

Comments for City Council
Saturday, December 12, 2009, Item #4
Re: Direct Access Ramp Alternatives for BRAC-133

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While I have conveyed some of these thoughts to Council via email, I would like to reiterate them here for a broader audience to consider.

My plea is that you not confine yourselves to selecting an option from a list of non-solutions. Each proposal in front of you today is simply a Band Aid being used to try and stem cardiac arrest. We need a broad, holistic approach to our traffic challenges and we don't appear to be moving in that direction.

I would like to offer a few perspectives:

1. It is very difficult for the public to make any reasoned judgments about alternatives when no one has quantified the ramifications. For example - what will various options do in terms of drive times? What does a road that "impacts" the Winkler Preserve" mean - in terms of land required, environmental impact, timing, comparative traffic impact, etc.? Some suggest that if you take land from one end of the Preserve, you can replace it at the other end - is that true and, if so, what's involved?
2. With respect to staff's December 7th briefing Memorandum on this matter I would disagree with the statement that "a direct access ramp...is necessary to accommodate all future traffic generated by BRAC-133..." None of the studies I've seen suggest anything like that; none of the options offer anything more than minimal improvement to the growing congestion at the interchange (much less would it accommodate "all" future traffic).
 - a. Over and above the major existing congestion, some traffic studies predict a material increase in the number of area intersections with LOS "E" and "F" and suggest traffic will regularly be backed up on both the NB and SB off ramps into the main traffic lanes of I-395.
 - b. And one should not overlook that IDA is expanding and the new small area plan for Beauregard will doubtless bring even more traffic.
3. The staff memorandum did provide a specific with respect to garage access - 350 cars per hour. So if cars arrive perfectly spaced it will still take 5 hours 18 minutes to fill the 1,854-space BRAC garage? I do not perceive that as a "solution" to much of anything.
4. Does it make any financial sense to build an interstate off-ramp to serve a maximum of 1,854 vehicles per day? Could that concept realistically be "sold" to any potential funding source? Can you conceive of any other entity getting its own interchange to serve 1,854 people?
5. The Seminary Road interchange is already a mess. Does anyone seriously believe that adding 6,409 daily commuters while addressing how 29% (1,854) of them might practically access parking spaces will somehow reduce the already existing problem?
6. As is readily apparent from the comparison table in the staff memorandum, the only options (currently on the table) which access the full Winkler office site also impact the Preserve (to an unspecified extent). Again, we have no definition or quantification of the extent to which this would implicitly improve the traffic problem.
 - a. In the November 30 Memorandum to you with respect to comments staff believes you should make to the NCPC they recommend that the Remote Inspection Facility be moved offsite. Is that in any way realistic - after our two Senators and Congressional Representative have all failed?

- b. If it is, in fact, a possibility then I would suggest Option 1 isn't even on the table before you - that would be the possibility of accessing the main portion of the Winkler campus via a road now precluded by the location of the RIF.
7. We deserve to know whether or not the City is prepared to take a stand on the Preserve. Importantly, please tell us the precise extent to which you can or cannot protect the Preserve. If DoD decides they want it, will they ultimately have it - be it for additional parking, more roadways, or to develop Pentagon South?
 8. I would note that most of the focus to date appears to have been on addressing traffic coming from the south yet it has been suggested that 40% might come from the north. What are the facts? What are the ramifications?
 9. I would suggest that the options before you meet very few of the "Guiding Principles" developed by your BRAC Advisory Group. Nor do they adhere to the themes that emerged from the November 21st public hearing.
 10. My bottom line is that we need a broad, holistic approach to traffic in, through and around this area. The proposals on the table at the moment are mere tweaks to the ramps of one interchange; they don't come close to solving the problem. We need some creative, out-of-the-box thinking, not seemingly futile Band-Aids. Accordingly, I would request that you not be constrained by any suggestion that some marginally responsive, non-solution must be chosen from the seven options before you at this point.
 11. At the appropriate time I would also urge you to press the appropriate authorities (VDOT, State or Federal Agencies?) for why implementation needs to take so long. In less than 24 months the Army will have selected a site, designed and built a \$1.2 billion project, equipped it with all the sophisticated technology many departments need and relocated 6,400 people into the facility. And we need 8 or 9 years to build perhaps 1,000 feet of roadway? Where there's a will, there's a way. Where's the will?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alexandria, VA 22304

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**Alexandria City Council Public Hearing on Transportation Commission
Recommendations (VDOT Proposals for I-395 Access to BRAC site)
12 December 2009 – Council Chambers, City Hall**

My name is Diane Costello and I am a resident of Lincolnia Hills.

Having attended a number of meetings regarding the BRAC development as well as the preliminary presentation for the Beauregard Corridor/ Small Area Plan, I am struck by the persistent use of acronyms, jargon, and lingo used by the participants. I am no stranger to acronyms myself – having been employed as a CTS by a CRO which served as the OC for the AACTG and PACTG, two clinical trials networks of DAIDS at NIAID which is part of the NIH. I think you get my point. At times, such usage is expedient. But it can also confuse people unfamiliar with the subject and worse, be used to intentionally mislead and obfuscate what is actually being said or done.

So, in the interest of clarity –

- 1) with respect to **the Beauregard-Seminary intersection**...should the neighborhood take photographs NOW of the small cluster of trees currently decorated for the holidays, as that green area will be roadway by this time next year? Please tell us now.
- 2) With respect to **the trees in the median as well as those lining the sides of Beauregard Street** from the Seminary Road intersection, south, all the way towards Quantrell Avenue....will the neighborhood see them flower and leaf out next Spring, or will they be landscaping mulch by then as a result of street widening or some other construction? Please tell us now.
- 3) With respect to **the Winkler Preserve**....I attended the BRAC Advisory Group meeting on November 18th when guiding principles were developed to evaluate the various VDOT BRAC direct access proposals. These included – *Protect the Winkler Botanical Preserve*. These guiding principles were submitted to the City Council and read by Geoffrey Goodale, the Vice-Chair of the BRAC Advisory Group on 21st November during the first public hearing on VDOT’s proposals. Again, the principal stated was to *protect the preserve*. Over a week later (30th November) I found myself reviewing the items posted on the City’s website for the upcoming Transportation Commission meeting. Imagine my surprise when I read “**protect the preserve**” had morphed into “**Protect the Winkler Preserve to the greatest extent possible and improve its long-term sustainability.**” Well, that’s quite a typo. Interestingly, the original language managed to find its way back into the document prior to the Commission meeting.

The Transportation Commission at their meeting (2nd December), not only decided to recommend the A1 and A2 proposals which do not impact the preserve, but at the suggestion of one of the speakers (Secretary of the Holmes Run Park Committee) to go one step further. A number of years ago when a road was proposed to connect West Eisenhower Avenue to Duke Street, the communities around Quaker Lane were unhappy and as a result the City Council passed a resolution to take Bluestone Road **off the table**. Based on that

precedent, the recommendation was adopted by the Commission to take the Winkler Preserve *off the table*. That was the precise language used.

The Memorandum to the Mayor and City Council from the City Manager dated December 7th and posted as part of today's docket, states*That City Council adopt the following five recommendations from the Alexandria Transportation Commission; number 4 reads - Instruct VDOT to eliminate from consideration any access alternatives within their preliminary interchange justification report which would impact the land area of the Winkler Botanical Preserve.*

Call me a cynical New Yorker, but that doesn't sound like the Winkler Preserve has been taken off the table. Preliminary is just that, preliminary. It means all the interchange justification reports following the very first one, CAN include alternatives which impact the preserve. And "land area" of the Preserve....what does that mean? If VDOT can find a way to run an elevated ramp rather than an actual ground level road into the Preserve, then *that* is acceptable?

So please, tell us what the City Council *really* envisions as the future of the Winkler Preserve.

- 4) with respect to **the Chesapeake Bay**....in 1983 Virginia as well as Maryland, Pennsylvania, the DC, the Chesapeake Bay Commission and the U.S.EPA signed the Chesapeake Bay Agreement with the intent of protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay's ecosystem. In 1988 the Virginia General Assembly enacted the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

As part of the associated environmental management, Resource Protection Areas (RPAs) were designated. (*From the City website*) "RPAs are sensitive environmental corridors that should be preserved in a natural condition... State mandates require that all City streams with perennial flow must be protected by a 100-foot Resource Protection Area buffer."

It is my understanding that the *footprint* of the BRAC development had already impacted Holmes Run and resulted in the elimination of an RPA. Furthermore, that DoD agreed to a \$400,000 mitigation payment to the City and these monies are funding the Holmes Run Chambliss Crossing and stream stabilization project.

My question is - In addition to violating the Winkler Preserve, don't those same VDOT proposals cross Resource Protection Areas as designated in this RPA buffer map of 2004? (HOLD UP MAP)

And is it not a State mandate that exceptions to the RPA requirements must be heard by the Planning Commission at a public hearing?

In closing, the following pretty much summarizes my sentiments on the BRAC development and apparent endorsement by the Mayor and City Council at the time of the Army's inexplicable choice of site.

George Will wrote a *Washington Post* column last week entitled "This Will Not End Well", about President Obama and the Afghanistan war. He began the column with -

"A traveler asks a farmer how to get to a particular village. The farmer replies, "if I were you, I wouldn't start from here."

We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them. Albert Einstein

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City Council of Alexandria, Virginia
Public Hearing Meeting
Saturday, December 12, 2009

Docket Item #4
Public Hearing and Consideration of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Proposed Route I-395 Direct Access Ramp Alternatives
for the BRAC-133 Project at Mark Center

Nancy Jennings
on behalf of
Seminary Hill Association, Inc.

Good Morning—Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, Members of City Council:

My name is Nancy Jennings and I live at 2115 Marlboro Drive. I am President of the Seminary Hill Association, Inc., and will speak on its behalf today.

Seminary Hill residents share your frustration with the lack of input or control on this project. We dread the traffic that's coming before VDOT can implement any access or amelioration projects. We do not see a single, simple solution to the transportation problems.

In my personal opinion, VDOT appears to be offering a bare minimum of alternatives for minimal cost. I'd like to have better alternatives to choose from and possible combinations of measures before deciding on a plan and working on the acquisition of funding. For example:

- VDOT might build a slip ramp from I-395 into the BRAC garage like alternatives A1 and A2 but have this ramp go under Seminary Road rather than across it.
- VDOT might combine a slip ramp with a widening of the Seminary Road exit ramp from the north-bound lanes of I-395.
- VDOT might channel HOV traffic onto Duke Street—one of Alexandria's main transit routes—rather than into Mark Center or onto a neighborhood street—our Seminary Road.

You may want to ask your BRAC Advisory Group to hold a brainstorming exercise with some transportation engineers—perhaps on a Saturday with big maps—to find a preferred solution that would improve traffic flow and fit the criteria of the Advisory Group's guiding principles.

Let me conclude with the resolution that the Seminary Hill Association passed two days ago:

Seminary Hill Association, Inc., urges the Alexandria City Council to persevere for a solution that improves access to and from I-395 into the BRAC-133 site and Mark Center, so as to minimize impacts on the Seminary Road interchange and Alexandria's local streets.

- A. The City should ask VDOT to explore more alternatives that give access to the Mark Center from I-395, such as at Duke Street, Sanger Avenue, and north of Seminary Road.***
- B. The City should ask VDOT to explore improving traffic flow on I-395 by adding another lane in the general purpose lanes on I-395 between Seminary Road and Duke Street on both the north and south sides and also widening the Seminary Road exit from the south.***
- C. The improvements should protect the Winkler Preserve to the greatest extent possible.***

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Alexandria City Council Public Hearing on
Transportation Commission Recommendations
For Beauregard/I-395/Van Dorn Street Corridor
December 12, 2009—Council Chambers**

My name is Ivy Sinaiko. I am here today to speak as a current board member and past president of the Lincolnia Hills/Heywood Glen Civic Association, a community of about 450 single-family homes between Beauregard Street and Lincolnia Road. My family and I have lived in our home for 23 years.

We support the Transportation Commission's recommendation to take off the table all I-395 interchange options which intrude upon the Winkler Preserve.

We support continuing efforts to measure and minimize construction impact on the baseline conditions at Winkler, and wish to extend this practice to the many other natural features along the Beauregard Corridor. We do not support further loss of publicly-accessible green space, mature trees, and setbacks along the corridor, and urge the City Council and staff to remain vigilant in preserving the remaining green space in our area.

We support the Transportation Commission's recommendation to consider how a larger area of study may offer transportation solutions. Until now most of the referenced traffic studies have been limited to areas or parts of areas surrounding the Seminary Road interchange. We support including the Duke Street interchange in VDOT studies and will remain open to what may be possible at Sanger Avenue IF it is a realistic plan

that truly serves the residents of the West End, rather than adding more I-395 transients and commuters to our local roads. We urge you to require solutions that remove commuters from the Beauregard corridor so we who reside there may move freely in and out of our own neighborhoods.

We have some concerns about the addition of Sanger Avenue to the VDOT study area, and the addition of a so-called “transportation center” there. For a long time, Sanger Avenue has been a chokepoint, particularly at the morning rush hour and from school recess through the evening rush hour. We are concerned for the safety and accommodation of school buses, school-related traffic, and pedestrians of all ages on these West End streets. We support efforts to improve the flow of traffic through that access point, and the addition of mass transit options such as bus and shuttle routes to serve the corridor. However, we are opposed to a light rail station at this location, as it would be better placed in plans for the more commercially developed Landmark Town Center. We support continuing and improved express and local service for our community to the Pentagon, to Metro, and to local shopping areas.

Finally, we wish to correct the impressions of some who refer to the Beauregard Corridor as an “urban setting.” We expect the City to keep its commitments in the Strategic Plan to “maintain the quality and character” of this unique community as it is—a suburban office park setting with exceptional natural features.

Increasing the workforce and increasing residential density along the Beaugard Corridor will add to road congestion, cut-through traffic, and parking by non-residents within and around our neighborhood. For a number of years portions of our neighborhood have been suffering these conditions, especially on Anderson, North Morgan, and North Chambliss Streets. Despite the introduction of traffic-calming measures, we continue to observe unsafe driving practices and parking on our streets by non-residents. We expect to receive assurances that the City will fight for and support only those I-395 solutions that will reduce the use of Beaugard, and Van Dorn Street for that matter, as "service roads" to accommodate the overflow of interstate traffic.

In closing, we assure you that we are not opposed to common sense changes, development, and redevelopment along the Beaugard Corridor. We are very concerned that the pace of the building at Mark Center continues to drive other decisions that would benefit from deeper consideration and reflection—and a larger view of the solution. The traffic problems at King Street—and Seminary—and Duke Street are all part of the same problem and require a completely integrated approach to the solution.

In these troubled economic times we must be realistic that funding—or lack of it—will "drive" all traffic problems and solutions. We request assurances that the local community, the individuals who reside in this section of town, will retain a prominent place at the table, and will not be overshadowed or marginalized by the concerns of

non-resident landholders, speculators, and transient interests. We do not support changes that add commuter and transient traffic at the expense of the local traffic of residents who live in this community. The balance and quality of life we enjoy today deserve as much respect and accommodation as other forces that wish to join—or pass through—our community.

Thank you for your time and attention to our comments.

Ana Roldan

Brenna Stiles

Sarah Payne

Soria Moncada

Caroline Pepton

Nadia Binaham

Emily Bowre

Eva Meyer

Daniel Be la Yash

Hayley madden

Nora Maffett

Ryan Drotk

Myer Kaczmarek

JD Hodges

Andrew Vides

Clair LEOPold

Bobby Halber

Shayla Warren

Rachel Wadd

John Putsch

Will Bremner

Ben Dichoso

Alex Wojcik

Carter Long

Meaghan Wendling

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Matthew Fennoia

Rosemary Williams

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8th
grade

I would like to see the Winkler
Botanical Gardens preserved as a
sanctuary in Northern Virginia.

Shannon Donley
Ben Madoff

Walter Lehmann
Allyson

Laura Graves
John Rogers

Kimberly
Joey Fosse
Alma Schuster

National Forest is
Kate Barts

Isabelle Kodell

Adam Fielding
Joey

Diana Taylor
Lynna Holubar

Petition not to build a road through Winkler

- Michael Peabir
- Will Dately
- Emma Fowler
- Jerry
- Elizabeth Neal
- Williams Ruth
- Julia Rockman
- Victoria Roldan
- Charles Hill
- Eve Moffett
- Natalie Turkevich
- Christian Sorto
- Maddie Byers
- Aidan Phillips
- Richard Fedy
- Sarah Bossel
- Kayla Bradshaw
- Skylitt Villacis
- Abigail Dougherty
- Carrie Jean
- Kaily Kocot
- Kaley Babilonia
- Thomas P

Grace Carter
Save WINKLER

PLEASE!
Melanie Clark
don't kill the trees
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Joly Peterson

December 11, 2009

We, the undersigned, would like to petition the City Council to save the Winkler Preserve from any development. Building roads and altering the Preserve would damage the Preserve and the wildlife that lives there. Many students have benefitted from this Nature Preserve in the middle of the city and for some; it is their only exposure to a natural habitat. Please save the Winkler Preserve from any changes.

Thank you,

Blessed Sacrament 7th Grade
1417 West Braddock Road
Alexandria, VA 22302

Joseph M. Artabane

Kelly Gilks¹ Maggi D. Coyle⁴

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Louis³ Oliver Rogers

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Charlotte Y. A. Duke⁶

Patrick Grant

Sofia Rogel-Zuniga⁷

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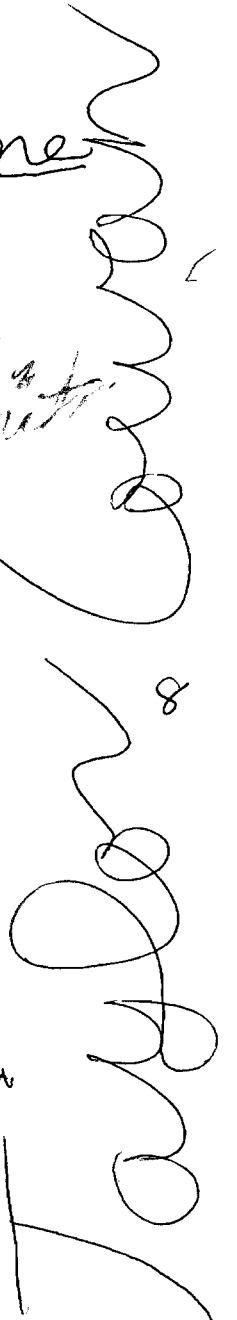
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Alex Brinley

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Johnny Harrington

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Rose Hersey

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Dear City Council,

The second grade class does not want Winkler Preserve to close. We have had wonderful trips there and we have learned many things about nature and science at Winkler.

Please vote to keep Winkler open.

Respectfully

Mrs. Carol Leongini	Mrs. Maria Ferraro
Jennifer Zhao	Max L. Eopold
William Johnson	Anorez Vior
Eileen Hernandez	Anna Terakis
Amy McGeorge	Erika Bratzen
Bella Williams	Ryan Warren
Adam Wojciah	Thomas Barick
Luis Ninowalter	Abhinav Verma
Natalia	Olivia Rostero
Michael Hold	Shannon
Nancy Pisano	Patrick Byrnes
Abby Harrington	Keelin Provak
Dean Gleason	Grace Pepiton
Kevin Boyle	Amy Fagan
Winnie Hard	

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Camryn Coles

Andrew Faragon

Meg Barilla

Alex Mitchell

Juliana Beck

Golden Miller

Maria Merkle

Carlos Velazquez

Dominic Basse

Samuel Tesema

Ian Birchler ☺

Erin Potts ☺

Warren Payne

Robert Maxwell

Connor Warren

Meghan Sanford ☺

Dimitri Leopold

Elizabeth Gately

Liam Lynch

Sean William Michael

Julia Vieira

Catalina Lenys

Timmy App

Kristy Katat

LUKE Remy

Mary Lee Charles

Jessica Stiles

1. We petition the people of Alexandria
to save the Winkles!

1. Ellen Mohr

2. Eva Haddock

3. Jessica Gerard

4. Samantha Soto

5. Beck Welker

6. Madie Schmitt

7. Reagan Lungren

8. Daniela Gomez

9. Karen Barillas

10. Matthew Gately

11. Ava Milano

12. Kip Sibel

13. ~~Maya~~ Andersen

14. Emmanuel Lugo

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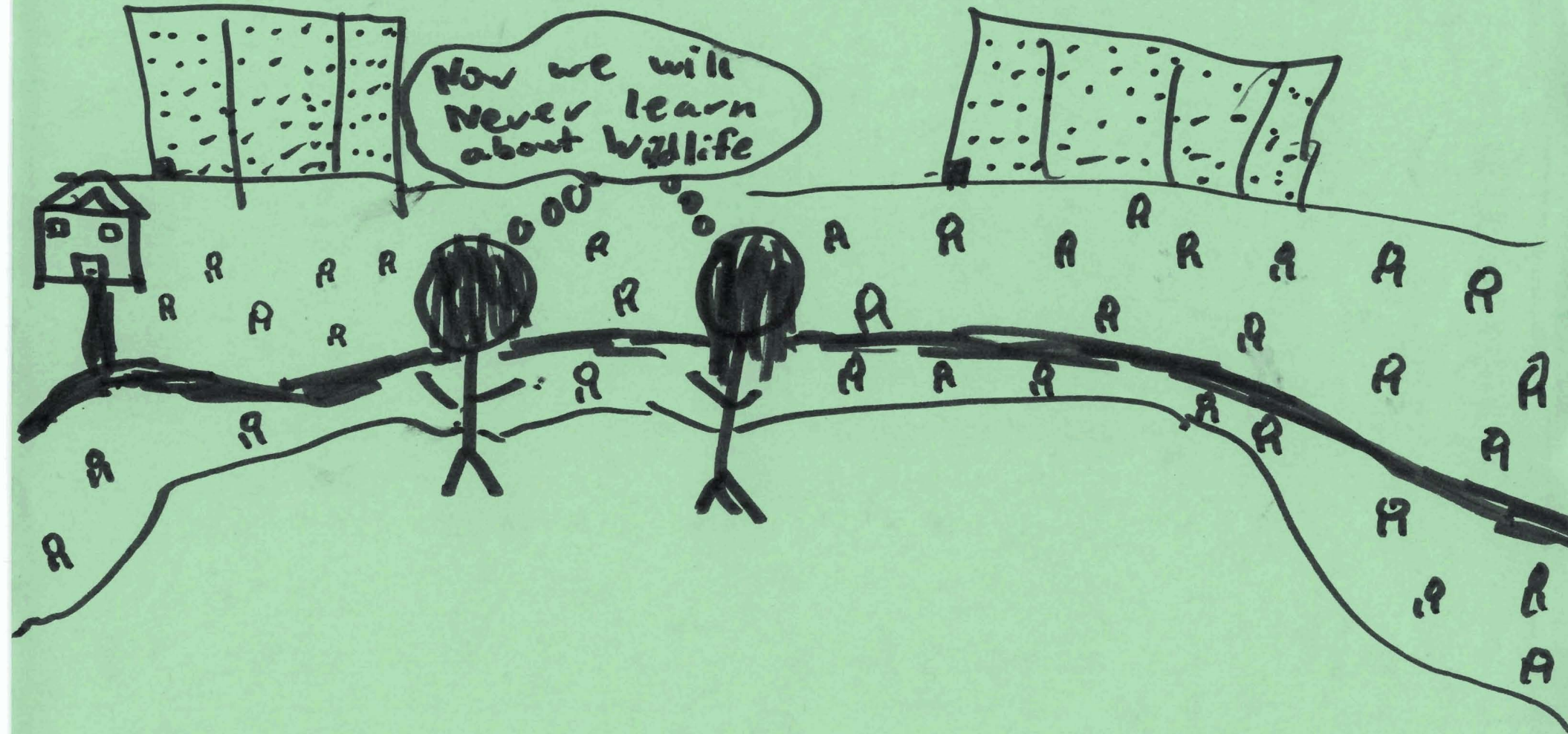
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24. Gillian Warbath

25. Patricia J. J. J.

26. Susan Doyle

Save Wildlife



Dear Virginia Department of
Transportation,

Please do not put a highway
through Winkler Botanical
Preserve. It is so beautiful
there and if you put a highway
through there it will be ruined.

My classmates and I go there
all the time and we have a
wonderful time. My friend and
I have gone to their camp ever
since we were old enough. It's
a wonderful experience for
everyone. We learn so much
there. Our school takes fieldtrips

there all the time, but if you were to put a highway through, we can't go anymore. Our Earth is dying as we know it because of all the waste and destroying trees. If you put a highway through, then our Earth will be hurt. Winkler helps the Earth with all the trees and wild life. Also if you put a highway through Winkler then you will be destroying the homes of all the animals that live there.

Where will they go if you destroy their homes? Winkler has plenty of room for all the animals to live. We learn so much at Winkler about things such as the different types of rocks and bugs.

One year at the camp, we built our own stove and made homemade pizza. Our creativity will soon leave us if there is no Winkler. We are so imaginative there, and we will

be devastated if you destroy
Winkler. It is so educational.
We will all be sad if Winkler
is to leave us. We love

Winkler. Thank you for reading
our letters. yourselves.

Sincerely,

The 6th Grade class
of Blessed Sacrament
School.

Chrissy
Lasek

Austin

Bobby
Burchard

Sabrina
Ruiz

Dear: City Council,

Please do not shut down Winkler.

So many memories remain at Winkler

for all the Blessed Sacrament students.

I had a lot of fun there and I

hope the students after me enjoy

it as much as I did. I believe

Winkler is important because of

the environmental problems. They played

a part in all young kids lives to

teach about environment. PLEASE!

PS: Its a 3rd and 3rd grade

tradition.

From,



Tess Purcell, Grace Hursley

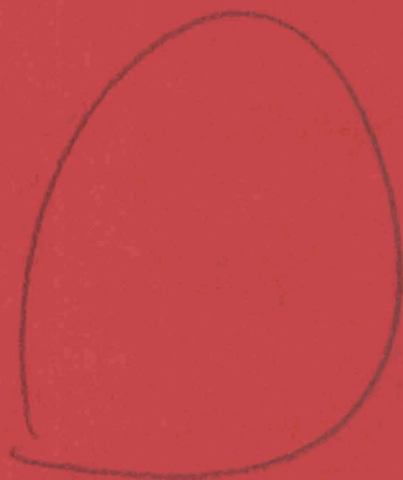
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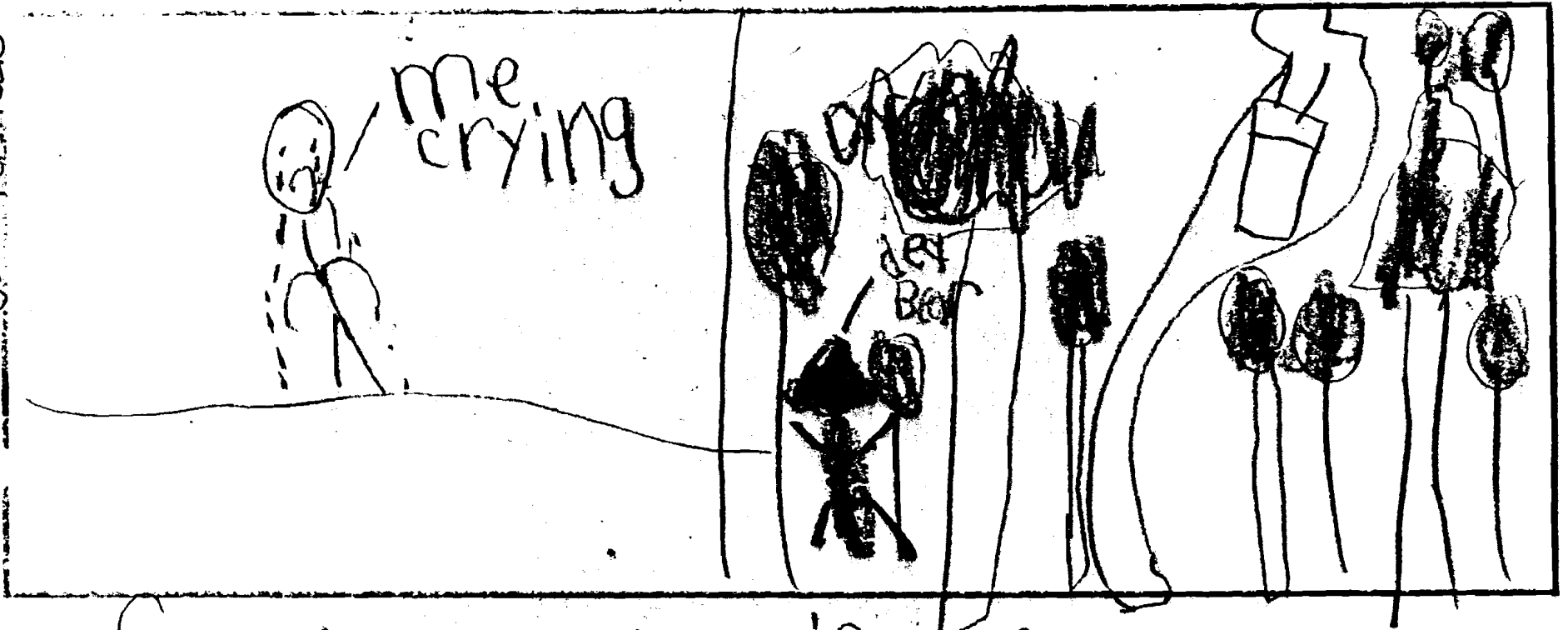
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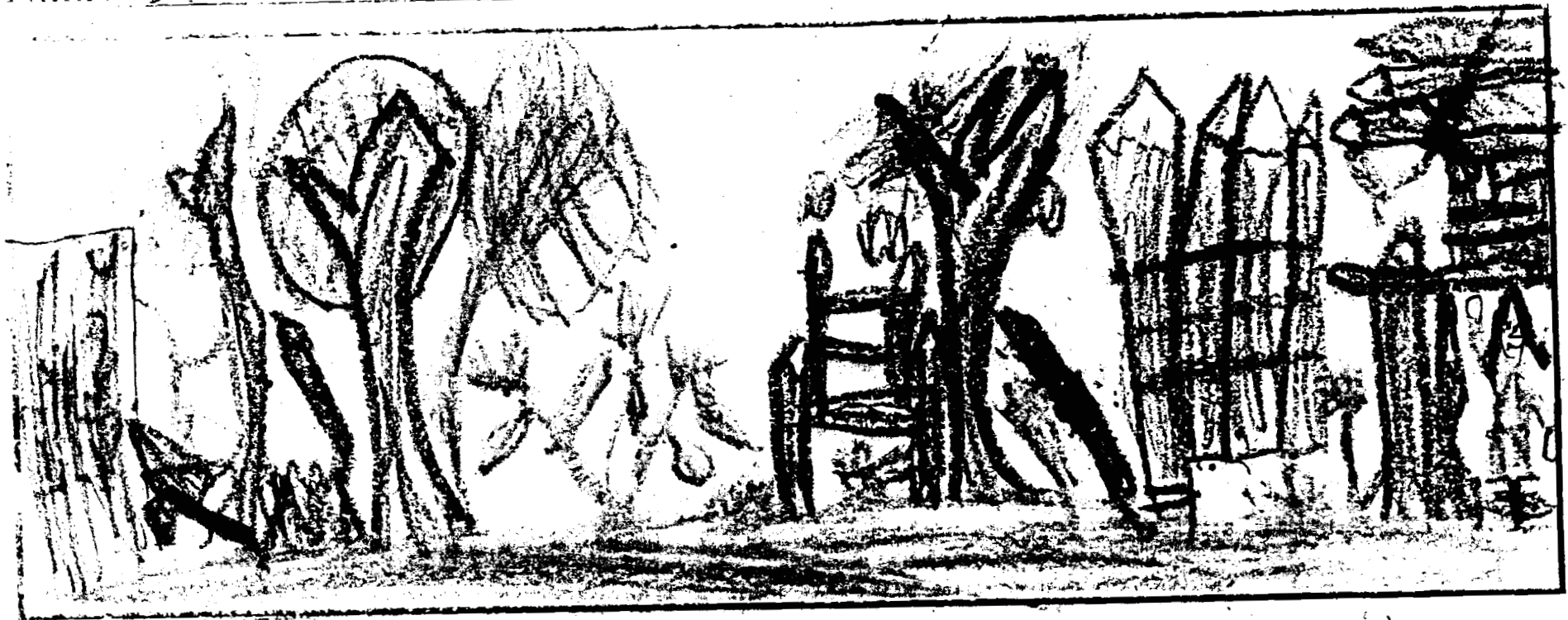
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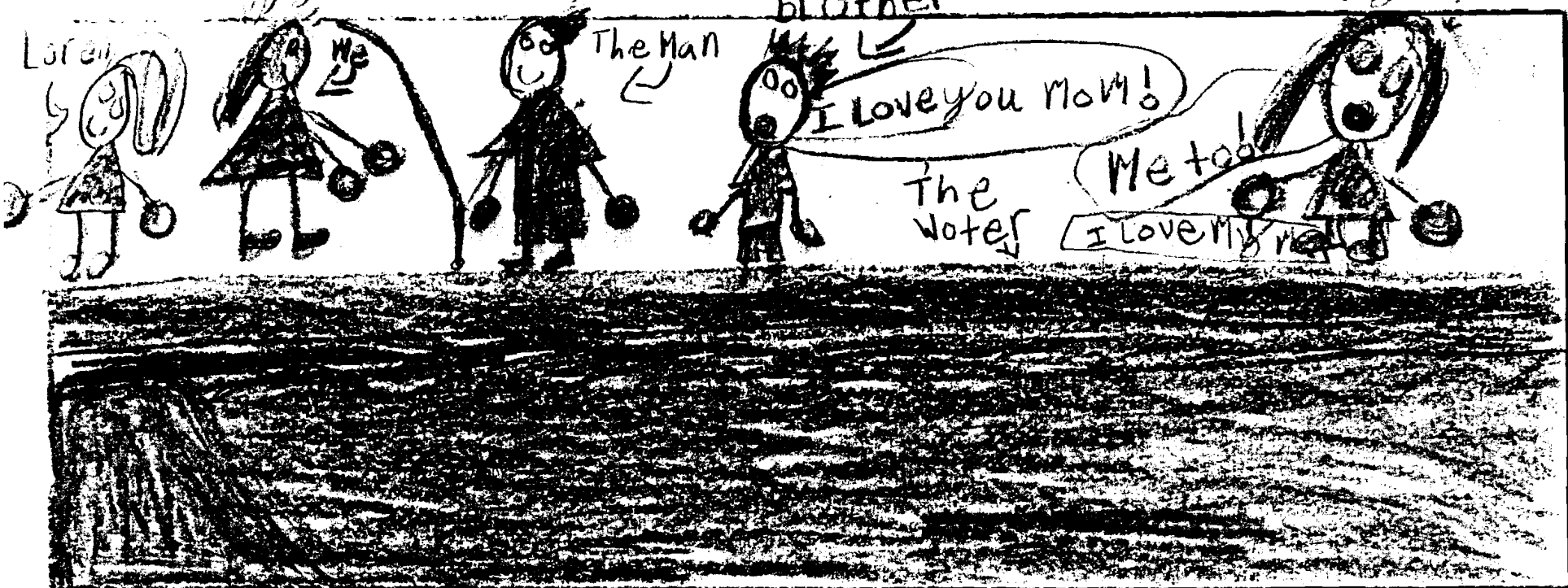
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And a fun place to
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save Winkler! Please!

Delilah Garcia



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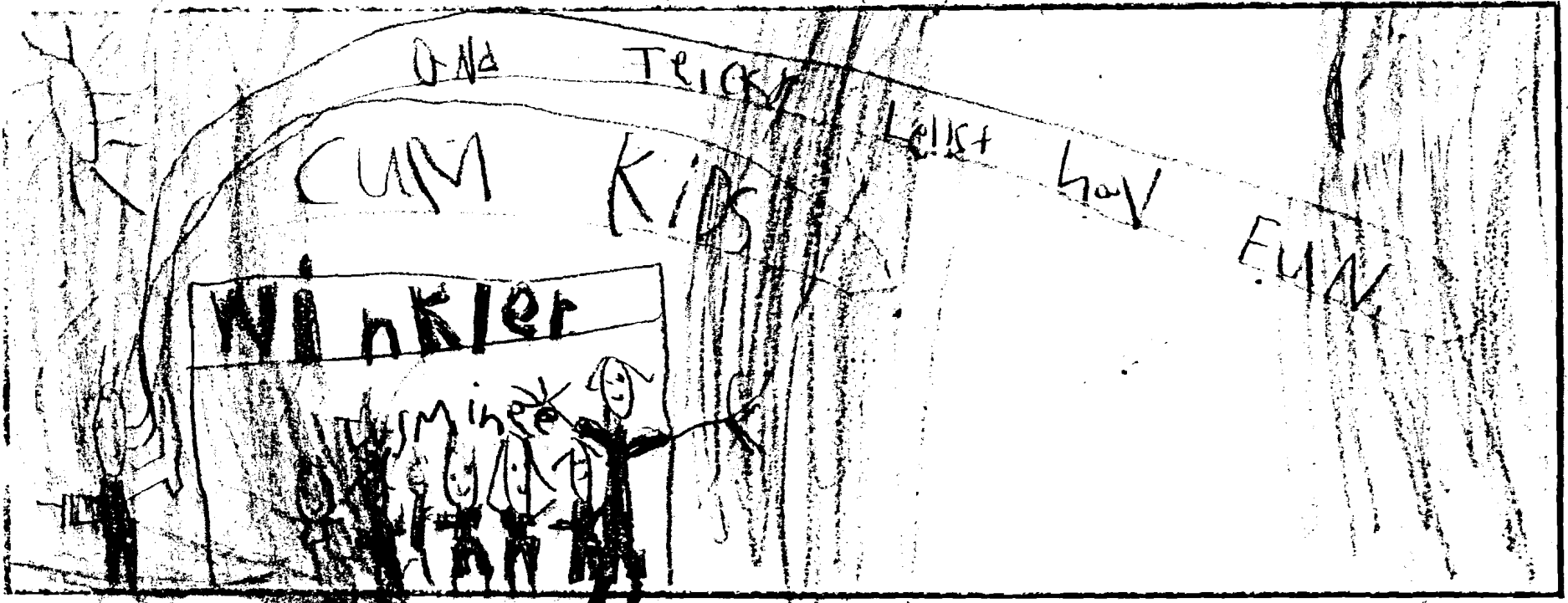
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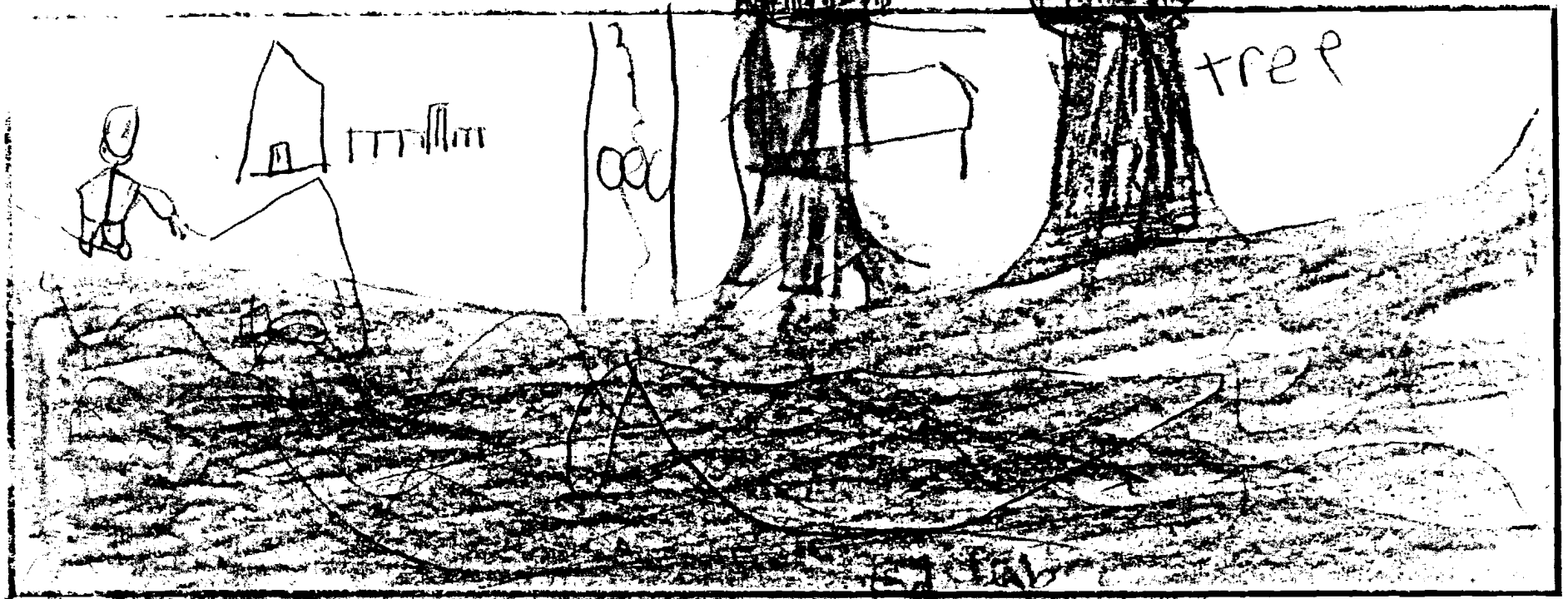
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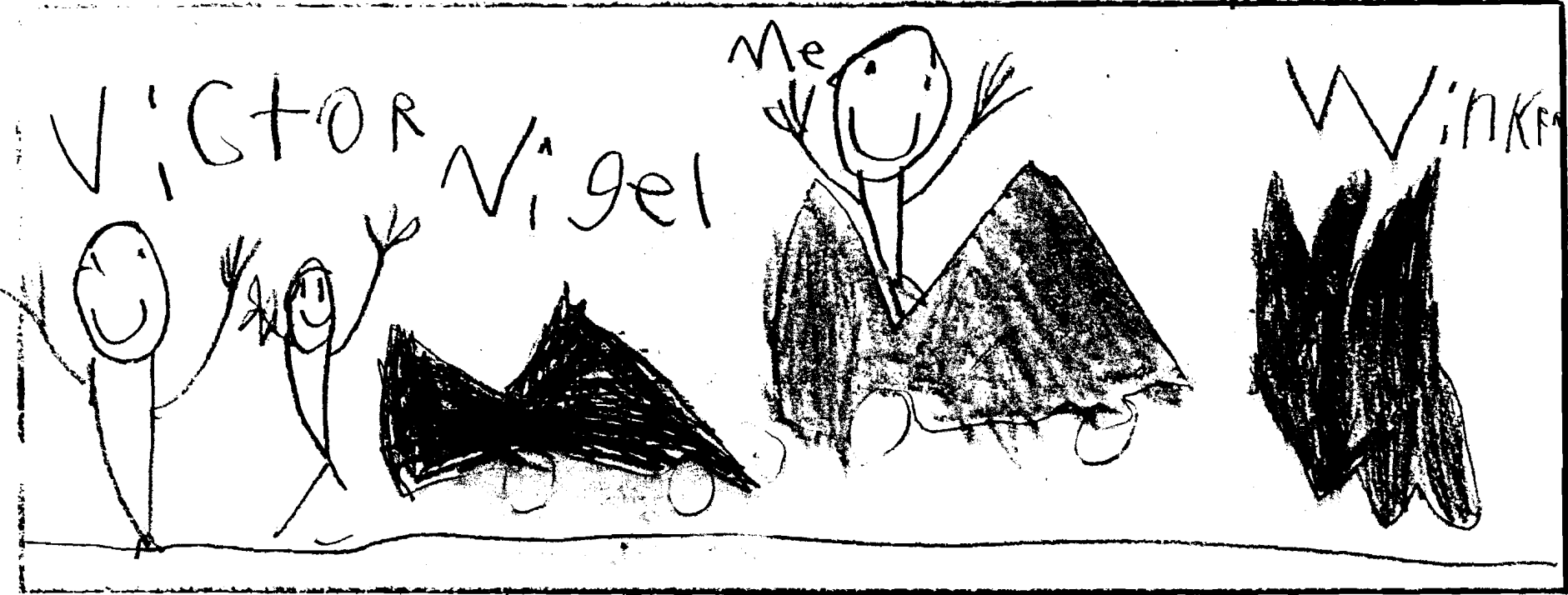
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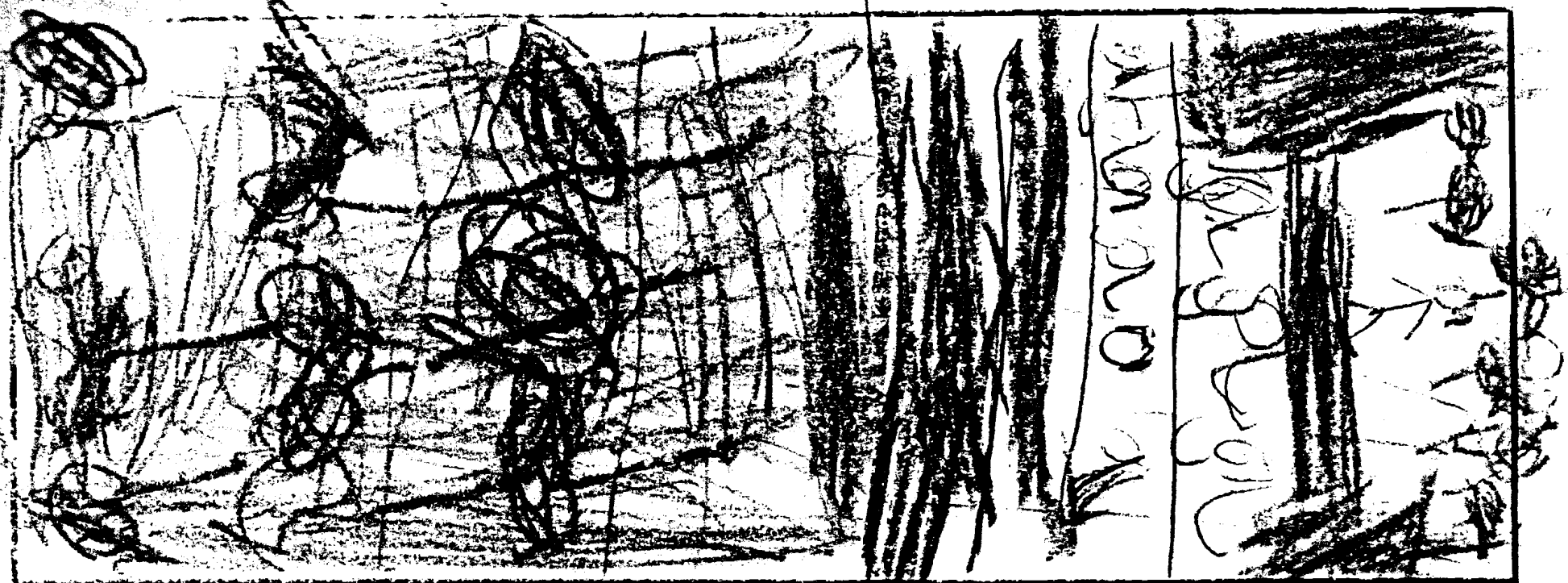
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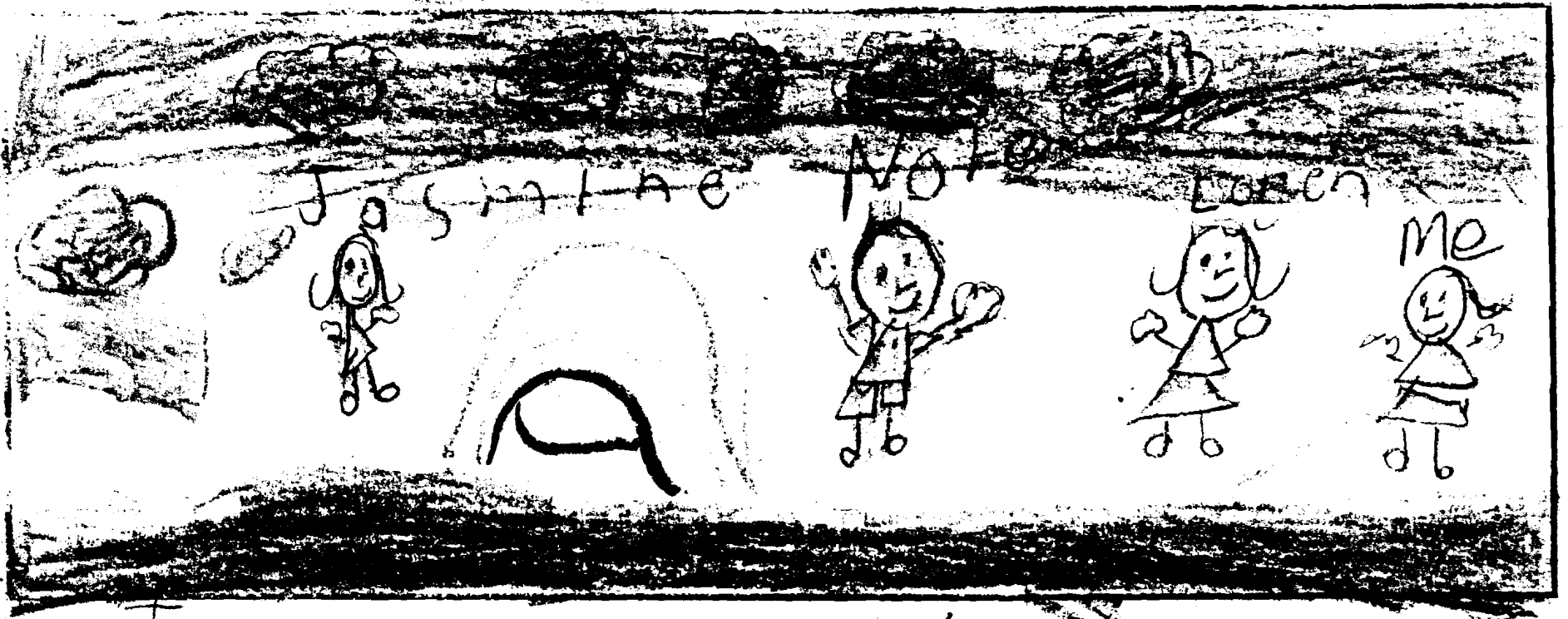
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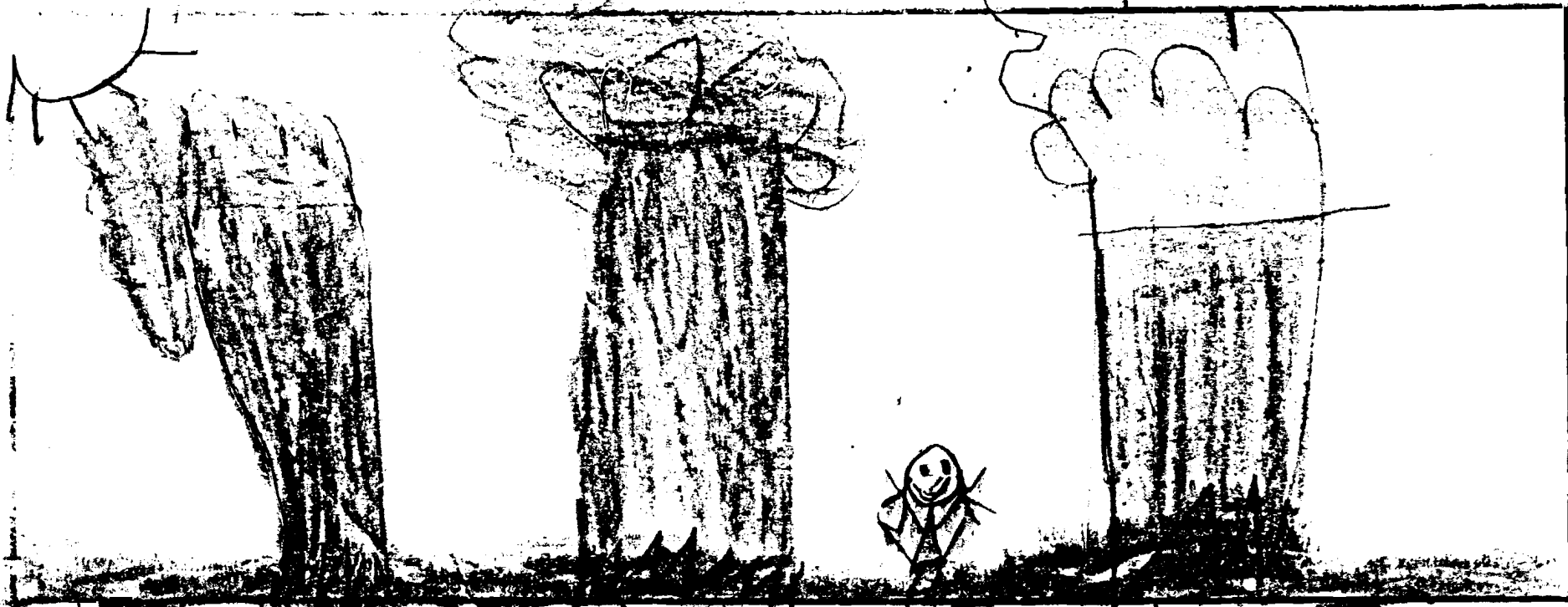


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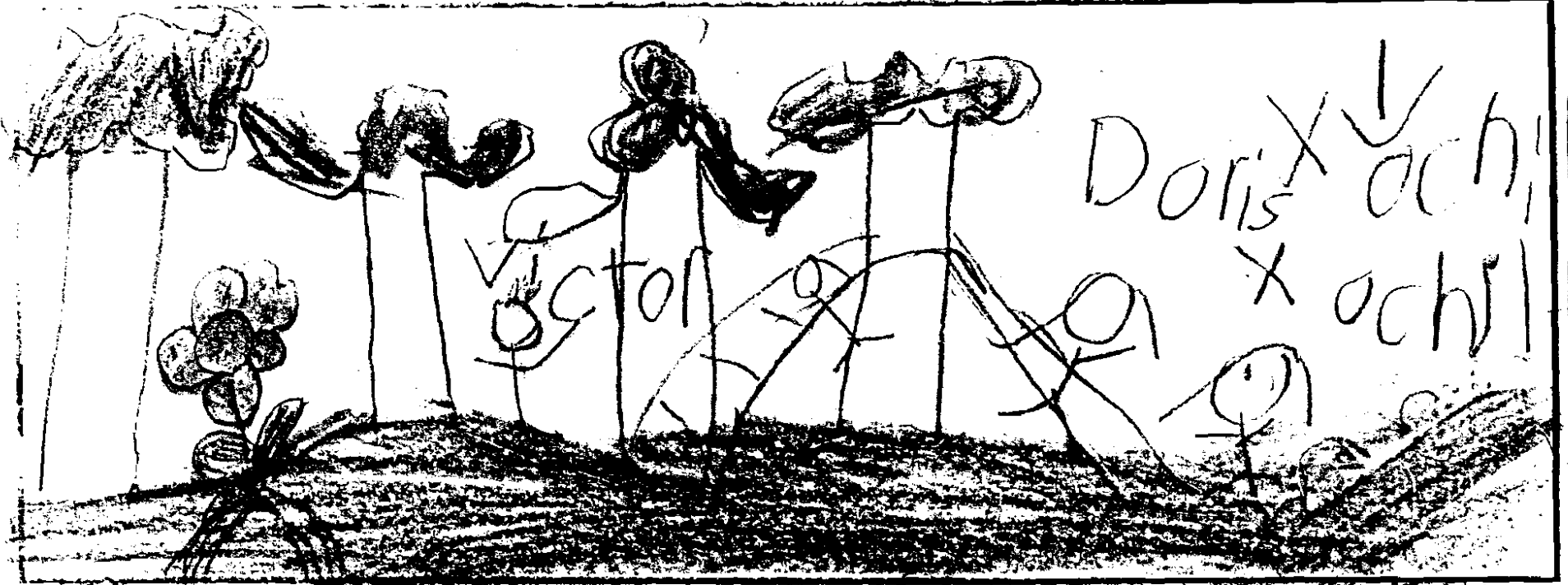
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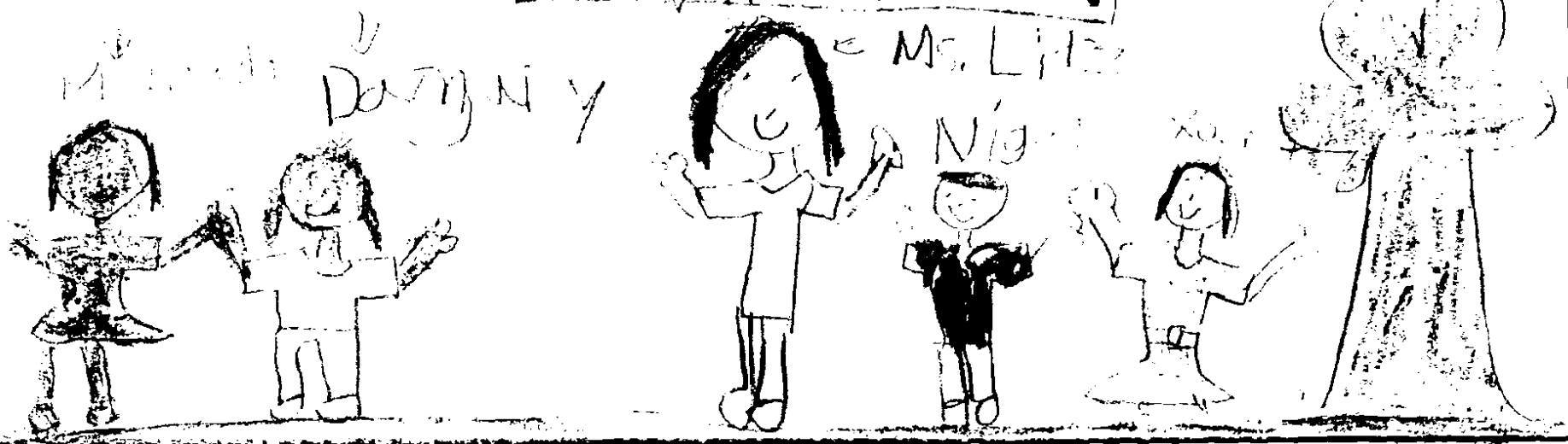
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Please say Winkler to me.

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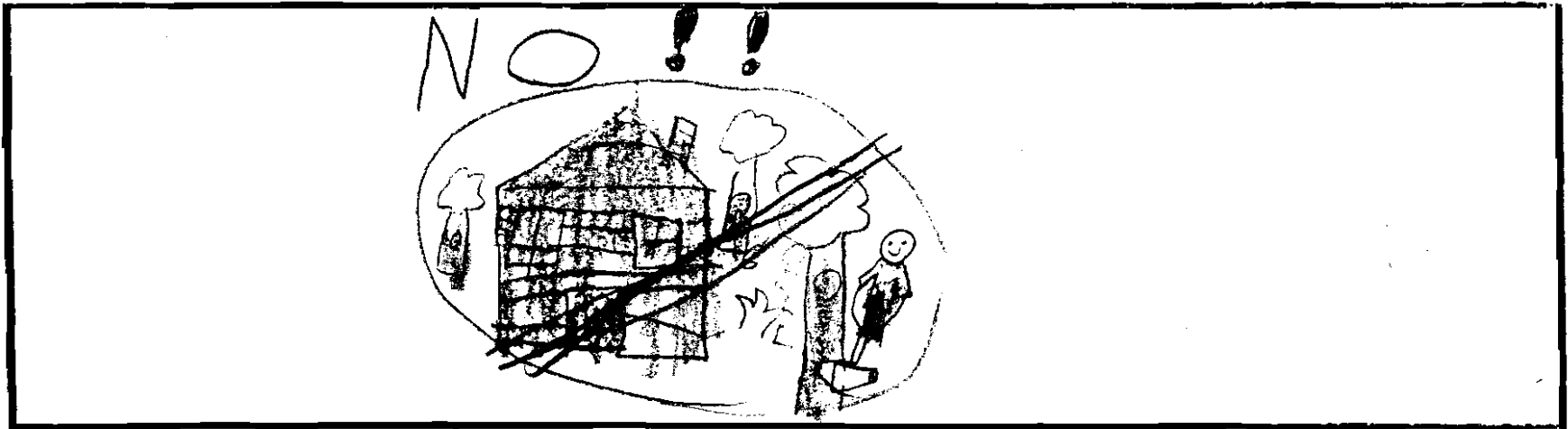
PLEASE DON'T DESTROY WINKLER!

Because I like Winkler! Also you would be killing animals and their habitats because the road would be on top of them! It is a place to learn not to destroy stuff! That is why we don't want to destroy Winkler!

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Name Kathleen Hannah Curry

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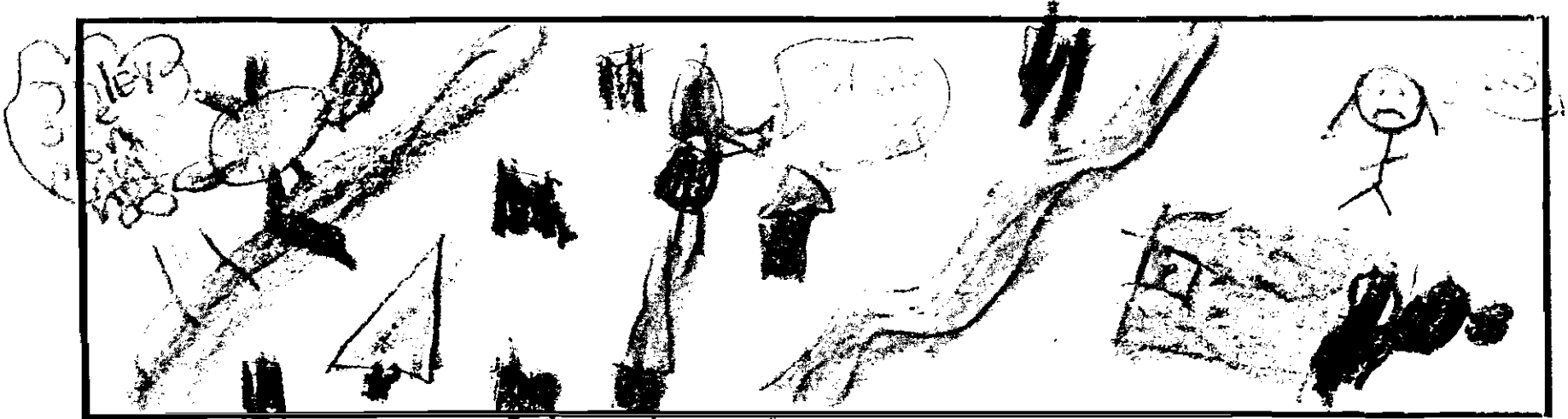


Please don't destroy
Winkler because I learned about
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from trees and I get to learn science in a fun
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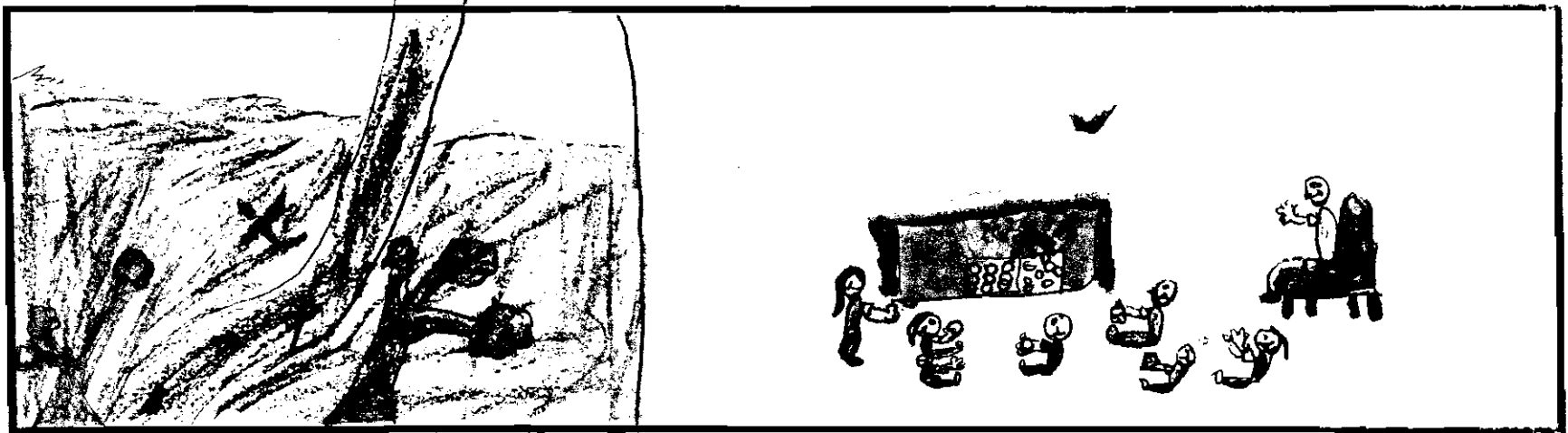
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Please don't destroy Winkler
because I really really like
science. And because it will
take away the animals habitat.
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I like trees. And I learned a lot
there so please don't destroy
Winkler!

Name Karin Rosales Lopez

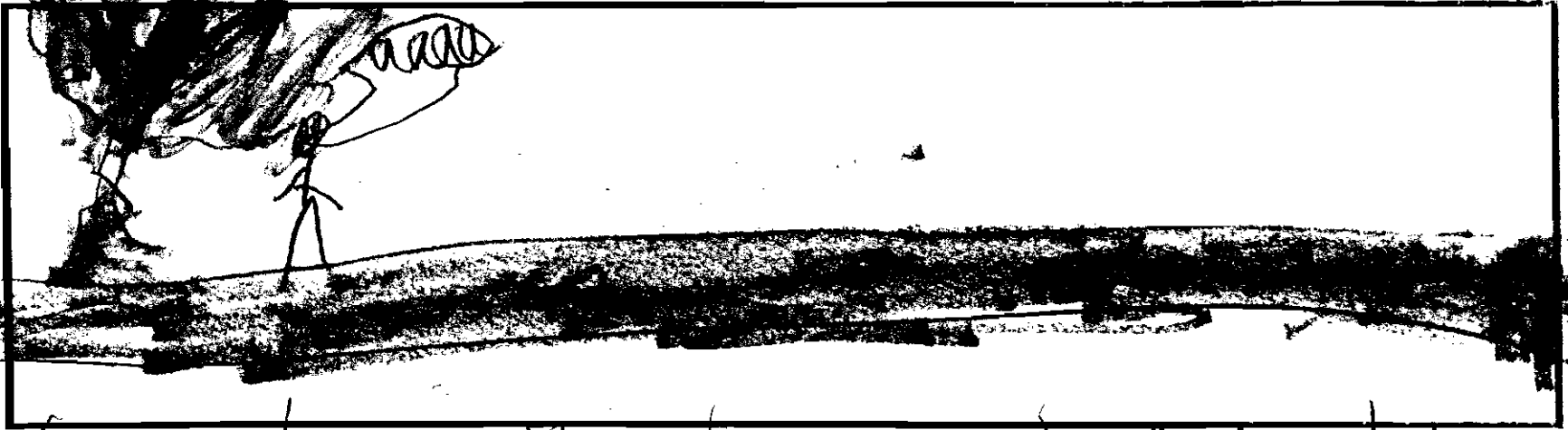
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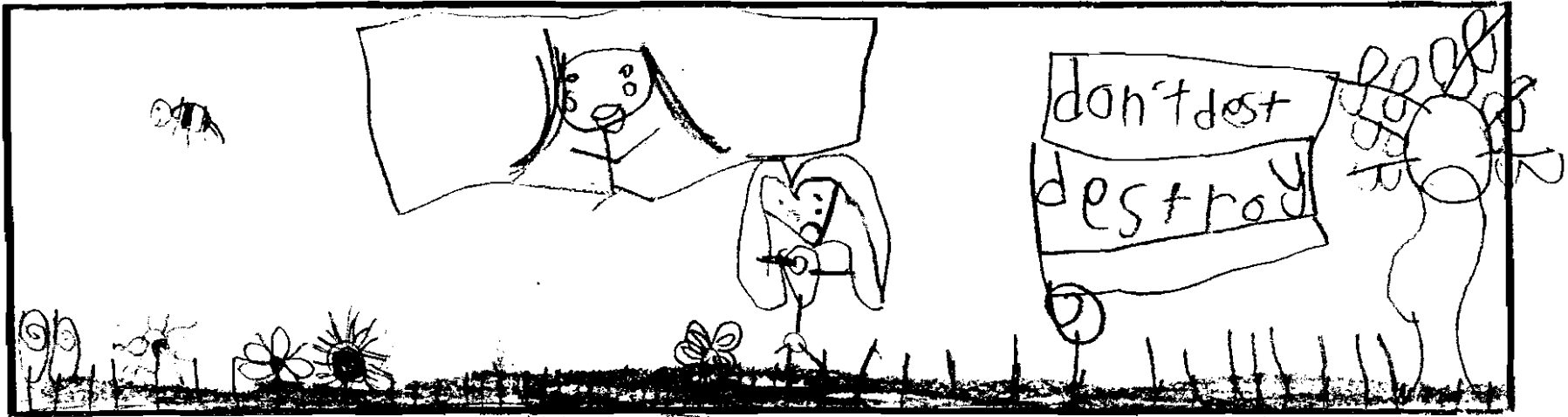
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Don't destroy Winkler!
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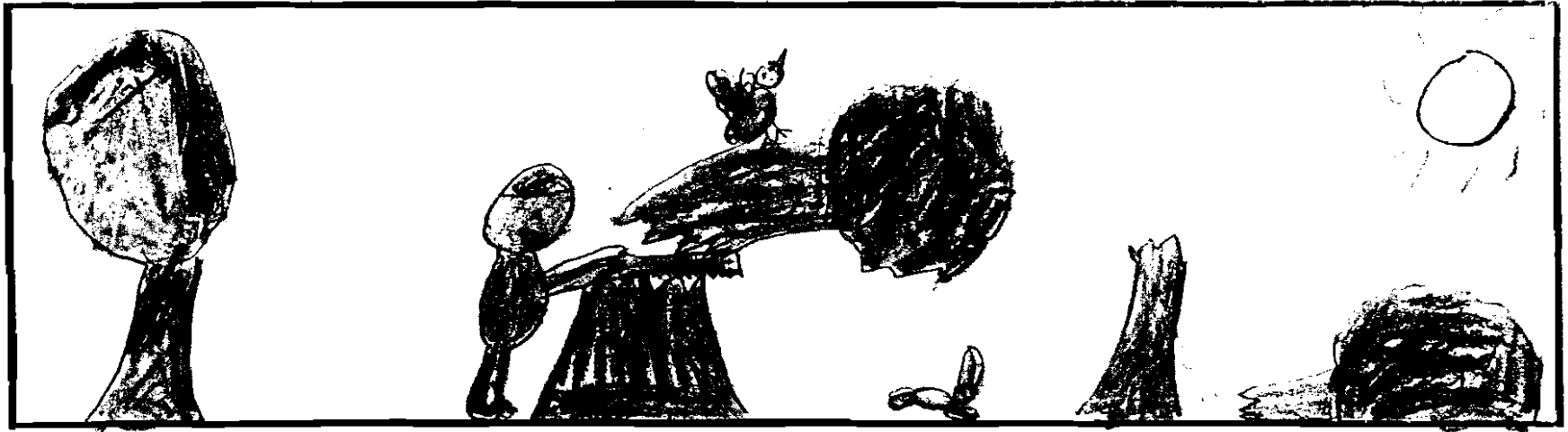
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Want to go too!

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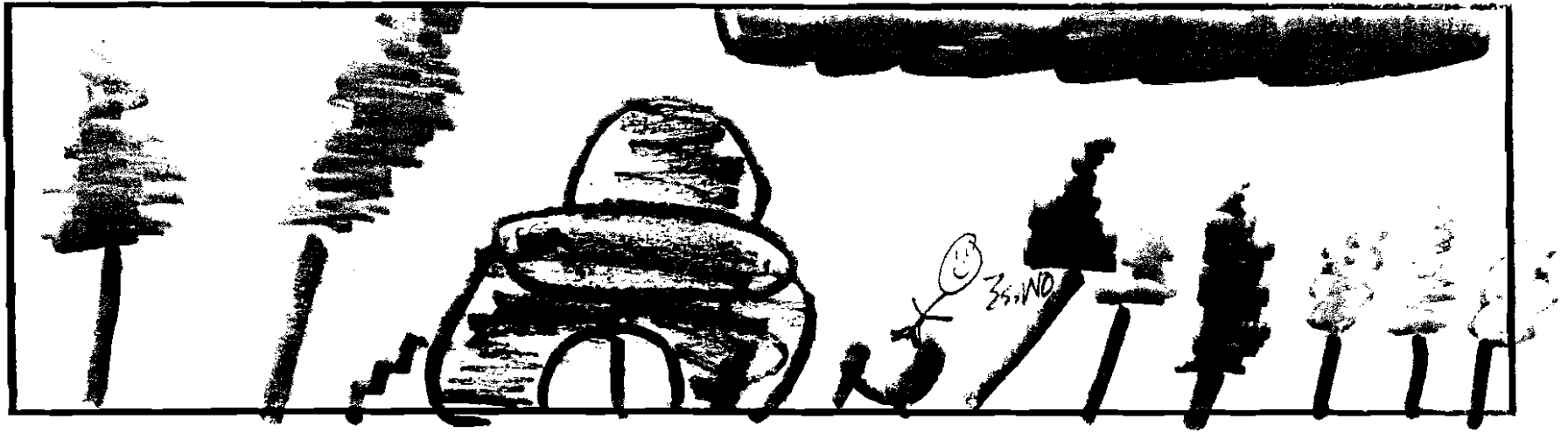
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I Love Winkler with
all My Heart Winkler
is the Best Habbitat
I've ever Bento. And
we learn alot.

Name Angelica F.



Please don't destroy Winkler because
they are going to brake trees. And we
are learning about science. I like
trees because they have Food and
appels.

Name Kaylee Ryan Augustine 12/9/09



Please don't destroy winkler because
our class and the whole school learn
science and experiences things too
so that they know it for test
please. Do not destroy winklers.

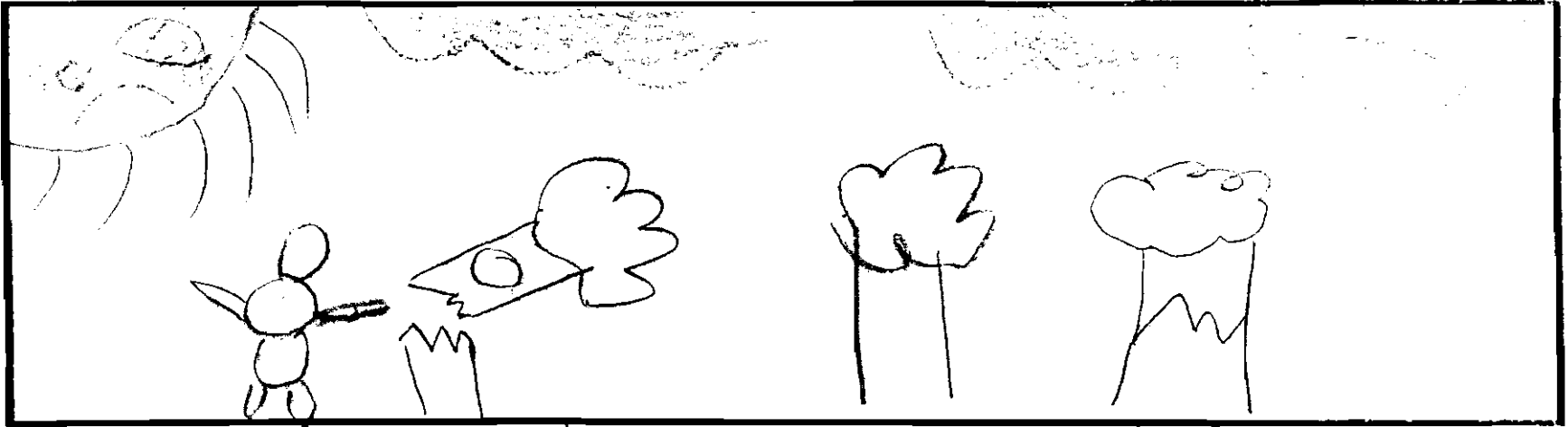
Name Jenny Martinez ^{2nd} grad

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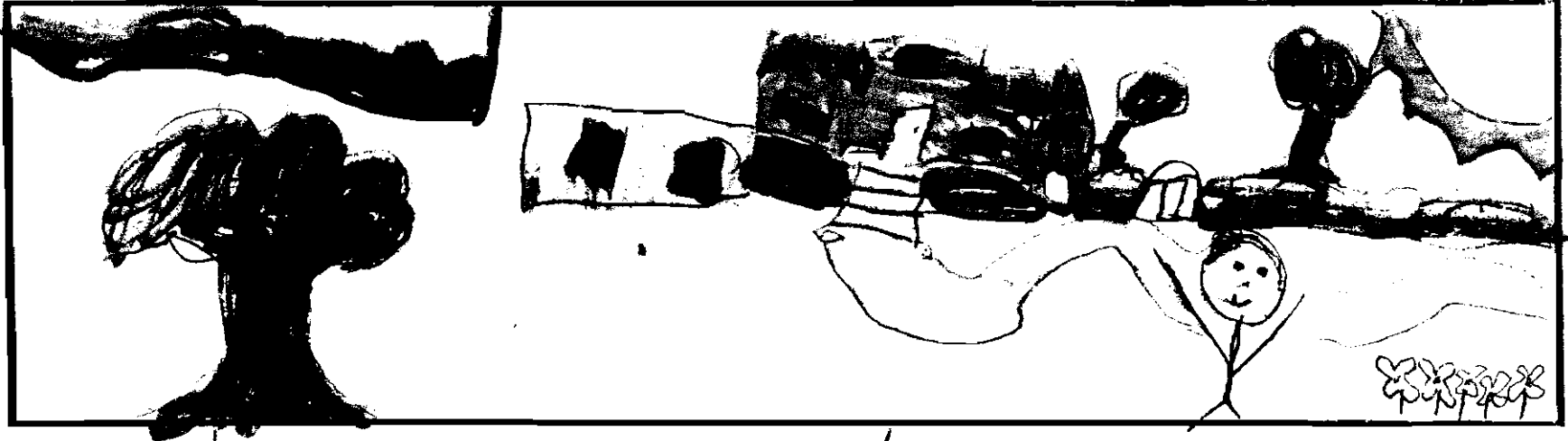
Name Felipe Solis



Please don't destroy
winkler because we like
winkler and it's fun.

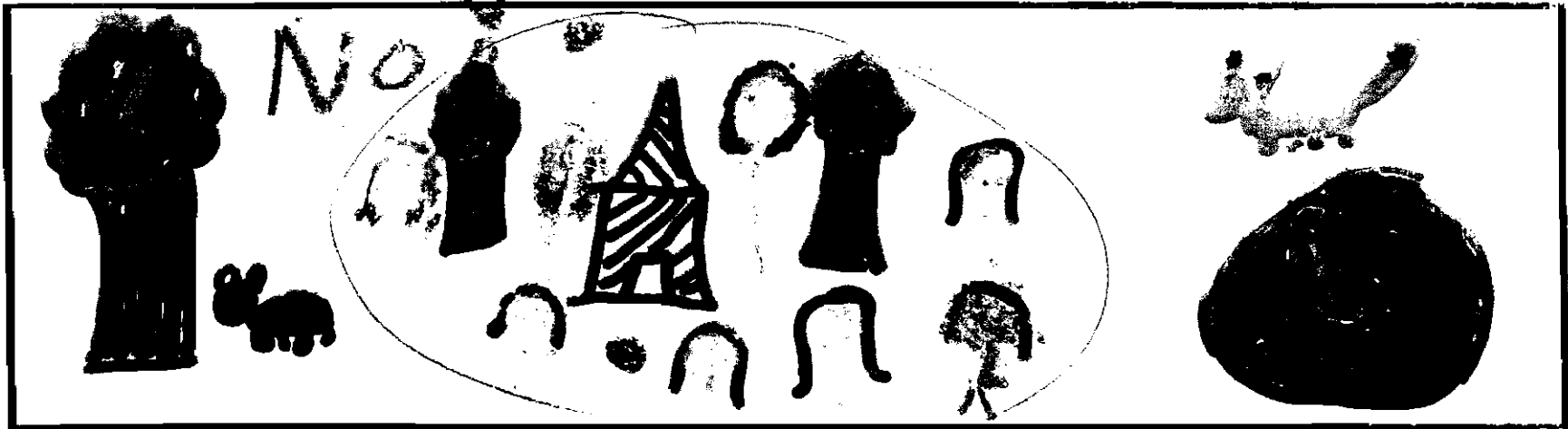
Name Kenneth Hernandez

12/9/04



Please don't destroy Winkler
because if you do it there's not
going to be any food and no flaxler
growing.

Name Hilda Melani Gomez Hernandez 12-9-09 age 7



Please don't destroy Winkler because
I love Winkler because it is cool and they
are lots of animals in Winkler and we ate
pancake's it was yummy and we saw two daddy long
legs and one goose in Winkler they are some
bear's in Winkler and they some Fox's in
Winkler and fish. Stay back from Winkler.

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DEVIN TOMAS

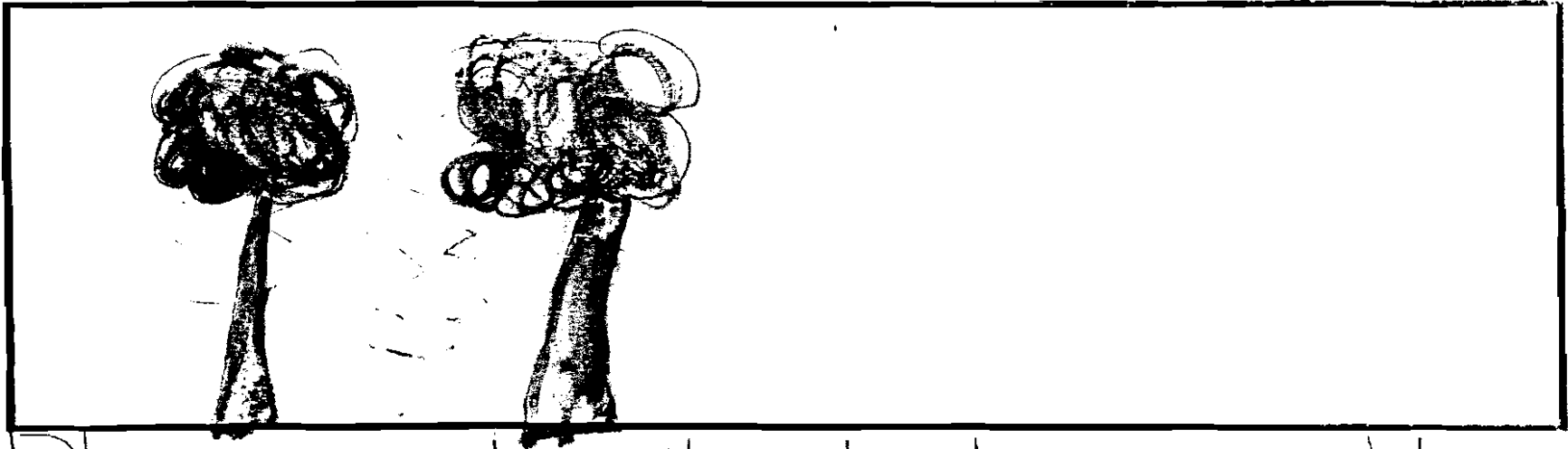


Please don't destroy Winkler because
there are habitats there and animals
will not survive and me and (the name)
go there for field trips and we learn
there. And there are hawks deer
and bears and bees and all sorts
of animals and crechers I hope you
can't you mind just to let us know

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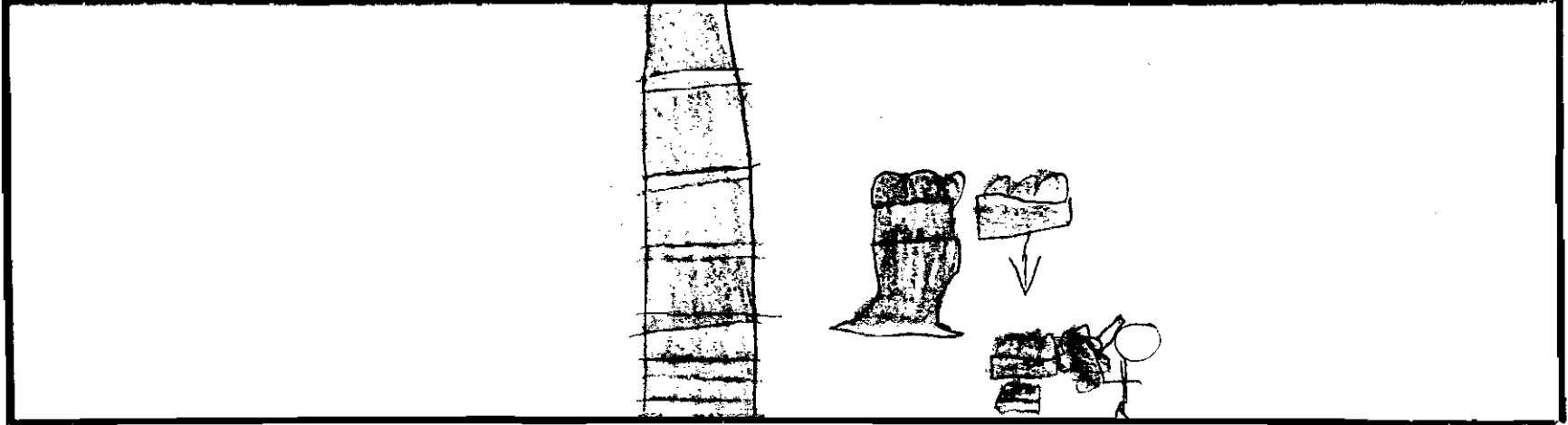
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Please don't destroy Winkler
because our students is not
going to the fell ship.

I like going to Winkler.

Name Joseph Witches LeFay



11-21-15- Don't DESTROY Winkler because we're Learning

lots of Winkler and we're Learning science and we like Winkler and

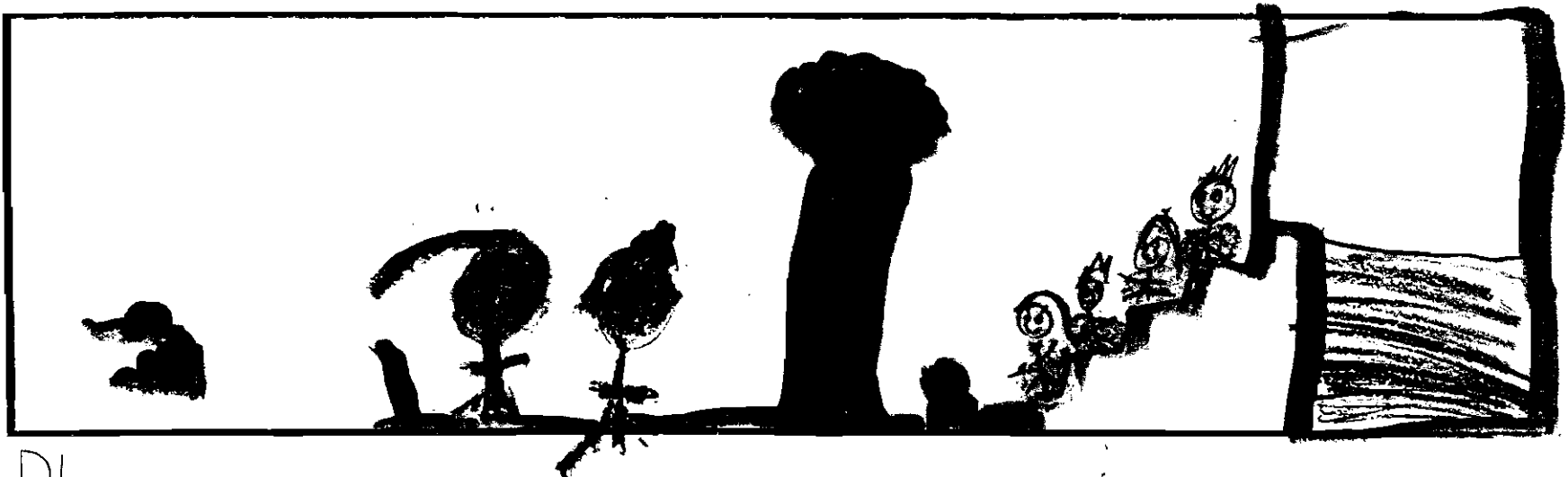
we Don't want you to DESTROY Winkler and Winkler is a good place

for science, all I got to tell you is Don't Tear Down Winkler and I hope

You change your mind cause Winkler is a good place

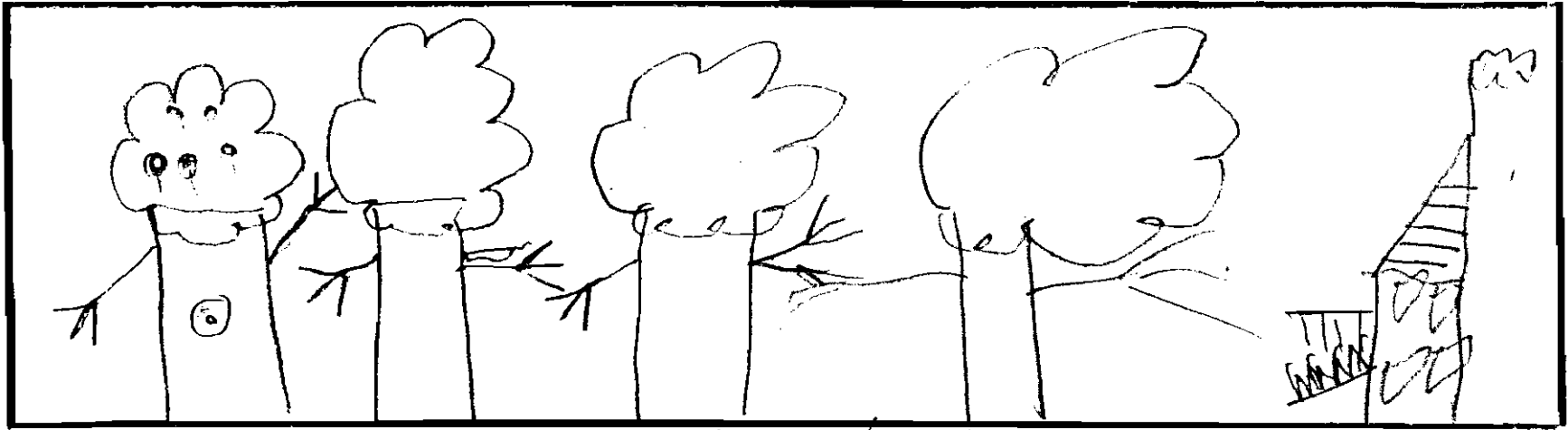
Don't Tear Down Winkler!

Name Enil-Sanchez - Garcia



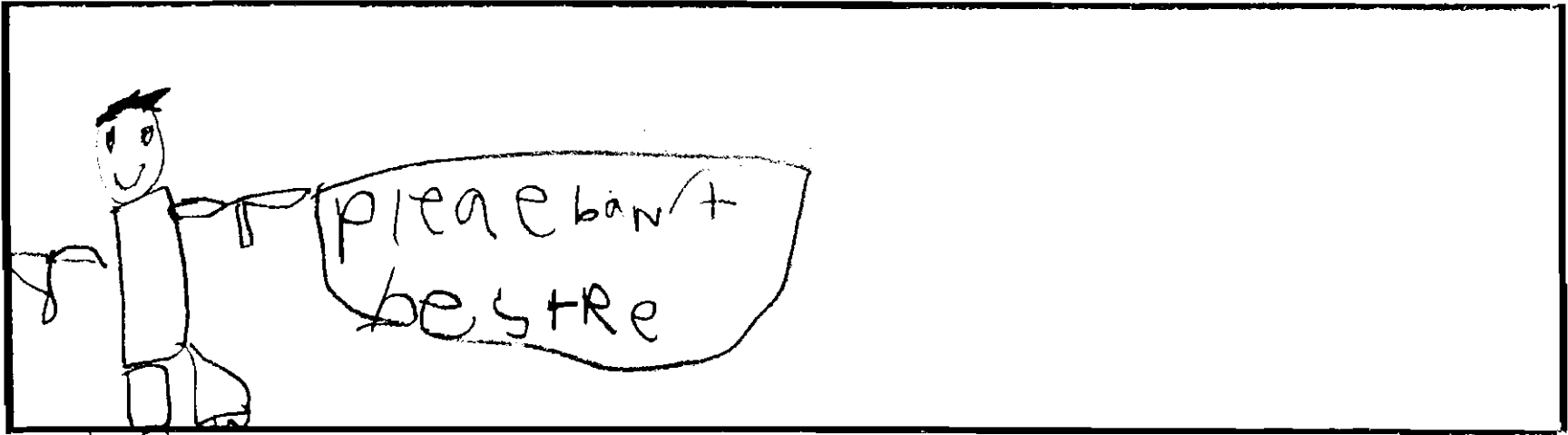
Please dont destroy winkler because
We have fun we love Winkler
So why are you destroy winkler
if we love winkler So Please
Please Please So dont destroy winkler
Please

Name Carlos



Please do not destroy Winkler because
the teachers like the flower and the
animals will grow to a new forest
and you'll be sad.

Name NIKYAJALBE



Please don't destroy

WIKKER because they

ten us try.

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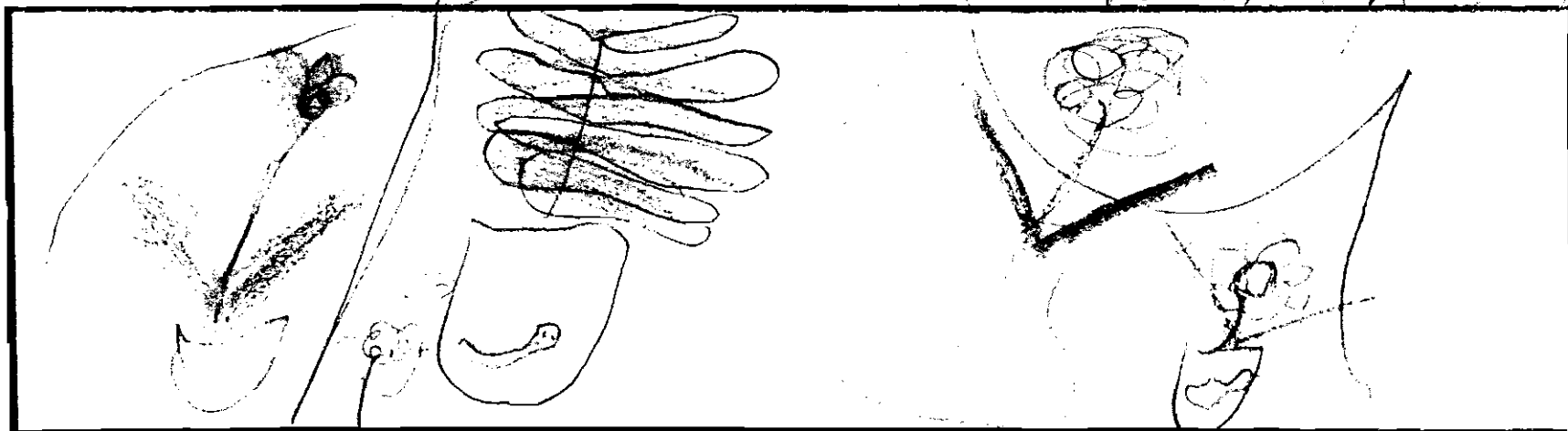


Please don't destroy
Winkler because its a place
where you can learn about
natral resorse. You get
to play fun games and
eat heathy things.

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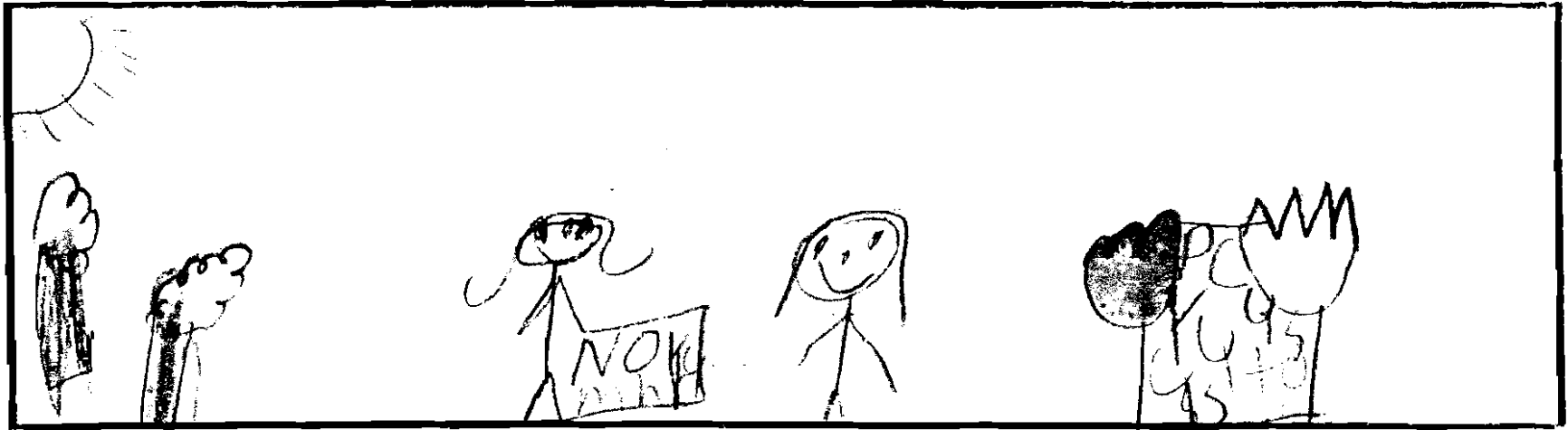
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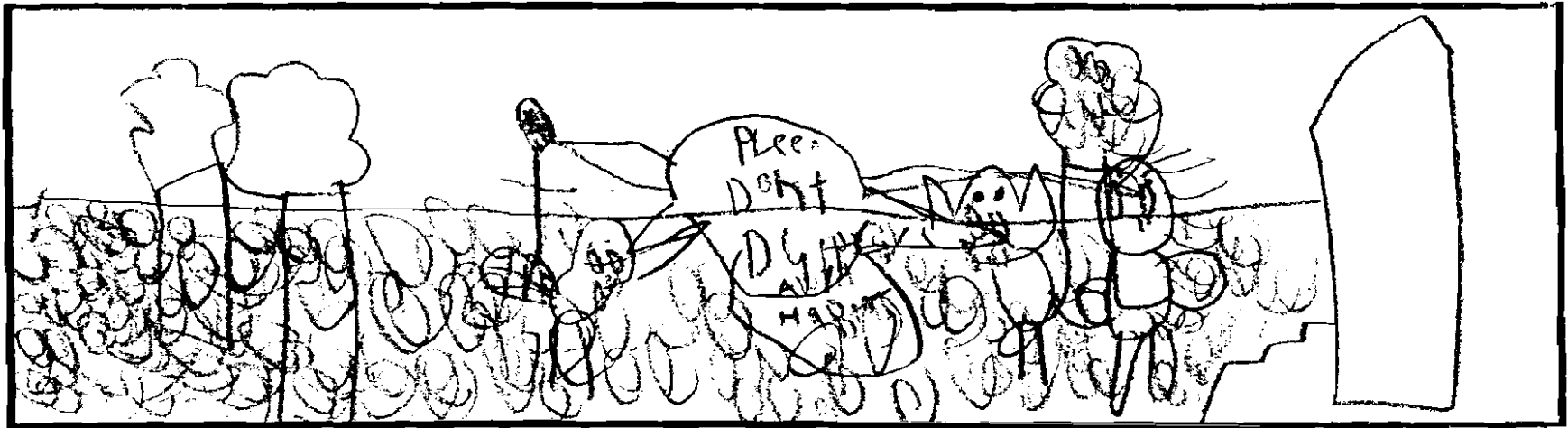


a place where we learn about
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from the tree by making a hole
through with a knife.

Name _____

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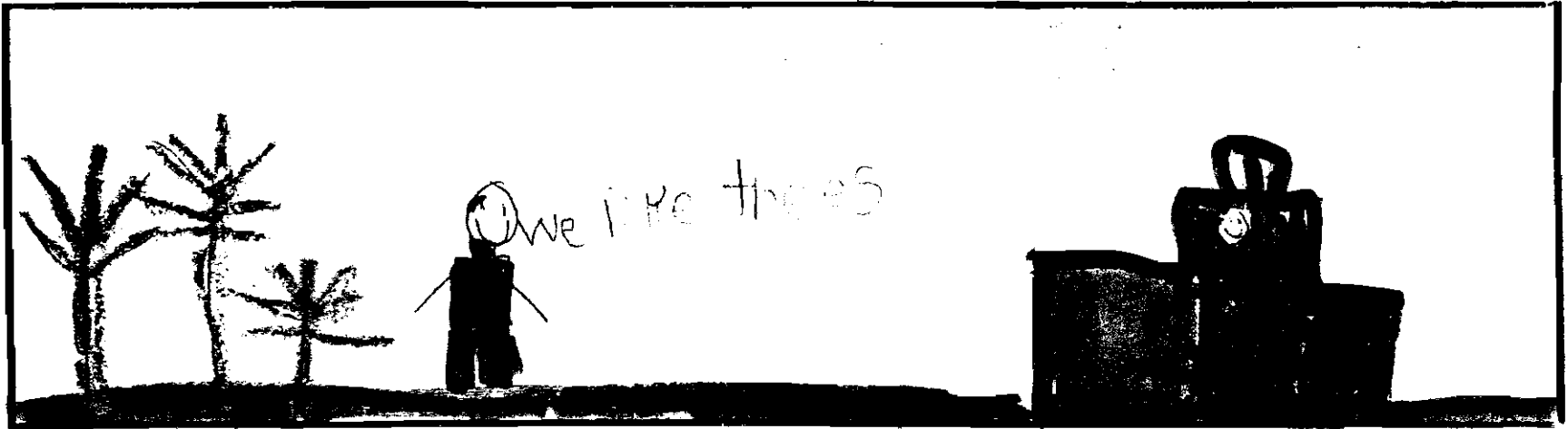
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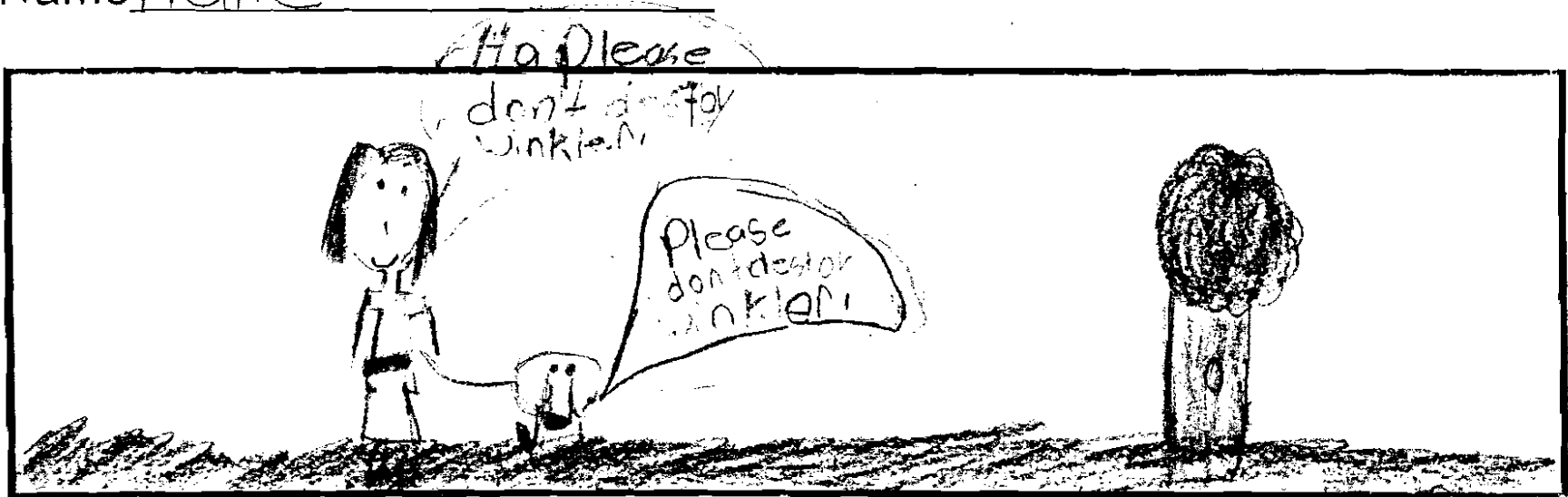
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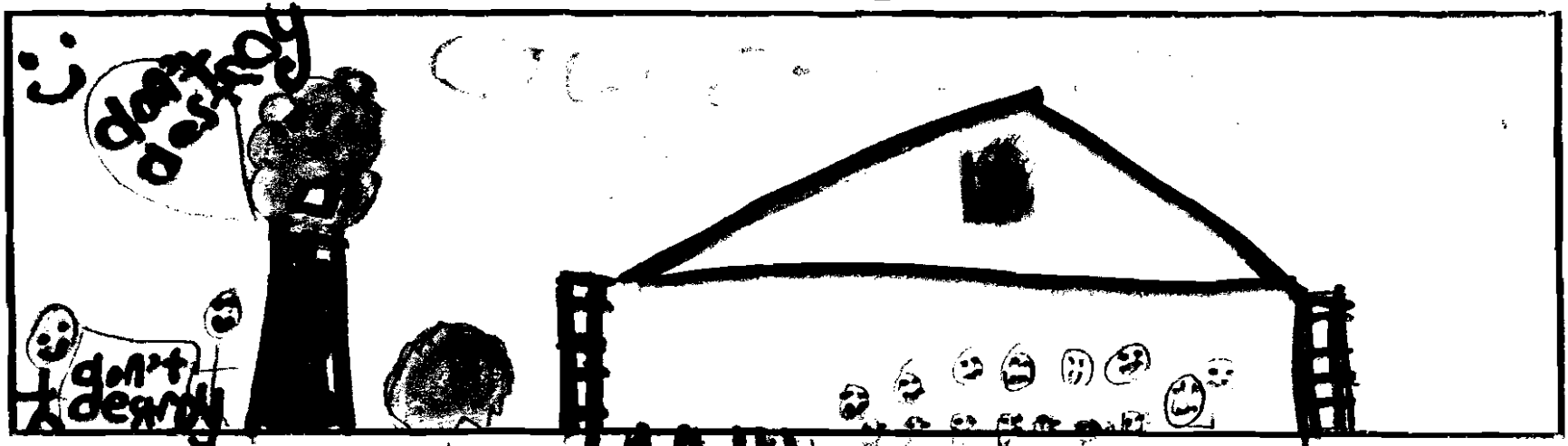
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Name Halle



Please don't destroy Winkler
because I loved when are class ate
pancakes and played levat go and
I rened a hount trees.

Name EVAN EVAN

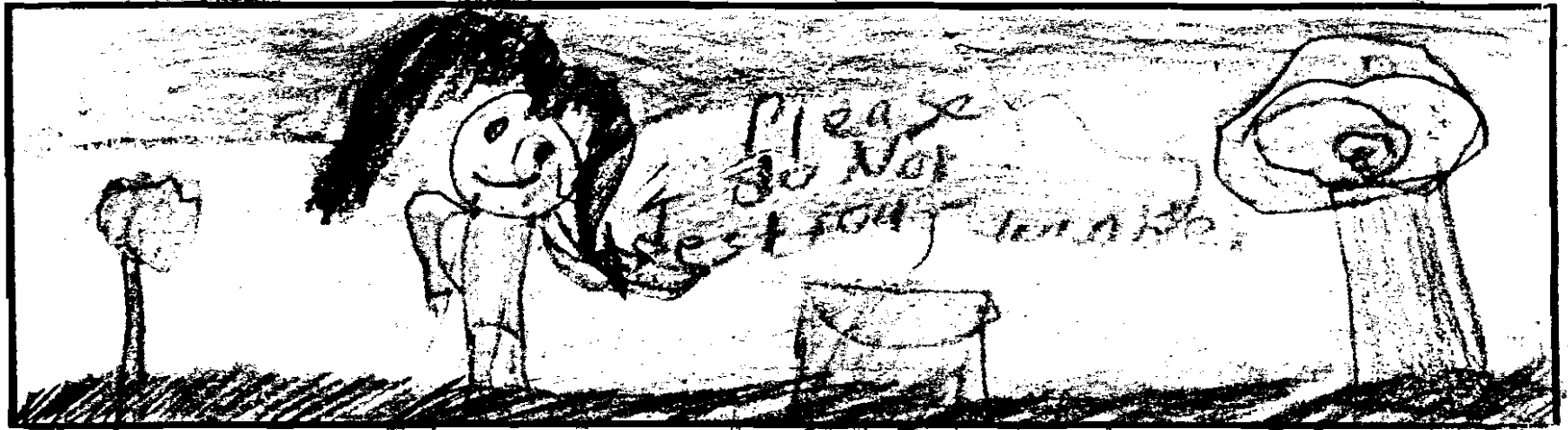


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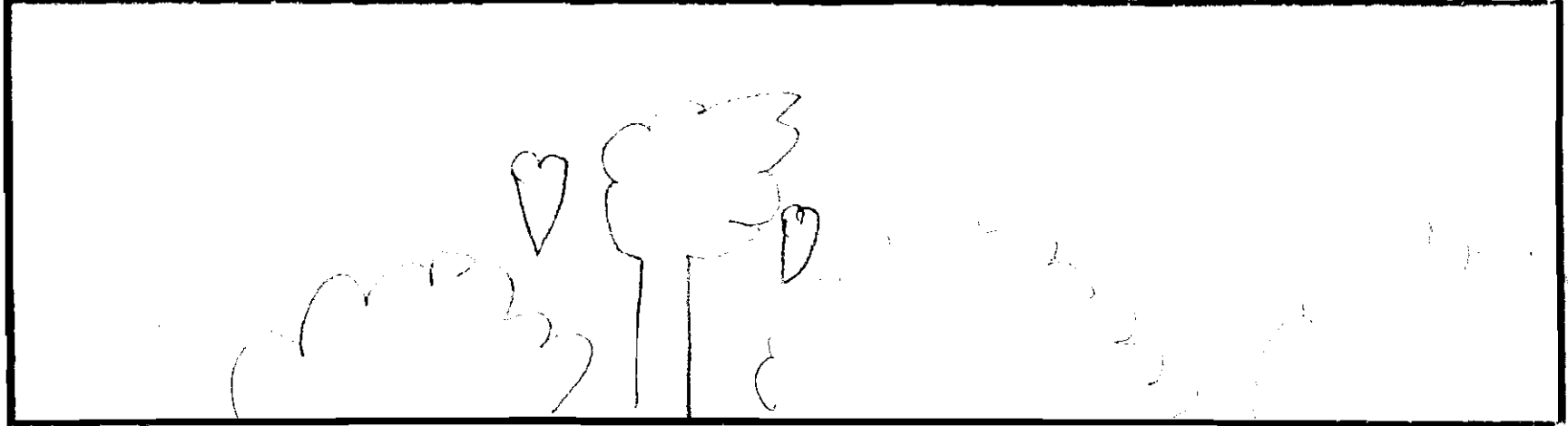
Name Nayeli



Please don't destroy Winkler
because we learned there
we had fun there and
animals live there.

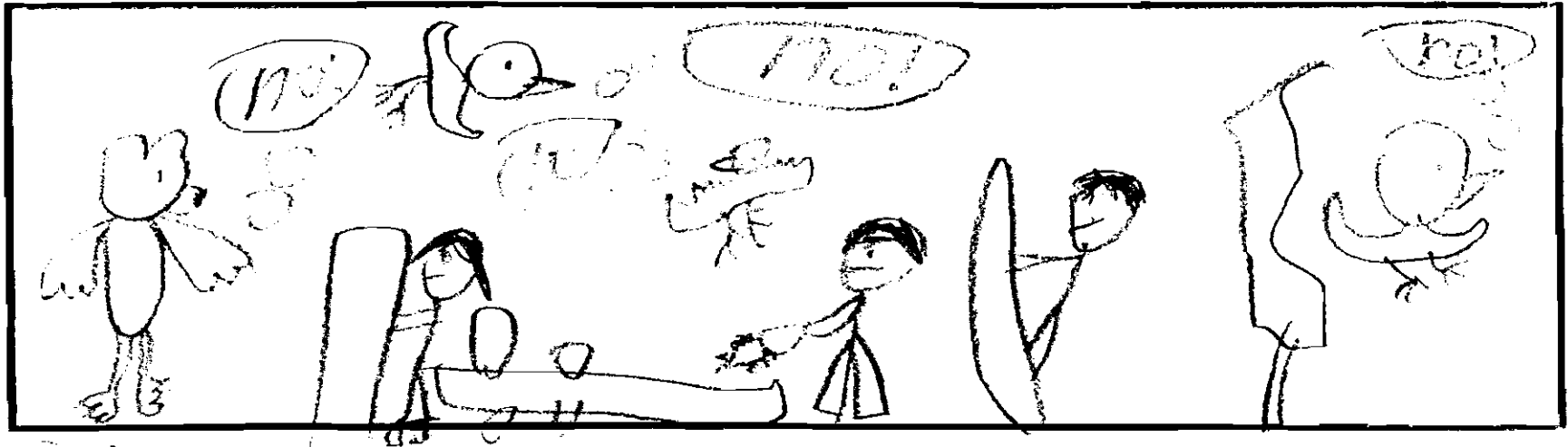
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Please don't destroy Winkler
because it is great for learning.
I really like playing leaf and
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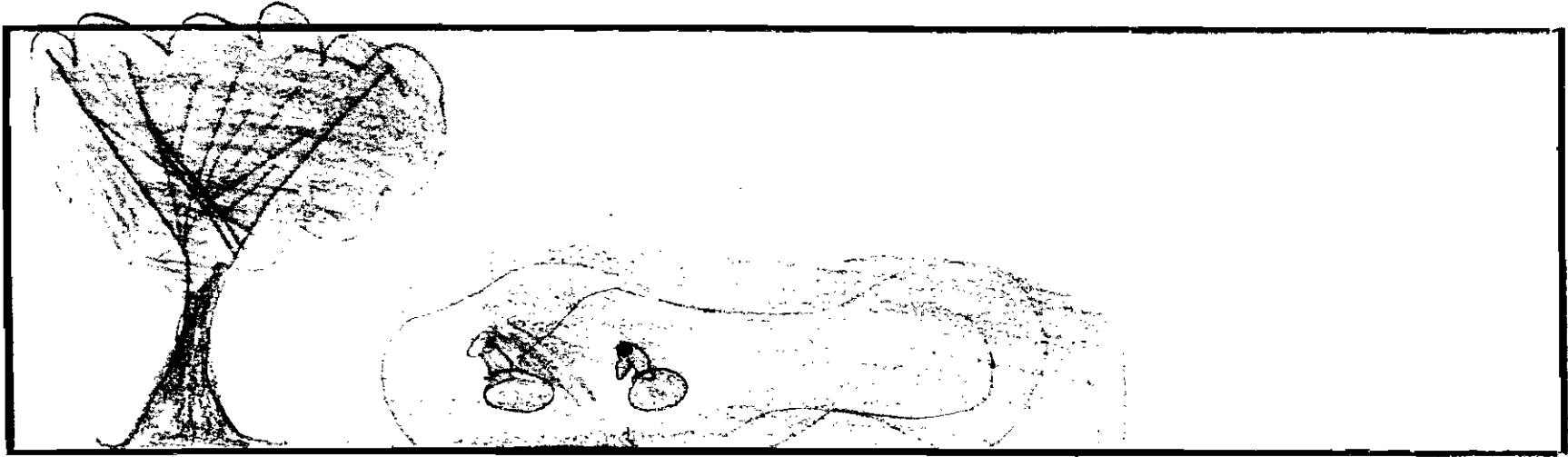
Name Joseph Gumedzæ | look better



Please don't destroy
Winkler because we won't
be able to learn more
about maple trees, evergreen,
how flowers grow and
all kinds of leaves.

Name Helen

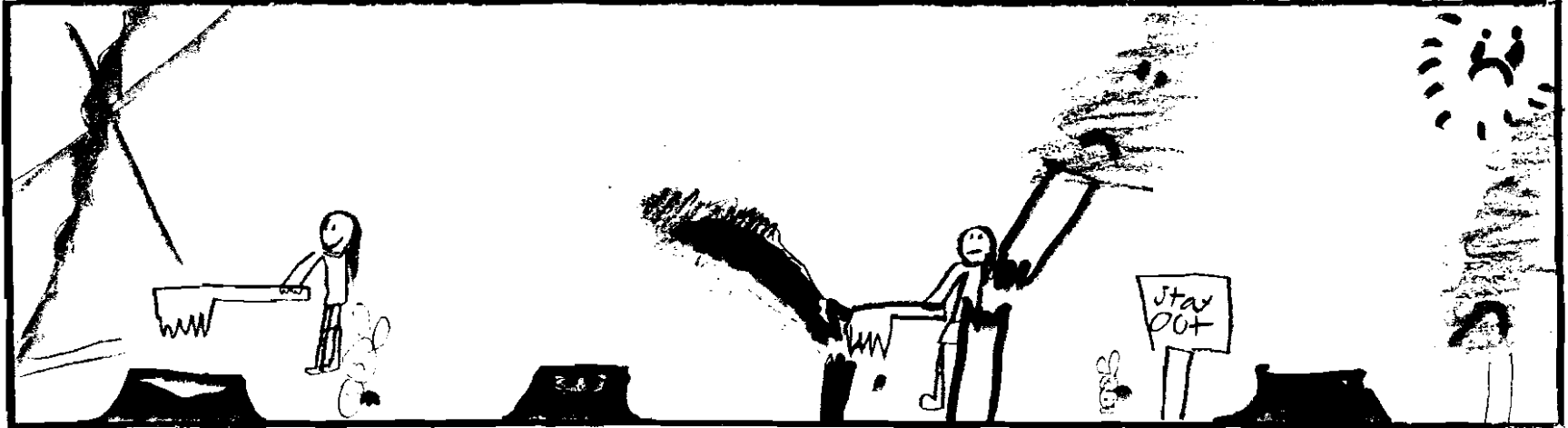
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Please don't destroy Winkler because
animals live there and trees.

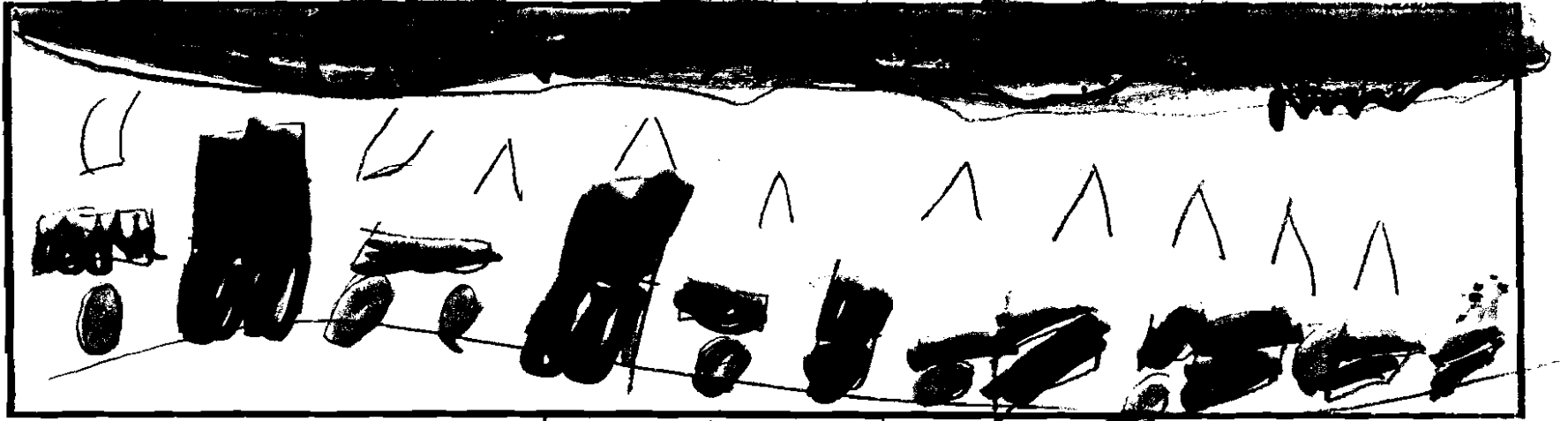
Name Olivia Tyler Gilbert

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Please don't destroy Winkler because it's really
fun and you just don't know nature do you know what
you are doing? Cutting down what you taught us
not to do. Breaking the law I think everybody in the whole
world is mad or even terrified that you're destroying the
environment that it is. If you're destroying trees and nature
than you're destroying the earth and the ~~blue sky~~ sky. So
don't do that. What is that's what I have to say. Back ->

Name Thomas Watsoul



Please don't destroy
Winkler because you will
kill the animals and
trees in Alexandria.

December 9, 2009

Dear Alexandria City Council,

My name is Lily Morton. I'm in the fourth grade at Mount Vernon Community School (MVCS). The decision to destroy part of the wildlife preserve, Winkler, will affect my whole school. Children 1st through 5th grades go there for learning field trips, and they love it. For some kids, Winkler is that 'special place' in their hearts. The place where they always find a little glow of happiness at the end of the tunnel. I love Winkler too! If you destroy Winkler, you destroy fun, learning field trips. You also destroy that spark of happiness at the end of the tunnel.

One of the reasons why Winkler shouldn't be cut down is that Winkler is a place where you learn. Kids who find learning boring will find it fun at Winkler. Even if you're only destroying 30%, that's still a lot. Some of it has already been destroyed to make room for some buildings. Now they want to "make room for" a highway. A highway. Right down the middle of Winkler. Who would want to go to Winkler when cars and trucks are going through it? Not me.

A second reason is that animals could lose their lives. Deer are very heavy animals, and they live in Winkler. Car accidents can happen if a highway, or

even just a small road, goes through Winkler. If a deer runs across the road, and you run into it in your car, it won't just hurt the deer, it will also hurt your car and maybe you. All the wildlife that lives in Winkler will perish. Tons of trees will be felled. Plants, all different kinds, tons of them, will be mowed down to become roads. If Winkler is mowed down, so will be all those happy feelings, all those happy moments. Winkler is a place of happiness. Happiness will be mowed down when Winkler is.

Your Friend,

Lily M.

Dear Alexandria City Council,

My name is Cobie Ray Johnson, and I am a fifth grader at Mount Vernon Community School. I definitely think that you should NOT build a highway ramp through Winkler Botanical Preserve.

Going to Winkler on field trips is a unique experience that can not be found in any other place in our city. Winkler is the biggest park devoted to nature in the whole of Alexandria! If you build a ramp through it, you destroy the preserve. Winkler is the location of numerous nature walks, field trips, tours, canoeing and a camp that many of my friends love.

Building a ramp will also destroy the homes of many animals. In fact, your construction tools have probably already driven many animals out of their homes because of the vibrations and noises. These animals have no where to go, and since this is a city there are many cars, the animals will most likely get run over. Why would you risk the lives of countless animals just to give a bunch of people an easier route to work?

Overall, I hope you understand my thoughts. My classmates and I would definitely be very disappointed if the preserve that had become

such an important think in or life was torn down to build a highway ramp. Thank you for taking the time to listen to what I have to say, and please take my points under consideration.

~Cobie Ray Johnson

Cobie Ray Johnson

Grade 5

Mount Vernon Community School

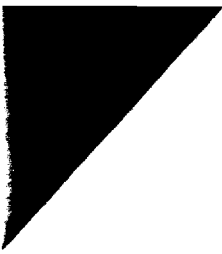
Alexandria, VA

Dear Alexandria City Council

My name is Matt Floyd and I care dearly about our environment and Winkler. I am a student at Mount Vernon Community School. I advise that you do not build a ramp over Winkler. Alexandria city public schools the community and I will be very disappointed in your decision if you decide to destroy Winkler.

Please do not destroy Winkler. Some of you may be parents of students who go to Winkler so you know what its like to have a child come home and say I saw a white tailed deer or red fox. That is exactly what I'm talking about this is the magic that is created at Winkler. All public schools in Alexandria go to Winkler for field trips. Learning first hand what it is to experiencing things like digging up worms and see how they work and live.

You are probably thinking you can dig up worms any where or see amazing animals in there natural habitat. The answer is no you can't. Winkler is also used for walking exercise. Winkler is also used for camp where you can go canoeing exploring climbing and moving your imagination to the biggest extent. It



really comes down to don't destroy Winkler we need
and love it. Please take my idea into consideration.

Respectfully

Matthew
Floyd

12/9/09

Dear Alexandria City Council,

I am a Fifth grade Student at

Mt. Vernon Community School

in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

I would like to express my

strong support for the

idea of putting up a ramp.

Winkler is a great place to

visit and learn about the

history of Alexandria, Virginia,

and I would like to see

it put up so that everyone

can see it. Winkler is a

great place to visit and

learn about the history of

Alexandria, Virginia.

Even though you say it is only 30%
of Winkler it will hurt many people.

Putting a ramp up will stop family
adventures. I want to be able to show
my children this wonderful place. I think
Winkler is a great place for family
adventures, field trips, and to stroll through
a green, beautiful place. Instead of hearing
"what is Winkler?" from my children,

I want to hear, "Let's go to
Winkler." I want this magical place to
be in thier hearts as well as mine.

Respectfull,

Lena Isabel Coleman

Lena Isabel Coleman

Thank you
Stephanie K
12/10/09

Dear City Council
Hello. My name is Stephanie Kozak. I'm in 5th grade and go to Howson Vernon Community School. Throughout the year we go to Winkler on field trips. My and lots of other kids really enjoy it. We always have lots of fun. I love Winkler and do not think that something so integral to nature and learning should be treated like this.

If you look on a map Winkler is just about the only green spot. If there is a highway through it we will not be able to report it. For us it's a unique and fun learning experience. Not only is it a great experience but it's also a great place to learn. I think that we might learn more at Winkler than a day in class. Not because they pile us on as you but because we learn while having fun. It's always a great experience when I go to Winkler.

I really don't want to have a highway through Winkler. Better don't build that. Winkler means so much to me. We always have fun and learn more. It's a great place to learn and have fun. We should protect Winkler. Don't build that.

12/9/09

Dear Alexandria City Council,

Please vote against the destruction of Winkler Botanical Preserve. Many things are great about Winkler. I love going there! I learn so many great things, and it's so beautiful! I would hate to see it go.

One of the many wonderful things about Winkler is the animals. From white tailed deer to Canada geese, Winkler has so many cute and cuddly animals!

But, think about this: Imagine a highway right smack in the middle of Winkler. A deer is eating an apple in the apple grove. Everything is peaceful [as it should remain] until the ground starts shaking. It feels as if an earthquake has gripped the earth. Loud honking horns is all the deer can hear. They become frightened, and is forced to leave.

If you put a highway in Winkler, all of its wondrous animals will leave along with the rest of its nature. Where will they go? Where is there another fit place for them to live in Alexandria? **There isn't one.** The deer will die, and so will the trees, flowers, and everything else that makes Winkler such a magical place to be.

It is a long school day. My teacher is talking, trying to put it through our minds that invertebrates don't have backbones. The heater is turned up too hot, and everything is so boring. I wish we could be out, doing fun hands-on activities. But ever since they put a highway in Winkler, we can't go there anymore.

The trips to Winkler were the only trips that had hands-on activities, the only trips that had little slide shows in the basement, and the only trips that I really enjoyed. Winkler is a science-based place. When we learned something new in Science, it was a great place to be. I remember when we would make pancakes and maple syrup, when we learned about tree sap. I remember having worked a course with tubes and metal balls when we learned about simple machines. I remember trying to lift people in swings when we learned about weight. I mostly remember the beauty of Winkler. But I might as well forget it all, because now there is nothing there but hard concrete and rocks. And I don't want to

Save Winkler! 12\9\09

Dear Alexandria City Council,

I just got to school and, and I'm really excited about the field trip my class is going to, Winkler. But when I get into my classroom, I hear my teacher say "Sorry kids, but the government cut down Winkler, so instead of a field trip, you're going to have to take a math test instead." My class erupts into a series of groans and wails. "Come on, do they want to make almost all of our field trips canceled," one student yells out. Think about this scene for a moment. Then think about this happening every time we have a field trip. You don't want this happening, do you?

One reason why you shouldn't make a highway ramp through Winkler is if you did, it would scare away all the animals that live there. Hundreds of animals live there, and they live there safely. How many other places like that are there in Alexandria? Are you sure you want to destroy these innocent animals' habitats?

Another reason why you shouldn't destroy Winkler is if you did, you would be helping to make us uneducated. Winkler is fun, and it helps us learn, too. Who doesn't like learning fun? Without stuff like that, learning is boring and dull. And that would make us not want to learn.

So, I'm sure you've been persuaded to not make a highway ramp through Winkler. It just wouldn't be fair!

Maria McCoy

HELP WINKLER!!!!!!

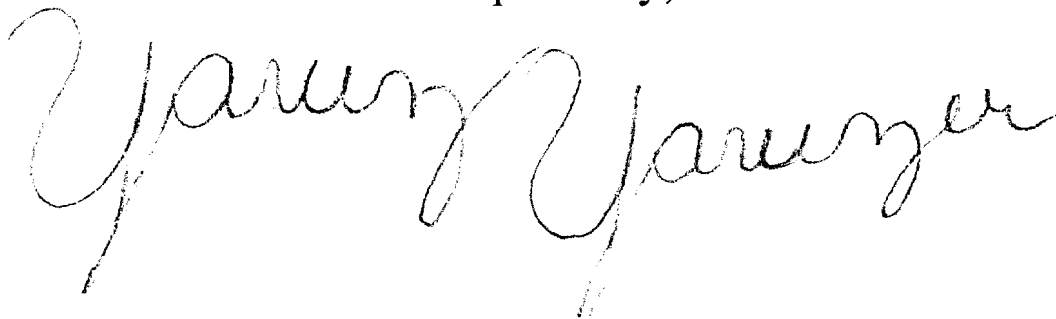
12-9-09

Dear Alexandria City Council,

Soon the Federal Government is going to knock out at least 30% of Winkler. I mean come on; they're going to take a chunk out of the biggest natural park around just to build an exit. There are thousands of animals at this wonderful habitat. If they knock out a piece there will be too much noise. And all of the animals will run away and not have any place to live.

Winkler is a wonderful place for kids to learn. And if they destroy it than the kids in the future will not be able to go there and learn about the nature. Plus you can't find wild animals, birds, and bugs. And it's so close it only takes 10 minutes to get there. And last it's free so anyone can go anytime. I hope you take consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yarusz Yaruszer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully," text.

Dear Alexandria City Council,

12/9/09

My name is Amanda Eisenhour. I am a concerned 5th Grade student at Mount Vernon Community School. I am writing this about the ramp being built through Winkler Botanical Preserve. I, along with my fellow students, oppose this proposal by the Government. This will destroy over 30% of the wonderful nature preserve.

Reasons Why Winkler is Great

- .Extremely great educational program
- .Only plot of pure nature of its size in Alexandria
- .Beautiful nature, of course
- .Diverse wildlife
- .Makes Memories for kids of all ages

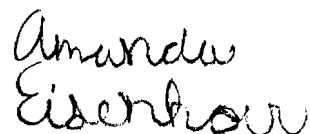
Reasons Why Winkler Should Not Be Plowed Down

- .The vibrations and noise will drive the animals away and will be killed
- .The animals running amuck will hurt humans
- . It will hurt the environment
- .People can take alternate routes
- .Memories will be crushed and learning experiences will be destroyed for future generations

I hope you take into consideration my letter in the Saturday hearing. Saving Winkler will be a decision for the greater good.

Sincerely,

Amanda Eisenhour



Dear Alexandria City Council,
Do not shut down Winkler. It is a
great place for kids to get some
exercise, fresh air, and learn. My classmates
and I love the cool things we see at
Winkler. Winkler teaches us about things
we don't know but interests us. Some people
shut down half of Winkler to build condos.
We need Winkler and all its plants
and trees so we can have fresh air.

Sincerely,
Margo Wagner

SAVE WINKLER

Wednesday, December 09, 2009

Dear Alexandria City Council,

I am Carter Rutherford from Mount Vernon Community School. I am in fourth grade and I love Winkler.

I know that there is a new building nearby. They want to build a ramp from Interstate 395 to that building. It will take up 30% of what they already have. Also, it could ruin homes of many animals and make lots of disturbing noise. It would also destroy the biggest and best park to go learn and play in Alexandria. I don't want that to happen.

Winkler is 44 acres. It is a pretty big park. I think it should stay that way. Animals live there. They could have already lost their home and moved there. They don't like having their home destroyed. So, let's not destroy their homes. The noise of the cars would be annoying to people and animals, too. It is an amazing park to go play and learn at. It is better if it remains the same so it has more animals and plants.

I hope that they don't build the ramp and do save Winkler. It would take up 30% of what they have, destroy animal's shelters, cause lot's of noise, and make the best park in Alexandria get smaller. We need to save Winkler!

Sincerely,

Carter Rutherford
Carter Rutherford

12-9-09

Dear Alexandria City Council,

Many others I and have learned that the Winkler preserve may be partially destroyed by a highway off ramp.

WHY???!!!!!!!!

To us students the Winkler preserve is...

Much better than being in class.

We are learning and having fun at the same time. It is the site of an incredible summer camp. It is unique in natural beauty and wildness.

Think about it, just how many places in the city are as wild as this? Free to go to and very easy to reach?


There is only 1 and that is Winkler. Now 30% is about to be destroyed by a road. Whose idea was this?

With that, I am counting on you to save Winkler!

Please!!

Respectfully,

Addison R Guynn

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Help / Us / Save / Winkler!

Dear Alexandria City Council,

"Everyone get in line. Today is the field trip to Winkler." As you near Winkler, you start getting really excited. "We're going to Winkler. We're going to Winkler. We're going to Winkler." That wonderful sentence keeps running through your mind. After learning a lot, having tons of fun, getting exercise, and being outside, you head back to school. "What a great day," you think. Cutting down part of Winkler is a bad idea.

Winkler is a great place to learn. I have learned a lot there, like the different kinds of clouds. If I didn't know that, my test score would have gone down like ~~that~~. Winkler lets us learn in a different way. We learned-but while having fun.

Winkler is a great place. If you cut it down, kids will be disappointed, animals would lose their homes; maybe even die. Cutting down 30% of Winkler, you might think it's not that much, but do it-you'll change your mind-you will see the difference. Please don't cut down Winkler!

Sincerely,
Camila Cardwell
Camila Cardwell

December 11, 2009

HELP SAVE WINKLER

Dear Alexandria City Council,

Winkler is a great place. They really should not destroy it, especially just to make a highway! We have tons of those, seriously! Everyone loves Winkler! We would dislike it very much if Winkler was shutdown and destroyed.

First thing is, Winkler is home to animals. So if you destroy Winkler the animals will leave and will most likely die, because they wouldn't have anywhere to live. I mean how many more parks with lots of trees are there in Alexandria? I can't think of any. It just wouldn't be fair.

Second thing is, people learn at Winkler. I know I've learned tons of things. So have many other kids. The people at Winkler make learning fun! They also allow you to actually do the things, instead of just watching or seeing how else you are doing it done. For my and many other people's opinion that isn't very fun.

Winkler is the best park I've ever been on for a field trip. It is probably many other people's favorite, too. So, please don't destroy Winkler!

Sincerely,
Grace Asch

12/9/09

Dear Alexandria City Council

Please don't destroy Winkler. I know you would only destroy 30% of Winkler. If you do that every 10 years it will add up. If you do that Winkler will be gone in a few years. We don't want that to happen.

You want kids to learn, right? I thought so. Kids learn a Winkler. If you destroy Winkler you destroy learning. That is something to think about.

Winkler is special to people. The owners dog is buried there. Wildlife lives happily there. Winkler is one of a kind! Please don't destroy it.

Winklers Friend,
Lila Drainer