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Photo by Justin Cox

Winters High School students Derek Riley (left) and Andrew Fridae received medals for their outstanding performances in the interview portion of the 2008 Academic Decathlon. Fridae was awarded a gold medal and Riley a bronze. Riley also received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Some school program funding to increase

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Gloria Hahn, chief business officer for the Winters School District, reported on the seventh month attendance number at the March 20 school board meeting. The number was 1,618, 32 less than the original 2007/2008 prediction, mostly because of excused absences due to illness. The district will once again use its option to base funding on the prior year's average

daily attendance of 1,714, because of the continuing declining enrollment.

Hahn also gave an interim financial report. She reviewed the state's proposal, which recognizes the need for a cost of living allowance of 4.9 percent, but then takes away seven percent because of the expected state revenue shortfall. An even more drastic cut will apply to the special education

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Volunteers needed for spring cleaning at creek

By MEGAN HARNS
Special to the Express

The 18th annual Putah Creek Spring Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. until noon. The Putah Creek Council, the Winters Putah Creek Action Team, and the City of Winters invite the entire community to participate in this fun and beneficial event.

Volunteers should meet at 9 a.m. at the Rotary Park gazebo outside the Winters Community Center. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be available. Volunteers should bring their own water bottles to reduce disposable cup use. Site captains recommend wearing sunscreen, closed-toe shoes, long

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
March 26		78	45
March 27		69	40
March 28		68	44
March 29		72	50
March 30		64	42
March 31		69	44
April 1		70	48

Rain for week: 0

Season's total: 23.10

Last year to date: 8.47

Average to April 1: 20.05

Decathletes win state medals

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Up until this year's Academic Decathlon, which took place on Feb. 2, Winters High School had never in the 22-year history of the competition defeated Davis High School. With a student body just one-third the size and sufficiently less resources available, WHS entered the competition as clear underdogs. After what had become a long tradition of placing second to Davis, victory would require a new level of dedication and hard work.

As is true with all great underdog stories, the timing must line up just right, which is ex-

actly what happened this year for WHS. With counselor Marcella Heredia and teacher Matt Biers-Ariel both leading as coaches, and a number of experienced Decathletes returning, they entered the school year with a great deal of motivation and excitement. Meanwhile, over in Davis, the Academic Decathlon team was adjusting to a coaching change.

"It was kind of a perfect storm," says Mayor Woody Fridae, whose son Andrew competed on the team and earned medals at both the county and state competitions.

The 2008 competitors were Adreina Prado, Justin Hyer, Krista

Blandin, Arilene Ruiz, Ryan Hofstrand, Andrew Fridae, T.J. Johnson, Derek Riley and Savanna Waldron.

At the start of the school year, the team received about 14 packets containing the information they would be tested on. Each packet was about 150 pages long and, when stacked on top of one another, sat several feet tall. The subject matter ranged from math and science to literature and art, with a special portion dedicated entirely to the American Civil War.

The team met regularly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as on Sunday evenings. At Davis High, like most other

large schools in the state, a class period was dedicated entirely to the Academic Decathlon team. WHS tackled the large stacks of information outside of the regular school day.

Senior Andrew Fridae started the year as the team's captain, but quickly admired the rigor with which fellow senior Derek Riley approached the preparation process. He decided to resign, allowing Riley to pull the team forward.

"He was really the driving force behind the team," says Andrew. "He got the top score last year and was really

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Courtesy photo

The cast members of the high school production of "Our Town" got a sneak preview of the Note of Elegance recently. The jamming musicians are, from left, Bruce Brewer, Robert Armstrong, Bruce Guelden and Debi Bowen. The students are, from left Ashleigh Lim, Kristine Johnson and Khachonyot "Big" Yaempradit.

MUSIC TAKES CENTER STAGE

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Special to the Express

Excellent music, an elegant setting, a good glass of wine and a scrumptious dessert — this sounds like something one would find in a nightclub or fancy restaurant. On April 18 and 19, the nightclub will come to Winters as Bruce Brewer and the Winters Music Boosters present "Note of Elegance," a fund-raiser for music programs in Winters schools.

The evening will feature a line-up of talented local musicians, some familiar faces and some not so familiar faces. Musical styles will range from Latin to blue grass and jazz to folk, with something for everyone to enjoy. Elegant 1940s themed décor, intimate lighting and acoustic sounds will

recreate the nightclub feeling.

The Note of Elegance has been a local tradition since 1988, when then music teacher Jack Paddock created the event as an evening out for adults that would support music programs for kids. Musicians were given a venue in which to perform, adults a great night of entertainment, and children a successful music program.

When Paddock left Winters, Theresa Foster and the late Gloria Marion took the reins, ensuring that the tradition continued successfully. Lynne Secrist, who has taught music in Winters schools for nearly 10 years and now heads the middle school music program, took on the challenge for several years. Last year, local musician, Winters Music Booster member and "Note" veteran

Bruce Brewer reorganized the event, and with the help of Dwight and Nancy Howard, Linda Eastman, Pinky Dahn and Linda Johnson, he is again taking on the role of producer/director.

Note of Elegance would not have been a success year after year without the work of numerous volunteers, most notably the musicians. Local performers have generously donated their time and talents for nearly 20 years and this year is no different. Returning to the Community Center stage are the multi-talented Keith Cary, guitarist and musical saw player Bob Armstrong, jazz vocalist and pianist Vatreña King, Davis-based folk band Mudlark, the Halau Hula O Lei Hal-

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OBITUARIES

Douglas Collette

Winters resident Douglas Ray "Mazza" Warrick Collette passed away in Winters on March 22, 2008. Born on Dec. 16, 1944 to John and Genevieve Warrick in Cypress, California, he was 63 years old. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his brothers, Bruce, Bobbie, David and Wayne Warrick, and Jerry, Tim and Steve Collette; sister, Sherry Collette; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are planned on Friday, April 11, at 2 p.m. at the military cemetery on Midway Road in Dixon. Donations are needed to help with funeral expenses, and donation jars have been placed around town.

Weekly police report

March 16

~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to a report of a white male age 19 to 20 with a medium height who took a large amount of alcohol without paying for it. The unknown male got into a black convertible Mustang. Any persons with information regarding this incident should contact Officer Mason at the Winters Police Department.

March 23

~ Miguel Angel Cruz Sandoval, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

March 24

~ On the 10 block of Abbey Street, officers responded to a report of fighting in public. Both parties were counseled.

March 25

~ On the 800 block of West Grant Avenue, suspects pushed a victim to the ground and battered the victim. Investigation continues.

~ On the first block of Main Street, a door to a business was found open. The building was cleared and the door secured.

~ Graffiti was found at the skateboard park located at the intersections of Valley Oak and Grant Ave. Estimated damage: \$200.

March 25-26

~ On the 600 block of Foxglove Circle, two vehicles were vandalized. Estimated damage: \$400.

~ An officer responded to a report of graffiti on the Railroad walking bridge. Estimated damage: \$200.

March 26

~ On the 400 block of Russell Street, officers responded to a report of a fraudulent use of account information.

March 27

~ Bryan Lee Panzich, 19, of Winters was arrested on three outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrants charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and three counts of failure to ap-

pear; failure to appear on previous charges of obstructing/resisting a police officer, giving false identification to a police officer and failure to appear; failure to appear on previous charges of being a minor in possession of alcohol, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and three counts of failure to appear. Panzich was also arrested on an outstanding UC Davis Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of giving false identification to a police officer and three counts of failure to appear. Panzich was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Two Winters Juveniles were issued notices to appear on charges of vandalism and petty theft

March 28

~ A cell phone and case were found on the 400 block of Grant Avenue and turned in to the police department.

~ Lindsey Nicole Boles, 20, of Woodland was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and driving over solid yellow roadway lines. Boles was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ On the 200 block of Wild Rose Lane, an officer responded to a report of a burglary. Several items of unknown value were taken. Estimated loss: pending inventory.

March 29

~ Jose Adrian Garcia, 25, of Winters was arrested on charges of driving under the influence, driving with a blood alcohol content over .08%, and crossing over double yellow roadway lines. Garcia was transported to the Winters Police Department for booking and released to a sober adult with a notice to appear.

March 30

~ On the 500 block of Third Street, an officer responded to a report of embezzlement. Estimated loss: \$37,714.05.

YESTERYEAR



File Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Phil Snow, left, and Josh Nelson spent a sunny autumn afternoon in October, 1994, installing the pillars on the gazebo in Rotary Park. The gazebo project was being coordinated by the Winters Chamber of Commerce and the Winters Rotary Club. The project was funded by donations and built by volunteers.

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YEARS AGO

April 17, 1958

James, West, mayor of Winters for the past two years, was reelected mayor at the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday evening. Dr. Ernie Young was elected vice mayor.

Miss Margaret Graf is retiring at the close of the school year after more than 30 years of teaching in the Winters Elementary School, according to John Clayton, district superintendent.

Plans have been completed for the 22nd annual Winters Youth Day, to be held April 26, according to William E. Duncan, Winters rancher and general chairman of the day.

A.E. "Andy" Danzero was elected president of the Winters Lions Club for the coming year at a meeting of the club held Monday evening at Bishop's Restaurant. He succeeds Frank Estepa as club president.

Little Miss Amy Joe Becker observed her third birthday anniversary yesterday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. Bob Becker invited six or eight neighbor children in for birthday cake and ice cream and games for the little ones.

The public is invited to attend the regular meeting of the Community swimming pool committee Monday at 8 p.m. in the City Hall when Mr. Mockler of Paddock Pools will describe different pool plans.

65
YEARS AGO

April 16, 1943

A.J. Bertholet has sold his Main Street property recently vacated by Wm. Maywood, to J. H. Roseberry.

The putting out of young rubber plants is well under way at the emergency Guayule rubber project southeast of town. More planting machines are expected in the near future.

Fulton Stephens, son of Ben Stephens and Mrs. Alice Trainer has been transferred to Wayne, Nebraska. He is with the college training detachment of the Army Air Corps.

Clifton Perkins arrived home from Hawaii Thursday, surprising his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Perkins. He has a 30 day leave and is being transferred to Camp Roberts.

Carl Poppe is in the U.S. Army service at Spokane, Washington. His brother, Bill Poppe plans to enter service Monday.

Tech. Sgt. Meredith Bruhn greeted his parents by telephone, Wednesday night from Seattle. Bruhn is a radio expert in the Signal Corps.

Lt. and Mrs. Cameron Gorton, stationed at Chico, were visitors over the weekend at the Rice brothers and Mrs. Mardis home.

Maywood's Soda Fountain and Ice Cream Parlor opened this week at the new location on the corner.

Berryessa drops .30 of a foot this week

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .30 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 5,483 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 429.04 feet above sea level, with storage computed

at 1,396,623 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 335 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 50 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 135 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Weekly fire report

March 24

~ Medical aid, 500 block of Edwards Street; child with seizures.

March 25'

~ Vehicle accident, Russell Boulevard, three vehicles involved.

~ Medical aid, 700 block of Aster Street, flu like symptoms.

~ Medical aid, 400 block of Morgan Street, difficulty breathing.

~ Medical aid, 800 block of Lincoln Avenue, chest pain.

March 26

~ Medical aid, 4000 block of Putah Creek, unknown medical problem.

~ Medical aid, 22000 block State Route 128, difficulty

breathing.

March 27

~ Medical aid, 400 block of Abbey Street, unknown medical aid.

March 28

~ Medical aid, 400 block of Morgan Street, female feeling weak.

~ Medical aid, 700 block of Main Street, unknown medical problem.

March 29

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Emery Street, abdominal pain.

March 30

Vehicle accident, Interstate 505 and County Road 29A.

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YEARS AGO

April 17, 1908

Mrs. Sophie Marriatt of Illinois is visiting her grandchildren, Lester and Alta Ireland.

Mrs. J.R. Briggs and daughter Mrs. Alma Beatrice of San Rafael, guest, were Woodland visitors Wednesday.

Miss Mary Vasey has been home this week on account of spring vacation at S.F. Normal.

G.W. Smith of northern Kansas is here visiting his son, Levi Smith. He arrived Wednesday, to remain sometime.

The firemen met Monday evening and elected the following officers: Chief, S.M. Warder; assist. Chief, W.A. Young; secretary, R.H. Jeans; treasurer, G.N. Edwards; hook and ladder, H.E. Hemenway; hose cart No. 1, T.H. Brock; No. 2, C.L. Norton.

The local lodge, Mys Workers, tendered F.H. Owen a surprise farewell party on the eve of his departure for the south. Hosts came laden with confectiory, ice cream and cake. Music, moving pictures and recitations were interspersed with punch. Festivities closed with an Easter egg hunt.

Edgar Hunter grammar school principal has been appointed as school census marshal for Winters districts, his labors to begin April 15 and end April 20.

There came near being a fire in the Presbyterian Church one evening last week. The boy who acts as janitor filled the lamps with gasoline instead of kerosene, having made a mistake in refilling his can, and when the lamps were lighted the gasoline sputtered and blazed up all around. O.P. Fassett was called to assist and unscrewed the burning chandelier and carried it out, blazing as it was. He threw it against the fence and went back inside to extinguish the fire, which had caught on the cushions of one of the seats and on the carpet from the dripping oil. Mr. Fassett was badly burned on his hands and arms and his clothing was considered ably scorched.

The second annual picnic and ball given under the auspices of Winters Parlor No. 163 Native Sons of the Golden West will be held on Friday, April 28 in the Walnut grove planted by John R. Wolfskill over 40 years ago.

E. Ireland has located his wagon maker's shop in McCoubrey's building on Main Street, where his old friends and customers will find him in the future.

Jos. Legler, at the Vienna Bakery, has added a soda fountain to his establishment and will have soda and ice cream for sale during the summer months.

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MEDALS

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excited and motivated this year.”

Riley took over as captain as the students continued to hammer away at their studies. The competition arrived in February and Winters brought with them a great sense of confidence. Lingering in the background however was the undeniable fact that Davis, having won so many years in a row, was still the heavy favorite.

The competition consists of 10 categories and each team is made up of nine students: three with A grade point averages (Honors), three with B averages (Scholastic) and three with C averages (Varsity). The students compete against one another at their respective levels and a gold, silver and bronze medal is awarded to the top three competitors for each category. The results for each round are revealed throughout the competition.

“Winters was ahead from the very beginning,” said Woody, who was in attendance for the Super Quiz Oral Response (American Civil War), which is the only public portion of the event.

Having performed extremely well up until that point, it looked as though Winters might pull it off. Then Davis won the Super Quiz and much of the optimism quickly faded. Winters’ historic role as bridemaids to Davis’ bride again began to look like a reality.

“We thought for awhile that Winters had a chance,” says Woody. “But then Davis somehow pulled it out of the fire.”

When the point count was to be announced, the team sat together and waited in anticipation for the results.

“They said Esparto

took third place,” says Woody. “And then they announced that Davis took second. We knew then that Winters took first.”

“I don’t remember who it was,” says Andrew. “But I hugged the person next to me.”

“By the time I was able to give everyone a high-five, I turned around and the Davis team had already left the building. It felt a little bit insulting, but it felt glorious as well.”

Andrew points out that the Winters team was successful partly because of strategy. While Davis High had three “geniuses” who performed extremely well at the Honors level, their other six students were not so strong.

“We swept the board several times in Scholastic and Varsity,” he says, pointing out that the Winters Honors students received fewer medals than some of the others. The WHS team had a strong balance that performed well at all levels.

Krista Blandin, who had the flu on the day of the competition, was the highest scorer in the county. Derek Riley won eight out of 10 possible medals, seven of which were gold. Andrew Fridae won five gold and two silver medals. Freshman Justin Hyer won multiple gold medals as well. He’s expected to play a vital role on the team in the years to come.

“When he was in my class,” says Woody, who is also a teacher at Shirley Rominger Intermediate, “He taught me how to make a Power Point presentation at 10 years old. He made my back-to-school presentation that year.”

Having won the county competition, WHS represented Yolo County at the state level, where they placed 17th in a field of 60 schools. Fifty-eight represented their respective counties, while two repre-

sented private schools. Many of the competitors had student bodies of over 2,000 students, compared to WHS, which has about 600.

The competition took place from March 8-10 in Sacramento. The test portion was at the Hyatt, the speeches and interviews at Sacramento State University and the Super Quiz and award ceremony at the Memorial Auditorium.

Andrew Fridae won a gold medal in the interview portion and Derek Riley won a bronze. Having received the high score at her level, Krista Blandin took home a medal as well.

The Academic Decathlon’s format is similar to that of a sporting event. Students are given a chance to march out as a team and exercise their talents in front of an audience. Individual merit is applauded, but the whole team must contribute in order to win.

The event is both tense and exciting, and



Photo by Justin Cox

Mayor Woody Fridae recognized the 2008 Winters High School Academic Decathlon Team at the March 18 city council meeting. From left are Fridae, Adreina Prado, Justin Hyer, Krista Blandin, Arilene Ruiz, Ryan Hofstrand, Andrew Fridae and Coach Marcella Heredia. (Not pictured: T.J. Johnson, Derek Riley and Savanna Waldron.)

generates a sense of school pride similar to that of an athletic team.

“I wish the competition had 10 percent of the people who show up to sporting events,” says Woody. “It’s something that I think matters quite a bit. It will influence people’s lives way into the future.”

Right now would be

an exciting time to join the Winters Academic Decathlon team. With a handful of students graduating this year and a great sense of confidence guiding its current members, momentum and excitement are at an all time high.

The team is seeking students at all grade levels earning As, Bs or

Cs. It is a valuable learning experience and looks great on college applications and resumes.

For more information, contact Marcella Heredia or Matt Biers-Ariel at Winters High School, 795-6140. Next year’s team will defend Winters High School’s championship.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

FOLLOWING THE UNRAVELING of her story about a harrowing landing in Bosnia under sniper fire last week, Hillary Clinton chalked the “misspeak” up to sleep deprivation. But then two other videos emerged of her telling the exact same story. Apparently Hillary has a chronic sleep deprivation issue. That might be an issue when answering that red phone at 3 a.m.

Being caught embellishing not only that story but her “experience,” Hillary’s desperate response to this mess was an attempt at distraction. She tried to refocus media attention on the outbursts of Barack Obama’s former pastor, Reverend Jeremiah Wright.

How ironic is that – Hillary Clinton suggesting people should be judged by the actions of others. By that logic, if she makes it to the White House, maybe we should keep her away from cigars.

All Obama really had to say about Wright’s tirade was “I am not my pastor’s keeper.” Instead, he gave a speech on race relations in America that will go down as one of the greatest speeches of all time, invoking comparisons to those given by John and Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

Therein is the difference between opportunity and opportunism. Therein is the difference between Obama and Clinton.

Some (most predictably Clinton, the Queen of Opportunism) admonished Obama for not immediately disassociating himself from his church when Wright bellowed “God damn America!” Hillary said that’s what SHE would have done. Uh huh. Just like she promptly divorced the man who cheated on her and publicly humiliated her.

However, any of us who’ve ever spent any significant time in church know that if we walked away from a church every time the pastor said something really boneheaded, we’d be changing churches as often as we change our underwear.

Come on, admit it — who amongst us can admit that our pastor/minister/priest/whatever never ever said something that made you cringe? Did you get up and walk out, never to return? Or did you shake it off and come back next week, because you realize that faith is more than a church, and a church is more than the pastor — it’s the congregation, it’s the fellowship, it’s something bigger than a fancy building and the guy who runs it. And although some pastors don’t like to be reminded of this, they’re human too and, as such, they can goof up just like the rest of us.

Here’s the deal. Reverend Wright had a classic rock star moment. Too much energy, too much mojo, too many ardent fans cheering... next thing you know, bam: he’s smashing his guitar to bits onstage. And that’s the sound bite that gets played over and over and over. Not the whole concert. Obama said as much. He noted that Wright “has been giving three sermons a week for 30 years” and his entire career as a pastor was “boiled down to a 30-second sound bite.”

Amen.
Pastors and rock stars. There’s a fine line between them. They have the same essential temperaments. Both thrive on undivided attention and a rapt audience. That interplay is power. Power is sexy. It’s invigorating. It motivates them to keep getting back up there in front of the audience, and keep working for that applause.

So why does one person born with that temperament become a rock star and the other become a pastor? Simple. Sex appeal. Or lack thereof. The one who looks like a tawny, slinky Lothario and makes girls swoon with a mere glance becomes Steven Tyler. The one who looks more like Napoleon Dynamite and only ignites the enthusiasm of his aging aunts becomes Rev. Hubert Lovejoy of the Blessed Redeemer Church. But don’t be mistaken: Inside every Reverend Lovejoy beats the heart of a Steven Tyler.

Which brings us back to Reverend Wright, a classic Rock Star Gone Religious, who had a classic rock star meltdown. He smashed his guitar into bits. Maybe he was channeling Jimi Hendrix. Some cheered. Some were shocked. But his fans kept coming back because they know it’s all about the music. Not the smashed Gibsons.

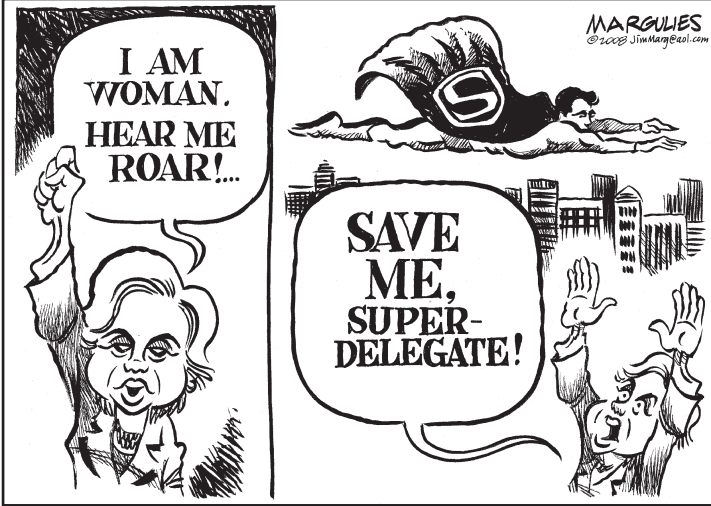
Did Obama approve of Wright’s outburst? Absolutely not. And he said so. He further noted something white middle America doesn’t want to hear: the feelings expressed by Wright do exist in the black community. They’re real. And maybe it’s time we started talking about them. Even if it’s uncomfortable.

Wow. An honest, direct, mature response. What a burst of oxygen in the vacuum of American politics.

Rock on, Obama, rock on.

OUT OF OFFICE COUNTDOWN: 42 weeks left until Dubya exits, stage right. Hallelujah!

ON A LOCAL NOTE: The Winters Chamber of Commerce is trying to breathe new life into the Winters Walk, which takes place downtown on the first Saturday of every month, 12-6 p.m. Come visit with friends, neighbors and merchants. Supporting local business keeps strip malls out of town. Participating in your community preserves that small town atmosphere we all love. Take a stroll downtown Saturday.



LETTERS

Winters Walk features air

Dear Editor,

This is to let the town know about the fabulous pleine aire function on the first Saturday of the month during the Winters Walk, Walk Winters. Our theme this month is Air. Not only are many artists coming to Winters to paint pleine aire (outside), but the Participation Gallery has taken up the air theme and will be making paper airplanes in the Rotary Park gazebo and painting the sidewalk, and there will also be an opportunity to hear nature stories about air starting at 2 p.m. along the Putah Creek nature trail. If you pick up chalk from the Winters Participation Gallery, you can decorate the sidewalks along Rotary Park and win a prize that will follow judging at 4 p.m.

Here is the schedule:
~ All day: Visit downtown businesses! Fly your paper airplane or kite in Rotary Park! Pick up chalk at the gazebo, Attie Gallery or Winters Participation Gallery for pleine aire chalk art on the Rotary Park sidewalks. Judging will take place between 4-5 p.m.
~ Children can meet at the Rotary Park gazebo at 2 p.m. for Nature’s Theater tales along the Putah Creek Nature Park trails with Jeff Falyn, coordinator the of Stebbins

Cold Canyon nature program.

Hope you can join us for some fun in Downtown Winters on the first Saturday Winters Walk, Walk Winters, 12-6 p.m. Ride your bike down, grab some local food, check out our downtown boutiques such as the Attie Gallery, Regalare and Bella’s Boutique, watch the artists painting the town, and do a little yourself with sidewalk chalk. Listen to Nature’s Theater stories and learn about our nature trail. Fly your own paper airplane or make one from Winters Express recycled paper. Lots to do! Bring the family and have some fun.

Also, be sure to reserve your time on Sunday, April 13, from 4-6 p.m. at 18 Main Street for the Winters High School Student Show reception. The show will include 120 students from Winters High School, Wolfskill High School and independent study. Don’t miss this exceptional display of our emerging artists. Lester Farms joins us to put on this show, so check out the art there too.

VALERIE WHITWORTH
Board Member, Winters Participation Gallery Chamber of Commerce Winters Walk committee

Grad Nite could use some help

Dear Editor,

You know it’s really spring when we start planning the Grad Nite party, right? The buzz in town is the committee is short on funding and there will be no Grad Nite party this year for the Class of 2008. Right and wrong!

True, we have less money this year for the party. The economy has hit everyone hard, and many of those who have generously given to this event can only give a little less. However, we will carry on the Winters tradition and have a Grad Nite party this year.

In order to do that, we must continue to ask for support and donations from the community. Not

only are we in need of financial contributions, but we can use donations of drinks, desserts, raffle items and fund-raising ideas.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Library. We welcome parents of seniors who are interested in helping to organize and raise funds, as well as seniors who are interested in making this year’s Grad Nite party memorable for the Class of 2008. I hope to see some new faces at our next meeting.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.
SARAH DICKINSON
President, WHS Grad Nite Parent Group, 2008
www.wintersgradnite.com

Fire department was huge help

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the American Red Cross, I would like to thank the Winters Fire Department for hosting two Red Cross training classes for youth this year. The fire department allowed us to use their facilities for an Infant & Child CPR class on Feb. 2, and a Babysitters Training class on

March 15. During the two classes, we were able to teach vital lifesaving skills to 38 youths between the ages of 11 and 17. We appreciate the generosity of the Winters Fire Department for their classroom space.

DONNA NEU
Executive Director
American Red Cross of Yolo and Lake Counties

“There’s an old saying in Tennessee — I know it’s in Texas, probably in Tennessee — that says, fool me once, shame on..shame on you.
You fool me, you can’t get fooled again.”

~ George W. Bush



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

SMALL TOWN AMERICA. Every once in a while I stumble onto a great event. Actually I read about it in last week’s Express. We’re all proud of the Buckhorn, but there is a running joke about not eating there on Saturday nights. Two things happen — it’s crowded and you don’t recognize anyone. That may be good for the Buckhorn but I’d rather eat there during the week where I’ll see people I know and it isn’t quite so busy.

Last Monday night there was a fund-raiser for our Little League. The Buckhorn donated 15 percent of their proceeds from the evening to the Winters Little League. I’m not sure how much that amounts to, but the place was busy, and I recognized almost everyone in the room.

I’m sure there were people who just happened to be going out to eat, but Little League thanks them all the same. I walked out right behind Dorothy Becker and her family. I joked that it was past our bedtimes, and then I realized it wasn’t a joke. Staying out past 9 o’clock isn’t as easy as it used to be.

Some of the early crowd hurried through their meals to make it to the 6:30 p.m. Little League game at the park. Older parents, or grandparents, just hung around until it got dark. There were still people coming in when we left, and those leaving all had smiles on their faces. It looked like an annual event to me.

It was a nice evening out with the neighbors.

SHOP TALK. The Express is shrinking, just a little, as the width of our newsprint continues to get narrower. The size difference between the papers of my youth and today is striking. I’m in the process of cleaning out the back shop of the Express and I keep coming across old newspapers, mostly from the 1960s and ‘70s. Some are in boxes from when I took them to the Earthquake Festival and tried to sell them for \$1 each. They have been recycled and are now part of a box being shipped from China back to the United States containing something that was once made here.

The problem with finding old papers, and throwing them out, is you start reading them. There were fewer people in Winters back then, but there were more names in the paper. There were a lot more wedding stories and just short notes about where people had spent their vacations, or where their children were going to college. The Viet Nam war was making the news on a regular basis, even in the Express.

Ten years ago I had to stop running what everyone did for Thanksgiving, when I couldn’t get people to tell me where they went or who they had over for dinner. “Why do you want to know,” was a common answer. Times have changed.

The paper measured about 35 inches when you held it open. Try that today and you’ll see that the paper is only 23 inches wide. We used to make paper hats to wear around the back shop to keep ink out of our hair. If you made a hat out of today’s paper it wouldn’t fit my granddaughter. I wouldn’t think that the paper can get any narrower, but you never know.

We aren’t the only paper to change to a 23-inch web for printing our paper. The Vacaville Reporter, Daily Democrat and the Davis Enterprise have already changed. Newsprint is like gasoline or electricity, you can’t live without it and it isn’t getting any cheaper as the years go by.

I have photovoltaic panels on my office to make my own electricity, bought plans for a still to make my own fuel, but I can’t seem to find a way to make my own paper without polluting Putah Creek and the rest of the Sacramento Valley.

Enjoy your Express and think about sending in your birth, wedding, anniversaries or other announcements. They’re free, by the way.

Have a good week.

Enjoying internet subscription

Dear Charley,

Thanks for the speedy service on my internet subscription. I really recommend this for those like myself who have moved a few thousand miles away, and still love to know what’s happening in Winters.

I think I get my paper here in Kentucky sooner than the locals in Winters. We have two weekly papers here in our area, and neither have this great internet service. I can now read the news that happened 60 years ago, and remember when it happened as a teenager.

My wife Billie (of 61 years) and I always get a little homesick when we read of the preparation for Youth Day. We have

Fall Festival, Summer Fest, and a few other special days here in our little town. Our parades and festivities are very limited and the parades very short which always reminds us of the early days of Youth Day in Winters.

The names of those that we grew up with and attended school with are getting fewer every time we read the obituaries. There are many positive things about the Blue Grass State. You can still buy a three or four bedroom house on five acres for under \$150,000. Anyone interested in moving, give me a call. Oh by the way my check for the Express is in the mail.

REV. JAY CONSTANT

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From the Ground Up: Awesome asparagus

By ANN M. EVANS
and GEORGEANNE
BRENNAN
Special to the Express

Asparagus is a minor crop in Yolo County, better known for processing tomatoes, almonds and walnuts, but Jim and Debra Durst, owners of Durst Organic Growers in Esparto, have developed a niche for spring's quintessential crop. With 100 acres dedicated to organic asparagus production, they are the largest asparagus farmers in the county. Other farms, such as Full Belly, Capay Fruits and Vegetables, and Terra Firma grow asparagus primarily for their CSA customers, while the Dursts sell their asparagus wholesale.

Always interested in the question of where in the world Yolo County's farm products go, we asked Jim Durst where he ships the farm's organic asparagus. He said they ship mostly on the west coast, from Los Angeles to Seattle, though some goes across the country.

"We try to keep it eight hours by truck," he said. "Portland is a big market for us. New Seasons Market is a big customer there."

New Seasons Market is a privately held chain, started by three families in Portland, Oregon that features specialty and organic health foods with conventional grocery items and has figured out a way to label where their produce comes from, featuring the farmers. (www.newseasonsmarket.com.)

The Dursts started growing asparagus in 1997, mostly for cash flow, seeing it as a crop

that could begin generating revenue before their other crops were ready to harvest. In a recent conversation, Jim said, "Asparagus comes off early in the spring, it was a business decision originally, but once we started we found it was a pretty good market."

Asparagus performs well in the Yolo County climate, as it does in the nearby Sacramento Delta area, a very different region. Jim says, "Unlike the Delta, which grows a lot of asparagus, we don't have the high water tables so we end up irrigating more. The Delta has peat soils, so the roots of the asparagus plant can expand and grow. They drop down and go into the water table with their long roots, but here in Yolo County, we just irrigate when it starts getting a little dry." Durst says his main competition for organic spring asparagus is from the Yuba City area and Imperial and Salinas Valleys. We asked Jim how he competes, and he told us, "We try to pack the very best."

Part of packing the best is starting with the best seed and transplants. Jim buys his locally from Brian Bensen, who started California Asparagus Seed and Transplants, Inc. Bensen was a breeder with UCD before starting his own seed company in 1981.

The company (www.calif-asparagus-seed.com) sells seed all over the world. Working with his wife, they typically market 4 to 5 metric tons (8, 800 to 11,000 pounds) of hybrid asparagus seed annually to over 40 countries, produced on 13.5 acres

in Yolo County along Highway 113.

The Dursts' fourth-generation farm is located in an area of northwestern Yolo County called Hungry Hollow at the mouth of the Capay Valley, outside the town of Esparto. Standing at the Durst farm, looking north toward County Road One, you see almond orchards and flat farmland. If it were slightly higher in elevation, you'd see the Sutter Buttes as well. To the west, you see the hills that are in between the Durst farm and the Capay Valley, beyond which lie the Blue Ridge of the Coast Range. To the south, you'll see flat farmland, more almond orchards, and, on a clear day, Mount Diablo. To the east you see the vast stretch of the Sacramento Valley, and, on a clear day, the Sierra Nevada. It is a beautiful setting in the heart of the county, one that produces literally tons of fresh product, and not only asparagus.

The Dursts grow and market melons, heirloom tomatoes, cherry, and Roma tomatoes, plus winter squash to wholesale and retail outlets in and around San Francisco and other metropolitan areas in the US and Canada. As with the asparagus, they control all aspects of production from the time seeds go into the ground, until produce arrives at his vendor's docks, including harvesting, packing, sales and trucking. About half of their 550 acres are dedicated to fresh market vegetables, and the remainder are planted in processing tomatoes and alfalfa

hay for organic dairy feed. Featured in the SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education) publication in their 2000 Conference Proceedings, you can find more information on Jim and Deborah and their family farm at www.durstorganicgrowers.com.

Want to try some of the Dursts Yolo County organic asparagus? Come to the Slow Food Yolo Asparagus and Lamb Grill, April 5, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and get a tour of the Dursts' asparagus operation — from field to packing shed, followed by lunch. He'll be selling asparagus there as well by the 11-pound carton for \$27, or for sale by the pound for \$2.50.

Bring your own dishes (no paper or plastic, please), a Yolo County wine to share, and a side dish to share. \$25 per person for Slow Food members; \$35 per person for non-members. Limited to 40 people. To purchase tickets, go to [www. Brown-papertickets.com](http://www.Brownpapertickets.com). For more information visit www.slowfoodyolo.com. Wear walking shoes. You will tour an asparagus field and see it being harvested. (a tractor will take those unable to walk.), then tour the packing area to see the asparagus being washed, trimmed, sized, bunched and packed.

While the tour is going on the lamb will be grilled over a wood-burning fire. If you can't make it to the Slow Food Yolo event at the Durst Farm, try the Davis Farmers Market which features several farmers, including Yolo County's Capay Fruit and Vegetables, selling asparagus.

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This is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Dear Editor,

Again we read in the headlines about the number of our young people that have been killed in Iraq — 4,000 in five years — an appalling number to say the least. We will again see protests and demonstrations against the war and debates as to whether it is necessary or a waste of precious lives and money.

This letter is not to debate the war; it is to bring to your attention that during that same five year period, more than 7,000 children in the United States have been killed as a result of child abuse. These children did not volunteer to be part of a group at risk. They had no way to defend themselves and there are precious few that are willing to stand

up and speak for them.

There is an election coming soon and the candidates are either for or against the war. They speak eloquently of their positions. I have yet to hear anyone speak about what they will do to reduce child abuse. I have yet to see the headlines stating the number of children killed in the last year or five years.

Ask yourself: Are these innocent children less valuable to us than the military personnel? Do we care less that a six month old baby is shaken to death than we do that a 20 year old is killed in a war? Think

about this the next time someone is running for office at any level. The cost of the war is about \$90 billion a year. The cost of child abuse is estimated at \$94 billion a year and little if anything is being done to reduce that cost.

It is estimated that for each dollar spent on prevention, six are saved on the other side. Don't you think it is about time that the people of the U.S. started doing something about this National tragedy? April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Get involved and save a child.

BUD WOLF

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays.
Mail/bring letters to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694 or email to news@wintersexpress.com.

Community

Help, cars needed for parade

The Winters Youth Day Parade Committee is in need of cars to carry dignitaries in this year's Youth Day Parade on Saturday, April 26. Ten cars are needed to carry out of town and local dignitaries.

Volunteers are also needed to help as parade marshals. A parade marshal receives the entrants as they come in to town and lines them up numerically in parade form. Equestrian marshals are needed the most at this time.

Adults and school age children are needed to help get the annual parade off the ground. To donate the use of a car or to volunteer to help, contact Youth Day Parade Chairman Mike Sebastian, 795-2091.

Fortnightly Club news

By AUDREY THURMOND
Special to the Express

At the last meeting of the Winters Fortnightly Club on Tuesday, March 11, Bobbie Greenwood introduced this year's group of American Field Service (AFS) students attending Winters High School. The four exchange students are Tatiana Carrillo, from Paraguay; Helene Martinsen, from Norway; Anja Sperling, from Germany; and Khachonyot "Big" Yaempradit, from Thailand.

Club members very much enjoyed hearing each student tell something about their home country, family, school schedules, and future plans. Each answered questions concerning likes and dislikes, and comparisons of here and there, posed by the audience following the presentations. The club found this to be another charming group of young people, all fine representatives of their own countries and assets to Winters High School.

The Winters Fortnightly Club is planning its annual outing for Tuesday, April 8. Meet at the library at 11 a.m. The group will travel by carpool to the Taber Ranch in Capay Valley to enjoy the setting and the views on a spring day. Cody's Deli will provide sack lunches. For more information, call Darlene Benson, 795-2876.



TROY and SHIRLEY PALMER

Palmers celebrate 50th anniversary

Troy and Shirley Palmer were married in Reno Nevada on March 22, 1958. They met in Sept. 1955, in San Francisco.

At that time, Troy was in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed at Hunters Point aboard the USS Bon Homme Richard Navel Carrier. Shirley was attending school.

It was love at first sight. During their marriage they had two daughters, Debbie Yvette Palmer of Vacaville and Teresa Kay Madsen and husband Perry of Missouri.

They have two grandchildren; Dustin Troy Madsen of Missouri and Melissa Kae Arnett of Winters. On Monday, March 24, Troy Palmer turned 70 years young. Troy and Shirley came to Winters 24 years ago.

Seniors Citizens Club news

By MARGE SEBASTIAN
Special to the Express

Our March meeting/potluck was held on Wednesday, March 12, at the Community Center.

A special thanks goes to Marie Heilman, who cooked some delicious corned beef and cabbage for us. Also, thanks to all of you who brought dishes to share.

James Vanderschuur, who is an agent for UIG Insurance agency, was present to answer questions that anyone might have about Medicare. Also, Gene Ashdon from the City of Winters came

to tell us that if you do not have smoke alarm in your home and you are a senior, he will come and install one in your home at no cost.

Thanks to those who brought drawing gifts. If you have won a drawing gift lately, it would be nice if you could bring a gift so that the same members don't always have to bring something.

After lunch we played Bingo for prizes in Easter Bags. A fun afternoon was had by all.

Our April meeting/potluck will be held on Wednesday, April 9.

County Road 99 to be closed

A two-mile section of County Road 99, between County Road 27 and County Road 29, will be closed to traffic from Monday, April 7, through May 24, to reconstruct and widen County Road 99 for bike lanes between County Roads 27 and 29.

A detour route will be posted to direct traffic to County Road 98 between County Road 27

and County Road 29.

Bicyclists may use shoulders of State Route 113 between County Road 27 and County Road 29. Commuters are encouraged to use alternate routes during this 48-day closure.

For more information, contact Olesya Tribukait, Yolo County Public Works Civil Engineer, 666-8844.

Winters homes featured on tour

Three Winters homes will be showcased during the eighth annual Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour benefiting the American Red Cross of Yolo County, planned for Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Included on the tour are the homes of Sandy and Tom Vickrey, 27632 Carmello Way; Vicki and Tom Jacobs, 30690 The Horseshoe; and Maggie Burns and Roy Bellhorn, 28500 Alta Vista Drive.

Other homes on the tour this year include the homes of Bob and Bobbie Kittridge, 1502 West Street, Woodland, which features a remod-

eled kitchen and family room; Doug and Liz Malinoff, 1505 Gateway Court, Davis, featuring an expanded kitchen and great room plus new outdoor kitchen area; Monique and Rick Moniz, 2911 Coho Place, Davis, which is a totally "green" home that was designed after their original structure was destroyed in a fire a few years ago; and Pamela Peterson and Andy Hendrickx, 26130 County Road 97, featuring a horse training area surrounded by almond and fruit trees.

During the tour, food is served in each home by local restaurants and

caterers, and wines are served from such wineries as Berryessa Gap and Rominger West Wineries. Monticello Bistro of Winters, owned by Tony and Rhonda Gruska, will be serving food at one of the Winters homes.

This annual event benefits the free disaster training and relief programs that are given by the local American Red Cross. The Red Cross is located at 120 Court Street in Woodland.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available by calling the American Red Cross at 662-4669, or online at www.yc-arc.org.



Courtesy photo

The Winters home of Maggie Burns and Roy Bellhorn will be among the Winters homes featured on the Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour on Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event benefits the American Red Cross. Tickets are \$25, and are available by calling the American Red Cross, 662-4669.

Woodland Healthcare offers stroke seminars

Woodland Healthcare is offering free health education seminars about the signs and symptoms of stroke.

On average, someone experiences a stroke every 53 seconds in the U.S., according to the American Heart Association.

"Stroke Signs and Symptoms," presented by Debbie Porter, Stroke Team Nurse Educator at Woodland Healthcare, will include free health

screenings for cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure. Porter will spend 45 minutes discussing the signs, symptoms and risk factors of stroke, as well as the latest treatment in stroke care. No registration is required.

The stroke seminars will be presented at the following locations, dates and times:

~ Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue, Wednesday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

~ Davis Senior Center/Davis Health Fair, 646 A Street in Davis, Wednesday, May 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

~ Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Avenue in Woodland, Monday, Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 669-5570. For more information about Woodland Healthcare, visit their website at woodlandhealthcare.org.

Free blood pressure check offered

Free blood pressure checks are offered by Sutter Davis Hospital and its auxiliary every Wednesday in the Sutter Davis Hospital lobby, 2000 Sutter Place in Davis, 10 a.m. to noon.

The Youth Day Committee needs more volunteers!
Call 795-2091 to help.



DALE MITCHELL, Ed.D

EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

SHORTLY, ALL STUDENTS in grades 2 through 11 will be participating in the California state testing program called STAR. The significance and insignificance of the tests cannot be overstated. While this may sound contradictory, it does illustrate the challenges that the STAR testing program presents to teachers, school districts, and communities.

Why can't we understate the significance? First, it is an important measure of individual student learning. It provides information to the student, parent, and teacher about how well the student has learned grade level curriculum. Success, or lack of it, does impact the educational program and support that students receive. The test results, however, do not distinguish between knowledgeable students who make little effort to test well and struggling learners who did their best.

Second, it is an external accountability measure that is used by the state and federal governments to evaluate the quality of schools and school districts and to compare schools and districts with one another. School and district success is ultimately determined by the combined, or aggregated performance of the district's individual students. This is why it is extremely important that each student learns as much as she/he can during the school year and tries her/his very best on the tests. The results reflect the performance of the individual student, the school and the district. As a district, we use this information to determine how well we educate all students, and subgroups of students as determined by ethnicity, socio-economic status, English language performance levels, and gender.

Overstating the significance of state testing can also be a poor choice. Our teachers use multiple sources of information to monitor and evaluate student achievement. Taking a series of tests on one occasion provides limited insight into the knowledge and skills that our students possess. Additionally, with the exception of writing at grades 4 and 7, student learning is communicated only through performance on a multiple choice test. There are many other ways to demonstrate learning, such as through projects and simulations, that are more effective means to assess learning. Using only one method of assessment means that only the students who can successfully communicate through that modality will have the most accurate picture of learning.

If we shouldn't overstate or understate the importance of STAR testing at home, at school, and within our community, what should we do? I believe that the answer is very simple. Do our best!

What does our best look like? Students are committed to learning as much as they can and strive to answer the questions to the best of their ability. Parents emphasize the importance of their students doing their best and communicate this value by encouraging their students and by ensuring that the students eat nutritionally and get an appropriate amount of sleep. I know that our teachers, support staff and administrators have worked hard to help prepare our students to be successful on the STAR tests. The success of their efforts also requires the commitment of students and parents.

Hazardous waste drop-off days planned

This month's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off days at the Yolo County Central Landfill are scheduled for April 11 and 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. HHW will be accepted from Yolo County residents only. Agricultural and infectious medical waste can not be accepted. Seniors or disabled residents, who cannot drive may schedule a free pick-up by calling (800) 433-5060 by April 9.

Small businesses that generate up to 220 pounds or 27 gallons of hazardous waste during the course of business are considered Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG). A business that is a CESQG may bring hazardous waste

to the HHW collection event by appointment, and for a fee. CESQGs will need an EPA Identification (EPA ID) number that can be obtained from the Department of Toxic Substances Control by calling (800) 618-6942. If a CESQG already has an EPA ID, they may call (800) 433-5060 to schedule an appointment.

Materials that will be accepted include the following: batteries, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, used motor oil and filters, cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, antifreeze, aerosols (no empties), garden pesticides and herbicides, latex or oil based paints, solvents, poisons, electrical switches/relays, pilot light sensors, and mer-

cury thermostats. Small electronic items, including TVs and monitors will also be accepted for recycling at no cost. There is a handling fee for recycling appliances.

During regular business hours, the Yolo County Central Landfill accepts the following items for recycling or reuse: household batteries, printer cartridges, wall-mounted thermostats, electronic devices (e-waste) with a circuit board (i.e., VCRs, cell phones, telephones, printers, radios, computers, monitors, TVs), latex paint, used motor oil and filters, diesel fuel, diesel oil, non-chlorinated power steering fluid, differential clutch flu-

id, transmission fluid, hydraulic fluid, kerosene, auto batteries, paper, cardboard, bottles, and cans.

At the landfill's Reuse Center, reusable items such as automotive lubricants, paints, pool chemicals, gardening products and cleaners are available for free during HHW events.

HHW events are sponsored by the Yolo County Department of Planning & Public Works Division of Integrated Waste Management. Upcoming HHW drop-off day are scheduled for May 9 and 10.

For more information on HHW events, call 666-8729 or visit: www.yolocounty.org/recycle.

Yolo homeless coalition plans meeting in Winters

The Yolo County Homeless & Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC) is hosting several Continuum of Care planning sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to facilitate coordination between non-profit organizations, businesses and governmental agencies providing services to low income and homeless individuals and families in the community.

Information gathered at these meetings will inform the Continuum of Care plan that is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan directs efforts to meet the needs of the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in the coming year.

A meeting is planned in Winters on Wednesday, April 23, 11 a.m. to noon, in the city council chambers at City Hall. An HPAC meeting is planned for 9:30 a.m. Food and drinks will be provided.

HPAC is an affiliation of public sector groups and private, non-profit agencies. Its mission is to provide leadership on homelessness and poverty in Yolo County with the vision to create and sustain a comprehensive, coordinated and balanced array of human services for homeless and low-income individuals and families within Yolo County.

For more information, contact Leona Jull, 661-1218.

Gallery recruiting volunteers

The Winters Participation Gallery/Winters Center for the Arts is recruiting docents for monthly three-hour commitments. Volunteers are needed to

keep the gallery open during regular hours, Fridays, 5-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-8 p.m.; and Sundays, 12-3 p.m. For more information, call 795-0608 or 795-2009.

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portion of the budget.

“That was a big surprise,” said Hahn, “so it makes this Second Interim Report all the more critical.”

Hahn also reviewed how federal funds have declined year over year, with another decrease this year.

“As a total percentage of revenues, they are 5.2 percent this year, with a one percent drop every year since 2003. They use to be over eight percent of our total revenues. The combined loss over the past three years has been close to \$470,000. It’s unbelievable.”

There was good news too, with increased revenues for a number of programs, including funding in arts/music block grants, supplemental counseling, and school safety. There will be a \$72,869 increase in additional interest income and city funding for operations at the swimming pool. She recommended, and the board approved, positive certification of the report, which goes on to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools.

Recognitions

Waggoner Elementary School principal Suzen Holtemann recognized student Leopoldo Guzman, with kind words in English and in Spanish, and a plaque.

“I am very happy to recognize Leopoldo for his progress in language arts and math,” said Holtemann. “He has had tremendous growth. He’s been with us for two years. He came to us from the Los Angeles area, and he was having a hard time at first with the new school and making new friends. He has made a complete turn around. He is so in-

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pants, hats, and gardening gloves. Trash bags and some gloves will be provided, as well as bulky item removal equipment. No experience is necessary.

The Nature Park Cleanup will offer both easy-access locations at the top of the bank and more challenging areas along sloped banks and in denser vegetation downstream of the Community Center. There is plenty of litter to clean up, says the event coordinator.

Cleanups along Putah Creek are an important tradition with many benefits. Past cleanups have removed literally tons of debris from local waterways. Cleaning up litter, tires, appliances and other garbage from the creek and its banks not only improves the appearance of the Putah Creek Nature Park, but also creates a safer area for recreation.

With summer not far off, it is important that the mess of this winter’s storms be hauled away, leaving walking paths pleasant and grassy picnic spots clean. Cleanups also improve water quality and wildlife habitat, important goals which also add to the recreational value of the Putah Creek Nature Park.

For more information, visit www.putahcreek-council.org or contact Megan Harns, Putah Creek Council, megan@putahcreek-council.org, 795-3006 or 902-0814; Wendy Rash, Winters Putah Creek Action Team, Wendy.Rash@ca.usda.gov or 662-2037, extension 113; Carol Scianna, City of Winters, 795-4910, extension. 115.

spired to learn.”

Holtemann also recognized Waggoner parent Lauren Peters.

“We are very honored to be able to recognize Lauren as one of our very valuable parents,” said Holtemann. “She volunteers in the classroom, is a member of the school site council, she is active in the school garden project — she is at the school all the time. We are very grateful, and we would like to thank her with

this recognition.”

Dam math

School board president Jay Shepherd told of taking Mr. Challenger’s high school math applications students on a tour of his work place through the power plant at Monticello Dam. This was the first group allowed since heightened security in the aftermath of 9/11.

“We’re doing quite a bit of machine work in place,” said Shepherd,

“so the kids got a chance to see math in the work place, and got a chance to talk with people that work in thousands of an inch on a daily basis. It seemed like a bit much for the kids, but Mr. Challenger said, ‘Just show them, and I’ll explain it to them later.’”

The next school board meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 3, at the district office, 909 West Grant Avenue.

Entertainment

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i'a dancers, guitarist Bill Scholer, musician and vocalist Kari King and pianist and vocalist Secrist (with friends).

Living proof that music is a passion that can last a lifetime, former Winters High School music student and 2004 graduate Maggie Brewer will take the stage to perform some modern folk favorites. New to the stage this year are Hardwater, a Davis-based band with Winters roots that performs original songs ranging from pop to blues and folk to jazz. They also perform covers, ranging from Buddy Holly to the Barenaked Ladies. Latin singer Dinora Curkendall will bring her unique sound to the stage as well as the contemporary jazz stylings of the Cliff Lamb Group.

Note of Elegance takes place on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue. Doors open for the no-host bar at 7 p.m., curtain is at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware, 35 Main Street, Winters. Call Nancy Howard, at 795-4602 to reserve a table for eight.



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Three of the four singers who won first place at the Winters High School talent show in February will perform their winning song, "Hallelujah," from the Shrek soundtrack, at this year's Note of Elegance fund-raiser. They are, from top, Jessicca Hapworth-Eldridge, Mattielyn Long and Krista Blandin. (Not pictured, Anja Sperling.) Note of Elegance takes place on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19 at the Community Center, no-host bar at 7 p.m., curtain at 8 p.m.

Thompson to host Discover the Delta

Congressman Mike Thompson will host a "Discover the Delta" dinner Saturday, April 12, at the West Sacramento Civic Center Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento. This is his seventh annual Yolo County event.

Area friends and supporters are invited to join the congressman 5-7:30 p.m. for an Italian dinner. Yolo County winemakers have been invited to pour their specialties and local products will be featured in a silent auction. Active Delta organizations will host informational tables.

Special guest Representative Doris Matsui will be joining Thompson. Matsui represents the 5th District of California, which covers neighboring Sacramento. She serves on the influential House Rules Committee and has partnered with Thompson on flood control funding and other projects important to the region.

Discover the Delta tickets are \$30 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years, and may be purchased at the door. For more information and reservations, call Mary Jane Bowker, (707) 226-8989.

"Artistic Sensations" to raise funds on April 26

Tickets are now on sale for the fourth annual "Artistic Sensations." This event is the major fundraiser for the Yolo County Arts Council and will be held on Saturday, April 26 starting at 6:30 p.m. at West Sacramento's Civic Center Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento.

The event will feature food and wine tasting from select Yolo County restaurants, wineries and brewpubs. The "It's About Time Swing Band" will provide listening and dancing music for the event.

The evening art celebration will also honor and display the work of

Yolo County artist David Hollowell. Hollowell is an art professor at UC Davis and his work has been exhibited throughout the world.

Tickets for the event are \$50 and can be purchased online at www.yoloarts.org, or by calling the Yolo County Arts Council at 406-4844.

The Yolo County Arts Council is a non profit organization whose mission is to actively foster, develop, and advocate support for the arts in Yolo County; to advance arts education in schools and community; and to foster communication among artists, business, education, and government.

Hesemeyer to perform at storytelling program

Wyatt Hesemeyer will present an exciting program entitled "Musical Journey to the Heart of the Jungle" on Sunday, April 13, from 2-3 p.m. in the community room at International House, located at 10 College Park in Davis. Doors will open at 1:45 p.m.

Come with your voices and imagination to this multimedia event with tales of snakes, monkeys and elephants in the heart of the jungles of Thailand. Audience participation will be encouraged. Hesemeyer is a Win-

ters resident and graduate of UC Santa Cruz, and has spent time researching gibbons in Thailand. He comes to I-House to share some of his adventures in a program of live music, songs and stories.

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

For more information, call Shirley German, 758-4196, or Kathryn Tyson, 753-5007. More informa-

tion on the Storytelling Program is available online at www.internationalhousedavis.org and about Hesemeyer at www.laurasandage.com/home.html

One Sunday afternoon per month, children ages 4-10 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.

Free children's fishing day planned

The Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Berryessa office, in partnership with Berryessa Trails and Conservation, will host "Take A Kid Fishing Day" on Sunday, April 13, 8 a.m. to noon. This free family event will be held at Fox-tail Flat in the Oak Shores Day Use area located at Lake Berryessa. Oak Shores is one mile north of Reclamation Park Headquarters on Berryessa-Knoxville Road.

Participants are en-

couraged to arrive at 7:30 a.m. to check in. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Along with the fun of fishing, children will learn new techniques from local Susan Fairfield Bass Reaper's Bass Club members, and information about the fish at Lake Berryessa. The children will be divided into groups, with each child receiving on loan a rod and reel, information on fishing, as well as expert in-

structions on fishing, water safety, and resource protection. Participants are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles and tackle.

There will be a barbecue lunch provided as well as prizes for Biggest Fish and First Fish. Prizes and lunch will be limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information, call park ranger Jason Jordan, (707) 966-2111, extension 113.

Soroptimist event brings authors, artists, public together

Soroptimist International of Greater Davis is sponsoring an event to showcase the creativity of artists and authors. Participants will have an opportunity to meet and see what they produce. Attendees can buy their books, pictures, photographs, scarves, jewelry, and other items and get them signed. The event takes place on Friday, April 4, 6-10 p.m., and Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street in Davis.

Some of the authors participating in the event include: Stefanie Cruz, author of a cool new kids book entitled "Delta and Dawn: Mother and Baby Whales' Journey"; Alan O'Connor, author of "Gold on the Diamond: Sacramento's Greatest Baseball Players 1886-1976"; Al-

ton Pryor, author of several books on California's history and Sam Shane of Channel 13 will be on hand to answer questions about the baseball books he has written.

Sue Snively of Dixon will feature her elegant silk scarves. Lost wax jewelry artists Gerald and Pat Dewey's work features 14 kt gold. A gold-filled piece of jewelry is usually considered a lifetime investment and provides an opportunity for participants to do some early Christmas or birthday shopping for one-of-a-kind items. Glass Artist Jeremiah Hart will show his hand-blown glass pieces.

Tickets for Friday night's wine and hors d'oeuvres reception costs \$10 if purchased in advance and \$12.50 at the door. On Saturday the event is open to

the public and is free.

For tickets, e-mail ArtShow2008@yahoo.com or purchase them

from the Davis Chamber of Commerce office, 130 G Street in Davis or call 756-5160.

Sports

Warriors down Las Plumas 12-4

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity baseball team traveled to Oroville to take on Las Plumas High School on Friday, March 28, for a Butte View League game and came home with a 12-4 victory over the Thunderbirds. Winters scored five runs in the third and five more in the fifth to put the game out of reach.

“We didn’t play a great game,” said coach Jeff Ingles. “They are a pretty good club but we didn’t play good defense. We kicked it around a few times and that means more pitches thrown and more opportunities.”

Kevin Rowell threw a complete game for the Warriors picking up the win as he gave up four runs; just two earned on nine hits

and struck out six batters.

At the plate, the Warriors totaled 12 hits and 11 RBI led by Rowell. Rowell helped himself out by going 2 for 3 with three runs scored and had a triple. Cody Campos also batted 2 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI. Ray McIntire batted 2 for 5 with two RBI and two runs scored.

John Cummings also batted 2 for 5 with an RBI. Kyle Tobler batted 1 for 2 with a run scored and two RBI. Aaron Geerts batted 1 for 3 with two runs scored. Kaplan Smith batted 1 for 4 with a run scored and three RBI. Alex Huizar batted 1 for 4 as well and had a run scored and an RBI. Bryan Case scored a run and Zach Higgins had an RBI for the Warriors.

Boys top Las Plumas in track opener



Photo by Angela Hofstrand
Cody Schaffer (left) and Ryan Hofstrand clear the final hurdle to take first and second for Winters High School, as coach Jay Shuttleworth views from behind.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Steven Warren strides out during the 100 meter race on Wednesday, March 26, at the Winters High School track meet.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Billy Rottenkolber (left) and Jared Ramos (second from the right) come out of the blocks hard during the JV Boys 100 meter race on Wednesday, March 26, at the Winters High School track meet.

By JAY SHUTTLEWORTH
Special to the Express

At the Butte View League track and field opener held in Winters on Wednesday, March 26, the Winters High School boys track teams beat a talented Las Plumas squad.

Since Las Plumas joined the BVL in 2007, their presence has been almost elemental — like a rainstorm, or even an earthquake — they were a track force that could not be beaten; their performances could only be endured. In 2007, LP’s boys and girls varsity teams were the undefeated BVL champs, the girls were the Division II champions, and the boys were Division-II runner-ups (by a single point). Coming into Wednesday’s match, of all divisions in the Northern Section, the LP boys had the top-ranked shot put and discus throwers and the top-ranked 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 relay teams.

The WHS varsity boys chiseled into a little of LP’s greatness with a stirring 67-60 victory. Leading the way was Carlos Figueroa, who was first in the 1600 (4:50.1), first in the 3200 (11:19.3), and second in the 800 (2:11.7). Terrence Johnson won the 800 (2:10.6), and he joined Figueroa with a second-place effort in the 3200 (11:36.0). Johnson also was third in the 400 (55.4).

Riki Lucero won the long jump (19-1.75) and the triple jump (38-9.75), and he added key finishes in the 1600 (second, 5:02.9) and the 800 (third, 2:12.2). Logan Garcia added a great early season mark in the triple jump (second, 36-10.75), and Max Mariani notched a second place

long jump in a personal best, 18-2. Mariani was also third in a competitive high jump (5-4) and 100 meters (11.9) — also personal bests. Teammate Steven Warren was second in the 100 with a personal best, 11.8.

In the 110 hurdles Ryan Hofstrand (16.6) led teammates Cody Shafer (17.0) and Brent Bell (17.3) to take the top three places. Shafer led Hofstrand and Jesse Hellenger to sweep the 300 hurdles (44.7, 46.5, 47.0).

In the throws, Don Adams notched a pair of third-place tosses against the top-rated throwers in the division, Jon Pack and Nate Lambert. In the shot put, Adams threw 35-8, and in the discus, he uncorked a 95-4 toss.

The junior varsity boys beat LP, 71-56. The win lengthens the squad’s undefeated BVL streak into its third season. Leading the way for the victorious Warriors was Marcus Carrasco and Cody Svozil. Carrasco won the 110 hurdles (18.3), the 300 hurdles (48.0), and the triple jump (33-4). Carrasco later joined with Svozil, Alex Evanoff, and Sam Newman to win the 4x400 (4:12.0). Svozil also won the 1600 by 38 seconds (5:05.0) and the 800 by 8 seconds (2:17.5). Evanoff won the 400 in a personal best (58.0), and Jose Torres was second in a personal best, also (1:01.2), and Newman was third (1:02.2).

Nik Sorvari was second in the 110 hurdles (19.4), and David Damey was third (21.1). Damey was third in the 300 hurdles at 51.7. Damey also was second in the triple

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Lady Warriors take on Rio Vista 13-3

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters varsity softball team ten run ruled the Rio Vista Rams on Wednesday, March 26, in a non league match up with a 13-3 victory. Freshman Tess Hyer and junior Caitlin Calvert split time on the mound for the Warriors.

Hyer pitched three innings gave up two runs; just one earned on two hits and struck out four batters. Calvert threw two innings, gave up one run on three hits and had three strikeouts.

At the plate the Warriors totaled seven hits led by Nichole Trost. Trost batted 1


for 1 with two runs scored and an RBI. Chelsea Corrales batted 1 for 2 with four runs scored. Rebecca Salas batted 1 for 2 with a triple, a run scored and two RBI. Keeley Nickelson batted 1 for 2 with a double and a run scored.

Jessica Graham batted 1 for 2 with a run scored and two RBI. Calvert also batted 1 for 2 with two RBI. Mattielyn Long batted 1 for 4 with a run scored. Olivia Wingard had two RBI and a run scored. Hyer had an RBI and a run scored, while Brittanie Hedrick scored one run for the Warriors.

Go Warriors!

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EXPRESS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Carlos Figueroa

Carlos Figueroa, a member of the Winters High School track team, is this week’s Winters Express Athlete of the Week. On Wednesday, March 26, at Winters High School, Figueroa won the mile with a time of 4:50.1, the two mile in 11:19.3 and placed second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:10.6 against Las Plumas.

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JV boys remain undefeated

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters JV baseball team continued their winning ways on Friday, March 28, as they defeated the Las Plumas Thunderbirds 10-5 in a Butte View League game.

“This was probably the worst game we have played all year,” said coach Daniel Ward. “We made six errors, a couple of mental errors and made base running mistakes. But a win is a win.”

Max Van Dyke got the win for the Warriors, throwing six innings while giving up four unearned runs on two hits and had six strikeouts. Josh Meyers pitched one inning and gave up one run.

At the plate the Warriors were led by Russell Romero. Romero batted 2 for 3 with a triple and three RBI. Sebastian Mahnke batted 2 for 3 with two RBI. Van Dyke batted 2 for 4 with an RBI. Vince Doyle, Meyers and Jared Ney each batted 1 for 3 with an RBI, while Cody Romero and Joe McIntire batted 1 for 3 for the Warriors.

Lady Warriors place four on All League

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School girls’ varsity basketball team held their annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, March 12. Coach Matt Cooley recognized his team for their accomplishments and recognized individuals as well. Winters posted a 15-11 record with a third place finish in the Butte View League and advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

The Warriors placed four players on the Butte View All League team. Seniors Rebecca Salas and Jenny Campos made the all league team while junior Chelsea Corrales and freshman Tess Hyer made honorable mention. Salas also earned the Senior Scholar Ath-



The Winters High School varsity girls basketball team includes, from left, (back) assistant coach Natalie Cooley, Megan Avellar, Amy Avellar, Alyssa Oxley, Olivia Wingard and coach Matt Cooley; (front) Tess Hyer, Jenny Campos, Rebecca Salas and Chelsea Corrales. (Not pictured, Taryn Jones.)

lete Award and was given the Coaches Award.

Zulema Mora received the Coaches Award for the JV girls basketball team at the awards ceremony.

JV girls lost last week to Rio Vista and Oroville

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters JV softball team lost two games last week starting on Wednesday, March 26, against Rio Vista. The Warriors did a good job of hitting the ball but still came home with an 11-7 loss. Olivia Manas threw all six innings for the Warriors and

had three strikeouts.

At the plate, Anna Campos batted 2 for 4 with two doubles to lead the team. Ashley Hoakwater also batted 2 for 4 with a double. Maci Lloyd and Zulema Mora both batted 1 for 2. Elvira Lemus batted 1 for 3, while Courtney Corrales, Tyler Pearce and Manas all went 1 for 4 with a double.

On Friday, March 28, the Warriors traveled to Oroville to take on league opponent Las Plumas High School and suffered another 7-1 loss. Manas was the workhorse again on the mound for the Warriors, throwing a complete game with one strikeout.

Campos went 2 for 3 with two singles for the Warriors only hits.

400 meter race



Photo by Eric Lucero
Jayson Garcia, Davis Adams and Chris Patton run for first, second and third in the boys varsity 400 meter race.

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TRACK

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jump (30-9.75), and Dylan Cliche was third (29-8.5). Cliche contributed a third place mark also in the high jump, joining Sorvari (first, 5-0) and Damey (second, 4-10) in a sweep of the event. Cliche also was third in the discus (86-7).

Billy Rotenkolber was second in the 200 (26.6) and 100 (12.5) and joined Evanoff, Newman, and Torres to win the 4x100 relay. Thomas Damon was third in the shot put (37-11.5), and Cody Linton was third in the 3200 (13:21.1).

The varsity girls challenged LP in many events but lost, 69-49. Jessica Sharp won the

1600 (5:44.0) and the 3200 (12:52.4) in personal bests. WHS Athletic Director Tom Crisp believes that Sharp’s time in the 3200 is the fastest recorded time in school history. Katie Anstead also had a pair of wins with a 94-4 toss in the discus and a 32-foot personal best in the shot put. Chelsea Anstead was third in the discus at 51-3 and second in the shot put (24-6.5). Jenna Clark was third in the shot put (21-2.5) and second in the discus (62-0).

Danielle Murphy won the 800 (2:39.9) and was second in the 300 hurdles (54.5). Raven Castro won the 100 hurdles (21.2) and led teammates, Emma Pfanner (21.6) and Hanna Manas (21.9) in a sweep of the event. Karissa Sais added a third place fin-

ish in the 100 (13.8), Helene Martinsen was third in the 800 (2:51.3), and Ingrid Guevara had a nice early-season mark in the 400 to place third (1:22.2).

In a battle between two small junior varsity girls’ teams, LP prevailed, 55-32. Maya Tice won the 400 (1:07.5) and was second in the triple-jump in a school best 29-1 (bettering Lauren Yehle’s 2005 mark of 28-8.5). Tice also joined with Taylor Hamilton, Sarah Rominger, and Hannah Long to win the 4x400 relay (4:56.9). Long won the long jump (12-6), and Sierra Kreun was third (10-4). Kreun was also third in the shot put (21-6). Sarah Rominger won the 300 hurdles (1:01.9), Hamilton was second in the 100 (14.6), and Zoe

Adams was third in the triple jump (25-2).

The Warriors entered week two of BVL contests with a double-dual meet against host Wheatland and Orland at Sohrakoff Stadium this week.

Schools

JAMIE ANDERSEN WHAT'S UP AT WHS?



THIS LAST YEAR, I finally acquired every teen's dream: a driver's license! I knew that it was going to be a lot of work, but it was totally and completely worth it. It can be a really confusing process, and I hope that I can shed a little light on the situation.

First of all, if you are 15, you get to take driver's education (the rules are different if you are 18). For me, it was easiest to take driver's ed online. You sign up and pay, and you can take the course at whatever pace you want.

I took it over the summer, and I wouldn't have done it any other way. You can take it through the school too. The class is a zero period, and if you think that taking a class online at home might not work, this is probably the way to do it.

After you've finished the class and you're 15, you can go and take the test to get your permit. It's best to make an appointment, just so you know that you won't have to wait forever. You can make an appointment online; it's really easy to do. When I went to take my permit test, I was really excited.

Make sure that you enroll for driver's training and have all your papers before you go to take your permit, or they won't let you take the test. And here is one thing that they never tell you: be ready to take your license picture when you get your permit! I wish I hadn't just thrown my hair in a ponytail and grabbed a sweatshirt, and it doesn't help that it's practically physically impossible to take a good license picture anyways. I don't really know anyone who likes their picture, so I guess that's something to prepare yourself for.

Once you have your permit, you need to take you driver's training class. Your permit doesn't become valid until you have taken your first class, and the sooner you get those classes scheduled, the better. What ultimately kept me from getting my license right away was my driver's training schedule. However, once you take that first class, you get to start driving!

The DMV says that before you get your permit you need to have 50 hours of driving experience, 10 of those hours being at night. Now, I know that most people don't actually keep track of their hours, but I had to. For the entire time that I had my permit, I had a little slip of paper where I added up my hours until I had 50. I guess it worked out pretty well because I think that I got more experience than I would have if I hadn't had to keep track of my hours.

When you have taken all of your required driver's training hours, it's been six months since you've had your permit, and you've had 50 hours of driving practice, you get to take your driver's test. I was so unbelievably nervous for my test I couldn't concentrate in school at all! I had driven around the route where the DMV could take me, and practiced everything that I could, but I still didn't feel ready for my test.

When you get to the DMV, your parent has to park the car in the special structure before you can get in. Then you wait until your instructor is ready. I highly recommend practicing at the DMV site where you plan to take the test. It will make you feel much more confident while taking the test, which you are going to need.

When my instructor climbed in the car, I was surprised. I wasn't expecting a grumpy person, and I definitely wasn't ready for the awkward silence that came in between her short instructions ("Turn left here.") Somehow, I managed to pass, and I was so excited I smiled like an idiot for the rest of the day. It was a stressful process, but I can't imagine my life without my license.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ~ April 7-11, spring break.
- ~ April 16, end of 5th grading period



Courtesy photo
The Winters High School Co-ops team, includes, from left, Hannah Manas, Melissa Hernandez, Ari Ruiz and Ellis White. (Not pictured: Craig Otten.)

Winters FFA takes first place

The Winters FFA took five students to Esparto High School on March 4 to compete in the Yolo Section Farm Cooperatives test. The students who competed were seniors Mellisa Hernandez, Hannah Manas, Ari Ruiz and Ellis White, and junior Craig Otten. The test was an assessment on the students' knowledge of farm cooperatives and their operations.

The team placed first

overall in the competition with White as the first high individual. The team plans to continue studying for the next competition, which is at Cosumnes River College on April 12. All the members are enthusiastic.

"The contest was exciting," said Ruiz after the contest. "I look forward to the upcoming competition and hope we place high."

School board to honor Academic Decathlon team

The Winters School Board will recognize the Winters High School Academic Decathlon Team and coaches at the April 3 meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, located at 909 West Grant Avenue. The team includes students Krista Blandin, Terrence Johnson, Andrew Fridae, Andreina Prado, Ryan Hofstrand, Derek Riley, Justin Hyer, Arilene Ruiz and Savanna Waldron, and coaches Marcella Heredia and Matt Biers-Ariel.

The trustees will also recognize Winters High School grandparent Manuel Garcia at the meeting.

The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Communication and reports.
- ~ Public input regarding

Coman makes the dean's list

Vasey Coman of Winters, was named to the dean's list at Bates College as a result of her scholastic standing during the first semester of the 2007-08 academic year.

To qualify for the dean's list at Bates, a student

non-agenda items.

~ 2008/09 financial forecast.

~ Resolution proclaiming May 14 as Day of the Teacher.

~ Resolution proclaiming May 18-24 as Classified Employee Week.

~ Tentative agreement with California School Employees Association #694 (CSEA).

~ New and revised board policies and administrative regulations for the District Technology Plans, contracts, Food Service/Child Nutrition Program, free and reduced price meals, other food sales, employee use of technology, personnel reduction and conduct.

~ Consent agenda (minutes, warrants, etc.)

~ Informal review of Governance Team's performance.

must maintain a better than B+ average for the semester, for a minimum quality point ratio of 3.67.

Coman, a sophomore, is a 2006 graduate of Winters High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Coman of Winters.



Courtesy photo
Green River Band includes Joe Sanders, Steven Lanfranco and Nick Hawley. They will perform in a benefit concert on April 12 for "Make a Wish."

Senior hopes to raise funds with concert

Winters High School senior Joey Sanders' senior project is to put on a "Rock-A-Thon" to benefit the "Make-a-Wish" foundation. He has four bands lined up for the concert, planned for Saturday April 12, from 2-7 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 511 Main Street. The bands include Stenna and The Poison Apples, Vanity Shall Reap, Tripolar, and the Green River

Band (featuring Sanders, Steven Lanfranco, and Nick Hawley).

The cover charge is \$5. All proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Sanders is still in need of donations for food and beverages. For those unable to attend the event, donations for Sanders' project can be dropped off during the event.

Features

Many ways to treat varicose veins

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 52-year-old lady with bad varicose veins in both my legs. How did I get them? My legs get tired easily, and they hurt if I have to stand for any time. A friend told me about an injection in the veins that gets rid of them. Can you tell me what that is? My husband has them too, and he's also interested in getting rid of them. I didn't know men got them. —L.T.

ANSWER: Varicose veins are dilated, gnarly leg veins that aren't limited to women. Men get them too, but women with varicose veins outnumber men by a factor of 2-to-1. You got them like most people get them. There's a strong family influence in coming down with varicosities. Pregnancy, jobs where people must be on their feet for long times and obesity are other factors that generate such veins. I just learned that taller people have them more frequently than shorter folks. The basic problem is faulty vein valves. Veins are equipped with valves that close shut as blood passes by to keep it from falling back down. If leg-vein valves aren't working, blood does fall back down, and it stagnates in the legs and dilates the veins, causing them to balloon. You can do some things on your own to improve the situation. Take a couple of breaks during the day when you can lie down with your legs raised above heart level. Compression stockings keep blood flowing upward in leg veins. The best are ones that are specially fitted for your legs and that have more compression at ankle level than at thigh level. Removal techniques are many. You ask about sclerotherapy. In that procedure, a solution that irritates the veins' inner lining is injected into them. The lining sticks to itself, and the vein collapses. It's not used for all veins. It doesn't work well for very large ones. Catheter ablation is another newer technique where a thin, flexible tube — a catheter — is threaded into the veins.



The catheter has a probe that emits radio waves that heat the lining and cause the vein to shrivel. The menu for varicose-vein treatment is large; this is only a small sample of what can be done. The booklet on varicose veins explains this condition in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 108W, 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: Please explain the meaning of "homonymous hemianopsia." I am a senior and a diabetic. Does it have anything to do with either? —J.B.

ANSWER: Hemianopsia is a loss of half the visual field. For example, a person can see from the center to the right but not from the center to the left. Homonymous (hoe-MON-uh-mus) indicates that both eyes have the same defect. Head trauma, brain tumors, strokes and a few other conditions cause such a vision loss. Diabetes and aging are not common causes.

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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Media cover-up about renegade chicken

I've got a bone to pick with the staff of the Winters Express. I find it disturbing that much of what goes on here in Winters is never reported. It doesn't matter much, but either a lack of interest or awareness is keeping some pretty important stuff out of the public eye. I mean, stuff that could affect your health and well-being. If I have captured your attention, just keep reading because I'm going to expose some pretty exciting stuff that did not make last week's issue. I'm going to start off with the Russell Street chicken.

A friend of mine, who wishes to remain anonymous, gave me a fully factual account of what seems to be a very dangerous chicken situation that occurred as he was driving down Russell Street early last week. He said that everything was normal and he was humming along with a Celine Dion song on the radio when, all of a sudden, a chicken jumped out from between two parked cars. The chicken then proceeded to force him off the road where he narrowly missed a parked car and ran upon the curb. He swears that the chicken was intent on doing him harm.

"I was really scared" he said, "It was the look in his eye!"

Furthermore he stated that the chicken was either insane or evil because that was not the end of it.

"The chicken must have been real mad because he chased me from First Street all the way to Third Street before he got tired and stopped chasing me," he said.

The chicken made him break the law because he had to go up to 40 miles per hour to get away. He swears that this was the ugliest chicken he had ever seen and he was mean as hell. I'm just guessing, but I'm thinking that this chicken has had some sort of military training. My friend also tells me that he will never drive down Russell Street, again despite the fact that he lives on that street. I'm also guessing that this is not an isolated incident.

DONALD K. SANDERS THE WAY I SEE THINGS



In all probability, a chicken with that much anger within him has chased many a car off the road yet it has never made the local paper. With my keen sense of deductive reasoning I have deduced that there must be some underlying reason behind this lack of newspaperness or whatever you want to call it. This chicken must be related to someone important in the city government. I'm not sure who, but I do know that it's someone above the rank of city manager. For some unknown reason this chicken has never been arrested. What's is a guy like me supposed to think about that?

Something else that I've noticed about the paper is that every week, I mean every week, there is a picture on page A-2 that looks like it could be 20 years old. What's up with that? There's another page in every issue that I don't know what the heck it says because it's written in Spanish or German. OK, that's strange enough in its own right, but when you turn the page there's a picture of a giant fish on top of a fire engine — a Winters fire engine. Stranger still, it is an advertisement for a chicken dinner. Is this just a coincidence? I think not! I'm thinking that our Russell Street chicken is an escapee from the Winters Fire Department. That's exactly why that chicken is so angry.

One other thing, how did they get that fish on top of the engine?

Another point I'd like you to consider is why, like in last week's issue, is there always a religious quote in a little box with a picture of God under my column? Are they trying to tell me something or is it some coded instructions directing the chicken to lie low for a while. Now in the Salome's Stars column under the Cancer heading

(I'm a Cancer) it says that I have some emotional fuzziness to work through before I make any decisions. This is very strange, because the staff at the Express knows fully well that I never make decisions. How weird is that!

Last but not least, on pages B-1 and B-8 there are some ads from companies that I shall not name so they don't sue me. Look closely at these ads and what do you see? Almost every advertisement is giving something away free. It says right on them: Free! Come on now, name me one person in this entire town that has ever gotten anything free. Just one! Can't be done.

Also on page B-1 there is a picture of Jesse Hellinger. Of course he has broken all the records and rules. This guy is tough! I'm thinking that he's probably Special Forces or Navy Seal. Then, to top it off, at the bottom of his picture it says, "Reporting on Local Sports Since 1884." They didn't even have sports in 1884! Sports started during Prohibition because the men couldn't get drunk so the women invented games for their men to play.

Whatever! I just don't understand what's going on anymore. Maybe I'm getting too old to read the paper. My wife can read the exact same stories and look at the same pictures and they mean something completely different to her. She always says, "That's not what it means" or "It didn't say that."

I'll end this article with one of my most famous quotes that I wrote just today: "There's nothing to fear but fear itself and the chicken of Russell Street."

Come on, get with it, Winters Express.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Baldomero Ramos Occupation: Retired postal carrier Hobby: Dancing What's best about living in Winters: "To me it's home; I've been here since 1935." Fun fact: I joke a lot; I have a lot of jokes.

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

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8	Peck cargo
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13	Floral
14	Stephen King
15	Chicken
16	Naked
18	Cruelness
20	Wimbledon
21	Alibi or Kirk
23	Humor
24	Wood-shop
25	Age or Joker
31	Greek
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34	Flank surface
35	Slave of old
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38	Ocean
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42	Head Hun
43	Approved
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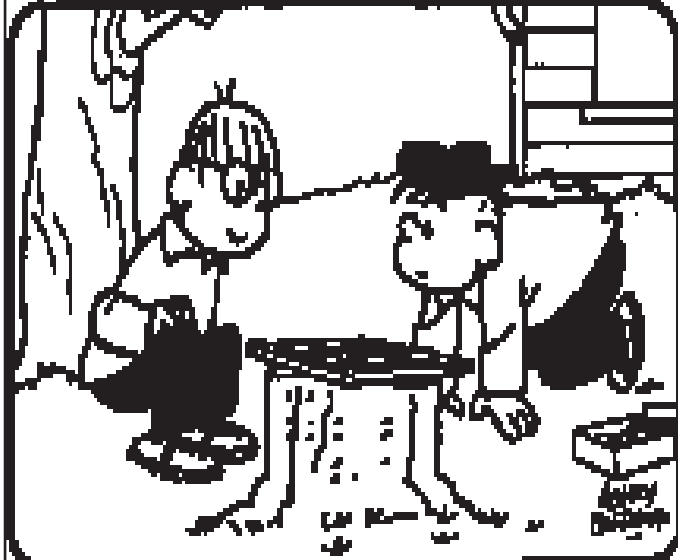
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8	Panasonic
9	Prepare to
10	California
11	Knock 'em
17	Chop
19	Camellia
22	Forbidden
24	Bro's kin
25	Citrus cooler
26	"Cheers" and
27	Sifted
29	Victor
30	Lawn moisture
33	Watch sound
36	Aggressively
38	Within reach
40	Pub order
42	Bullets
43	Roper
44	Rabbit, e.g.
46	Open slightly
48	Days gone
47	List-ending
48	Profound
50	Past

FOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's pants are black. 2. Boy has been moved. 3. Change in room. 4. Boy's shirt is white. 5. Boy's hair is black. 6. Boy's hair is white.

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Resist a confrontation with that irksome person. The matter will soon blow over anyway. Meanwhile, channel your high Arian energy into areas with more positive potential.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The innovative Bovine finds a creative way to resolve a sensitive domestic problem by midweek. A former colleague returns with an intriguing business suggestion.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An unexpected critical statement from someone you trust could catch you momentarily off guard. But you soon recover your equilibrium and rise to the challenge.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel you can handle a new project on your own. But advice from someone with experience could help you avoid possibly costly as well as time-consuming obstacles.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Waiting for others to make decisions is difficult for the take-charge Lion. But by week's end, you should hear news that will help you regain control of the situation.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your superjudgmental side could dominate the week unless you try to keep it in check. Otherwise you risk offending people, including some who are very close to you.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect more information to come out about that possible career shift. Meanwhile, your loving concern helps someone close to you get through a worrisome period.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Despite an occasional setback, workplace pressures should continue to ease through most of the week. This would be a good time to plan that long-delayed trip.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian quickly recognizes an opportunity when she or he sees it, especially if it's one you've been planning for. Take aim and go for it.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's unique insight guides you as you check out a questionable situation. Your efforts should prove rewarding for you and your many supporters.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to pace yourself a bit more. Rushing could lead to serious slip-ups. Take more time to check out details you might otherwise overlook.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The best way to resolve those remaining problems is to ask others for help. They'll be happy to do so, especially when you agree to share the credit for a job well done.
BORN THIS WEEK: Your natural gift for honest leadership earns you the respect and admiration of others.
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Nuestras Noticias

Toma mi mano

Es el nombre del programa que será dirigido por la Psicóloga Wendy Davis, el programa es para los padres de familia, en el se les proporcionarán las herramientas y los medios para ayudar a sus hijos a tener éxito en la escuela y que sean hijos obedientes en el hogar.

Este programa es gratis, además, ofrecerá evaluaciones a niños con problemas de aprendizaje y/o comportamiento. Consejos para trabajar con sus hijos que lle-

van los dos idiomas. Ideas para ayudar a sus hijos en sus tareas, comportamiento y buena dieta para que sea un niño sano y feliz.

En el programa tendrá la oportunidad para hablar con expertos como: médicos, maestros y consejeros especializados en educación.

Los invitamos a la primera clase, el miércoles 9 de abril de 7 pm a 8 pm, en el 310 main St (Antes Head Star). No faltes, las clases son gratis.

La democracia y los demócratas

La selección del candidato demócrata para la presidencia de Estados Unidos sigue muy cerrada, se ha especulado si de ganar Clinton debiese invitar a Obama a la vicepresidencia, o viceversa, Obama a Clinton. Estos candidatos han atraído a muchos votantes a las elecciones primarias, y el partido demócrata deberá de pensar muy bien, la dupla que pondrá en contra del republicano McCain.

Como ejemplo digamos que si queda Clinton y no escoge a Obama, puede perder los votos de muchos jóvenes, y votantes afroamericanos, y si por el contrario queda Obama y no escoge a Clinton, puede perder el voto de muchas mujeres y de muchos hispanos.

Pero todo esto son solo especulaciones, la selección del candidato creo que se va a realizar en la convención demócrata, porque ni Clinton, ni Obama van a conseguir los 2025 delegados que ocupan para la nominación.

La decisión la van a tomar no los votantes que salieron a votar en las primarias, sino que lo harán los superdelegados, que son por así decirlo políticos profesionales, entre estos están los actuales congresistas, senadores y gobernadores, así como los expresidentes, exvicepresidentes, exlíderes del congreso, exdirigentes del partido y uno que otro

colado. Y estos superdelegados no están comprometidos a votar por ningún candidato.

En la convención los superdelegados podrían escoger a un candidato distinto al que obtenga la mayoría del voto popular, arriesgándose a una rebelión dentro del partido y a un voto de castigo en las elecciones presidenciales de noviembre. Eso puede resultar en un superdesastre.

No se ve justo ni democrático que estos superdelegados impongan su voluntad sobre los delegados normales, pero así trabaja el partido demócrata, los candidatos lo saben, y todos se comprometen a respetar las leyes del juego.

Quien quiera que sea el candidato demócrata, tiene mucha oportunidad de ganar la presidencia, pero los demócratas deben manejar bien su proceso de selección, y lo más importante es que deben de mostrar que la selección del candidato sea un proceso democrático y justo, y así tener la credibilidad para las elecciones presidenciales. No pueden arriesgarse a perder todo lo que hasta ahora han ganado, porque ahora mas que nunca los demócratas tienen la oportunidad de llegar otra vez a la Casa Blanca, después de 5 años de guerra y 8 años de Bush.

Cuentos en español para los niños

Los amigos de la biblioteca de Winters presentarán, Cuentos en Español para niños que se llevara a cabo todos los miercoles de las 10 a.m. asta las 10:30a.m. Estos eventos seran en la biblioteca de Winters, 201 First Street. Durante esta actividad tendra cuentos, obras de teatro y

canciones para los niños.

Esta actividad es para niños pequeños, estudiantes preescolares, y sus padres/abuelos. El asistir la actividad le ayudara a su hijo/a entender ingles.

Este programa es patrocinado por First 5 de Yolo para ayudar a los niños de la comunidad.



Presidente optimista

“Estados Unidos esta al comando de la situación”, es la frase más falsa y optimista que solo a Bush se le ocurrió pronunciar, con el precio del petróleo subiendo día a día, el aumento en el precio de los productos de primera necesidad, y el costo de las utilidades, parece que Bush esta viviendo en otro país. Cuando muchos economistas dicen que estamos en una recesión, nuestro Presidente se defiende diciendo que todo esta bajo control. El gasto que hacen los consumidores, es el gran motor que mueve la economía de este país, y ese consumo anda de capa caída, y puede poner en peligro la estabilidad económica del país.

El desastre producido en los préstamos para financiamientos de casas ha producido un terremoto en la banca, que si no se toman medidas rápidas, puede crear serios problemas en el sistema financiero en general. Un colapso del sistema financiero sería, como dice el dicho, la gota de agua que desbordaría la copa.

Los economistas más optimistas dicen que estamos en medio de una recesión económica. Ya sea una cosa u otra, estamos enfrentando dificultades económicas. Los únicos que permanecen tranquilos y que dicen que los problemas no son tan graves, son los gobernantes de turno y que son los que, precisamente, nos han metido en el hoyo en que estamos.

Muchos veían venir el problema económico que iban a causar los prestamos que se estaban ofreciendo para la compra de casas, cuando se le preguntaba al Presidente Bush por la situación económica, siempre contestaba que aquí todo estaba bien y que la economía se mantenía saludable.

Hoy en día, hasta para los que no sabemos nada de cómo se mueve la economía, vemos que el camino no esta derecho, como lo ha estado por muchos años, ahora el camino se ve torcido, pero el Presidente Bush declaró, con un optimismo que solo está en su cabeza, que: “Estados Unidos está al comando de la situación”.

¿Cómo debemos interpretar estas palabras?, Creo que es difícil creerle al presidente, sobre todo cuando se están perdiendo muchos empleos, la gasolina sigue por las nubes, el valor de las casas andan por los suelos, y para rematar el dólar sufriendo una caída estrepitosa.

Creo que con su optimismo el presidente Bush quiere ocultar el sentido de culpabilidad de toda su administración, por no saber evitar el desastre económico presente. El dinero y la atención que la administración ha dedicado a la frustrada guerra de Iraq ha contribuido a empujarnos en el hoyo en que hoy estamos. Los 138 billones que en el pasado año se destinaron a los gastos de la guerra hubiesen podido crear en el territorio cerca de 1 millón de empleo y al mismo tiempo, la inyección de ese dinero hubiese sido un estímulo para la economía.

Si esa misma cantidad se hubiese empleado en la educación, eso hubiese dado para formar cerca de 30,000 nuevos maestros y construir alrededor de 400 nuevas escuelas.

Por otro lado, el gasto militar, que en el pasado año ascendió a la suma de 572 millones y que está asociado directamente con el conflicto de Iraq, constituye un grave peso para la nación, sobre todo cuando hay otras prioridades que hay que resolver, y que están directamente relacionadas con el mejor vivir de la población como son, la salud y la educación.

Mientras se busca como salir de este remolino económico en que nos hayamos envueltos, la Casa Blancas vuelve una ves mas a mostrar a quien sirve, a los potentados y no a la mayoría de la población. Por eso, cuando algunos sectores propusieron medidas para rescatar el dinero perdido por miles de propietarios de casas, la administración respondió que eso podría poner a patinar la economía. Pero cuando lo mismo sucedió para rescatar uno de los mayores bancos de Wall Street, embarcado en el desastre financiero de las casas, el gobierno no perdió tiempo en suministrar 30,000 millones de dólares para facilitar el rescate. De manera que hay respuesta para los problemas de la comunidad financiera, pero no para la gente que pierden sus casas.

La realidad es que la administración de bush nos tiene metidos en este remolino, solo esperamos no estar aquí por mucho tiempo.

¿Se va casar?

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El Teatro de la Naturaleza estara presentando historias interactivas para niños

El Teatro de la Naturaleza para niños tendra eventos con personajes que entreteneran a los niños con cuentos apropiados de los asuntos ambientales. Los eventos sucederan en Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve. Cada excursión sera una oportunidad para que los niños convivan con la naturaleza, y para jugar y aprender un poquito más acerca de los secretos de la naturaleza.

El Teatro de la Naturaleza es una oportunidad para que los niños sean parte de una historia y aprendan de personajes como la Naturaleza, Planthead, el Verano, el Fool, Trashman, el Invierno, el Espíritu de Agua y muchos más. Estos personajes entreteneran a los niños con cuentos apropiados de los asuntos ambientales.

Reciclar su ropa demasiado vieja o usada

DiálogoEcológico

Querido DiálogoEcológico: ¿Cómo o dónde puedo reciclar ropa que es demasiado vieja o usada para Goodwill?

— Tim Cheplick, Perrineville, NJ

Sólo porque esa camisa vieja que Ud. amaba está ahora demasiado raída para seguirla usando no significa que tiene que terminar en la basura. Los “consumidores no entienden que hay un lugar para su ropa vieja incluso si algo está faltando un botón o está rasgado,” dice Jana Hawley, profesora de administración de materias textiles y gerencia de ropa con la universidad de Missouri-Columbia. El “noventa y nueve por ciento de los textiles usados son reciclables.”

Entidades no comerciales como Goodwill y el Ejército de Salvación juegan un papel crucial en el esfuerzo de evitar que las ropas viejas no terminen en los basurales. Cuando reciben donaciones de ropa demasiado raída para revender en una de sus tiendas, las envían a los “clasificadores de trazo” que se especializan en el reciclaje de los pedazos de tela grandes y pequeños. Dice Hawley, estos recicladores de materia textil venden cerca de la mitad de la ropa que consiguen en países en vías de desarrollo, mientras que la ropa inutiliz-

able, especialmente camisetas de algodón, se convierten en ropa de limpieza y pulido usada por una variedad de industrias y vendida eventualmente a los consumidores. Hawley agrega que otros textiles se destrazan parat tornarlos en fibras usadas para hacer nuevos productos, tales como materiales de amortiguamiento de sonido para la industria del automóvil, papel calidad de archivo, frazadas e incluso cercos plásticos.

El fabricante de ropa exterior Patagonia, que trata de implementar los más altos estándares de protección ambiental en todos los aspectos claves de sus operaciones (de la compra de componentes de materias primas al manejo de la basura y las subvenciones a entidades sin fines de lucro ambientalistas), en 2005 lanzó su novedoso programa Common Threads Garment Recycling. El programa comenzó originalmente de modo que los clientes pudiesen devolver sus prendas íntimas usadas de Capilene para el reciclado, pero se ha ampliado para aceptar también camisetas Patagonia de paño grueso y suave y de algodón, así como el paño grueso tipo Polartec de otros fabricantes.

Los consumidores que desearan descargar prendas que cumplen con los criterios del programa pueden hacerlo en

cualquier tienda de Patagonia o enviarlas al centro de servicio de la compañía en Reno, Nevada.

Por supuesto, los aficionados al bricolaje y con habilidades para la costura, o las máquinas de coser, pueden convertir su ropa vieja en nuevas creaciones tales como frazadas a parches, bolsos y artículos más pequeños. El sitio web Expert Village, que se jacta de tener la colección en línea más grande de videos instructivos, ofrece una serie gratis llamada “Cómo reciclar ropa vieja en nuevas modas.” En segmentos cortos, los videos de la serie cubren asuntos tales como transformar la ropa vieja en obras de arte; remiendos y cosido de botones y cuentas en ropa vieja; deshaciendo un vestido de boda; planchado de gráficos sobre ropa vieja, y mucho más. Otro buen uso para la ropa raída (tan bien como las sábanas y toallas) es el acolchonado para camas de mascotas, tanto en tu propio hogar o como donativo a un refugio animal local.

Según el Instituto no lucrativo Para la Independencia Local, las materias textiles comprenden cerca de cuatro por ciento del peso y ocho por ciento del volumen de toda la basura sólida municipal en los E.E.U.U. La compañía de reciclaje comercial U'SAgain-que opera ser-

vicios privados de reciclado en Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Minneapolis, Seattle, St. Louis y otras partes—encuentra que aproximadamente 85 por ciento de las 70 libras de textiles que el americano medio compra cada año termina botado en los basurales. Eso significa que la ciudad típica de los E.E.U.U. con 50.000 residentes tiene que pagar (con los fondos provenientes de impuestos locales) la dirección y disposición de unas 3.000 toneladas de materias textiles cada año. La vergüenza de tal basura es que las materias textiles son tan fáciles de reciclar o de emplear en otros usos.

CONTACTOS: Goodwill, www.goodwill.org; Salvation Army, www.salvationarmy.org; Patagonia, www.patagonia.com; Expert Village, www.expertvillage.com; U'SAgain, www.usagain.com.

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