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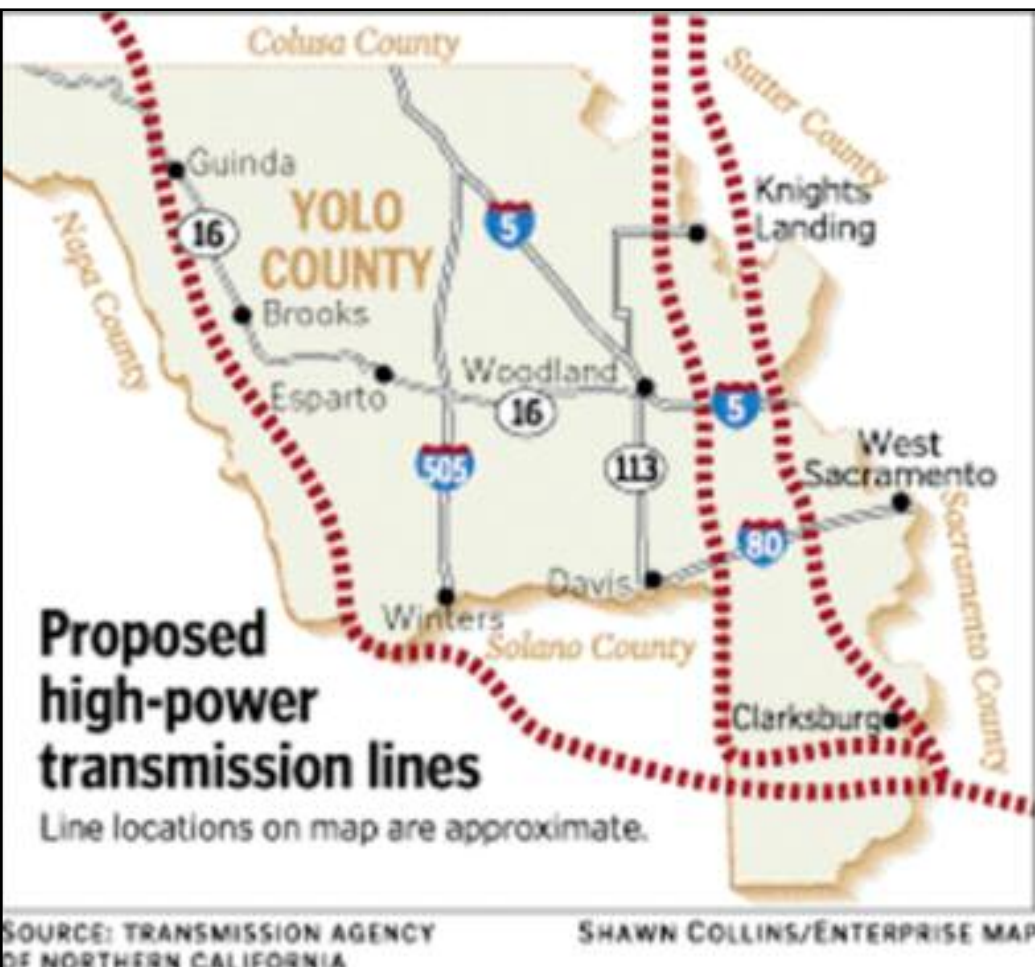
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Power lines may cut through Yolo County

By JONATHAN EDWARDS
McNaughton Newspapers

SACRAMENTO — Towering high-tension power lines could dominate the skyline just east of Davis or just west of Winters within five years.

The 150-foot-tall towers would be part of a 600-mile stretch connecting renewable energy sources in Lassen County with power users in Sacramento, the Sierra foothills and the Bay Area.

Frustrated landowners — many from Yolo County and Winters — crammed into a conference room Thursday

night at the Radisson Hotel to learn about three proposed routes for the power lines. All of them cut through Yolo County, including a route brushing past El Macero and East Davis.

An eastern option cuts through the Yolo Bypass, — including the 16,000-acre Vic Fazio Yolo Basin Wildlife Area.

A third possibility runs along the western edge of the county, hugging the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains before heading southeast through Solano County.

They all hit the Clarksburg area before connecting with lines

running south to Tracy and eventually to Santa Clara.

Thursday night, March 26, was the first in a series of a dozen meetings up and down Northern California designed to gain public input.

The project is the brainchild of the Transmission Agency of Northern California, a conglomerate of 15 public utilities — including the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, or SMUD, and the cities of Roseville, Redding and Lodi.

Power companies are

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Wine tasting room permit approved

By MOLLY DAVIS
City editor

The Winters Planning Commission met Tuesday, March 24, in the council chambers at City Hall to hold a number of public hearings. Each discussion item was met with little resistance, and will all go down the line to the city council to review.

After hearing about current projects from Community Development Director Nelia Dyer, the commission held a public hearing to consider four ordinances to be added to the city's Municipal Code. Contract

Assistant City Attorney Joanna Smith gave an overview of each ordinance, all of which pertain to subdivision, parcel and tentative maps. According to her report, the state government's "Subdivision Map Act" provides the general framework for processing maps that subdivide land. It distinguishes between

land that consists of five or more parcels and land that consists of four or less parcels.

Currently, the city does not have a set procedure on filing, processing, approving and disapproving subdivision maps, so the motion to approve simply sets a local ordinance in place. There were no public comments on this item, and it was approved unanimously.

The commission then held a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit for a wine tasting room to be opened at 304 Main Street, between ARC Guitar and Putah Creek Café. Dyer explained that the applicant, Turkovich Family Wines, would want to open a tasting room that would eventually be open seven days a week, and would sell and serve local wines.

Buckhorn owner John Pickerel spoke during the public comment

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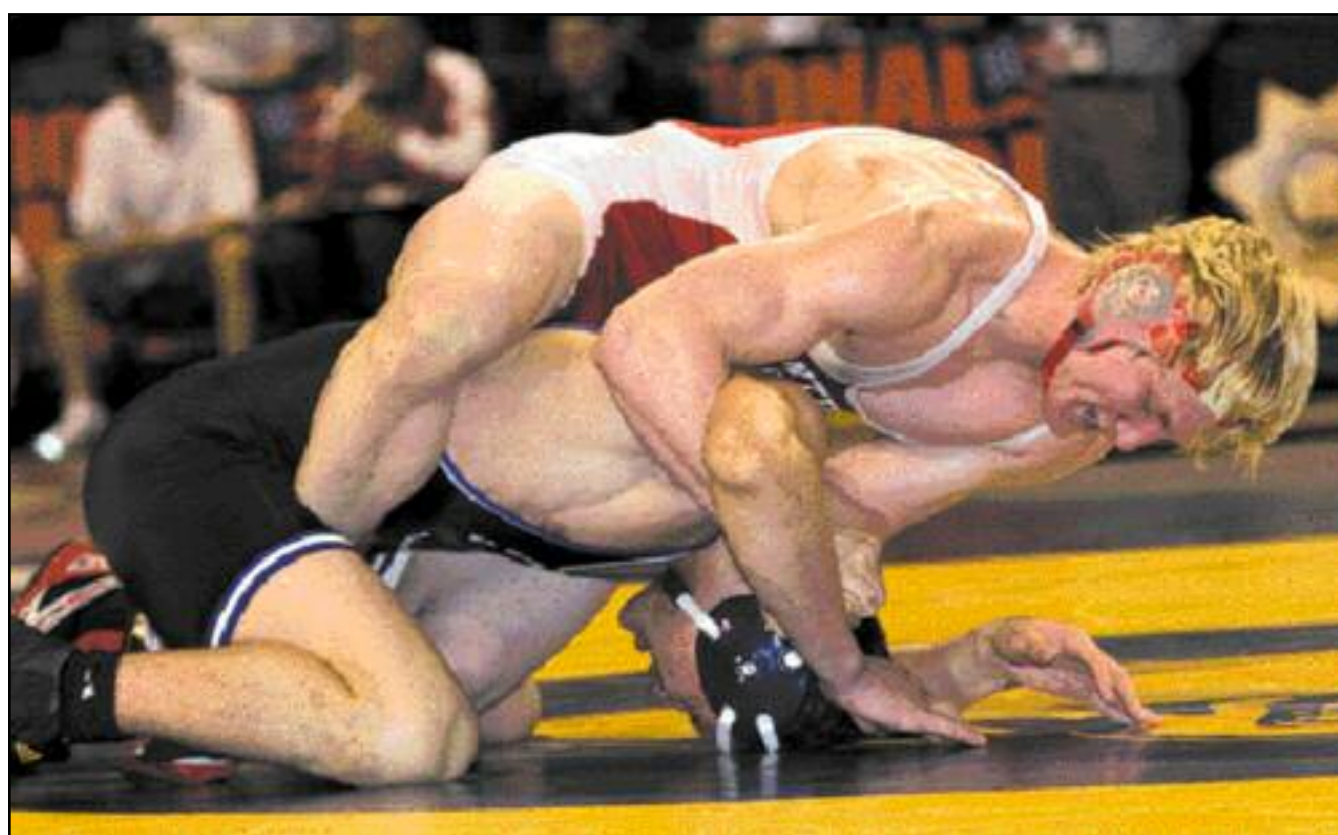


Photo by Randy Martin

Jesse Hellinger gets the best of his opponent during a match at the CIF State Wrestling Tournament.

GIVE 'EM HELLINGER

Winters wrestler
breaking new ground

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Jesse James Hellinger, a senior at Winters High School and now bronze medal winner at the CIF 2009 State Wrestling Tournament, is not just another great athlete to come out of Winters High School. Hellinger

is a pioneer for the sport of wrestling in Winters and in the Northern Section.

Hellinger has been wrestling since he started to walk and he is not done yet. What he has accomplished in his four years at Winters High School has been truly amazing, especially in his senior season.

Hellinger has wrestled at the varsity level all four years at Winters High School, and compiled an impressive 168-28 ca-

reer record. In the last two years, his losses could be counted on one hand, and this year he finished his prep career with a 53-2 record with six tournament MVP awards from Oakland to Nevada and other places in between.

He was named the team MVP, the league MVP, the division MVP and the Northern Section Wrestler of the Year and then

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Prison opponents attend state meeting

By ROBYN ROMINGER
Special to the Express

Yolo County Supervisor Duane Chamberlain and several other county residents spoke in opposition to a plan to build a prison in Madison during a meeting of state corrections offi-

cials in Sacramento at the March 19 meeting of the Corrections Standards Authority, a division of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Chamberlain, who represents the county's rural Fifth District, em-

phasized the flooding problems in Madison and the lack of services needed to rehabilitate the 500 prisoners planned for the facility.

"Nobody in that area is in favor of this, including the people in the cities," he said. "There are no services

— everything would have to be started from scratch, so the cost of building this would be outrageous compared to an urban area."

Zamora resident Jack Rexroad said, "Unquestionably, it can be done

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OBITUARIES

Richard David Teague

Richard David “Dick” Teague passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at his Winters residence. He was 84. Born on June 11, 1924, in Brighton, Colorado, to Charles and Margaret (Huffman) Teague, he attended area schools and graduated from high school in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943, and was a member of the Navy Air Corps serving in World War II as a Navy pilot and flight instructor. After his honorable discharge in 1946, he continued his education by attending Colorado A & M, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Zoology, followed by Colorado State University, where he got his Master's Degree in Wildlife Biology.

Mr. Teague began his career with the Colorado Department of Fish and Game, Fish and Parks in 1949, as a research wildlife technician and big game biologist. He worked his way up to Regional Manager, a position which oversaw a quarter of the state.

In 1963, he moved his family to Davis, where he assumed the position of Cooperative Extension Wildlife Specialist at the University of California. In 1970, he became Assistant Director of Cooperative Extension, UC Davis campus. In 1977, he became the Regional Director for Northern California, a position he held until his retirement on July 1, 1989. UC President Gardner conferred him with the “Emeritus” title, and he was an Honorary Life Member of the Wildlife Society.

A Yolo County resident for the past 36 years, and Winters resident for the last 10 years, Mr. Teague was active within the First Baptist Church, serving as a Deacon and adult Bible class teacher. He was also active in the Winters food closet, and the Gideon's International.

He is survived by his son, Richard and wife Lynn, of Cottonwood; daughter Diane Gale and husband Stan of Winters; and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dixie Teague, and a brother, Don Teague.

A memorial service was held Monday, March 30, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Winters, with Pastor James Allen officiating. Private services will be held at the Winters cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be directed to the Gideon's International, Woodland-Davis Camp, P.O. Box 773, Woodland, CA, 95776-0773; or to the Yolo Hospice. Assisting with arrangements is Evergreen Funeral Service of Woodland.

Marguerite Stormont

Marguerite Stormont passed away in Woodland on March 26, 2009. She was born on January 23, 1919, in Wisconsin, and was a resident of Davis, Winters and Woodland.

She and her family moved to Davis in 1950, after spending almost a year in New Zealand for her husband's Fullbright Scholarship. There they raised five children. In 1977, she and husband Clyde moved to Winters.

According to family, she was a great mom, and a great athlete, excelling in archery, bowling and golf, and was a talented gardener and cook.

She will be remembered by both young and old for her many endearing qualities, and will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by husband Clyde Stormont. She is survived by her children, Bonnie Lu Stormont of Laguna Beach, Michael Clyde Stormont of Fairbanks, Alaska, Robert Thomas Stormont of Davis, Charles James Stormont of Madison, and Janet Jean Stormont of Winters, and grandson Clyde Stormont of Oakland.

In accordance with Mrs. Stormont's wishes, there will be no public services.

Weekly fire department report

March 24

~ Public assistance, 400 block of Morgan Street; lift assist.

March 25

~ Medical aid, 100 block of Wolfskill Street; unknown medical problem.

March 26

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Anderson Avenue; seizures.

~ Medical aid, 100 block of Grant Avenue; difficulty breathing.
~ Smoke investigation

near Lake Berryessa.

March 27

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Anderson Avenue; difficulty breathing.

~ Vehicle accident, 400 block of Railroad Avenue.

~ Vehicle fire, East Baker Street and Morgan Street.

March 29

~ Fire alarm, 400 block of Morgan Street; smoke investigation.

YESTERYEAR



File photo

Winters High School Future Farmers of America member Jim Lindeman was the winner of the Parr Industrial Corporation merit award at the Grand National Junior Livestock Exposition in San Francisco in April, 1965. Bob Peltz, at left, representing the Parr Corporation, presented him with the honor certificate.

50
YEARS AGO

April 23, 1959

Thousands of visitors are expected to come to Winters Saturday for the 23rd annual Winters Youth Day celebration.

K. Ian MacKenzie, well known orchardist and community leader, has been named sales manager of the pool department of Jeffery Milling Co., exclusive distributors of Esther William Pools.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Caselli, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born at the Yolo General Hospital, Woodland, April 15, 1959.

Abe Anderson had an exciting time fishing off Point Reyes last Sunday when the engine of his fishing boat conked out in heavy seas. He used his ship's radio to tell a friend of his plight and the Coast Guard was called to tow Anderson's boat into port.

Miss Ruth Yoshima Akao, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Akao, of Winters, graduated from Armstrong College in Berkeley with a private secretarial certificate on April 17.

Dr. J.R. Sellers was in attendance Tuesday at the 89th annual meeting of the California State Dental Association at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

65
YEARS AGO

April 21, 1944

Mrs. Alfred Hughes and children are visitors at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Pleasants.

Mrs. Charles Binns and Mrs. William Duncan left together last week for a three weeks' visit with their soldier husbands. Mrs. Binns goes to Ft. Swift, Texas, and Mrs. Duncan to Ft. Sumner, New Mexico.

Mrs. H. Hansen, Mrs. J.M. Clayton and Mrs. G.M. Vasey were in attendance Wednesday at the session of the 2-day conclave of the 19th district P.T.A. that met in Woodland.

At an unofficial congregational meeting following the morning service, Sunday, at the Presbyterian Church, William McCalmont, middle year student at San Anselmo, was unanimously chosen as pastoral supply.

Reorganization was effected Tuesday night at the mid-monthly meeting of the town board. Vernon Jeffery, newly elected board member, was sworn in, and L.M. Ireland was reappointed as mayor. Ireland has been a councilman for 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Johnson of West Baker Street have the distinction of having five sons in their country's service.

100
YEARS AGO

April 23, 1909

The city council voted to resume sprinkling the Winters streets as soon as the sprinkling wagon can be repaired.

Pleasants Valley school had their regular spring picnic Saturday in Markeley Canyon.

A.L. Marshall returned from Pierce, Arizona, Friday with Mrs. Buford's mules.

A nickledeam manager was in town the first of the week and contemplates operating in town during the summer.

Initiated into the Winters Parlor, Native Sons, on Tuesday night were Walter Doll, Wray Gibson, Earl Womack, Rudolph Paul, Charles and Eddie Graf.

About \$315 was cleared on the Improvement Club Rose Festival held Friday and Saturday.

Election will be held in Capay School District May 15 for the purpose of voting a special tax of \$2,500 to build a new school building.

Berryessa drops .05 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .05 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 873 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 421.37 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,259,784 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 210 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 29 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 188 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Love is everything it's cracked up to be...
It really is worth fighting for,
being brave for,
risking everything for.
~ Erica Jong

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scrambling to tap renewable energy sources like wind, solar and geothermal. A 2006 state law requires that utilities produce 20 percent of California’s electricity from such sources by 2020. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to push that to 33 percent. Getting there by 2020 means more power lines, said Jim Beck, the agency’s general manager.

So, the project is on the fast track. Environmental studies and public outreach will stretch into 2011. Construction is slated to begin later that year and wrap up by 2014.

Not only would the project make California’s energy grid greener, the new lines would make the grid more efficient, Beck said. High-voltage lines are like freeways, he explained. Adding a new stretch of power lines is like building a new highway. It relieves congestion on the rest of the system.

So, even though the project would provide power only to the

agency’s members, it would benefit all California power users.

That was little consolation to landowners huddled over blown-up aerial maps, tracing county roads with fingers, hunting for their particular parcel. Many had learned about the project the day before and said the agency was keeping them in the dark. The agency sent letters to landowners affected by any of the three routes, Beck said.

Casey Stone, a Yolo County cattle rancher, got the letter, but “(it) didn’t say, ‘Hey, this is going over your property. You should be at this meeting.’ If you didn’t know what it was, you might think it was junk mail.”

Rich Hardesty of Elk Grove said he called the agency at least 10 times and sent about eight emails trying to get a better map. No callback and a useless email.

“It’s just bureaucracy all over again,” he said.

“In the future, are we going to get better communication instead of getting shoved off to the side?” Hardesty asked agency officials.

There had been “hitches” in the commu-

nication system, moderator Marie Rainwater acknowledged. But she had spoken with some project officials and “it’s on everybody’s radar screen.”

Farmers, landowners and environmentalists are questioning the proposed routes, raising concerns about eminent domain, wildlife and “destroying the Capay Valley.” These are all just ideas, said Tom Murphy, an agency consultant. Nothing’s set in stone.

“We’re basically on day one,” he continued. “We’re here to listen to the public, get as many ideas as possible about different options and alternatives.”

For more information, including a schedule of upcoming meetings, call the project hotline at (916) 353-4777 or visit <http://www.tanc.us>.

To submit a public comment, visit <http://www.wapa.gov/transmission/ttp.htm>. Comments must be received by April 30.

— *Reach Jonathan Edwards at jedwards@davisenterprise.net or 747-8052. Comment on this story at www.davisenterprise.com*

Youth Day parade entries available

Entry forms are available for the 73rd annual Winters Youth Day Parade, planned for Saturday, April 25. This year’s theme is Wild West Youth.

Cash awards, trophies and ribbons will go to the winners in several categories, including

floats, bands, autos, fire trucks, novelty entries, marching units and equestrians.

There is no entry fee. Youth Day is one of two parades in California that still does not charge an entry fee.

The entry deadline is April 17. Entries re-

ceived after that date will be ineligible for prizes, but may still participate.

Entry forms can be obtained by contacting Youth Day Parade Chairman Mike Sebastian at 795-2091, or by email at mjkasebastian@aol.com.

WINE

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portion of the meeting, stating that the selection process to decide which businesses would fit in that location has been very selective, and that he believes that Turkovich Family Wines is a good choice for that storefront.

The motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit was approved unanimously, minus Commissioners Martinez and Vallecillo, who excused themselves due to proximity issues.

Finally, the commission held a public hearing to consider a site plan/design review and Conditional Use Permit for the proposed St. Anthony’s Church and Rectory expansion at 511 Main Street. Contract Planner Kate Kelly reviewed this project, which requires altering

the height limit for the zone, and allowing a religious institution in a residential zone. Also, Kelly recommended that the commission approve the Design Review, which covers materials and plans to be used for the project.

There were no public comments on this item, but the applicant, Bill McCandless, did request that the commission allow for an alternate fence material to be used, which will be determined at a later date.

The commission unanimously approved to send this item to the city council for review, with Commissioners DeVries, Martinez and Tramontana absent due to conflicts of interest.

The Winters Planning Commission will meet again on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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Pooper scoopers needed

Entries are being sought for the Youth Day Parade pooper scooper category. There will be a lot of horses in this year’s parade, and the winners of the pooper scooper category will win \$100 for first prize

and \$50 for second prize. The only requirement is to dress up, march in the parade and pick up after the horses. Entry forms are available online at www.wintersyouthday.com/parade.

Opinion



DEBRA LO QUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

SO, I'M OUT ON MY little walk-run one smorning last week, still building up strength after a yearlong chain of injuries, and pondering whether this week's topic would be a follow-up to last week's column about glimpses over the hill or my thoughts about the impending death of print journalism. And then I noticed a vacant lot, and decided it was a much better topic.

I walk past this particular corner lot at East Baker and East Main all the time and don't usually pay much attention to it. Until this morning, when I noticed it was completely brown, dry and dead, probably from a good soaking in weed killer. It was a stark contrast to the large chunk of undeveloped land across the street, where spring has sprung knee-high, lush and green, dotted with wildflowers.

I wondered why the landowner felt compelled to kill the patch of similar vegetation on that corner lot. I called City Hall, and was informed that the development planned there had fallen through. So, not much is happening on the lot right now, except one of the city's water pumps over in the far corner, an ugly little chunk of asphalt, chain link and humming machinery. That's the city's bite out of this rather funky-shaped lot, that sits undeveloped although both sides of the streets that join at this corner are lined with homes, as if the developers lost interest in finishing when they got to the last lot.

What motivated the landowner to destroy all the wild vegetation? Did he just see "weeds," which of course means they must be destroyed? Where he saw weeds, I saw a little snippet of what's just across the street — a lovely expanse of wild oat grass, soon to be splashed with yellow mustard flower and dots of little white and purple whatnots.

I'm sure the whatnots have a name, but I don't know what it is. What I do know is that this undeveloped field vibrates with life every spring — killdeer, red winged blackbirds, blue jays, butterflies, dragonflies and what I'm assuming are some sort of meadowlark because they chortle a lovely sound. Well, it vibrates with life until late spring, anyway, when the landowners come in and mow it all down so we can enjoy a lovely field of brown stubble.

Besides the birds and butterflies, if I stopped walking and peered a little closer, I'd surely find honeybees, beetles and all other sorts of creepy crawlies going about their simple little lives, harming none. Yet, just one sweep from a spray rig, and it's all destroyed. How the owner of that corner lot could prefer a patch of dead, dry brush to green vegetation buzzing with life is beyond me. Maybe he wanted a better view of the ugly little water pump?

I think this is one of those "meme" things my best friend, who is a poet, keeps trying to explain to me. I think I get it: Memes are erroneous beliefs that spread through the collective consciousness like a virus. And, we have a weed meme: Weeds are undesirable, all weeds must be destroyed, and everything humans didn't plant is a weed.

My, how arrogant we are to view anything not planted by human hands as undesirable and useless, and therefore subject to flippant destruction. I rather doubt that the killdeer and dragonflies share this view.

If only the landowner had ventured outside the "weeds = destroy" meme. What other choice might have been more beneficial than soaking his property in poison? How about seeding it with vegetation that attracts wild honeybees. Any little patch of land can be planted to support honeybees. In fact, some of the folks studying colony collapse advocate the planting of at least 10 square feet of pollinator-friendly natural habitat in our back yards to help the wild honeybees recover. Think honeybees aren't worth the effort? You'll think differently if the honeybee population collapses completely. No honeybees means no pollination. No pollination means no food. Weeds will be the least of our worries.

Another possible use for this lot, particularly if the development plans are dead in the water: sell it to the city (or, better yet, write it off as a donation) to be turned into a basketball court. Yes, even asphalt would be preferable to brown, dead vegetation. At least the human wildlife would benefit from it.

You see, the surrounding neighborhood is crawling with children, and apparently they love basketball as evidenced by the many sidewalk basketball backboards dotting the streets. At almost any time of day when school is out, you see kids happily shooting hoops from the middle of the street, which is all well and good until someone comes flying down the road in their SUV yapping on their Bluetooth and squashes a kid flat. And then we'll all wring our hands and wonder why "somebody" didn't do "something" about the inadequate recreational facilities for children in this town.

Somewhere between doing nothing and doing something, there had to be a better option than killing every living thing that springs forth from the ground. That funky little "weed" covered lot was well enough. And should have been left alone.



LETTERS

Speak up about power lines

Dear Editor,

High voltage power transmission lines and towers are coming soon to the Winters area, unless we take positive action immediately. The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), an agency of the US Department of Energy and its contracted partner, Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) plan to use Federal Economic Stimulus money to pay for some of this project. Since the \$770 billion Economic Stimulus package designates money for renewable energy and energy transmission, this project has recently applied for federal funds.

This project will generate wind and geothermal energy near Susanville, California and Reno, Nevada and then using transmission lines, bring the power to the cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Redding, Roseville, Palo Alto, Santa Clara and Ukiah, the Modesto Irrigation District, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), the Turlock Irrigation District, and the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative. So, renewable "green" energy will be generated up to 600 miles away from where it will be used.

Huge transmission lines and towers will transmit this green energy to these green users. The transmission lines being proposed could be located north, west and south of Winters. It appears that not all affected property owners have been notified by WAPA and TANC.

fied by WAPA and TANC.

PG&E is not a part of this project. The energy generated from this project would not be sold to residents in Winters.

The first public hearing was held March 26 in Sacramento. The hearing was very well attended by concerned Winters residents who asked excellent questions and clearly voiced their concerns. TANC and WAPA definitely could see that Winters residents pay attention and get involved.

There are more public hearings scheduled. The next closest meeting is April 14 in Williams at Granzella's Inn, 5:30-8:30 p.m. There are more hearings at different locations to meet different schedules. All interested citizens should attend the public hearings. The routes could be altered at any time and property owners could be affected that are different than those currently shown on the proposed routes.

Please check these websites for more information at www.tanc.us and www.wapa.gov. Send letters of concern or opposition, ideas for alternate routes and questions to the address shown at the www.tanc.us website. All citizens are encouraged to send their comments to TANC and WAPA by April 30.

Local information can be found at a Google Group called "TANC powerline group," www.tanc-powerline-group@googlegroups.com.

STAN and SHERRY LESTER

God, the Pope still love him

Dear Editor;

Reading last week's letter from Mr. McMasters-Stone reaffirmed my believe that I live in a remarkable town where our diverse population represents a broad spectrum of people and their beliefs.

Mr. McMasters-Stone's letter (March 26) was a little harsh and hostile for my taste, and for other Catholics too. Looks like it was very easy for him to criticize the Pope but I'm sure that the Pope and God love him the same as before he wrote the letter. (He probably doesn't care about it).

When Mr. McMasters-Stone wrote the letter to the editor, he knew that he was going to ruffle some Catholics' feathers. He is a smart individual; I'm sure that he is waiting and getting ready to rebut any responses to his letter. We just need to read his letter with a grain of salt.

If we really understand that his behavior comes from his life's context, then we'll not judge him. He did what all of us humans do — we judge and condemn the motives and intentions of others very easily.

ESTHER VILLALOBOS

Calling all Chihuahua lovers

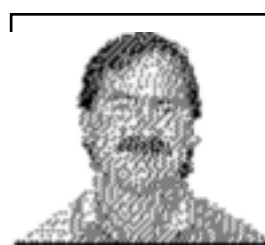
Dear Editor,

We need Chihuahuas! The upcoming Winters Youth Day Main Parade needs Chihuahuas of any and all varieties to strut down the Youth Day Parade path, to restore the tradition that was begun in 2002.

Please show up with

your fun lovin' Chihuahua near the start of the Main Parade at 4th and Main Streets around 9:30 a.m. or so on April 25. For more information call me at 795-3809. Chihuahuas are small but they are mighty!

ROBERT FISCHER



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

VALLEY TOWNS. If you veer off almost any major highway you'll find small town America. I almost always use Winters as a reference point, and it doesn't take long for me to find differences and similarities.

Our downtown usually wins out over hodgepodge Main Streets, like Woodland's, or long highway commercial areas like Oakdale, but it's hard to compete against historic towns like Sutter Creek or Truckee. Most towns are more like Woodland or Dixon, where the towns have abandoned their Main Streets for freeway interchanges.

I'm still waiting for our freeway to be developed, and it will be interesting to see how it looks 20 years from now. It will also be interesting to see how our downtown looks in 20 years. Sounds like a contest idea to me. What do you think the intersection of Main and Railroad will look like in 2030? The winner could receive dinner for two at the Buckhorn or their picture in the Express. Maybe a couple of tickets to the Palms Playhouse would be in order or a free tune-up for their bike from VeloCity. When they build the Monticello Building across the street, we could have a time capsule and open it in 20 years.

I'm sure there will be a Lorenzo running our local grocery store and Tony will still be broiling fish at Tomat's. Maybe there'll be another generation of Cody's running the store or a Mariani Hotel on the corner of Railroad and Grant. The farmers will still have a table at the Café or Berryessa Sporting Goods, and the so called liberal element of town will still mix it up at Steady Eddy's or some reincarnation of Goodstuff.

Did I give you enough hints or suggestions for your own vision of Winters.

Mark your calendar for June 7, sometime in the afternoon, in the alley in the back of the Express. I'm planning a party for the Guy on Page 2, who's turning 90 on that day. He was 27 when he bought the Express in 1947. His column on what Winters looked like in 1947 is on our web site if you want to see what has changed in 60 years. The names changed, but I don't think we've changed all that much. We have a few less services, like car dealers, DMV, PG&E or telephone office, but on the whole I don't think things have changed as much as you might think and they probably won't change that much over the next 60 years.

Have a good week.

Both were asking, 'Why?'

Dear Editor,

I'm moved to comment on two of the letters to the editor in the March 26 Winters Express. They both were asking, "Why?"

The first was masterfully written (or should I say McMasterfully written), questioning why there was no public outrage at the Pope's deplorable condom comments, highly damaging to the poorly educated and impressionable Africans he was visiting. He also questioned the public's adulation for the Sarah Palins and Tom Cruises of our country, with their ignorance-based religions. The second writer had many "whys" about the taxpayers being screwed by bad government and greed.

To start with, I always like to look at the big picture. It makes me think of Neil deGrasse Tyson's article, The Journey from the Ancient Astronomers to Modern Day Astrophysics (Tyson is the new Carl Sagan). "If the journey has taught us anything, it's that mankind is a constantly changing, perennially gullible and hopelessly ignorant master of a tiny speck in the Cosmos."

About religion — Rumi said, "Religion is like a cow. It gives milk but it also kicks." Recently, in America and elsewhere, it has been kicking much too hard. The enemy, as usual, is ignorance.

The second writer mentioned evil government, people and corporations. I think that's overstated. People al-

ways move toward bettering themselves. When one has more or less absolute power, then that betterment instinct can get out of hand, leading to fear of loss of superior position by the outrage of the victims.

People and corporations produce what our citizens need and want. This despite many lazy and rights-crazed individuals, as well as a government that habitually crawls in bed with wealth-producing corporations and vice versa.

Government doesn't produce — it only takes. More often than not, government's reams of controlling regulations cause more harm than good. It's only natural for people to try to improve their lives. It's only when the control freaks (read: politicians — mostly economics-ignorant attorneys) get into office, where they can hide behind their smoke and mirrors and fatten up hideously, that really bad things happen.

Our president and his chairman, Ben Bernanke, are so afraid of depression and deflation on their watch, that they will do absolutely anything to avoid it. This means the next cycle of bad stuff will come much sooner and larger, but they'll be untouchably wealthy by then. They won't be remembered as the cause. Sooner or later the bailouts, etc. will hit the proverbial fan — and on a dead-end street (al-

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ready?). It will be horrible for a while, but let's hope this reality-based purge will bring our country some fresh air again. Viva La Constitution!

I liked the second writer's final, revolutionary solution. "Let the old system die (I'd say, strangle it) and replace it with a system of liberty and justice for all."

Here's an important notice that there is such a system almost in place. Go to Ron Paul's web site. They are planning right now for this political revolution we need: www.campaignforliberty.com Click on "about" and "sign up" to see its dimension.

Reading festival was well-attended

Dear Editor,

On March 21, the Winters Friends of the Library held its Family Reading Festival at the Winters Branch Library. The Friends appreciate the community's enthusiasm for this event and wish to say "Thank You" to the many community volunteers who helped to make this event special and to all the attendees. We estimate over 125 children and adults visited the two hour festival.

The morning was filled with creative activities that encourage reading and foster love for books and each child was able to select his/her very own book to take home. Children participated in Spanish and English story time sessions, and several parents and older children applied for their first library cards.

The Winters Friends of the Library meet on the first Monday evening of the month. For more information about the group, call 795-0615 or visit www.WFoL.org.

CHARLOTTE KIMBALL
Winters Friends of the Library

Bridal show was a success

Dear Editor:

The weatherman said "showers," however in Winters, on Saturday, March 21, it was "snow" — Isabel Snow and her vision for the Winters Fortnightly Club's fashion show and luncheon. Isabel's vision, "Here Comes the Bride," was a show full of bridal gowns, bridesmaid and flower girl dresses. The ladies of Winters opened up trunks and boxes to lend us old and not so old wedding gowns to be modeled. It was truly a visit down memory lane.

The luncheon was enjoyed by all and it offered a great opportunity for the club members to show off their culinary skills with an array of delicious salads to choose from, and yeast

rolls from Lester Farms Bakery. To top off the lunch, the guests were served a delightful treat. Joan Gates made a beautiful wedding cake that tasted as good as it looked. Thanks, Joan, for a wonderful treat.

A big thank you to the wonderful kitchen crew headed by Barbara Thomas, Marge Graf, Nelda Biasi, Isabel Snow and Willa Mae Heintz.

A special thanks to Peggy Graf and the volunteer students of Winters High School, as they graciously set up and helped clean up. Thank you to the Winters High School students: Jessica Sharp, Olivia Manas, Tyler Pearce and Lilian Boisrame as they were the servers for the day.

With "Here Comes the Bride" as our theme, the table decorations consisted of white bridal nosegay and silver chocolate kisses. Thanks to Audrey Thurmon, Gayle Andersen and Darlene Benson for creating beautiful table settings. The club is most grateful to the Buckhorn Catering for the use of table linens. Thanks go out to Pioneer Presbyterian Church and Viona Hague for the loan of china and silverware.

The models carried lovely bouquets provided by Jessie Gil and Chris Jones (Chris' Florist). The flowers added a beautiful touch. The stage was adorned with a beautiful arch provided by Chris Jones and white pillars outlined the arch, and these were loaned to us by Maria Luisa Garcia. Thank you, ladies, your generosity made our fashion show even lovelier.

Gerry Molnar was in charge of ticket sales and we exceeded our goal. Thanks, Gerry, for a job well done. The Winters Fortnightly Club's fashion show and luncheon is a fundraiser, which supports both the club's \$1,500 scholarship and its support of youth activities in the Winters community.

Darlene Benson, project coordinator, with the help of Peggy Kelley, managed to keep the fashion show running smoothly. We want to thank Darlene for taking on this huge project — it was a job well done! We extend a thank you to Howard and Germaine Hupe for not only modeling the wedding attire they wore at their own wedding, but also for being such wonderful presenters and masters of ceremony.

Thank you to our wonderful and charming volunteer models: Caitlin Calvert, Andrea Hurst, Riley Hurst, Hannah Long, Lucie Hienes, Meghan Hyde, Amy Avellar, Megan Avellar, Jamie Kelley, Peggy Dixon, Ashlynn Neil, Molly Nickelson, Breanne Benson, Leslie Carbahal, Keeley Nickelson, Gracie Wingard, Patty Cox and Casey Cox.

Thanks to Jameson Shugart and Robby Emery, the two escorts. The were very handsome in their tuxedos

that were furnished by Tuxedo Den of Vacaville.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful music played by harpist Charlotte Wolter from Napa. Thanks, your playing added a touch of elegance to our event. Thank you to Mason Hurst for taking a video of the fashion show, and also Frank Lucero for the use of his steamer.

Our fashion show couldn't be a success without the generosity of the business men and women of Winters. Gayle Andersen did a wonderful job gathering prizes from: Ace Hardware, Buckhorn Steak & Roadhouse, Camile's Hair Salon, First Northern Bank, Putah Creek Café, Winters Express, Cloth Carousel, Curves, Winters True Value Hardware, Cody's Deli & Catering, Warrior Video, Winters Participation Gallery, Eagle Drugs, Custom Cleaners, Ficelle's, Pisani, Lester Farms Bakery, Penmakers, Round Table Pizza, Briggs & Co., Steady Eddy's Coffee House, Berryessa Gap Vineyards, Tomat's California Cuisine, Town & Country Market, Berryessa Sports, Viona Hague, Jessie Gil and Peggy Kelley.

We say thank you for supporting our fundraiser year after year.

The Winters Fortnightly Club extends a special thanks to Debra LoGuercio and the Winters Express for sharing news of the club's activities throughout the year. The Winters Express provides a place for us to communicate our goals and plans.

A big hug and thank you to those who attended and supported our sixth annual fashion show and luncheon, which gives our club and community a chance to share in supporting the youth of Winters.

Thank you once more to all the ladies of the Winters Fortnightly Club, as events such as this could not be possible without the entire club membership being a huge contributor in the making of another success story.

PEGGY KELLEY
Winters Fortnightly Club

Catholics care about spread of HIV

Dear Editor,

Compelled by Mr. McMasters-Stone's letter last week — with mocking language and insulting comments toward Catholicism — we did what true Christians should do: we forgave him. And our entire church prayed for him at last weekend's masses.

Pope Benedict said, "...the scourge cannot be resolved by distributing condoms; quite the contrary, we risk worsening the problem.

The solution can only come through a twofold commitment: firstly, the humanization of sexuality, in other words a spiritual and human renewal bringing a new way of behaving towards one another; and secondly, true friendship, above all with those who are suffering, a readiness — even through personal sacrifice — to be present with those who suffer.

"Tom said the Pope's ignorant statement would lead to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Africans. However, one of the world's leading researchers on the spread of HIV backs up what the pope said. Edward C. Green, director of the Harvard AIDS Prevention Research Project, stated, "It is hard for a liberal like me to admit, but yes, (the criticism) is unfair because, in fact, the best evidence we have supports his comments.

"We are seeing HIV decline in eight or nine African countries. In every case, there's been a decrease in the proportion of men and women reporting multiple sexual partners."

In other words, HIV infection rates decline where there are signs of the "humanization of sexuality" that Pope Benedict urged as the true solution, rather than distributing condoms.

In Uganda, rates fell from 30 percent in 1992 to just 6 percent. The secret of its success has not been mass distribution of condoms, as in other African nations, but the aggressive marketing of abstinence.

Dr. Green states that Uganda's success is due more to an emphasis on fidelity than abstinence: "What Americans and Europeans forgot when designing these approaches is that African cultures are still largely bound by tradition and religion."

Another example exists in Southeast Asia: The Philippines vs. Thailand, two similar-sized nations. In 1987 Thailand had 112 cases of AIDS, and the Philippines had 135 cases. In 1991, Thailand launched a "100 percent Condom Use Program" promoting condoms to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS. The Philippines relied on a Catholic Church sponsored program to combat their HIV/AIDS crisis.

After 10 years, the HIV infection rates per million in Thailand are 9,072; in the Philippines, 113. The current USA rate of HIV infection (with liberal sex education, advanced antiviral drugs, and billions of condoms) is 3,900 per million, 30 times higher than the Philippines.

The truth is: the best way to completely eradicate all STDs is to follow God's plan for our sexual lives: abstinence before marriage and fi-

delity afterwards.

We want to reassure Tom that Catholics do care. In fact, about 26 percent of health care for HIV/AIDS victims worldwide is provided by the Catholic Church — with a vast network of clinics reaching the poorest, most remote and most neglected people in Africa.

We encourage your readers to seek the truth, rather than blindly accept someone's opinions. (Human Life International, www.hli.org, has interesting info on this topic)

RUSS and MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Artwork on display

Dear Editor,

As part of the "Paint the Town" in Winters, plein air artists have been painting here in town and in the out-

skirts, and art will be hung at Briggs & Co. on Railroad Avenue. Also, local landscapes can be viewed in many businesses.

A few of Judy Neal's and my landscapes will be at Lester Farms Bakery on Railroad Avenue. The hours this Saturday at the bakery will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Their regular hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The show continues through April at all the businesses. Please stop by.

MARY KING

"People call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat or a prostitute."
~ Rebecca West

HELLINGER

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finished off with a bronze medal at the state tournament. To understand just how difficult that is, just go to any high school in America and ask how many tournament MVP awards their best wrestler has won in a season and you would be surprised at the answer.

"I've coached in Vacaville for a long time," said Winters wrestling coach Tim Hausler. "I have coached some great wrestlers and state champions, and I have never had an individual win more than two MVP awards in a season.

"What Jesse has done at Winters and for Winters is phenomenal. He has set the mark for everybody else to try and reach and he encourages everybody to do so. It has been a privilege to coach him and I look forward to following his success at the next level."

Hellinger actually injured his arm in the third match of six in state competition, and

had to wrestle basically with one hand in the last three matches. Unfortunately he faced the only wrestler that had beaten him this year when he was hurt and lost 9-4.

After his first loss earlier in the year to the wrestler from El Dorado, Hellinger came back and beat him the next time they met, but in their tie breaker at state, Hellinger was at a disadvantage with an injured arm. He came back and won the next two matches for a third place finish.

"I was disappointed," Hellinger said. "But I had to focus on the next two matches. After that, I tried not to let it get to me, but it definitely bothered me. I was confident going in that I was going to win."

So far, Hellinger has scholarship offers from Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Bakersfield.

"My number one choice is Fullerton," said Hellinger.

As it stands now, Cal State Bakersfield is actually offering double the scholarship of Fullerton but Hellinger just returned from a visit at Fullerton and was



JESSE HELLINGER

very impressed with what he experienced there.

"At Cal State Fullerton it's all about wrestling and baseball. Those are the sports that they are known for. My goal is to be a part of their tradition by making the varsity lineup, wrestling in the Pac 10, and winning a national championship."

Hellinger will get some national experience this week when he travels to Virginia Beach, Virginia, and competes in the senior nationals.

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if you throw enough money at it, but in these austere times, would that be prudent in view of state worker cutbacks, education cutbacks and numerous other budget constraints?"

Leo Refsland, chairman of Save Rural Yolo County, asked the CSA board to drop the Madison site from further consideration. The

grassroots organization opposes building a prison in Madison or any other rural area of the county.

"This site does not provide the opportunity and resources you need to be successful," Refsland said. "To date, the only thing accomplished is a community in turmoil, with Madison community leaders needlessly wasting resources and time on this matter."

Refsland mentioned alternative sites for the "secure re-entry facility" that is designed to rehabilitate inmates serving the final year of their sentences. These prisoners will range from non-violent offenders to murderers.

"We support the original site at the Monroe Detention Center," Refsland said, referring to the county's initial proposal to locate the prison next to the county jail in Woodland.

"We would also sup-

port the Port of Sacramento, located in West Sacramento and within Yolo County," he continued, noting that the port has hundreds of acres of property in an industrial area available for development. "In that urban setting, there are services and amenities to support employees and volunteers. It also provides a large pool of rehabilitation resources."

In addition, Refsland noted that West Sacramento's Southport area has one of the highest home foreclosure rates in Yolo County. "There are plenty of existing homes to house the employees and reduce commuting and the carbon footprint."

The correction department's final decision on whether or not to build a prison in Madison is pending.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors also has time to rescind the Madison site, because the state has not yet signed the siting agreement for the Madison property, according to Tom Barth, the attorney representing Save Rural Yolo County.

Rexroad said, "Ask the supervisors to give you a site in or close to an urban area where there are not so many handicaps."

Other speakers requested that the scale of the project be reduced to 150 beds in order to incarcerate only the Yolo County prisoner

population.

Meanwhile, two lawsuits filed against the county by Save Rural Yolo County and the Yolo County Farm Bureau are moving forward. The lawsuits claim that the county violated its General Plan and environmental and farmland-preservation laws. The 15-acre site, which is part of a 175-acre parcel owned by developer John Kaufman, is currently planted to alfalfa.

"I ask you to deny the Madison site so that we can drop our lawsuit and get back to rebuilding our community," Refsland said.

State legislation was passed in 2007 that authorizes the CDCR to build re-entry prisons. Under Assembly Bill 900, CDCR promises to provide funding to counties to expand their existing jails in exchange for allowing the state to build prisons. CDCR offered \$30 million to Yolo County to expand the Monroe Detention Center if the county could offer a prison site.

At the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting on Sept. 16, supervisors voted 3-1-1 to recommend the Madison site to the state, with Supervisor Chamberlain dissenting.

For more information about Save Rural Yolo County, visit www.saveruralyolocounty.com

Council will meet Tuesday

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

~ 2008 Officer of the Year Jose Ramirez.

~ Review of proposed water meter installation timelines and pricing for business and residential properties.

~ Approval of First Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement. DaRe, LLC

~ Selection of independent auditors for fiscal year ending June 30, with an option for 2010 and 2011.

~ Introduction and waive first reading of ordinance rezoning property for St. Anthony Church and rectory project.

~ Resolution authorizing purchase of Swainson's Hawk mitigation credits by the city for a sports park at Chickahominy Creek Conservation Area.

~ Implementation of a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Trust.

~ Planning commission vacancies.

~ Introduction and first reading of ordinance adding Chapter 14.01 to the Winters Municipal Code pertaining to the Farmers Market.

~ Lease agreement with John Siracusa and sublease with The Clayground

As the Community Development Agency, the council will address the following agenda items:

~ Joint public hearing regarding the City of Winters Farmers Market Ordinance.

~ Joint public hearing regarding The Clayground on a proposed lease between the CDA and John Siracusa, and sublease at 7 East Main Street.

ROTARY CLUB OF WINTERS STUDENT OF THE MONTH Jamie Andersen



George Griffin stood in for Polita Gonzales, who had another school commitment, and presented Jamie Andersen with her Student of the Month plaque. George read from Polita's notes, "I chose Jamie to be Student of the Month for several reasons. She obviously is a hardworking young lady that is very committed to her academic and extra-curricular activities, but what sets Jamie apart from so many others is her kind soul and genuine passion." He went on, "She makes certain that anything she says to me is in Spanish. She is often sarcastic in Spanish and that's not very easy to do, but it adds to her natural playfulness. She is without doubt a bright spot in the classroom and I really do feel fortunate to be able to say that she was a student of mine. There are some teachers that will never have had that privilege."



Rotary Club of Winters
Meets every Thursday, 12:15 p.m.
Buckhorn Restaurant
2 Main Street, Winters

Celebrating our 53rd
year of service to
our community

Community

Plein Air Festival underway

By SHAUNIE BRIGGS
Special to the Express

The painters are coming, the painters are coming! Briggs & Co. is proud to announce that a plethora of exciting, new artists from all over California and beyond are mixing their paints and laying out their brushes in preparation for the Winters' Plein Air Festival. Many generous residents of Winters have offered to open their homes to these visiting painters, enabling painters who live far away to immerse themselves in our community for the festival week.

This year's festival included activities where the public could interact with the artists, such as the Gourmet Garden Paint Out on March 28 and the Evening Sunset Paint Out on March 29. The Quick Draw Event on April 4 allows the public to see a work of art unfold in two hours — a masterpiece literally emerging before your eyes.

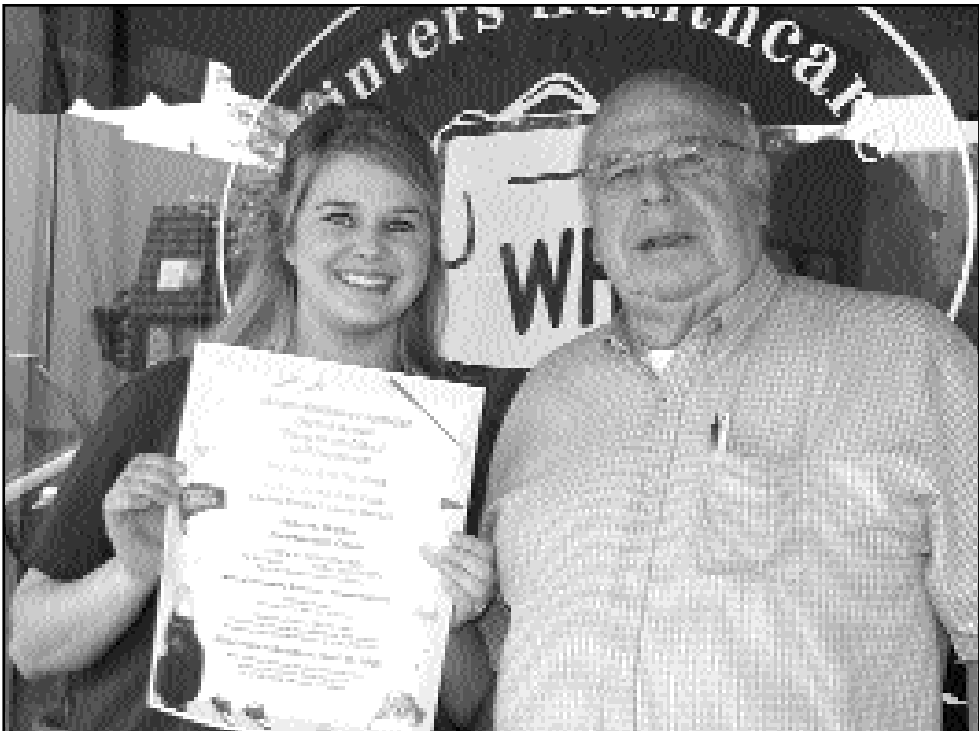
If you own some of the most picturesque land in the area, call Briggs & Co., so we can add your scenic location to the map of all the eligible painting locations in town. Have your land immortalized in paint!

The official painting period began March 27 and continues through April 3. Artists will have six days to put Winters' charming architecture, glorious farmlands, the wildlife of Putah Creek, and the blue hills of Lake Berryessa down on canvas.

The Quick Draw Event on Saturday, April 4, takes place from 9 a.m. to noon at Rotary Park. Plein Air Works 2009, an exhibit of selected paintings created during the festival, takes place April 4-20 at Briggs & Co., 820 Railroad Avenue. A gala artists' celebration is planned for Saturday, April 4, 6-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.briggsandco.com or call 795-9505.

Other participating venues featuring plein air art include the Berryessa Gap tasting rooms, Putah Creek Café, The Clayground, The Winters Center for the Arts, Lester Farms Bakery and Steady Eddy's.

Take a swing



Courtesy photo

It's time to Swing for the Clinic. Inviting all to play in the 7th annual golf tournament benefiting the Winters Healthcare Foundation are tournament chair John R. Martin and committee chair Olivia Martin Barbosa. The event takes place on Monday, April 20, at the Yocha-De-He Golf Club at Cache Creek Casino Resort, beginning with check-in at 11 a.m. and a shotgun start at noon. The format is a four-person scramble. Registration is \$150 per person, including green fees, cart and gift bag. The awards ceremony is at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. hosted by Berryessa Gap Winery and featuring an auction and raffle. Dinner-only tickets are \$45 and must be purchased in advance. The registration deadline is April 15. For more information or to register, call 795-5200 or 795-2224.

Pioneer Church offers new prayer ministry

Pioneer Church has added prayer appointments to the specific Prayer Ministries it offers in Winters.

"Prayer appointments allow for individual attention from our trained Prayer Ministers," said Pastor Bob Badgley, Pastor of Pioneer Church. "Our Prayer Ministers have been studying faithfully for the past year in preparation for this ministry. They have reviewed a variety of materials including the teaching of Scripture concerning Jesus' ministry of healing, spiritual gifts associated with healing, hands-on prayer ministry at the monthly Healing Service, and have benefited greatly from the training materials provided by Christian Healing Ministries (CHM) of Jacksonville, Florida. God has been providing healing and wholeness through Francis and Judith MacNutt of CHM for over 35 years and we have been blessed by their instruction."

Over the past year Pioneer has offered a bilingual Healing Service co-hosted with the Templo Jesucristo es las Respuesta Church on the third Saturday of each month at 6 p.m.

"We have been excited about the answers to prayer reported to us over this past year. But in the normal course of that service, there isn't much time or privacy for what is called "soaking prayer," said Pastor Bob. "Some answers from God seem to require time and persistence. Prayer Appointments will allow for that individual focus and time. We look forward to expanding our availability to what God wants to do thru Pioneer here in Winters."

To request a prayer appointment, call the prayer message line, 908-1523, or email prayerpartner@dslextrême.com. All prayer requests are confidential. Teresa Pisani, Prayer Ministries coordinator, will guide you thru the appointment process.

Youth Day
is
Saturday,
April 25

Senior Citizen Club news

By MARGE SEBASTIAN
Special to the Express

Our March meeting/potluck was held on Wednesday, March 11, at the Winters Community Center.

Thank you so much to Linda Barbosa and First Northern Bank for having a wonderful St. Patrick's luncheon catered for us. Everyone present really enjoyed the luncheon and the speakers.

Thanks to Dave Ed-

wards and Kristie Link for their great presentation on fraud and scams that seniors need to avoid.

Our April meeting and potluck will be on Wednesday, April 8, and we ask that you come at 11:30 a.m. so we can have a short meeting before lunch. Please bring a dish to share.

After lunch, we will play bingo for our brown bag prizes. Come and join us for a fun afternoon.

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From the Ground Up: Yolo hay

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

The color of our Yolo agricultural landscape has now turned from the pastel blossoms of almond and fruit trees to the bright green of the alfalfa fields that cover 54,000 acres around us. That's nearly 85 square miles of Yolo County's prime agricultural ground. In the coming months, the alfalfa will be repeatedly swathed, raked and baled into hay until fall's cold and rain end the haying season.

Historically, Yolo's hay was shipped primarily into the Petaluma dairy shed when it was one of the premier dairy regions of Northern California. Since the cow population there has declined, less hay goes there now. Most of Yolo County's hay is now shipped either overseas or to the vast milk sheds in the San Joaquin Valley to feed well over half of the state's almost two million dairy cows. Some goes to feed horses.

Large creameries and small artisan cheese-makers throughout the milk sheds convert the milk into an array of dairy products — whole milk, skim milk, cream, butter, ice cream, yogurt, cottage cheese and many cheeses, to name a few. So not only does Yolo County's alfalfa feed the cows, it indirectly feeds us too, along with the rest of the nation. In 2007, California produced more than two billion pounds of cheese, roughly one out of every four pounds of cheese consumed in the United States.

"I tend to ship the first cutting to dairies," Duane Chamberlain, local hay grower and County Supervisor, told us, "though this year a lot of it is badly damaged due to stem nematode. The second and subsequent cuttings go to the horse ranches and feed stores."

Chamberlain Farms, with 2,000 acres, is the largest alfalfa grower in Yolo County. Chamberlain grows 300,000 bales of hay a year, some of which he sells through his Windmill Feed Store. He stores two thirds of what he grows each summer for year round direct sales to feed stores from Monterey to Lake County. As Chamberlain told us, there's down pressure on hay prices this year due to the drop in milk prices. He starts cutting hay in early April.

Over the next several months, you can watch a procession of haying operations on the alfalfa fields around the county. First come the self-propelled swathers, mowing the alfalfa and laying it down in windrows to cure. Then come the hay rakes, large, tined, slowly-turning wheels pulled by a tractor that turn the hay and combine several windrows into a single fluffy windrow.

Then the tractors appear again, pulling offset balers that pick up the windrows, pack the hay into bales, bind them tightly with twine and drop them back onto the field. Soon self-propelled, flat-bedded harrowbedders or bale wagons come down the bale rows and pick up the bales on the move, and stack them into an interlocked module on their bed.

When the module is complete the wagon drives to the roadside hay yard and adds the module to the stack. When the hay is sold, it is loaded onto a truck pulling flatbed hay trailers by a hay squeeze, a large, road running forklift with side arms that picks up an entire module at a time.

About four percent of the hay produced in California, alfalfa, oat hay, Sudan grass hay and grass hay, is exported, primarily to Japan, Taiwan and Korea. This has been a good market for Yolo County grow-

ers. Exported hay is compressed into a smaller bale, then stuffed into ocean containers and trucked to the port. Easily visible from Interstate 505, just north of Winters, is The Hay Kingdom, owned by the Lin family, where oat, alfalfa and grass hay are compressed and sold overseas. Not all hay is sold in bales. Woodland farmer Blake Harlan bought a hay cubing machine and, as Harlan Feed, started selling hay cubes in 50 pound bags to feed stores and horse owners.

So, as you drive around Yolo County, watch for the bright green acres of alfalfa, one of Yolo's top crops, and think of it feeding the cows that make California's milk and cheese, and the horses that bring so much pleasure to so many people.

Upcoming food and wine events

~ April 4, Yolo Family Services Agency presents a Dinner Party and Theatre (Harvey) at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue in Winters, 6 p.m. The dinner features local, seasonal foods from farms such as Durst Organics, Full Belly and Terra Firma and local wines including Bogle, R.H. Phillips, Rominger West, and Berryessa Gap. \$50. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Yolo Family Service Agency, 455 1st Street or call 662-2211 to reserve will-call tickets.

~ May 3, Winters Farmers Market Grand Opening, Rotary Park on Main Street, Winters, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

~ May 3, Yolo Land Trust and Slow Food Yolo present "Spring into Local Eating," a fund-raiser for the Yolo Land Trust, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Winters Community Center (stroll by after the Winters Farmers Market.) The lunch features grilled local lamb, seasonal vegetables from the market and lo-

cal wines. There will be a Mother's Day gift activity for kids. Tickets, available April 1, are \$20/adults; \$10/children. Reserve tickets and pay online at www.yololandtrust.org or call 662-1110 to reserve will-call tickets.

~ May 15-17, presented by the Nor Cal Driving Club, the "Vineyard Classic Combined Driving Event" at the Woodland Stallion Station, 34270 County Road 20, Woodland (www.woodlandstallion.com). The event, sure to thrill horse lovers, features local food and wine. Sunday is the best day for spectators, food and vendor booths all three days. For information: www.wssvineyardclassiccde.com.

~ May 16, UC Davis Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science and Slow Food Yolo present "Cheese Loves Beer: How to Perfect the Marriage," 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., an educational tasting at the RMI sensory theater followed by a reception. \$65 for Slow Food Members and UC Davis affiliates, \$75 for general public. Ticket information: www.robertmondaviinstitute.ucdavis.edu

~ May 30, Berryessa Gap Winery presents "Springtime in the Vineyard" 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event takes place in their vineyard under the old oak tree surrounded by gorgeous vista views. They will be releasing the 2008 Berryessa Gap Sunset Rosé of Primitivo and the 2008 Berryessa Gap Sauvignon Blanc. The event features wine tasting, Carne Asada, barbecued Oysters and fresh fruit. Tickets, available April 3 in the Tasting Room (15 Main Street in Winters) and at the Winery (27260 Highway 128 in Winters), are \$40 per person, \$30 for Wine Club members; call 795-3201 to reserve will-call tickets.

Weekly police report

March 20

~ 12-9:30 p.m., on the 700 block of Valley Oak Drive, a residential sliding glass door was shattered. Damage: \$200.

~ 11:05-11:15 p.m., on the 100 block of Grant Avenue during a school dance, three cellular telephones and a handbag were stolen. Loss: \$638.

March 22

~ 1:30 p.m., a lost wallet was reported to the police department. Loss: \$40.

~ 7:41 p.m., a 17-year-old Winters juvenile was driving northbound on Railroad Avenue and sideswiped a parked vehicle owned by Greg Douglas of Winters. The juvenile attempted to flee the scene by driving away in the vehicle, and stopped at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Main Street. The juvenile left the vehicle and fled eastbound on Main Street, then returned to the vehicle and attempted to drive away from the scene. The vehicle was inoperable, so the juvenile ran toward the corner of Abbey and Elliot Streets where officers detained the juvenile. As a result of field sobriety tests, the juvenile was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08%, hit and run, driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, making an unsafe turning movement and failing to provide proof of insurance. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

March 23

~ 3:19 p.m., a victim's personal information was used to obtain satellite television service in Texas.

March 24

~ 6:16 p.m., a victim's personal information was used in an attempt to obtain credit.

March 25

~ 10:30 a.m., on the 600 block of Railroad Avenue, a juvenile took food from a business without paying. Loss: \$1.

March 27

~ 8:19 a.m., on the 600 block of Snapdragon Street, an offi-

cer responded to an audible alarm that was activated accidentally.

March 29

~ 1:02 a.m., Juan Manuel Duran Melgoza, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and driving at an unsafe speed.

~ 3:05 p.m., on the 200 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The building was found secure.

~ 4 p.m., on the 400 block of Moody Slough Road, parties failed to follow a court order during a child custody exchange.

~ 5:38 p.m., Jorge Luis Rodriguez Maldonado, 26, of Winters was arrested on two outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrants charging him with violation of probation on previous charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and being an unlicensed driver; and failure to appear on previous charges of being an unlicensed driver, giving false identification to a police officer and having an unreadable licensed plate affixed to a vehicle. Maldonado was also arrested on an outstanding Yolo County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and failing to provide proof of insurance. Maldonado was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ 9:06 p.m., Marcos Joel Aguilar, 22, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charges of vandalism and failure to appear. Aguilar was also arrested on an outstanding Yolo County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and possessing a hypodermic needle/syringe. Aguilar was booked at the Winters Police

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Lawn mower exchange saves money, cleans the air

Pacific Gas and Electric is partnering with the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) to offer a clean alternate for mowing your lawn. They, along with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the County of Solano, are sponsoring a mower exchange program for residents of Solano and Yolo counties that make it easy and convenient to trade-in a polluting, gas-powered mower for a new cordless, rechargeable and more environmentally-friendly mower at a reduced price. The event begins with phone registration on April 7. There are a limited number of mow-

ers so it is on a first-call, first-served basis.

"Rechargeable mowers produce no on-site emissions, are lighter, quieter and easy to use," according to Mat Ehrhardt, executive director of the YSAQMD. "This year we will offer a choice of mowers. The 14" cut model will sell for \$189 and the 19" cut model will sell for \$289. These prices reflect a \$200 discount off the retail price and both are a great buy in this economy."

In addition, the Neuton mower includes three discharge options for your grass clippings: use the rear grass bag, the side discharge chute, or install the

mulching plug to leave the nutrients on your lawn.

The exchange consists of three steps:

1. DIAL: On April 7, call the toll free number (800) 465-7894 beginning at 8:30 a.m. to reserve a mower and receive a voucher. Calls will be taken until sold out or 5 pm whichever comes first.

2. DROP OFF: Qualified residents drop off a gas-powered mower at a participating recycler.

3. DELIVER: Qualified residents arrange payment with the manufacturer and a new mower is delivered to their home.

Participants do not have to wait in long

lines at a single-day event or travel outside their county to take advantage of this offer. Instead, after residents call-in for a confirmed mower reservation, they are given ample time to drop-off their gas mower at a participating local recycling center in either county.

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

Entertainment

‘Harvey’ opens Friday

By **GERMAIN HUPE**
Special to the Express

For over 60 years, theater audiences have laughed at the antics of amiable Elwood P. Dowd and his imaginary best friend, a six foot white rabbit named Harvey. Local audiences will become acquainted once again with this comic duo when the Winters Theatre Company opens its 2009 season on Friday, April 3, with a champagne gala performance of the classic comedy, “Harvey.” Dessert and beverages will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by an 8 p.m. curtain.

Additional performances include the special dinner/theater benefit for Yolo Family Service Agency on Saturday, April 4, and the following weekend presentations on April 10 and 11. There will also be a Sunday matinee on April 5 at 2 p.m.

The plot of “Harvey” seems to deal with Elwood’s delusions about his rabbit friend, but as the play progresses, the audience begins to wonder about the reality of Harvey, who claims to be a Pooka, a creature of Celtic mythology, who plays mischievous tricks on non-believers and delights the chosen few who enjoy his company.

On another level, the

plot seems to ask who is really suffering from delusions. Is it the charming Elwood, who likes everyone and goes through life passing out his calling cards and making friends or is it some self-promoting people with whom he comes in contact? These individuals have their own agenda — social status, professional reputation, and high self esteem. The playwright, Mary Chase, allows the audience members to decide for themselves, but she hints that the Pooka represents the triumph of fantasy and imagination over facts and reality.

The cast, which brings “Harvey” to the local stage, features veteran actors and introduces several new performers. Tom Rost appears as Elwood P. Dowd. Tom has been acting with WTC for 15 years portraying leading roles and character parts. His most recent role was as the Ghost of Christmas Present in the holiday production of “A Christmas Carol.”

Germaine Hupe plays Elwood’s long-suffering, social climbing sister, Veta Louise Simmons. A founding member of WTC, Germaine’s favorite productions include the annual “Shakespeare in the Park” presentations.

Molly Davis makes her local acting debut

as Dowd’s niece Myrtle Mae Simmons, a young woman whose efforts to meet a “group of nice young people” and especially to find a boyfriend, are hampered by her uncle’s devotion to his imaginary friend.

The eminent psychiatrist, Dr. William Chumley, is portrayed by veteran actor, Michael Barbour, who has appeared in many previous plays. Audiences will remember Michael as the hapless Malvolio in last summer’s “Twelfth Night.”

Jim Hewlett, another long time actor with WTC, plays young Dr. Sanderson, a self important psychiatrist with a secret crush on the pretty nurse, Ruth Kelly. Jim has played numerous roles ranging from comic Shakespeare characters to challenging dramatic roles.

Anita Ahuja, WTC board member and frequent actress, plays the sweet and sympathetic Nurse Kelly. Anita’s last appearance was as Mrs. Cratchitt in “A Christmas Carol,” and she often has had featured roles in the “Shakespeare in the Park” productions.

Rodney Orosco appears as the boorish hospital orderly, Duane Wilson, who relishes his tough guy self image. Rodney’s last role was as the phantom



Courtesy photo

The Winters Theatre Company presents “Harvey,” opening Friday, April 3, at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue. For more information or tickets, call 795-4014. From left are cast members Anita Ahuja, Jim Hewlett, Michael Barbour, Tom Rost, Howard Hupe, Germaine Hupe, Valerie Whitworth and Molly Davis.

Ghost of Christmas Future.

Judge Gaffney, the self important local jurist, is played by Howard Hupe, a frequent director of past productions. A founding member of WTC, Howard is enjoying his featured acting role in this production.

The role of Betty Chumley, the psychiatrist’s charming wife, is played by Ann Rost, another WTC veteran. Ann last appeared as the cynical owner of the restaurant-depot in the WTC production of “Bus Stop.”

Another featured role is that of Ethel Chauvenet, the grande dame of local society. Valerie Whitworth makes her WTC acting debut in

this comic role which pokes gentle fun at self-satisfaction and snobbery.

Another WTC newcomer, Ann Castro, appears as the caterer Miss Johnson. The WTC members welcome Ann to their ranks.

Finally, the multi-tasking JoAnn May plays Edna J. Lofgren, a straight talking taxi cab driver who has her own ideas about imagination and reality. The term “multi-tasking” really applies to JoAnn in this production: she not only appears in a cameo role, but she is also the assistant director and the stage manager for “Harvey.” She is also a board member of the Winters Theatre Company.

“Harvey” is directed by Trent Beeby, a frequent leading actor for the company. Trent last directed “Let’s Murder Marsha” (spring 2007). His numerous acting roles include that of Ebenezer Scrooge in “A Christmas Carol,” Duke Orsino in “Twelfth Night,” and Captain Bluntchli in “Arms and the Man.”

Tickets are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and the Chamber of Commerce office, located inside the Community Center. Reservations can be made by calling 795-4014. Reservations for the Yolo Family Service Agency Benefit Dinner/Theater on Saturday, April 4, must be made by calling 662-2211.

High school production of ‘Picasso’ paints a great scene

By **MOLLY DAVIS**
Staff writer

Schmendiman! Heard of him? Probably not. He is only a minor character in Steve Martin’s “Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” but the name sticks in your head. You want to walk around for days repeating it to yourself and loved ones. “Schmendiman!” It’s just a funny name.

Alas, Schmendiman, hysterically portrayed by Daniel Patton in the Winters High School drama’s production of “Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” is merely an obnoxious feature in this witty, sophisticated play. Directed by Gina Johnson, the play imagines what would happen if Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso met at a bar in Paris. The year is 1904, a year before Einstein published his theory of relativity, and three years before Picasso painted “Les Femmes d’Alger (O. J. R. M.).”

The play begins with the bartender, Freddy, sincerely played by Manny Lanzaro, bantering with Gaston, an older French man, played with much humor by Ryen Hirschenhofer. Gaston is the epitome of French, in his beret and black and white striped shirt, sitting in the corner, sipping on drink after drink, while reading a newspaper.

While the program promised that Germaine, a waitress, and Freddy’s girlfriend, played by the precocious Emma Pfanner, would appear next, instead it was Burton Masem as Einstein, complete with wild hair, German accent and a plaid suit, who showed up in the Lapin Agile. This prompted Freddy to jump into the audience to explain that Einstein had come in

out of turn, just the first of many unexpected moves in this play.

Following Einstein’s reentrance is Suzanne, a nymph in love with Picasso, played by the lovely Courtney Colagrossi. Upon entering the bar, she promptly strips down to a more seductive outfit, hoping to lure Picasso back into her arms. When asked if she knows Picasso, Suzanne coyly responds, “twice.”

Next is the very funny Justin Hyer as Sagot, an art dealer. Hyer gives Sagot a snobbishly over the top attitude, and is a joy to watch. He adds liveliness to the serious Picasso, played by Daniel Lichwa, who gives his character sincerity and passion, especially as he plants a kiss on Suzanne.

And then there’s Schmendiman, an aspiring genius who is to be the third success of the early twentieth century. Patton portrays him with outrageous enthusiasm, followed by his assistant, Ashley Wiser, who played a sweet violin piece during intermission.

The other characters include Jaina Frank as the Countess, who pays Einstein’s tab and escorts him around. Karissa Sais, Kaci Sousa and Sarah Stephens play the female admirers, stalking Schemendiman.

Finally, as Gaston points out, everything comes in threes, and if Schmendiman is not the third genius of the era, then “A Visitor,” as he is listed in the program, will fill that role. Valentin Molina comes on stage in blue suede shoes, with a huge grin and upturned lip, shaking his hips as only one genius of the 1900s could do. When asked what he is doing there,

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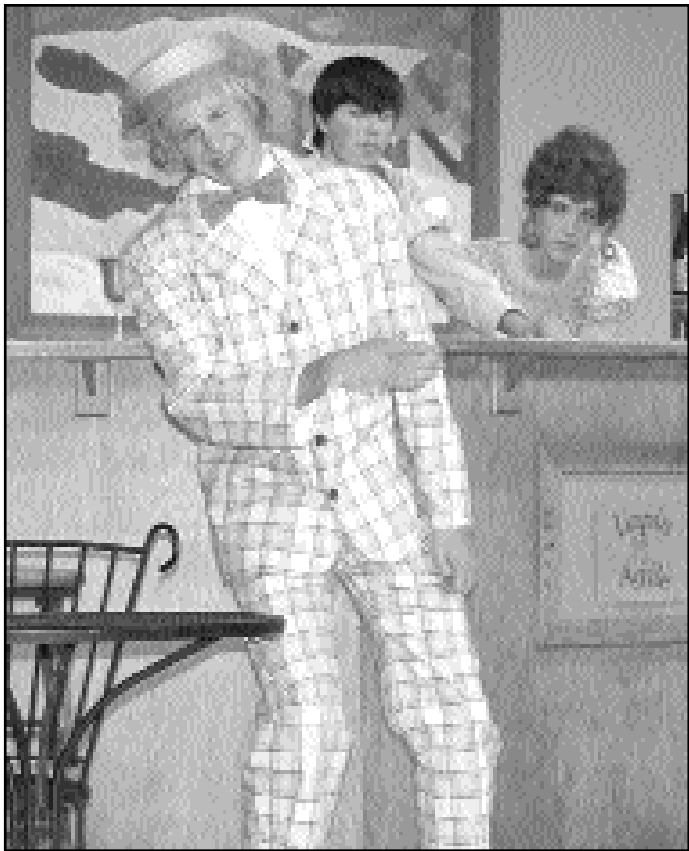


Photo by Molly Davis

Schmendiman (Daniel Patton) makes his over-the-top appearance at the Lapin Agile in the Winters High School production of Steve Martin’s “Picasso at the Lapin Agile.” Behind him are, from left, Manny Lazaro as Freddy, and Emma Pfanner as Germaine.

Happy hunting



Courtesy photo

The Easter Bunny is all ready to visit with children at the annual City of Winters Easter Egg Hunt, planned for Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m. at City Park, located at Main Street and Fourth Street.

There will be hunts for children ages 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. All children in these age groups are invited to come search for Easter eggs. The one who finds the Golden Egg will win the grand prize. One golden egg will be hidden for each age group. Children must bring their own Easter baskets or bags to collect eggs. There is no charge to participate. For more information, call Traci Nakamura, 795-4910, extension 102.

City's Hispanic Advisory Committee meets Tuesday

The City of Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 7, at 6 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall. The agenda includes a Farmers

Market report; Community Services Information Night; Scholarship Program/Youth Day; Report to city council regarding reauthorization.

Horseshoe players sought

The annual Youth Day Horseshoe Tournament will take place on Saturday, April 25 at City Park. Registration is \$20 and starts at 11:30 a.m. The competition begins at 12:15 p.m. Prizes this year are: 1st Place, \$300; 2nd Place, \$200; 3rd Place, \$100.

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partment and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

March 29-30
~ 9 p.m. to 7:40 a.m.,

400 block of Anderson Avenue two vehicle tires were flattened. Damage: \$160.

March 30
~ 2:49 a.m., 200 block of Railroad Avenue; audible alarm. The building was found secure.

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Elvis (who is not clearly named) replies that he likes to pop up in unexpected places, like supermarkets, making a play on so-called "Elvis sightings."

The play rounds itself out with the message that the central contribution to the twentieth century has been made by art, not politics. The characters are all essential, whether to plot or with their witty lines. Each role was well-cast, and the costumes and set were perfectly on target.

While the play is a bit risqué, especially for high school students, the WHS drama team showed the sophistication to hit the funny lines and scandalous moments with dignity. It was an all-around enjoyable experience.

Sports

Warriors win three in a row

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity baseball team improved their overall record to 12-1 and is now 2-0 in league after defeating Las Plumas and Wheatland last week.

Winters started the week on the road traveling to Oroville to take on Las Plumas in their league opener and came home with a 12-2 victory in six innings. Zach Higgins got the win for the Warriors, throwing all six innings giving up six hits and had six strikeouts.

At the plate, the Warriors totaled nine hits led by Aaron Geerts. Geerts batted 2-3 with a double, a run scored and an RBI. Kyle Tobler batted 2 for 4 with two runs scored and three RBI. Rocco Romero batted 2 for 4 with a triple, two runs scored and a RBI.

Ray McIntire batted 1 for 3 with two runs scored. Higgins batted 1 for 3 with a double, a run scored and an RBI. Cody Romero batted 1 for 4 with an RBI, while Max Van Dyke scored a run and had an RBI.

On Friday, March 27,

the Warriors hosted their first league game at Hugh Randolph Field against Wheatland and picked up a 7-3 victory. Tobler took the mound for the Warriors and earned another win with nine strikeouts. Winters continued to hit the ball well led by Higgins who went 2 for 2 with a run scored.

Case batted 2 for 3 with two RBI and a double. Tobler batted 2 for 3 with a double and a run scored. Van Dyke was 1 for 2 with a homerun, two RBI and a run scored. Cody Romero batted 1 for 3 with a homerun, a run scored and two RBI. Rocco Romero went 1 for 3 with a double, a run scored and an RBI. Geerts was 1 for 3 with a run scored. Dylan Ney batted 1 for 3 and Justin Contreras scored a run for the Warriors.

The Warriors returned to the diamond on Saturday, March 28, this time on the road again against Dixon. Dixon jumped to an early 1-0 lead over the Warriors but Winters quickly took the lead back scoring a run in the third and three more in the fourth. Dixon didn't

give up though, putting three more runs back on the board in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at 4-4.

The Warriors then scored three more runs in the top of the seventh and held the Rams to just one more in the bottom of the inning and came home with a 7-5 victory. Van Dyke got the win on the mound throwing the first six innings for the Warriors. Van Dyke gave up four runs — just three earned and had three strikeouts. McIntire threw the last inning and gave up just one run, none earned, for the save.

At the plate, Rocco Romero had a huge game batting 4 for 4 with a homerun, two runs scored and an RBI. Case stayed consistent batting 2 for 3 with two doubles, two RBI and a run scored. Higgins batted 1 for 3 with a double, three RBI and a run scored. McIntire batted 1 for 3. Tobler batted 1 for 4 with a double and an RBI. Geerts batted 1 for 4. Van Dyke had two runs scored, while Cody Romero and Ney each scored one run for the Warriors.

JV softball team has tough outing

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School JV softball team is having a tough time putting runs on the board so far this season, but is continuing to work hard and improve.

Winters lost to Las Plumas on Tuesday, March 24, in their first league game of the season played in Oroville. Valya Harman was the only Warrior to get a hit. Sydney Stewart and Ashley Hoekwater both got walked and scored the Warriors only two runs.

On Friday, March 27, the Warriors hosted Wheatland for another league game and lost to the Pirates.

“We lost bad but the girls played well,” said coach Ada Lake.

Stewart had five strikeouts on the mound for the Warriors. In the field Prestlie Pearce did a



Photo by Eric Lucero

Sydney Stewart crosses home plate for the JV softball team during a recent Warriors home game.

good job and caught four fly balls, while at the plate Nia Maldonado was the only Warrior to get on base with a walk.

Track team off and running

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School track team started their season with a road trip to Chico State to compete in the North State Relays on Friday, March 20. Winters had a tough time against some tough competition but did have some individuals with some good times on the clock.

In the varsity girls 100 hurdles, Mychelle Vincent took eighth in 18-93, Catherine Hasbrook was ninth in 19-16, Lauren Francis was 10th in 19-20, Sarah Rominger ran it in 22-35 and Lilian Boisrame clocked a 23-45.

In the girls long jump, Rominger jumped 12', Morgan Wright jumped 11'11", Taryn Jones jumped 11'10", Hannah Long went 11'3", and Karissa Sais jumped 11'. Katie Anstead placed fourth in the shot put with a toss of 29'10.75". Anstead also placed seventh in the discus with a throw of 88'02.50".

In the varsity boys competition, Cody Shafer placed sixth in the 110 hurdles in 16-50, Ryan Hofstrand fol-

lowed at 16-80 and Jules Damey ran an 18-88. The 4X100 relay team of Miguel Del Rio, Steven Warren, Max Mariani and Riki Lucero placed seventh with a time of 45-45.

Del Rio, Mariani and Warren teamed up with Logan Garcia for a fifth place finish in the 800 sprint medley. In the distance medley Lucero, Damey, Cody Linton and Alex Evanoff ran a 12:27.78 for an 11th place

finish out of 16 teams. Mariani placed eighth in the high jump with a leap of 5'6", Shafer jumped 5'4" and Dylan Cliche jumped 4'10".

Lucero placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 40'8.25", while Marcus Carrasco had a jump of 32'11". In the shot put, Cliche had a toss of 31'11.5" and Burt Masem threw it 28'7". Cliche also had a throw of 103' in the discus.

Jr. Warrior signups to begin

The Winters Jr. Warriors invite local children to participate in the 2009 football and cheer season. With the economy affecting everyone, the Jr. Warrior board understands the need to cut back on costs, and have made moderate changes to help lower the cost.

The 2009 registration fees for cheerleading are \$195 for new partici-

pants and \$170 for returning participants.

New football players can play for \$145, and returning players for \$120.

Six and seven year olds can play football for \$45 and cheer for \$75, and children who participate in fund-raising activities can play for free if they raise enough money.

For more information, call Rudy, 795-5525.

JV boys baseball team is 2-0

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV baseball team has started the Butte View League with a 2-0 record after defeating Las Plumas and Wheatland last week. Winters started the week on Tuesday, March 24, with a close game in Oroville against Las Plumas. After trailing 5-4 in the fifth, the Warriors scored three in the top of the sixth to win their league opener 7-5.

Jared Ney and Joe McIntire split time on the mound for the War-

riors and continued to pitch through numerous errors in the field. At the plate Max Barbosa led the team batting 3 for 4 with a double and two RBI. Kevin Hyde batted 1 for 2 with a triple and two runs scored.

Kyle Canela batted 1 for 3 with a run scored. McIntire scored two runs and had an RBI.

On Friday, March 27, the Warriors defeated Wheatland in another close game, this time in extra innings. Ney and McIntire once again teamed up on the mound to give the Warriors solid

pitching but both had to battled through numerous errors in the field.

The Warriors picked up the intensity defensively in the top of the eighth inning and shut down the Pirates. Murphy then led the Warriors off in the bottom of the eighth with a double. Ney moved Murphy over to third with a fly ball to center and then Jacob Lucero hit the game winner with a full count and two outs to score Murphy.

“We did everything right in the eighth,” Coach Daniel Ward said.

PISANI’S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Rocco Romero

Rocco Romero, a junior on the Winters varsity baseball team, is this week's athlete of the week.

Last week, the Warriors played and won three games led by the hitting of Romero.

Romero batted 7 for 11 for a .636 average, hit a homerun, a triple, a double, three RBI and five runs scored.

Schools



AS SENIOR PROJECT COMES TO a close, I have been thinking about the value of this class. Many students are feeling relieved that they managed to complete a project that was worthy of their 50 hours, but it seems to me that even more students are cramming hours, just trying to make the minimum requirements so that they can graduate. I wrote about senior project before at the beginning of the year, and at that time I was filled with nothing but praise. Now looking back at my year, with only my final presentation separating me and my diploma, I have a slightly different view.

I know that many of the teachers are worried that they will lose the great experience that is senior project due to budget cuts or lack of support. I believe that students, and some board members however, have a different view. There are many people who say that senior project is a waste. It upsets me to say this, but I can see where these people are coming from.

Because the class only requires 50 hours, students can scrape by without really doing anything. It is very unfortunate, because senior project is an amazing opportunity for students to develop an interest that could affect their careers. However, I have noticed that seniors, plagued with senioritis, tend to take the easiest way possible.

They choose projects that have no interest to them at all, and from there on out, continue to do the minimal amount of work possible just to get the work done. From this experience, they learn nothing but how to scrape through a project. This also affects the outcome of the project, because students don't do a good job on a project that they don't care about.

The solution, in my eyes, doesn't lie in getting rid of senior project altogether, but in altering the process so that more students can find projects that they really want to do.

The senior project class meets only once a week, and for the rest of the time the class is treated as an off-period. Hypothetically, this is the time where students are supposed to be working on their projects, but mostly the time is used for sleeping in or taking a nice long lunch. This time however, does give seniors some of the time that they need to relax from the stress of their impending futures.

One thing that would make senior project better in my eyes was if senior project met more than once a week. When we meet for senior project, it is all business. The teachers don't take the time to really talk to students about how their projects are going, or give the students time to brag about their accomplishments thus far.

The reason that teachers run their class like this is because when students arrive to senior project, they already can't wait to leave. The senior project class is only a place where teachers hand out paperwork and inform students about upcoming events. It could be so much more!

If senior project met for a second time during the week, they could hold a 30-minute session where students sit down with their pods and just have a discussion. It would be an open forum for students to discuss issues with their projects and receive student and teacher suggestions. Students would also learn more about other students' senior projects, and be more supportive of their peers.

I know that this sounds like more class time, but I think that with this step towards making the senior project process more personal, participation would increase. This extra half hour wouldn't cost any more either, because it is already a teacher's prep.

Another solution to improve senior project might be for English teachers to begin discussing it during junior year. Instead of brainstorming in the beginning of senior year, English classes could start the brainstorming process at the end of junior year. With a longer time to come up with a project, students might be able to come up with a project that they really care about, and therefore do a better job. This would be a simple task to do after STAR testing, and might make the whole project seem less overwhelming for the new seniors.

There is no denying that senior project is a class at Winters High School with endless possibilities. It is unfortunate that underachievers have marred the reputation of senior project, but in my mind that only requires the school to get more creative in helping the students to care about their projects. It could easily be done, and I think that if steps are taken every year to make the senior project more and more current (such as going all digital this year) and exciting to students, then senior project can continue to be a shining star at WHS.

Dodgers minor league win one, lose one

By **MATTIELYN LONG**
Special to the Express

The Dodgers minor softball team played at Shirley Rominger on Monday, March 16. They did well for their first game, but lost 10-6 against the A's.

The girls played as the home team, completing

3 and a half innings because of lack of daylight.

Adriana Jiminez pitched for the Dodgers. She had eight strikeouts and six walks. At the plate, Jiminez batted 1 for 2 with a single and an RBI.

Elisabeth Moore also had an RBI, batting in

two runs for the Dodgers.

On March 20, the Dodgers traveled to Esparto. They won the game, 13-3. The Dodgers played four innings.

Adriana Jiminez pitched again for the Dodgers. She had 10 strikeouts and two walks.

The remainder of the outs were made at first base by Miah Barrera. Jiminez batted 1 for 2 with a single.

Ashley Mendoza batted 1 for 3, Barrera batted 1 for 3, and Elisabeth Moore batted 1 for 3 with a single, and an RBI.



Courtesy photo

The Winters Dodgers minor league softball team includes, from left, (back) Elisabeth Moore, Adriana Jiminez, Miah Barrera, Josie Solis, Abby DeLa'o and Makayla Rojas, (front) Seidi Long and Maliyah Ferguson. They played their first game on March 16.

Two-Way Immersion program offered

For parents interested in having their child become bilingual and bi-literate, there will be a meeting about the Two-Way Immersion program offered in the Winters Joint Unified School District on Thursday, April 16, 6-7 p.m. at the Waggoner Elementary School library. The meeting will address the expectations for each grade level, from kindergarten through fifth grade.

For more information, contact the school district, 795-6100.

School board meets Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 West Grant Avenue. The agenda includes:

~ Recognition of Winters High School student Ryan Hofstrand, and parent Leslie Krintz.

~ Second period interim report, and Standards and Criteria Report for 2008/09.

~ Resolution to California Energy Commission's Bring Schools Program to provide technical assistance..

~ Resolution Proclaiming May 13 Day of the Teacher.

~ Resolution proclaiming May 17-24 Classified Employee Week.

~ Make-up and duties of District Technology Committee.

~ Consent agenda

~ Informal review of Governance Team's performance.

The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth. The trite subjects of human efforts, possessions, outward success, luxury have always seemed to me contemptible.

~ Albert Einstein

Features

Be still, my racing heart

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: During the night and mostly early in the morning hours, my heart speeds up to 200 beats a minute. There is no pain, but it wakes me up and seems to happen if I am lying facedown. I sit up and take my pulse, which is about 70 to 72. I feel my heart slowly return to normal in two to three minutes. I have worn a Holter monitor for 24 hours.

My doctor says not to worry about it. Do you think I have anything to worry about? — S.

ANSWER: For readers: A Holter monitor is a device worn externally that records all heartbeats in a given time period. They can be worn for three or more days. The doctor sees on the recording what kind of abnormal heartbeats occurred.

I have to clear something up with you, S. Is your pulse 72 beats a minute when you feel your heart beating fast? The heartbeat and the pulse are one and the same. How are you counting your heartbeat?

If the episodes occurred while you were being monitored and did not last long, then the doctor can dismiss it as not being worrisome. He should name the rhythm; ask what it is.

If the fast heartbeats occurred at times you weren't wearing the monitor, you need to wear it longer so that the rhythm can be identified for what it is.

The booklet on heart-beat irregularities describes the more common kinds of these beats and how they are treated. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 107W, 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: None of my 21 grandchildren has had their tonsils out. All of my seven children did. Is this no longer done? I wish doctors would make up their minds about these things. — B.B.

ANSWER: When your



children were young, it was almost standard practice to remove tonsils as a way to protect against strep throat. We now know this isn't necessary, and we now have antibiotics to treat strep throat.

Children who have repeated strep throat infections still have their tonsils removed, but the operation is no longer done for prevention.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband and I take Lipitor. We take it before dinner in the evening. We eat half a grapefruit after breakfast. Is that OK? — M.L.

ANSWER: You can take Lipitor any time of the day, and you can take it with or without food. It's one of the statin drugs — the drugs that are such effective cholesterol-lowerers.

Grapefruit and Lipitor are not a good combination. Grapefruit can increase the blood concentration of this drug. It does the same with a few other medicines. This effect of grapefruit lasts for 24 hours, so even letting 12 hours pass before taking the drug after eating grapefruit doesn't lessen the chance of this interaction occurring.

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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We should be like Barack Obama

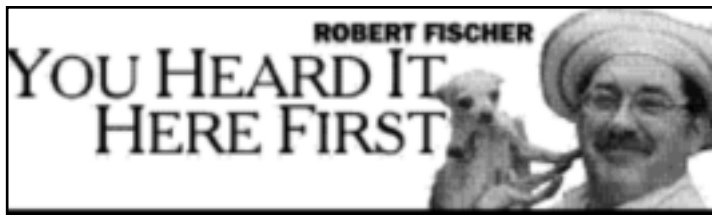
Like a lot of other people who read the Express, it's the letter writers that get my attention. Some of them are quite opinionated and mean to provoke and antagonize others by challenging their quietly guarded values.

Whatever we may think of our newly installed president, he is not an extremist. When dealing with adversarial opinions, he conducts himself on an even keel. One reason he was elected is that he didn't engage in mudslinging. He knows that those who sling mud lose ground.

He could have responded to McCain's futile attempt to link him to the former terrorist William Ayers by attacking McCain's personal choices in whom he decided to marry, but he did not. One cannot elevate oneself by downgrading or putting down others. Name calling and put-downs don't win arguments or debates.

From where does Barack Obama get his common sense approach to political discourse? Even those who didn't support or vote for him have been forced to admit he navigates well in the rough and tumble world of political warfare. He knows he'll be targeted by opinionated people who will find fault with every move he makes as he deals with the incredible mess left to him by men of lesser ability to govern. A calm sea never made a skillful sailor, as the saying goes.

Obama doesn't walk on water and he is wise enough to know that. But that does not mean he can't draw strength and inspiration from the man who did. Obama's religious faith and inclination have been a subject of controversy, and it was called into question when he mentioned in



his inaugural address that among the many in our country who hold religious beliefs there are those who hold none.

Obama has said repeatedly that he is a Christian and without real evidence to the contrary, we have to take his word for it. A lot of other presidents have said the same thing, so it is not hard to assume that he only pays lip service to the teachings of Jesus as all of the rest of us do. Jimmy Carter said Jesus was the most important thing in his life and Bill Clinton liked to have himself photographed going to church clutching a Bible. Both Ronald Reagan and Abraham Lincoln were considered to be Christians, but neither had a particular denomination in mind.

I don't think it inappropriate to ponder that Mr. Obama has done what most of us haven't: learned from Jesus. Think of all the paralytics that rose up and walked after Jesus told them they could. And afterwards, Jesus took little of the credit, saying "Your faith has made you well." Barack Obama has risen up and walked because he believed that he could, and his faith has made him president.

Jesus implied that sickness and death were conquerable by faith; that belief moves mountains. All throughout his teachings, he did not disparage others, did not talk down to them, and maintained a posture of humility and straightforwardness, winning over his detractors by the way he conducted himself. In a nation of obesity and gluttony,

Obama doesn't have a pound of fat on him. In a world of accusers and judges he does not hold grudges. He operates from the force of his example, not the example of his force.

For all the people who write and preach about Jesus, it is important to realize he didn't write down anything. He wrote no columns or editorials and he sent in no letters to editors or let anyone paint a portrait of him, but for one exception: When the learned and the wise approached him over whether Mary Magdalene should be stoned for her adultery, he first took a stick and scribbled something in the dirt. If anyone read it, they weren't willing to testify.

By and large, Jesus left it to others to write down the events and places of his three years of public service, because the spoken word was all that he really needed. Most of the crowds he preached to were probably illiterate. He didn't care much for money nor did he exalt in regal revelry. The only crown he wore was one of thorns. He forgave everyone of their wrongdoings, and even would have forgiven Judas had Judas just asked and not gone out and hanged himself.

We are judged by the way we judge, probably the better one of Jesus' tenets. Take potshots at the Pope, pee on the Bushes, call our president a hoax a schemer and a fraud. What comes out of our mouths is more important than what goes into them, even if we think "we are what we eat."



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Pleased to meet you



Name: James Meloy
Occupation: Guitar restorer and apprentice luthier at ARC Guitar
Hobby: Playing with my daughter, and playing guitar
What's best about living in Winters: It's quiet. I used to live in the northwest, where it was sporadic and over-crowded.
Fun fact: I used to be a yacht builder.

King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

GOLD	BAR	BREW
UVEA	OWE	PIST
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UNPAID	GADGET	
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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Putting yourself in someone else's shoes isn't easy for you. But if you do it, you'll gain a better perspective of what you need to do to achieve your goals. Be open to new ideas.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There are still some problems you might have to deal with before moving on to your next project. It's a good idea to accept help from those who share your objectives.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's time to recognize the difference between those who are truly concerned for you and those who simply plan to use your good nature to their advantage. New ideas become increasingly attractive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Depending on a promise made becoming a promise kept could be more than a little unwise at this time. It's best to proceed on your own rather than wait for aid that might never arrive.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recently revitalized relationship might not be quite what the Big Cat expected. But give yourself more time to deal with the changes. A little flexibility can go a long way. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A major change could prompt more adjustments. Some of them might be difficult to deal with at first. But hang in there, and before you know it, you'll be coasting to your next goal.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice prompts you to speak out against an unfair situation, even if you seem to be the only one who feels that way. But you soon learn that many others agree with you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating a fuss is not usually your style. But that doesn't mean you should tolerate an ill-mannered attitude. Speak up for yourself, and you'll earn the respect of others.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have a few loose ends to tie up before you can stamp your project as complete. But once that's done, you might want to celebrate with someone special in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disappointment darkens the Goat's mood. But close friends rally to pull you through with words of encouragement. Use their confidence in you to rebuild your own self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An upcoming decision might be more difficult with inaccurate information. Best to recheck the data you have at hand right now to be sure it won't mislead you later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An offer you previously turned down might no longer be available. But if you do some checking around, you could find something else that would suit you just fine.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in helping those who cannot help themselves. Although it embarrasses you, the fact is, people like you and tell you so.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Prospector's hope
- 5 Tie up the phone
- 8 Dietary
- 12 Eye layer
- 13 Have bills
- 14 Tower city
- 16 Stationer's quantity
- 18 — the ramparts —
- 17 "Meet Me — Louie"
- 19 Like darts
- 20 Things
- 22 Pipe dips
- 23 Solidly
- 24 Harbor structure
- 27 Aky
- 32 George's brother
- 33 Exit
- 34 Heady quart
- 36 Biles
- 38 Bakers' hoosegow
- 39 Listener
- 40 "CSI" evidence
- 42 Balance
- 46 Sent pecking at a talent show
- 48 Bakery buys
- 50 2008 Texas hurricane
- 52 — went for Christmas —
- 53 Caipian feeder

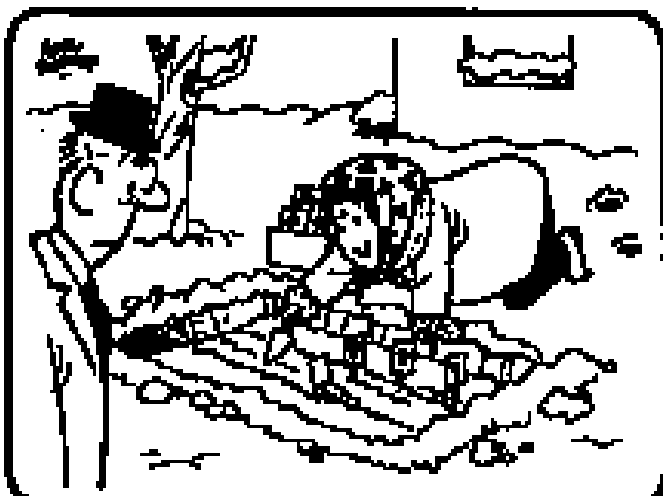
DOWN

- 1 Mentor
- 2 Microwave, e.g.
- 3 Bound
- 4 Grayish red
- 5 Tire company
- 6 Isolate's feeling
- 7 Opera composer
- 8 Arachnophobia's
- 9 Mad monarch of drama
- 10 Being in
- 11 Power measure
- 19 Tagged player
- 21 Time of your life?
- 24 Conk out
- 25 Tunes sch.
- 26 1982 Pack movie remade with Do Niro in 1991
- 28 Numerical prefix
- 29 Military
- 30 "The Greatest"
- 31 Journey segment
- 36 Big bother
- 37 Raw rock
- 38 Split need
- 41 "Full-gaddebaou dit"
- 42 Comic strip penguin
- 43 Pink-clip
- 44 Pinball no-no
- 46 Amorphous mass
- 47 Hebrew month
- 48 Est in style
- 51 Meuna —

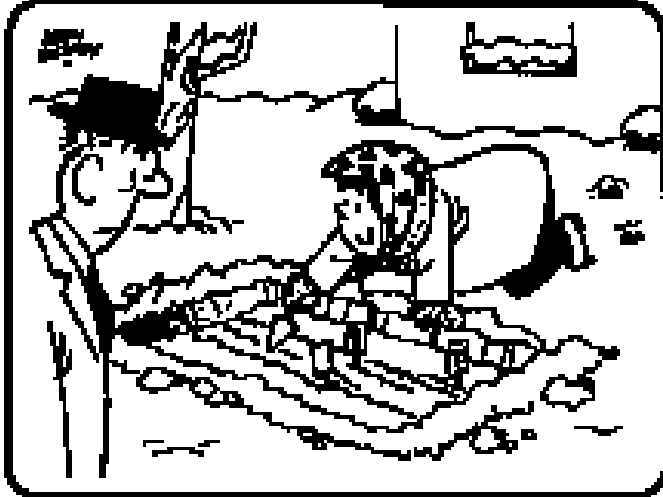
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FOCUS FORUS

BY HENRY SOLTANOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



DIFFERENCE 1. Panther in foreground. 2. Mouth has been added on the right. 3. Box of supplies in ground. 4. Time when moon added on the left. 5. Head of animal in background. 6. Mouth has been added on the left.

Nuestras Noticias



¿Racismo entre paisanos?

Racismo es una palabra que no debería existir en el vocabulario de ningún país, y menos aquí en este país, que es considerado un país de primer nivel, mas sin embargo nos damos cuenta que el racismo se sigue practicando en todos lados, hay racismo de americanos contra los paisanos inmigrantes, de chicanos contra los inmigrantes, inclusive de latinoamericanos contra inmigrantes mexicanos (“¿Mexicano yo? No me insultes”) también hay paisanos que no se mezclan con otros paisanos, como el inmigrante profesionista contra el inmigrante campesino, que desfachatez aquí todos somos iguales, somos extranjeros en tierra que no es la nuestra, años atrás fue nuestra, pero la realidad es que no lo es. Total que por todos lados nos tiran.

Pero lo que es aun peor, es el racismo de los mexicanos que están en México, contra los mexicanos que están de ilegales aquí en estados Unidos, quizá esta es la peor, ya que nadie habla de ello. Es más, muchos se niegan a aceptar siquiera que exista. Hablo de los paisanos que se quedaron en México, y que nunca vendrán para acá. La gente de Ciudad de México, de Monterrey, de Guadalajara. O de Veracruz, Saltillo, Mérida, Aguascalientes o de cualquier ciudad grande en México. Parece que es mentira pero si es verdad. Y no son hechos aislados.

¿Qué hace un profesionista recién graduado en México, cuando no encuentra trabajo? si tiene familiares quien le pueda echar una mano, se viene para los Estados Unidos. Se vienen como si no hubiera otra solución. ¿y por lo general cual es la reacción de los amigos? De risa. De burla. De carcajadas. “¿Te vas a ir a la pizca!”, le dicen”;Vas a andar corriendo de la migra!” No son comentarios aislados, ni bromas de jóvenes, pero es increíble el concepto con el que nos catalogan nuestros propios paisanos, por el solo hecho de estar aquí.

Sabemos que los americanos tienen una imagen equivocada de México, quizá por los inmigrantes, para ellos todos somos campesinos, que nos morimos por venir a Estados Unidos. No se imaginan que acá hay gente con estudios, urbanos, profesionistas. ¿Qué pasa cuando un inmigrante es sentenciado a muerte (claro, claro, siempre “injustamente”) en Estados Unidos? O cuando se reporta otro abuso de la Migra, o cuando inmigrantes mueren asfixiados en un tráiler. ¿Qué ocurre? Los primeros en protestar son los mexicanos. En México. Son los primeros en quemar banderas americanas, en enviar cartas a Derechos Humanos, en hablar en TV Azteca y Televisa contra el racismo contra los hispanos. Contra sus “hermanos.”

Pero, ¿en verdad la gente en México hace estas demostraciones porque les nace? No sé. Lo dudo. Fuera de algunos cuantos, la mayoría lo hace porque es la moda. Porque es “políticamente correcto” aborrecer al americano. Lo cierto es que a la mayor parte de los mexicanos en México les vale si otro paisano murió o no en Estados Unidos. “Quién les manda, pa’ qué se van allá”, dicen unos “Nada tienen qué andar haciendo por allá, si de verdad quisieran a México se quedarían acá a trabajar por el futuro del país.” “Pero no, la querían fácil. Y ya ven”. Y aunque no lo crea, son muchos los que piensan igual. Y no son locos, ni desquiciados, sino gentes comunes y corrientes. Quizá algún vecino suyo, algún pariente. Vaya, a la mejor hasta usted mismo lo ha pensado alguna vez.

Porque, ¿cuál es la imagen que tienen los mexicanos de los inmigrantes que se fueron? ¿En qué concepto tienen en México a los “paisanos”? en México a los inmigrantes nos dicen que somos personas con suerte, nos tachan de creído, de fracasados que no la hicimos en México y tuvimos que irnos a otro país, claro que esto no lo piensan los familiares que reciben las remesas, los familiares se la pasan añorando al padre ausente, al hermano, al hijo. Pero para el resto de los mexicanos, los paisanos les son tan ajenos como los rusos.

Porque, si a usted le va más o menos bien en México, ¿a santos de qué va a irse a arriesgar la vida al emigrar a Estados Unidos? Ni loco, esta actitud les impide a muchos mexicanos identificarse con el drama de los migrantes, por mucho que lo intenten. Y no porque lo hagan con mala intención. Simplemente son vidas totalmente distintas, aunque sean “paisanos” suyos.

Y como dicen los mexicanos adinerados cuando vienen a Estados Unidos, “Nosotros no venimos en burro, venimos en camionetas.” “Nosotros venimos de vacaciones, a dejar dinero. Llegamos en avión, en camionetas, no en burro.” (O sea: “No nos confundan, que no somos iguales”). Hay que aceptar una realidad. Para bien o para mal, un alto porcentaje de los migrantes mexicanos en Estados Unidos son así: Campesinos sin estudios. Gente de trabajo, que a la mejor sólo terminó la primaria. y a veces ni eso. Gente humilde, casi todos indígenas o mestizos morenos. Que no saben usar palabras elegantes. Que champurrean el spanglish con los “haiga,” los “ansina,” los “mesmamente” y los “dendenantes.” Que gustan de andar de sombrero y botas. De bigote ancho, y cinturón pipeao’. Ese es el mexicano en Estados Unidos. El paisano típico. Y es, para bien o para mal, la imagen que tantos norteamericanos tienen del país. Precisamente, la imagen con la que odian ser confundidos los centro y sudamericanos. Y muchos mexicanos.

Taller de ciudadanía en Winters

La asociación PICO y California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, presentan este jueves 2 de abril, a las 6:45 p.m. en el centro de San Antonio una Orientación y Taller de ciudadanía, la orientación consiste en información y consejo legal para ayudar a las personas que quieran aplicar para la ciudadanía. Al final de la

orientación se les dará una cita para ayudarles a llenar la forma N-400 el sábado 4 de abril en Woodland. Solo se atenderá a las personas que hayan participado en esta orientación.

Taller N-400: en este taller estudiantes de la Universidad de California les ayudaran a llenar su forma N-400 y toda la aplicación será

revisada por un abogado experto en leyes de inmigración. La orientación y taller serán ofrecidas sin costo. La aplicación al departamento de inmigración cuesta \$675. Para mas información puede comunicarse con Leticia Quirarte 383-1000 o con Brian Heller de Leon (916) 447-7959 ext. 23.

Las becas libres están disponibles

No cabe duda que en tiempos de necesidad algunas personas realizan estafas para conseguir dinero fácil, y lo peor dinero que le quitan a personas que trabajan bien duro para poder ahorrar un centavo. Ahora lo nuevo es las estafas con las becas, muchos han sido las víctimas de compañías que ofrecen conseguirle al estudiante becas de estudio a cambio de dinero.

Cuando te prometan obtener una beca fácilmente para tus estudios, ten cuidado pudiera ser demasiado buena para ser cierta. Nadie puede garantizar una beca, no importa la cantidad de dinero que se haya pagado. Este tipo de negocio ilícito es muy lucrativo. Empezan mandando su publicidad por correo o anunciándose en los medios, multiplicando así el número de vícti-

mas, principalmente de bajos recursos, que con la esperanza de obtener ayuda financiera para mandar a sus hijos a la universidad, caen en manos de estos inescrupulosos..

Muchos padres de familia reciben llamadas telefónicas, cartas y panfletos por correo invitándoles a una oficina donde aparentemente encontrarán asistencia para obtener becas gratis para las mejores universidades del país, a cambio de una cuota de dinero por concepto de servicios. El problema es que muchas de estas compañías están fuera del estado, típicamente en ciudades tan pequeñas que nadie conoce y este es el domicilio que dan. Cuando un interesado se inscribe y con el tiempo se da cuenta que no va a recibir nada y deja de pagar la cuota, ya la compañía lo declaró

Las opiniones acerca de viajes europeos

Cuentan que una vez andaban unos mexicanos de vacaciones por un país avanzado de Europa, cuál no fue su sorpresa al ver en la calle una máquina expendedora de cigarrros. Lo más increíble para estos mexicanos aventureros: Las máquinas se abrían cuando uno les metía monedas...¿y permitían al cliente acceso a todas las cajetillas de cigarrros!

La gente de aquel país, por supuesto, civilizada y primermundista como era, solamente se atrevía a sacar una cajetilla de cigarrros, y después cerraba respetuosamente la puertecilla y seguía su camino. Para la gente de aquel país esta acción no era rara. A fin de cuentas, si uno paga por una cajetilla, una cajetilla era lo único que debería llevarse, ¿no? Es lo justo.

“Qué inocentes,” pensaron quizá esos turistas, alzándose el pecho ante la oportunidad de dar una cátedra del “ingenio” mexicano (o lo que quizá ellos consideraban como tal). Y para no quedar mal a la familia, se lanzaron a meter monedas en la máquina...pero obviamente no sacaron solo una cajetilla de cigarrros ¡todas! Entre risas y burlas, los “abusados” amigos se largaron al hotel, a esconder el premio de su “ingenio mexicano”. Lo último que

supieron es que policías los estaba buscándolos, extrañadísimos de que a alguien le interesara robarse cajetillas de cigarrros.

Desafortunadamente, episodios como éste explican porqué en países como México (además de las consideraciones legales) es un sueño inalcanzable instalar máquinas expendedoras de cigarrros o de periódicos o de cualquier cosa. Me refiero al tipo de máquinas que permiten al cliente abrir una puerta para sacar el producto. Claro, hay en América Latina muchas máquinas expendedoras. Pero éstas no permiten meter mano: El producto cae por una ranura, nada más. Y generalmente la ranura es tan estrecha, que a duras penas cabe la mano del propio cliente.

Y además de todo, estas máquinas están generalmente enjauladas bajo barrotes de acero reforzado, porque no ha faltado quien se quiera robar hasta la máquina.”Es que nuestra gente roba por culpa de la pobreza, de la necesidad,” puede ser la excusa de algunos. “Tantos años de sufrir como víctimas de la opresión de las grandes potencias.” Aquí en Estados Unidos también hay gente pobre y necesitada. Gente que ha sufrido como víctimas de la opresión, y sin embargo,

no se roban periódicos de las cajas expendedoras. Quizá esto sea una cuestión de cultura, o la falta de ella.

Para un norteamericano promedio, muchas de las “transas” que acostumbramos nosotros los latinoamericanos son inconcebibles. Y también los propios americanos a veces pecan de ingenuos: Una vez, un norteamericano no se la podía creer cuando un inmigrante mexicano le contó que los indocumentados compraban documentos de identificación falsos. “¿De verdad se puede hacer eso?”, preguntaba extrañadísimo el hombre.

Claro que en Estados Unidos los rateros no se roban los periódicos de las máquinas expendedoras... porque en vez de eso cargan hasta con la máquina. Pero no me refiero que se roba sólo el dinero del cajero, no: Se roban el cajero entero: Usan una camioneta pick-up, con una grúa y cadenas, y arrancan el cajero hasta con pedazos de la pared. O sea, los delincuentes norteamericanos prefieren cometer crímenes que valgan la pena, en vez de andarse robando cajetillas de cigarrros o periódicos. Afortunadamente no todos somos así, aquí es donde pagamos justos por pecadores.

Deje de Fumar

El hábito de fumar pudo haber comenzado en nuestra adolescencia como una forma de integrarnos a nuestro grupo de amigos o como para demostrarles a todos que ya éramos ‘adultos’, pero la verdad es que fumar es uno de los hábitos más nocivos, caros y esclavizantes que existen. Dejar de fumar es una tarea difícil, pero el daño que causa a nuestra salud es tan grande que de verdad estamos obligados a utilizar todos los medios que estén a nuestro alcance para hacerlo. ¿Por qué dejar de fumar si lo disfruta tanto? Además de que los cigarros cada día están más caros y que es una falta de respeto echarle humo a los que no fuman, los daños del humo del cigarro no sólo afectan su salud sino a la de todas las personas que le rodean.

Fumar constituye la principal causa de enfermedad y de muerte que se puede evitar. Se considera como el principal factor de riesgo para tener un infarto o una embolia, enfisema y cáncer pulmonar. Además, en los cigarrros se han encontrado muchas sustancias que son muy malas para la salud. Entre ellas, se encuentran las siguientes: Los alquitranes (benzopirenos y nitrosaminas), que responsables del 30% de todos los tipos de cáncer (vejiga, riñón, páncreas, estómago, etc.), y del 90% del cáncer de pulmón. El monóxido de carbono, que es el causante de más del 15% de las enfermedades cardiovasculares.

No importa por cuánto tanto tiempo haya fumado, cuando deja de fumar, su riesgo para muchas enfermedades disminuye. Si deja de fumar, en tres años tendrá el mismo riesgo para enfermedad de corazón de una persona que nunca ha fumado. Existen muchos programas efectivos para dejar de fumar como los parches de nicotina y otros medicamentos que le pueden ayudar a dejar de fumar.

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Autos for Sale

'98 YELLOWSTONE 34', 3 axle 5th whl., 4 season (heat/ac) generator, 3 slide outs, 27" TV, laundry hkups., outside shower, new cover, dual propane tanks, exc. cond. \$18K.
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Notice of Trustee Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No: C376142 CA Unit Code: C Loan No: 0411255425/SAYLOR Min No: 100200104112554254 AP #1: 049-281-07-1 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor: MONTE SAYLOR Recorded January 25, 2008 as Instr. No. 2008-0002350 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County; CALIFORNIA, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded December 19, 2008 as Instr. No. 2008-0037020 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JANUARY 18, 2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 16906 ORLEANS STREET, ESPARTO, CA 95627 "(If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness)." Said Sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: APRIL 21, 2009, AT 9:00 A.M. "AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$302,474.34. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Date: March 20, 2009 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee, T.D. Service Company Agent for the Trustee and as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary MARLENE CLEGHORN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 1820 E. FIRST ST., SUITE 210, P.O. BOX 11988 SANTA ANA, CA 92711-1988 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (714) 480-5690 or you may access sales information at www.ascntext.com/websales. TAC# 829424C PUB: 03/26/09, 04/02/09, 04/09/09

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
March 11, 2009
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2009-238
Fictitious Business Name
Young Wealth management
4010 Pomo Pl., Davis, CA 95618
Name of Registrant
Kevin Young, 4010 Pomo Pl., Davis, CA 95618
This business classification is: Individual
Beginning Date of Business, 01/01/08.

s/Kevin Young
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
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FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
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March 12, 2009
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2009-240
Fictitious Business Name
Mello Reload
1470 E. Kentucky Ave., Woodland, CA 95776
P.O. Box 206, Woodland, CA 95776
Name of Registrant
Debra Mello, 1327 Elwood St., Woodland, CA 95776
Marty Mello, 1327 Elwood St., Woodland, CA 95776
This business classification is: Husband and Wife
Beginning Date of Business, 7/1/99.

s/Debra Mello
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
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March 24, 2009
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Li Mahovich, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2009-240
Fictitious Business Name
Quickturn & Associates
300 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694
Name of Registrant
Quickturn & Associates
300 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694
This business classification is: Corporation
Beginning Date of Business, 2-1-09.

s/Victor Quintana, Jr./C.E.O.
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FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Liz Mahovich, Deputy Clerk
Published April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

Notice of Public Hearing

Public Hearing on Proposed Elimination of YOLOBUS Winters Local Service Route 221

On Monday, April 13, 2009, at 7:00 PM, in the Woodland City Council Chambers, Woodland City Hall, the Yolo County Transportation District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed elimination of the Winters local service, Route 221. This is due to inadequate ridership over the last year.

In addition to comments at the public hearing, YCTD welcomes comments in the following ways: email to ereitz@yctd.org; regular mail to YCTD, 350 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776; fax to (530) 661-1732, or call Erik Reitz at (530) 661-0816, extension 13.
Published April 2, 2009

Notice of Public Hearing

**YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Proposed Rule Adoption:
Rule 2.44, Central Furnaces**

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) Board of Directors will consider adoption of District Rule 2.44, Central Furnaces and the filing of a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed rule adoption will limit the emissions of oxides of nitrogen for natural gas-fired, fan-type central furnaces. These types of units are generally used in residences, offices, and commercial buildings. The proposed rule and staff report are available on the District's website (www.ysaqmd.org) or may be obtained by contacting Matt Jones at (530) 757-3668.

The public hearing will be held at the following time and location:
Wednesday, May 13th, 2009 9:00 a.m.
Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District 1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103
Davis, California 95618
(530) 757-3650

The District invites written public comments to be submitted to Matt Jones at the above address. Comments are to be received by the District by April 27th, 2009.

Published April 2, 2009

Notice to Contractors

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

1. Sealed proposals will be received by the City Engineer, City of Winters, 318 First St., Winters, California until Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 2:00 pm at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for performing work in accordance with plans and specifications, therefore as follows:
City of Winters, CA
East Street Motor Control Center Project No. 09-03
2. Bids are required for the entire work as described below.
Installation, startup, and testing of a new motor control center as provided in the design plans. Removal and salvage of existing motor control center.
3. Plans and specifications may be examined at the: City of Winters Public Works Department office in City Hall at 318 First St., Winters, CA or Ponticello Enterprises Consulting Engineers office at 1216 Fortna Avenue in Woodland, CA
Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained through PlanWell Enterprise™ at www.planwell.com or by contacting Brownie's Digital Imaging at (916) 443-1322.
The City of Winters Construction Specifications (September 2003) may be obtained on the City of Winters website at http://www.cityofwinters.org/public_works/public_forms.htm.
1 No bid will be considered unless it is made on the blank forms incorporated in the Contract Document, and unless it is accompanied by a Proposal Guarantee in the form of cash, bid bond, or certified check, or a cashier's check made payable to the City of Winters in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid amount. Each bidder must be licensed as required by law.
2 Each proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the work and the name of the bidder.
3 Bidders are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 1770 et seq. of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California has ascertained the general prevailing rate of hourly wages and rates for legal holidays and overtime work in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft or type of worker or mechanic needed to execute the contract which will be awarded the successful bidder. The prevailing rates are available at the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations website http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/PWD/.
4 Submittal of a signed bid shall be evidence that the bidder has obtained this information and that the bid is based on any changes contained therein.

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East Street Motor Control Center Construction Specifications

8. It shall be mandatory upon the bidder to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the specified rates to all laborers, workers, and mechanics employed by them in the execution of the contract.

9. Notice is hereby given that all bidders may be required to furnish a sworn statement of their financial responsibility, technical ability and experience before award is made to any particular bidder.

10. The successful bidder will be required to furnish two surety bonds: one for Faithful Performance and the other for Labor and Materials. Each bond is to be executed in a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. Bonds shall be secured from a surety company acceptable to the City of Winters. The successful bidder will be required to obtain a business license from the City of Winters and pay related fees.

11. The City of Winters reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities or minor irregularities in a bid.

12. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

13. The Engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is: \$126,000.

Nanci Mills, City Clerk

Published April 2, 2009

Notice of Public Hearing

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION;

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND
READING TO TAKE ACTION ON ORDINANCE
NO. 2009-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
WINTERS REZONING THE PROPERTY FOR
THE ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH AND RECTORY
PROJECT (ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER
003-120-03) TO SINGLE-FAMILY PLANNED
DEVELOPMENT ZONE (R-2-PD); AND PUBLIC
HEARING TO TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION
NO. 2009-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF
WINTERS ADOPTING A PLANNED
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT MODIFYING THE
HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ST. ANTHONY'S
CHURCH AND RECTORY PROJECT
(ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 003-120-03)**

Applicant: Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento
Bill McCandless + Associates
666 Dead Cat Alley
Woodland, CA 95695
(530) 662-9146
Attn: Bill McCandless/Mary Kessler

Description of the Project: Planned Development Overlay Zone and Planned Development Permit for APN 003-120-03 to increase the height limit to a maximum of 52' and reduce the required on-site parking to 90% of that required by the City's Municipal Code. Project would allow the new St. Anthony's church to be a maximum of 52 feet tall and provide 10% less off-street parking than is required by the City of Winters Municipal Code.

Project Location: 511 Main Street, Assessor Parcel Number APN 003-120-03
The project site is located on the west side of the City of Winters on the southeast corner of West Main Street and Grant Avenue (SR 128).

Environmental Determination: Mitigated Negative Declaration – circulated for public comment between February 13, 2009 and March 16, 2009.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and action on the project on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 before the City Council. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of City Hall at 318 First Street, Winters, California.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in these hearings, please contact City Clerk Nanci Mills at (530) 795-4910, ext. 101. Please make your request as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the hearing.

The City does not transcribe its hearings. If you wish to obtain a verbatim record of the proceedings, you must arrange for attendance by a court reporter or for some other means of recordation. Such arrangements will be at your sole expense.

If you wish to challenge the action taken on this matter in court, the challenge may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission prior to the public hearing.

Availability of Documents: The Mitigated Negative Declaration, supporting documentation, and project file are available for public review at the Community Development Department, Winters City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694. Copies of the Negative Declaration and the Initial Study will be available on the City's website (www.cityofwinters.org) under the Community Development Department tab (Reports & Publications option). Copies of the Staff Report will be available on the City's website at http://cityofwinters.org/administrative/admin_council.htm

For more information regarding this project, please contact Contract Planner Kate Kelly at (530) 902-1615.

Published April 2, 2009

Fictitious Business Name

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February 20, 2009
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2009-175
Fictitious Business Name
Best Bet Restoration Products
25397 Road 96, Davis, CA 95616
Name of Registrant
Beverly Dunning, 25397 Road 96, Davis, CA 95616
This business classification is: Individual
Beginning Date of Business, n/a.

s/Beverly Dunning
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
February 24, 2009
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Isabel Becerra, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2009-185
Fictitious Business Name
Winters Food Mart
192 E. Grant Ave., Winters, CA 95694
Name of Registrant
Jasvir Chhoker
952 Garica Drive, Woodland, CA 95776

This business classification is: Individual
Beginning Date of Business, n/a.

s/Jasvir Chhoker
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Isabel Becerra, Deputy Clerk
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Notice of Public Hearing

**NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINTERS
AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY OF THE
CITY OF WINTERS ON A PROPOSED
LEASE BY AND BETWEEN
THE AGENCY AND JOHN SIRACUSA
FOR THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT
7 EAST MAIN STREET AND A SUBLEASE BY
AND BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE
CLAYGROUND FOR THE SAME PROPERTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Winters (the "City Council") and the Community Development Agency of the City of Winters (the "Agency") will hold a joint public hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California, to consider and act upon (1) the lease of certain real property (the "Premises"), including appurtenant access thereto, located in the building (the "Building") commonly known as 7 East Main Street, Winters, California (the "Property") pursuant to a Lease (the "Lease") by and between John Siracusa (owner of the Property) and the Agency, and (2) the subsequent subleasing of the Premises pursuant to a Sublease (the "Sublease") by and between the Agency and The Clayground (the "Clayground").

The Premises is located within the boundaries of the City of Winters Community Development Project Area. A more detailed description of the Premises is contained in the proposed Lease and Sublease.

The Agency has prepared a report in connection with the proposed Lease and Sublease, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33433, containing a copy of the Lease and Sublease and a summary describing the cost of the Lease and Sublease to the Agency, the value of the property interest to be conveyed and other information required by said Section 33433.

Interested persons may inspect and, upon payment of the costs of reproduction, obtain copies of the proposed Lease, Sublease, the Agency's report, and any other information pertaining thereto at the office of the Community Development Agency of the City of Winters, City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California, or at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 318 First Street, California, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays.

Interested persons may submit written comments addressed to the Community Development Agency of the City of Winters, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694 Attention: Dan Maguire, prior to the hour of 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2009.

At the time and place noted above, all persons interested in the above matters may appear and be heard.

DATED: March 18, 2009

CITY OF WINTERS
City Clerk s/Nanci Mills
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF
THE CITY OF WINTERS
Secretary s/Nanci Mills

Published March 26 and April 2, 2009

Fictitious Business Name

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March 18, 2009
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2009-268
Fictitious Business Name
SWR Distribution
24615 Cache St., Capay, CA 95607
Business mailing address
25073 Main St., Apt. #2, Capay, CA 95607
Name of Registrant
Steven W. Ray
25073 Main St., Apt. #2, Capay, CA 95607

This business classification is: Individual
Beginning Date of Business, 3/18/09.

s/Steven W. Ray
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