and decided to go fossil hunt-

ing, just so I wouldn't hear her caw cawing.

Just when I get on the freeway I hear a loud pop and then the engine started running really bad and making an awful noise. I opened the hood and one of the spark plugs had blown out of the engine and was lying on top of the block. I didn't have any tools with me so I called Cooper's towing to tow my 2004 Ford F-150 to my house. Calling around, I found that the Ford dealer wanted \$3,000 to fix it. Heck with that so I went to Pisani's to buy the tools I needed to fix it myself.

The manager at Pisani's suggested I take it down the street to Biasi's because he had fixed hundreds of Ford engines with the same problem. It seems that on thousands of Ford small block V-8 engines the third plug back, on the passenger side is held in place by only three threads which causes the plug to blow completely out of the engine, stripping the threads on its way. I figured that Biases' had to be at least a thousand dollars less than the dealer so I took it down there and left it. My wife was still laughing when I walked in the door.

He fixed the entire problem in two hours for about \$250. Biasi told me that thousands of people have had the same problem with their Ford engines so he could catch a nap while he worked on my truck because it had become so easy for him to fix the problem. I got the truck back right before the big rain-storm hit. It rained hard for

DONALD K. SANDERS

THE WAY I SEE THINGS



about 10 hours straight and it flooded my little basement, under my house. My furnace and a little workshop where I whittle little wooden statues was getting wet. So now I'm pumping water out but my pump is so weak that it won't pump water more than three vertical feet. So all day long I pumped the water into a bucket and dumped the bucket outside; over and over, for hours and hours.

The next day my dentist sliced open my upper gums, pushed the gums up, inside and out, and ground my jaw flat so that my dentures could be seated properly. I then went home, in pain, with a mouth full of stitches. This new year was starting to get really bad for me. The other day my wife and I went to the theater to see, "No Country for Old Men." This movie is really strange and very violent. To top it off, it had a terrible ending. As we were walking out of the theater my wife said to me, "What a waste of time that was!" This reaction didn't surprise me because she doesn't like this type of movie anyway.

Now comes the good part of the new year because I had the opposite reaction. Going to this movie with her was really the only good time that I've had so far this entire year. The reason that I had such a good time and enjoyed myself so much was the fact that I was with my wife and for two and a half hours I got to sit in the dark holding her hand. Like it says in an Alison Krauss song, "Even though I've given her pain, no girl should endure, her faith can move mountains, of this I am sure. She gives me the love that brings me to rest and it's feeding this hunger beating strong in my chest.

Her faith can move mountains, of this I am sure."

Pleased to meet you



Name: Kim Kimes

Occupation:

Secretary at WHS

Hobby: Scrapbooking

What's best about living in Winters: "The landscape and it's a great place to raise kids."

Fun fact: Ran a half marathon in September.



Lot and his daughters flee the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24-26)

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.*
PSALM 34:8

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ACROSS

1 Suitable

4 Ump

7 "Star Wars" crime lord

12 Brock of baseball lore

13 Guitar's cousin

14 For all to hear

15 Under the weather

16 1980s British hoodlums

18 -- relief

19 Store-sign stand

20 Mesopotamia, today

22 Wine service initials

23 Stripy equipment

27 Pretense

28 Pluto, once

31 Snap

34 Lament's verse

36 Confine with walls

37 Dine on

38 Bleak film genre

39 "Smoking or -?"

41 Metal coffee cup holder

46 Drum type

47 Solidify

48 Elvis No. 1 hit, for short

52 Dined

63 One of Churchill's

offerings?

54 Time of your life?

65 Rage

59 Tubular parts

57 "Misreables"

68 Part of NIMBY

DOWN

1 Out, of sorts?

2 On top of the world?

3 Oklahoma city

4 "The Bullen of Swat"

5 Stretch

6 Sick and tired

7 Toronto Blues

8 Priestly garment

9 Great live villain

10 Purchase

11 Billboards

17 Faucet problem

21 Persian Gulf nation

23 "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" is one

24 Indivisible

25 First party need

26 Pig's home

28 Opposed

30 Meadow

31 See 26-Down

32 Med.

33 Suppers each

36 Remote control precursor

37 Meek, as gears

40 Ryan or Shaggy's

42 One more time

43 Back in style

44 Armada

45 Data unit

46 Mired birds

48 Recipe meat

49 Lamb dam

50 Lair

51 Roseanne's TV hubby

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services (DESS) are seeking proposals from qualified, experienced organizations and agencies to provide Parenting Classes to parents or legal guardians as part of a family maintenance or family reunification effort. The target population is parents or legal guardians, referred by DESS, of a child who has been adjudicated or is in the process of being adjudicated a dependent child of the court under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300, or whose family is participating in a voluntary family maintenance program.

Letters of intent to submit a proposal are mandatory and must be received by DESS at 25 North Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695, on or before 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

A mandatory Vendor's Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at DESS, 25 North Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA.

Proposals must be received by DESS at 25 North Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695, no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Postmarks are not used to validate receipt by deadline.

For more information visit the County web site at www.yolocounty.org or call DESS Contract Unit staff at (530) 661-2770.

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Help Wanted

Winters Joint Unified School District Classified

Crossing Guard
\$10.95/Hr- \$12.01 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; 11:20 a.m. to 11:50a.m.; 2:20 p.m. to 3:30p.m.Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; 11:20 a.m. to 11:50p.m. to 1:20p.m.
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3-3tp

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Fictitious Business Name

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January 09, 2008
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2008-027

Fictitious Business Name
Good Deal Hauling
Good Deal Appliance
39 1/2 N. College St. Woodland, CA 95695
Jerry English 39 1/2 N. College St. Woodland CA 95695
Rhonda English 39 1/2 N. College St. Woodland 95695
This business classification is: Husband and Wife

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FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name

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February 07, 2008
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Liz Mahovich, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2008-148

Fictitious Business Name
Fire Truck Sales and Services
741 East St. #373 Woodland, CA 95776
Tizus, Inc. 741 East St. #373 Woodland CA 95776
This business classification is: Corporation

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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 Mattie 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 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 13, 2008 Trustee Sale Officer: Thelma B Cabacungan.

Published: (R-166790 02/21/08, 02/28/08, 03/06/08)

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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 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 18, 2008 Trustee Sale Officer: Rhonda L Rorie.

Published: (R-165311 02/21/08, 02/28/08, 03/06/08)

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Winters will conduct a public hearing on March 4, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California. Purpose of the public hearing is to consider re adoption of City of Winters Resolution No. 2008-02, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINTERS SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY FOR THEIR APPROVAL THE "UTILITY USER'S TAX REDUCTION AND MODERNIZATION ACT"; TRANSMISSION OF THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR PURPOSES OF PREPARATION OF AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS. The City Council at its meeting February 19, 2008 authorized staff to draft a proposed ordinance to submit to the voters reducing the current Utility User's Tax rate from 5% to 4.75%, and to update the City's ordinance to meet technological changes and changes in federal law. The ordinance further limits the total amount of Utility Users's Tax per residential unit to \$300, with the existing refund procedure used in cases of overpayment. To meet the time deadlines of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in calling for a consolidated election, the City Council met in emergency session on February 21st and adopted this resolution and Resolution No. 2008-05, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINTERS PLACING THE "UTILITY USER'S TAX REDUCTION AND MODERNIZATION ACT" ON THE BALLOT FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE JUNE 3, 2008 ELECTION; DIRECTION TO THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF YOLO AND TO FILE A COPY WITH THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. This hearing on these two resolutions is allow members of the public to be heard who did not attend either meeting. Copies of the Resolutions, and of the "Utility User's Tax Reduction and Modernization Act" are available for inspection or copying, pursuant to the California Public Records Act, at the office of Winters City Clerk, City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California.

Dated: February 26, 2007
John C. Wallace, City Attorney,
City of Winters

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE – NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF WINTERS

Notice is hereby given that the Winters City Council on February 19, 2008 adopted City of Winters Ordinance No. 2008-04, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Winters Adding Chapter 2.68 to Title 2 of the Winters Municipal Code Regarding Claims Against The City.

The Ordinance is summarized, pursuant to the California Government Code, as follows:

Before a public entity can be sued, the California Government Code provides that a claim for certain types of money or damages be first filed against the public entity, such as the City of Winters, within 6 months and litigation commenced within one year. In the claim specifications, commencing with Section 900, and specifically Section 905, various claims are made exempt from this claims procedure. California Government Code Section 935 provides that claims against a public entity for money or damages which are an exception to the claims shall be governed by procedures prescribed by any charter, ordinance or regulation of the public entity. This ordinance specifically provides that any such exempt claims for which a procedure is not otherwise prescribed by state law shall have to comply with the claims procedure, the time limits therein, and the time limits for the commencement of any litigation against the City of Winters. All claims are required to be in writing and verified by the claimant or by his, her, or its specified representative.

This Ordinance further provides that no claim may be filed on behalf of a class of persons unless verified by every member of that class. All claims must contain the information required by California Government Code Section 910.

The ordinance further provides that, in accordance with California Government Code Sections 935(b) and 945.6, all claims shall be presented as provided in these sections and acted on by the City of Winters prior to the filing of any action on such claims and no such action may be maintained by a person or entity who has not complied with the claim requirements prescribed in this ordinance.

The ordinance was adopted by the following vote: AYES: Mayor Fridae, Council members Curry, Martin, Anderson, Stone. NOES: None.

Copies of the adopted ordinance are available to the public at the office of Winters City Clerk, City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California, for inspection or copying in accordance with the California Public Records Act. This ordinance will take effect March 16, 2008.

February 26, 2008.
s/ John C. Wallace
City Attorney
City of Winters.

Notice of Trustee Sale

Trustee's Sale Number: 07-00030-3 Loan No. 0021473996 Title Order No. 3489556 Notice of Trustee's Sale Notice YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 28, 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 19, 2008, at Twelve Forty-Five PM (12:45 PM), At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, Financial Title Company, as duly appointed trustee, will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described property situated in Yolo County, California: 727 Main St, Winters, CA 95694 – APN(s) 003-510-16-1. The Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said Sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto), executed by Armando Lizarraga and Beatrice A. Lizarraga, Husband and Wife as joint tenants, as trustor, and recorded May 5, 2006, as Instrument Number 2006-0017876-00 in Book n/a Page n/a in the office of the Yolo County Recorder. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$573,075.81 provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances, fees and any additional sums due under the terms of the Note will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. Dated as of: February 28, 2008 Financial Title Company, Trustee 209 Kearny Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108 (415) 263-4300 By: Julie Wagner, Authorized Signature Sale information can be obtained on line at www.priorityposting.com Automated Sales Information please call 714-573-1965

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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
January 25, 2008
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
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. Rd. 21, CA 95695
This business classification is: Husband and Wife

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State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
Published 2/7,2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 2008

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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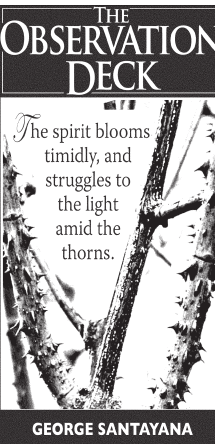
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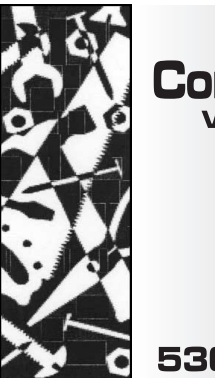
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as both pointed out that there is already a BID in place and said it would make more sense to update the existing BID than start an additional one.

Board member Chris Jones added that her experience with business improvement districts via her business in Davis were not encouraging because her business there is on the fringe of the district and rarely benefited from BID activities, yet still had to pay the same amount.

City manager John Donlevy commented that the current BID portion from city business license fees is insufficient to fund any substantial activity, and as it stands mainly pays for a welcome barbecue for Winters School District teachers every fall and to pay for live music and lighting at the Earthquake Street Festival. He suggested that the Chamber board come up with new ideas for BID funds, such as cleaning up the town and advertising.

Board member Salli Becker objected to the direction of the forum and said her understanding was that its purpose was to gather ideas for attracting customers to town and find ways to offer visitors more choices in things to do when they get here.

“For every hour they drive, they need two hours of diversion,” said Becker, who expressed interest in developing questionnaires to give to visitors in an effort to find out what attracts people to Winters and keeps them coming back.

Regalare owner Lynnette McClure noted that Winters really got a black mark because a Sunset article featured Winters and its Art Walk, and by the time people started coming to Winters to check it out, some of the galleries had closed and the Art Walk had begun to unravel because no one was willing to step forward and take responsibility for it after the person who had done it as a volunteer resigned the job. McClure noted that some visitors were very upset and disappointed when they came to town expecting what was featured in Sunset, and discovering “there was no there there.”

Board member Valerie Whitworth expressed frustration over the perception that the Art Walk no longer takes place, and adamantly said it is in fact still happening on the first Saturday of every month, but there has been inconsistency in advertising the event and organizing it. Whitworth volunteered to take on this task and head a Chamber committee to bolster the event. It was also decided that the Art Walk will henceforth be referred to as the Winters Walk, to open up a wider range of activities for business owners to participate in the event.

Another project on the horizon is a Farmer’s Market, which was introduced by Board member Dan Maguire, who has been working with the coordinator of the Davis Farmers Market. Maguire said the Davis coordinator is interested in working with Winters, and that the challenge will be to find a way to make the Winters market unique and not merely a satellite of the Davis market. On that note, Maguire said there is a possibility that the Winters Healthcare Foundation may secure a grant to get involved with the farmers market, which would add a health feature to the project.

“It looks very promising,” said Maguire, who estimated that the Winters farmers market may be up and running by spring of next year. Anyone interested in offering ideas about the farmers market was invited to email Maguire at daniel.maguire@city-ofwinters.org.

Jackie Tanner, owner of Winters Travel, voiced the need for a community calendar, an issue that has been requested by many people over the years, but yet it never seems to transpire. Several people commented that planning events is frustrating in Winters because there isn’t one place to see a comprehensive calendar showing all the events taking place on any given day.

Tom Stone, who is acting as the interim executive director for the Chamber following the resignation of Bob Adams last fall, said he reserved winterscalendar.com for a possible calendar site. However Board member Dave Fleming said he didn’t think there should be yet another web site for peo-

ple to look for Winters news, and that the calendar should be located on the existing Chamber web site. Still presenting a roadblock for getting the community calendar online is the lack of anyone with both the time and technical expertise to update it on a regular basis.

The monthly car shows sponsored by the Buckhorn during the warmer months was also discussed as needing more attention, and several people noted that the event attracts a large crowd. Chamber members agreed that there is likely a way to make better use of this event for the business community. The car shows will resume on the first Tuesday evening in April and will continue on the first Tuesday of each month through September.

Winters resident Lisa Gaines, who joined as an individual Chamber member at the forum, shared with the group that she has expertise in marketing and business development, and said the Chamber needs to establish who its “audience” is, and that a key piece of information is to talk to people who aren’t coming to Winters and find out why. She pointed out that “people want to know what’s going on here,” and said there is money such as manufacturer and corporate sponsorships of activities that “isn’t being tapped into.”

To this, Pickerel added that destination retail is established in Winters, noting the success of The Palms, Cloth Carousel (which draws a huge crowd of quilters on the first Saturday of every month) and Velo City, but agreed with Becker that there still needs to be more for people to do and see when they get here. He also mentioned the success in other small towns that had a combination wholesale/retail angle, and attracted visitors through the front door but did the bulk of their business by distributing their product to retail outlets elsewhere.

Pickerel also recommended that the Chamber approach the business community as if it were a mall, and put more emphasis on what the “mall” offers.

“The Chamber should teach landlords about Winters. We need better tenants,” said Pickerel, who advocated putting

more effort into persuading landlords to lease space to businesses that would attract customers to the community.

“We need to create synergy,” said Pickerel.

Lynda Hines, owner of the Attic Gallery, expressed the urgency in attracting more business to town, and emphasized that in the sluggish economy, local businesses are struggling to stay afloat.

Another issue raised at the forum was the need to relocate the Chamber office, which is currently operated part time in the Community Center office. A Main Street location was mentioned by Stone, and several audience members expressed interest in making the Chamber office more visible, more accessible, and featuring more information about local businesses to any visitors who may wander in.

Stone also mentioned some big changes for this year’s Youth Day that may positively impact the local business community. Noting that the Youth Day crowd has outgrown City Park, the idea for this year is to keep the children’s activities at City Park, and move the beer garden and adult gathering to Rotary Park. He commented that the Rotary Park venue opened up the possibility for live music at the Gazebo, and also could link to bocce tournaments at the adjacent bocce court between 7 and 9 East Main Street.

Another decision made at the Feb. 25 forum was to create binders containing information about local business, and to distribute the binders at businesses throughout town so that any customer visiting any business would have information about other businesses readily available.

The ideas gathered at the business forum will be discussed in further detail at the next Chamber meeting, which takes place on Friday, March 14, at 7 a.m. at the Community Center. The Chamber meets on the second Friday of each month at this time and place, and anyone interested in the local business community is welcome to attend.

For more information about the Chamber, call 795-2329 or go online, www.winterschamber.com

Picture this



Courtesy photo

The photography of Patrick Schwent will be featured at Briggs & Co, 820 Railroad Avenue, beginning this weekend, in conjunction with the montly Winters Walk. An artist’s reception will take place on Saturday, March 1, from 6-8 p.m. On the same evening at the same time, the Winters Center for the Arts will hold an artist’s reception for Shaun Mattio and Alexander Kozik, featuring Russian art and photos.

Workshop focuses on changes to California electrical code

There have been significant changes to the California Electrical Code, which went into effect on Jan. 1, and are now being enforced in the City of Winters. The building departments of the cities of Winters, Davis and Woodland and Yolo County are hosting a free training to help familiarize contractors, homeowners, business owners and design professionals with the changes. The workshop is scheduled for Thurs-

day, March 13, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Woodland Community and Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland.

The workshop will be instructed by Certified Electrical Inspector Bill Clark. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the new electrical code is invited to attend. For more information, call Gene Ashdown, Winters Building Official, 795-4910, ext. 117. The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 3.

Air districts offer exchange to get electric lawn mowers

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) are sponsoring an exchange program for residents of Yolo and Solano Counties that makes it easy and convenient to trade-in a polluting, gas-powered mower for a new cordless, rechargeable mower at a reduced price. The event begins March 4 and continues until sold out. There are a limited num-

ber of mowers, so it is on a first-come, first-served basis.

This year’s event consists of three steps:

1. Dial — Beginning March 4, call the YSAQMD at 757-3650 or (800) 287-3650 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to reserve a mower and receive a voucher.

2. Drop off— Qualified residents drop off a gas-powered mower at a participating recycler.

3. Deliver — Qualified residents arrange pay-

ment with manufacturer and a new mower is delivered to their home.

Unlike previous years, participants do not have to wait in long lines at a single-day event or travel outside their county to take advantage of this offer. Instead, the air districts give residents a window of opportunity after reserving a mower to turn in their gas mowers at recycling centers in either county.

The voucher and trade-in allows Yolo and Solano county residents to purchase a no emissions Neuton cordless mower for only \$189 with their trade-in, a savings of more than \$200.

For more details on the mower, visit www.neutonpower.com/ysaqmd. For details on the program, contact the YSAQMD at (530) 757-3650 or (800) 287-3650 or visit www.ysaqmd.org.

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transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ A 16-year-old Winters juvenile was backing from a parking space in front of 110 Main Street. The juvenile accelerated too quickly and collided into a legally parked vehicle owned by James or Laura Baylor of Woodland. As a result, the juvenile was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and making an unsafe backing movement.

~ On the 300 block of Anderson Avenue, a vehicle was entered and property was stolen. There were no signs of forced entry. Loss: \$110.

~ On the 1000 block of Roosevelt Avenue, an officer was dispatched to a residential open door. The residence was cleared and the door secured.

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~ Miguel Nunez-Rivas, 22, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, driving at an unsafe speed, and failing to provide proof of insurance.