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Godden appointed to council seat

Former Winters Police Chief Steve Godden was named as the appointee for the seat held by the late Robert Chapman at the Sept. 6 city council meeting. Godden was presented as the appointee following efforts made by Mayor Dan Martinez and Mayor Pro Tem Harold Anderson, who sought out interested and qualified community members to take the seat held by Chap-

man, who died on Aug. 9. Godden served as Winters Police Chief for 24 years, and retired in August 2004. He will serve as a city council member for the remainder of Chapman's term, which expires on June 6, 2006. A full report of the city council meeting at which the appointment took place will appear in next week's Express.

Study projects drop in school impact fees

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Declining enrollment and fewer students in new housing are driving down the amount Winters Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) can charge developers to mitigate the impact of new development on the local school system.

A draft school facility

needs analysis presented to WJUSD trustees on Sept. 1 shows that developer fees are likely to drop from \$3.16 per square foot for new single family homes to \$2.87 per square foot. The charge for commercial-industrial development is likely to remain at the current level of 36 cents per square foot,

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Every penny counts



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Jamie Garner (left) and Kelli O'Neil count pennies in Woody Fridae's fifth grade class at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. As part of their student leadership activities, Rominger students have put donation cans throughout their school to raise money in any denomination for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. When the fund-raising drive is over, the money will be donated to the Red Cross.

Student driving programs may crash

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

The probability is high that the student driver education and driver training programs operated by Winters Joint Unified School District will crash and burn sometime after the end of the current school year.

A proposal that district superintendent Dale Mitchell submitted to district trustees on Sept. 1 calls for ending one or both student driving programs after June 5, 2006 if the current instructors no longer continue, or in the case of driver training, when the 1992 Ford Tempo with 108,785 miles on it wears out. He said that the district does not have funds to replace the vehicle when it becomes obsolete.

State funding for behind-the-wheel driver training was eliminated in 1991. Students currently pay \$170 to cover cost of their training, which is taught by a community member. Driver education is offered as a zero period class at 7 a.m. and during the summer. It is taught by a retired teacher. Mitchell said that neither teacher can be expected to continue indefinitely.

As part of the justification for eventual elimination of the programs, Mitchell said that many private companies offer driver education and/or driving training programs and that these services are also available online.

School districts are not required to offer driver training, but education code does require them to offer driver education. Mitchell said that the requirement to offer driver education is not being enforced by the California Department of Education and that many districts do

Regalare opens on Main Street

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

The name Regalare means "to give a gift" in Italian. Regalare, the new home décor/gift shop at 11 Main Street, is as pretty and welcoming as a gift-wrapped package itself. With warm, golden walls and antique furniture as a back drop to the varied merchandise, Regalare invites shoppers to come in and look around.

Partners Julie Fuller and Lanette McClure say they had wanted to open a business together for years. Three years ago Julie and her husband, Chamber of Commerce Director Dan Maguire, moved their family to Winters thinking they would eventually move on. But, after two or three months "we knew we were not

moving anywhere."

She says opening the business is not just the realization of the dream she shared with McClure, but a result of "wanting to be even more a part of the community."

Regalare offers home décor such as vases, decorative pottery, glassware, mirrors, candles and candleholders, copper pieces, kitchen ware, soaps and stationery. They also have a selection of baby gifts, including baby blankets made in Austria, hand painted nursery accents and hats.

Fuller says she and McClure were inspired to offer a variety of interesting items by McClure's mother, whom she called "an eccentric and eclectic person." Items from her estate and ideas from a trip to Italy influenced them as they created indi-

vidual collections to offer their customers. They also kept the colors and feel of Italy in mind as they painted and decorated the shop.

In an attempt not to offer cookie cutter merchandise that can be purchased at any gift store, Fuller and McClure tried to purchase their stock from smaller vendors, putting together their own displays rather than showing prefabricated collections.

Fuller says the response to the shop from customers and visitors has been fabulous, with lots of positive feedback on the colors and mix of merchandise.

Although she and McClure both have what they call "day jobs," they look forward to the day when



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Lanette McClure (left) and Julie Fuller opened their new shop, Regalare, on downtown Main Street recently.

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County issues health advisory for creek

The Yolo County Health Department has issued a health advisory urging users of Putah Creek to avoid recreational uses on the creek. The advisory recommends that fishing, swimming or water contact be avoided downstream of the city of Winters, including the Davis area. The warning follows investigation of a sewage spill that occurred in Winters last week, discharging an estimated 1,400 gallons of

untreated sewage into the creek.

"Water samples from the creek approximately one mile downstream of the spill indicated that water quality has been compromised. Additional sampling and monitoring are being conducted downstream to help us determine how far downstream the creek has been impacted and when the water quality will return to safe levels," said Bruce Sarazin, interim direc-

tor of Yolo County Environmental Health.

The health department ordered the city of Winters Thursday to post warning signs along the creek from Winters to Davis until the department can determine that no health concerns are posed by the creek. The city has also been directed to conduct additional downstream monitoring until water quality improves. In the meantime,

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Borchard wins grid contest

Joseph A. Borchard picked 21 out of 28 games correctly to win the \$30 first prize in the first Winters Merchants Football Contest of the season.

Jack Graf won the \$15 second prize with 18 correct picks. James Jordan also had 18 right, but Graf won on the basis of the tie-breaker score of the Florida State-Miami game. There were 17 points scored in that game, with Graf picking 45 and Jordan selecting 48. Another contest is in today's Express.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Aug. 31		98	63
Sept. 1		102	61
Sept. 2		98	56
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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

THERE'S SO MUCH to be disgusted about in our government's inability to respond in a timely manner to the Hurricane Katrina catastrophe, it's hard to know where to begin. So, I'm going to focus on shirtsleeves. As I watched George W. Bush on television Friday — four days later!!! — safe, sound and dry in a warehouse with the governor of Mississippi, it turned my stomach to watch him standing there with his shirtsleeves rolled up as if he was actually going to pitch in and help. No, Bush didn't leave the warehouse and wade through water to save a child or start clearing debris. He just listened quietly to the governor, his brow furrowed in "concern." I'm sure that concern was really panic. He was probably frantically wondering 1) how "Freedom's on the March!" would bail him out of this mess and, 2) "Uncle Dick! What do I do now???"

Seeing Bush with his rolled-up shirtsleeves in mock exertion as thousands of people were, at that very moment, without food, water and restroom facilities in New Orleans was positively nauseating. The man is a complete failure as a leader during times of crisis. When the Twin Towers were in flames and crumbling in Manhattan, Bush continued reading "My Pet Goat" to schoolchildren until someone stepped in and told him what to do next. In the case of Hurricane Katrina, Bush continued on his California tour to promote the war in Iraq instead of dropping everything and rushing to Louisiana because he had absolutely no idea how to deal with the immense crisis that had fallen squarely in his lap. It was "My Pet Goat" all over again.

This is our leader. I am ashamed of him to my core, now more so than ever. Watching the sickening media display of Bush feigning concern in Mississippi made me think of another leader, right here in Winters, when we were faced with a crisis of our own. It was January 1995, and during a torrential downpour, Moody Slough and Chickahominy Slough both spilled their banks and sent a sheet of water toward Winters. The storm drain system was overwhelmed, and Almond Drive and Orchard Lane both flooded, with several homes taking on water. I happened to live right behind the Almond Orchard development at the time, and rushed over to see what I could do to help.

About that time, our mayor, Bob Chapman, arrived on the scene. It wasn't that late in the evening, and he'd just come from a meeting. As always, Bob was impeccably dressed and that particular night, in addition to his neatly-pressed suit, he was wearing a fine, tailored overcoat. I watched him stride out into the water up to his hips, and start pitching in. There was sandbagging to do, elderly residents to check on, and frayed nerves to soothe. Bob jumped right in and got to work.

Years later, when I interviewed Bob for his Citizen of the Year award, we talked about that night and I told him that the memory of how he responded that night stuck with me after all those years. I also commented about his ruined overcoat. He told me he never gave the overcoat a second thought at the time, but later on hoped that maybe the dry cleaners could salvage it. Miracle of miracles, our local dry cleaner got all the muck and mud out of the coat's fibers, and it was almost as good as new. Bob said when he went to pick up his coat and pay the bill, the owner of the dry cleaning shop held up his hand and said, "No charge." Someone had told him how Bob's coat had gotten soiled.

"That's Winters," Bob said quietly.

Yes, that was, and is, Winters. We had an immediate crisis, we could've been underwater, people's lives could have been in danger, and nobody stopped to worry about who was supposed to do what. People learned of the emergency, raced to the scene and pitched in. And our leader, our mayor, was right there with us, hip deep in water. He didn't worry about the ramifications, or how things might look, or whose job it was to fill the sandbags. He saw an emergency in his community and he didn't hesitate to get in there and get to work.

Moreover, Bob didn't stand on the sidelines the next day, warm and dry, his shirtsleeves rolled up for the camera, spitting out a few trite quotes about how the Almond Orchard subdivision will be good as new someday, while all those affected by the flood scraped mud from their floors and started tearing up waterlogged drywall.

Rolling up your shirtsleeves means more than mugging for the media. I expect my leaders to roll up their shirtsleeves for real in a time of crisis. Get in there and get it done. It doesn't matter what you do as much as it matters that you show up and start doing something. George W. Bush did neither. He could have learned a thing or two from Bob Chapman.



LETTERS

Athletes deserve honor

Dear Editor,

We are new residents to the Winters community. However, our family ties to Winters go back a long way. I was reading the Sept. 1 Winters Express and couldn't help but read the letter from Richard Haywood, "Where did all the trophies go?" I would gladly offer my time helping to put the trophies back where they truly belong, at Winters High School.

I am the aunt of Doug Baldridge. Doug's mother Irene still lives here in Winters but within the past two years more of Doug's family has moved here.

Doug was a great athlete and his legacy is continuing here at Winters High. In the same paper as the article written by Mr. Haywood, is another athlete following in Doug's steps. On page B-1 is a picture and article about Caitlin Calvert and her softball pitching abilities. She was named athlete of the week and it just so happens she is a cousin to Doug Baldridge. I should say second cousin, as her mother Traci Calvert is

Doug's cousin. But here again we seem to be seeing another good athlete at Winters High and how odd it is that Caitlin and Doug come from the same family tree.

I would like to say, that as Doug's aunt he was not only a great athlete but also a wonderful son and nephew. Doug was much more than just great at athletics, he was a nice guy. I want you all to know that as Caitlin's grandmother, she is more than just a great athlete. Caitlin is an honor student and a wonderful young lady.

I was proud of Doug for many things and I am proud of Caitlin for being the granddaughter she is. Look out Winters High School as Caitlin has a younger brother Austin and he too is a good athlete.

Yes, the trophies need to be back at school and yes the scholarship needs to be promoted and our family is more than willing and happy to help out in any way we can.

Thank you for letting me brag!

PEGGY "NEVA" KELLEY

WPNS plans community event

Dear Editor,

Winters Parent Nursery School (WPNS) is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. We would like to continue serving the local children for another 30 years but we need our community's help. Our first fund-raiser of the year, the annual Children's Festival, is slated for Saturday, Oct. 1, at City Park.

WPNS currently seeks

monetary donations to help us create a fun and successful event. If anyone would like to donate, please mail contributions to: Winters Parent Nursery School, 208 Fourth St., Winters, CA, 95694.

For more information, please call 795-4659. The staff, parents and children of WPNS thank you for your support.

2005 CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

To think or not to think, they say

Dear Editor,

Point/counterpoint. Here are two newspaper articles that appeared on almost the same day last month.

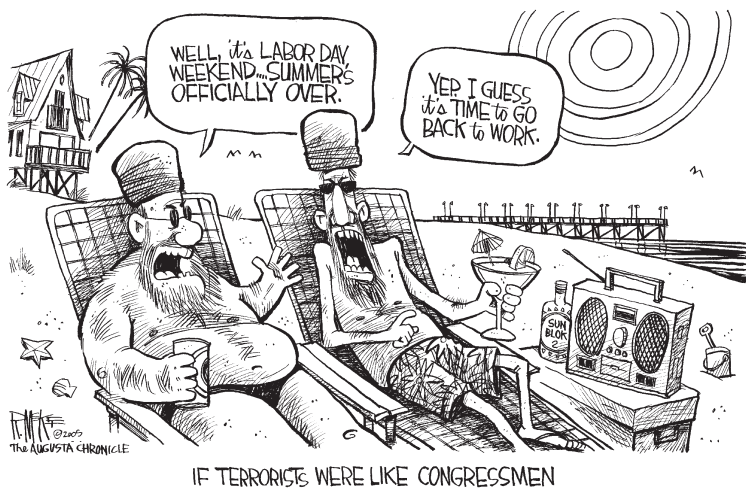
1. Cologne, Germany. New pope celebrates, cautions the young. The caution? Don't pick and choose. "Religion constructed on a do-it-yourself basis cannot help us in the end."

2. Boulder, Colorado. Let your mind be your guide. This article talked about religious interpretation, including that of

the pope and various Muslim commentators. "The problem is that most people in today's world still search for others to tell them what to think, what to do, whom to kill." And, finally, "The world needs more people with the courage to think for themselves, to seek the truth within their own hearts and minds. Isn't that where the Kingdom of Heaven was said to be found?"

To use our reason or not. What do you think?

ED DAWKINS



The deadline for submitting Letters to the Editor is Monday at noon



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

A GOOD CHUCKLE. With all of the depressing news of late, you might want to take a look at the new intersection at East Main and Elliot Street. John Siracusa has done a great job remodeling the old fruit sheds and school on his property on Railroad and Main. And his just-finished parking lot looks like a first class parking lot. I like the diagonal parking on Main Street, and I can almost understand the stop sign on East Main. The stop sign must be in anticipation of the new city parking lot being built where the co-op used to be. What makes you shake your head is the turn lane from East Main to Elliot Street.

There are intersections in town that could use a turn lane, but there isn't anybody home on Elliot Street. Elliot Street is only a block long heading north and a block heading south, so even the stop sign makes you furrow your brow. It's worth a walk downtown to take a look.

Speaking of walking. How much are you willing to pay for gas before you start walking to work or the corner store? For me it was \$.78 a gallon in 1974. In Redding I saw signs for \$3.39 and I'm sure if I looked a little harder I'd see signs for over \$3.50.

One of the firsts things you notice in England is the size of the automobiles. They are small, and I'm not talking Ford Escorts, I'm talking smaller. Gas in England was about \$7.00 per gallon, but I'm sure the gas companies used the disaster in Louisiana to raise prices worldwide.

If you thought the electric providers took advantage of us a few years ago, and are still reaping the benefits, they don't hold a candle to the gas companies. You can change your lifestyle, or just grumble and pay. Your choice.

I've noticed that I'm riding my bicycle more often and my motorcycle as often as possible. Harleys get about 50 miles per gallon and if you buy a small scooter you can get almost 100 miles per gallon. For most of us our commute isn't that far. Davis, Vacaville and Woodland are easy commutes with a motorized bike of any kind. Beside being fun, you'd be saving yourself money, and sticking it to the oil companies. If the bus schedule fits your schedule, it might be time to consider riding the bus or car pooling.

The economy might take a big hit, but if gas hits \$5.00 a gallon, it might not be the worst that could happen. People would surely change their ways, and auto manufacturers would seriously look into making and marketing alternative fuel vehicles.

I've been on the photovoltaic (PV) bandwagon for quite a while now, and with the price of fuel raising faster than housing, our electric bills won't be far behind. Imagine not having a PG&E bill for the rest of your life. What is that worth in just plain personal satisfaction? Would you consider solar panels if they would pay for themselves in 5 to 10 years?

The city is requiring a developer to put PV systems in 20 percent of his new homes. Why not 100 percent? Developers may argue that it raises the price of homes and makes building affordable homes impossible. Bunk. If a PV system adds \$10,000 to a \$400,000 house I don't see the problem, especially when the system starts paying for itself the day you turn it on.

I hope I live to see the day when electric cars will make a comeback and I can re-charge the vehicle from my solar panels. With my free hand, I'll give a nice wave to the oil companies.

Have a good week.

Loving life in Flagstaff, Arizona

Dear Charley,

Well, I just got my second Winters Express via e-mail. I love it. I've told both my sisters about it and they are going to sign up also, if they already haven't.

Now that I'm retired and living in Flagstaff, Arizona, I miss all the friends and relatives I have in Winters and the surrounding area. I do come into Winters every once in a while, but the trips are too short and I don't get to see everybody I would like to. So, I make my rounds and try to see different people each time I come home. I still call Winters my home and will never relinquish that.

My wife Linda and I live on 2.5 acres just outside of

Flagstaff with our three dogs and a new horse. We have been busy getting the place fixed up and we just love it here. There is so much to do around Flag, it's like living in a vacation spot all year round. The Grand Canyon is an hour away, Sedona is only 30 minutes away, and we don't have the heat of the Phoenix area. For riding our Harley, there are so many beautiful endless roads it's amazing.

Again, thank you for the email Express and this is an invitation for anybody from Winters to come up to Flagstaff for a visit. We have a large home with plenty of room.

BOB and LINDA CARRION

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The Winters Express encourages readers to submit letters of general interest to the Winters community.

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

Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694.

We will also accept letters by e-mail. Our e-mail address is

news@wintersexpress.com

Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use all capital letters.

We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

Letters must be legibly signed by the writer. However, we may withhold writers' names from publication if there is a legitimate reason, such as fear of reprisal.

Vacancies on county boards announced

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is currently seeking applications to fill vacancies on the following boards:

~ One vacancy from District 5 (Woodland and outlying areas) on the Yolo County Airport Development Advisory Committee. The airport advisory committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Board as to matters concerning the Yolo County Airport area of influence as defined in the County Airport comprehensive Land Use Plan. Applicants must live in the District in order to serve on this committee.

~ Five openings on the Commission on Aging and Adult Services. The new members would represent District 1 (West Sacramento); District 3 (Woodland); District 5 (Woodland and outlying areas) and a member each from Woodland and West Sacramento Aging Commissions.

~ Two vacancies on the Community Services Action Board. The following positions are available; one to represent District 4 (Davis) and one to represent District 5 (Woodland and Outlying areas). This is an advisory board which gives advice and recommendations to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on employment and social services issues and needs, and the provision of services to meet those needs of residents of Yolo County.

~ Three vacancies on the Developmental Disabilities Committee: two vacancies are for professional disciplines serving the developmentally disabled and one is a vacancy for a member of the Area Three Developmental Disabilities Program Board. The duties of this committee include reviewing the County's de-

velopmental disabilities needs and the adequacy of providers and facilities to meet those needs.

~ Three at-large positions for the Diversity Advisory Committee. Individuals with a particular interest in disability awareness are encouraged to apply. The duties of this committee are to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Officer, and the County departments advising on ways to create and enhance Diversity in County programs, services, and policies; and to ensure equal employment opportunities in recruitment, examinations, and staff development for all applicants and employees of the County.

~ One opening for the Emergency Medical Care Committee. Applicants are those interested in serving as a representative in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County. The duties and responsibilities of the Emergency Medical Care Committee include: an annual review of ambulance services within Yolo County, emergency medical care in the County, including CPR and respiratory training programs, and First Aid practices.

~ Seven vacancies on the Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee for persons who will represent District 1 (Clarksburg and West Sacramento), District 2 (Davis), District 3 (Woodland), District 4 (Davis) and 5 (Woodland and outlying areas). The duties and responsibilities of the Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee are to participate in the planning and on-going maintenance of Yolo County's General Plan, to review housing grants, projects

and programs, to work with organizations of a similar manner and with the Board of Supervisors, and the study of housing is done to improve the housing community. Membership lasts for three years.

~ Three vacancies on the Housing Code Advisory and Appeals Board for a registered architect or engineer, a person skilled in building trades and a representative of District 4 (Davis). The duties and responsibilities of the Housing Code Advisory & Appeals Board are to hear appeals, propose new ordinance or amendments to the Housing Code, and with advice of the of the Building Official, promulgate written rules and regulations pertaining to the enforcement and implementation of the Housing Code.

~ Two openings on the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee. The position is for someone to represent District 3 (Woodland) and a person to represent the at-large position. Applicants shall be residents of Yolo County who are current or past users of personal assistance services paid for through public or private funds or as recipients of In-Home Supportive Services.

~ Two vacancies on the Local Mental Health Board to represent District 3 (Woodland) or District 5 (Woodland and outlying areas). The duties and responsibilities of the Mental Health Board are to review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services and special needs.

~ One vacancy on the Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a school health representative, one for a Health Professional representative and one to represent existing local

groups, if any, advisory to maternal child and adolescent health programs in the County.

~ Two positions for the Rolling Acres Permanent Road Division. Applicants must live in the District in order to serve on the board.

~ Three vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Committee. The vacancies are a representative of the Yolo County Transit Authority, a resident of District 1 (West Sacramento), District 4 (Davis) and District 5 (Woodland and outlying areas). The duties include advising on the county road and bridge problems, bike paths and cycling, and to assure that all systems are compatible.

~ Two vacancies on the Waste Advisory Committee. The vacancies are for a representative of an environmental organization who, to the extent possible, have expertise concerning aspects of integrated waste management planning, including, but not limited to, engineering, geology, and water quality and a member of the public.

~ The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is currently seeking applications from individuals to serve on the Yolo County Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel. The purpose of the Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel shall be to conduct hearings required by the California Integrated Waste Management Act.

~ Applications may be obtained by contacting the Yolo County Board of Supervisors' Office, 625 Court Street, Room 204, Woodland, CA 95695 or call (530) 666-8195 or from our website at www.yolo-county.org.

Youth Day theme sought

The Winters Youth Day Committee is holding the annual Youth Day Theme Contest for the 70th Anniversary Celebration in April 2006. The theme must be somewhat brief, as it will be used on floats and advertisements, and must include the word "youth."

A prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winning theme. Submit entries to Youth Day Theme Contest, P.O. Box 807, Winters, CA 95694. Entries will be accepted until Sept. 16.

Custody, visitation mediation offered at Yolo Superior Court

Do you have an upcoming Yolo Superior Court date concerning custody and visitation rights? Do you want to spend less time in court and maybe even avoid a court hearing altogether?

The Yolo Superior Court will hold Family Law Mediation Orientation sessions on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. The sessions will be led by one of the Court's Family Law mediators and will be held in Room 202 of the

Yolo County Courthouse, 725 Court Street, Woodland.

At the orientation session you will have a chance to learn more about the mediation process, get help in making your own agreed upon parenting plan, and get assistance from the Family Law Facilitator without having to wait in line.

For more information, call Peter Sapunor, Family Law Facilitator, 406-6794 or Lyn Lamoure, 406-6785.

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Annual meeting focuses on conservation

The USDA Service Center in Woodland will hold its annual Local Conservation Stakeholders Group meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Yolo County Farm Bureau, 69 W. Kentucky Avenue in Woodland. Local farmers, ranchers, agency representatives, tribal members, environmental and agricultural groups, and interested members of the public may attend.

Convened by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District, the locally led conservation effort is the foundation of the USDA conservation program delivery process. The USDA local work group supports USDA's locally led conservation effort by coordinating

USDA programs with other federal, state, tribal and local conservation programs to work singly and in combination to provide an integrated solution to addressing natural resource concerns.

The USDA local conservation stakeholder's role is to develop a conservation needs assessment so that USDA programs and priorities can be tailored to address the natural resource concerns here in Yolo County.

An especially interesting agenda item is that Yolo County has been chosen by the Natural Resources Conservation Service to serve as a pilot program for signing up landowners for conservation plans on their properties. The USDA NRCS is

not a regulatory agency, but a conservation plan will help enable landowners to meet the challenges of regulations that deal with endangered species and water quality. Signing up for a conservation plan is strictly voluntary. A landowner can get a start on writing his/her own conservation plan by looking at the publication, Conservation Planning on Your Land, which can be found online at <http://www.review.sc.egov.usda.gov/ca/news/publications/>.

Applications for conservation plans will be taken at the Stakeholders Group meeting on Sept. 21.

For more information, call Phil Hogan, district conservationist, 662-2037, extension 111.

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Community

BITS&PIECES

Library Committee to meet

The public is invited to attend a library planning meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, at the Winters Library, 201 First Street, at 7:30 p.m. to review potential funding sources and consider a recommendation to proceed with the design phases for the proposed 11,800 square foot joint-use library to be located on the Winters High School campus.

For more information, call Sandy Briggs, 666-8005.

Vigil to be held Sept. 11

A candlelight vigil will be held at Winters High School on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. in remembrance of the victims of September 11. Community members are invited to attend and bring candles.

For more information, contact Kimberly Rolls, 787-1863 or heavenlyrebel_22@hotmail.com

King artwork on display

The Sutter Davis Hospital Auxiliary has an art exhibit of over 40 paintings on display. The featured artist for the months of September through November is Mary Neri King, former Winters School District art teacher.

All items are for sale with a portion going to the auxiliary for its scholarship fund. Stop at the hospital information desk for directions to the display.

Make change for hurricane victims

Wondering what to do with all that spare change in your top drawer or ashtray of your car? Give it away! That's right, "Make Change for Hurricane Katrina." The kids ministry of Discovery Worship Center (formerly New Life Family Church) is collecting as much change as they can get their little hands on so they can send it to relief aid for the hurricane victims in the gulf states.

"All those precious pennies, nickels dimes and quarters add up'," says Kim Calderone, children's pastor of Discovery Worship Center. "All that cash is just lying under your

sofa, the washing machine and in your pockets doing nothing anyway. Why not Make Change for Hurricane Katrina? It adds up fast, and together we really can make a difference."

Those who wish to contribute may drop their donations off in person at 315 Edwards Street or call the church at 795-2687 to arrange for a pickup. An account is being set up by Discovery Worship Center at First Northern Bank under "Make Change for Hurricane Katrina" and contributors can go to the bank in person to make donations.

Homeowner, renter assistance available

Homeowner and renter claim form assistance is offered to Winters residents through the Homeowner and Renter Assistance (HRA) volunteer program sponsored by the Franchise Tax Board.

Residents are eligible for assistance if their household income for the last year was \$39,699 or less, including Social Security and other tax exempt income; and they are 62 years old or older, blind or disabled; and they are a United States citizen, designated alien or qualified alien when they file the claim; and they owned or occupied their home or mobile home on Dec. 31, 2004; or they paid at least \$50 rent each month.

Help with preparation of claim forms is available on Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Sher-

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Putah Creek Road at Wintu Way, mutual aid to Solano County for vehicle accident.

400 block of Abbey Street, medical aid to a person with back pain.

East Grant Avenue, vehicle accident, motorcyclist down.

Amnesty program ongoing

Residents in Winters have a chance to bring their unpermitted improvements and constructions into compliance with the state building code by participating in the Amnesty 2005 building permit program.

The California Building Code requires an investigation fee to be charged in addition to the permit fee whenever any work for which a permit is required is begun without the homeowner/builder obtaining a permit. Residents who

have knowledge that they, or anyone else, has done work on their property without obtaining the proper building permits can take advantage of this chance to save the cost of investigation fees.

Through Amnesty 2005, the investigation fees will be waived between now and June 30, 2006. After June 30, 2006, the investigation fee will be strictly enforced, at double the required building permit fee.

All property owners who submit a building

permit application prior to June 30, 2006 qualify for this amnesty program. The work may be done as an owner/builder or by a licensed contractor.

The city of Winters has approved this program to actively promote safety, improved neighborhoods, increased property values and better living conditions.

Contact the city of Winters Building Department at 795-3586, ext. 117, for assistance. Ask for Gene Ashdown, Chief Building Inspector.

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FIRE

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fire.

3000 block of Digger Pine Ridge, medical aid to Solano County for a person who fell down.

Sept. 2

Northbound Interstate 505 at State Highway 128, medical aid, unable to locate vehicle.

County Road 34, Gold-

en Bear, investigation of smoke seen in area.

Putah Creek Road at Wintu Way, mutual aid to Solano County for vehicle accident.

Sept. 3

400 block of Abbey Street, medical aid to a person with back pain.

Sept. 4

East Grant Avenue, vehicle accident, motorcyclist down.

DRIVING

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not offer it. Trustees had no comment on the proposal. They will be asked to consider approving the superintendent's recommendations at their Sept. 15 meeting.

Other items

Board chair Jay Shepherd administered the oath of office to Judy Arce, a Winters High School senior who will serve as this year's student board member. They also welcomed several new teachers and recognized Wolfskill student Ana Fernandez for her hard work and commitment to being a model student at Wolfskill. Maria Fernandez, Ana's mother, also was recognized for the volunteer support she has given to Wolfskill staff and students.

Trustees approved a maternity leave for Winters Middle School math teacher Alma Picazo Pizano and medical leave for Waggoner/Rominger counselor Esteban Montano.

The next board meeting for Winters Joint Unified School District will be at 6 p.m. on Sept. 15 at Winters Middle School.

REGALARE

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they can live and work in Winters.

"I really believe in this downtown," says Fuller, who believes Winters is "on the edge of developing a quaint, historic downtown that people are going to want to visit."

And visit they have. Regalare has been open since the first of August and has already welcomed visitors from San Jose, Chico, Redding, and even Texas and Florida.

Store hours are Thursday and Friday, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. For more information, call 795-9000.

CREEK

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the department is warning against water contact activities including swimming, wading, bathing, boating and fishing in the creek until it is determined to be safe.

There are currently no estimates of how long it will take the creek to recover, but due to the very low water flows in the creek this time of year, it may take several days to weeks.

The spill occurred Monday, Aug. 29, when a contractor accidentally ruptured a city of Winters sewage line. An estimated 1,400 gallons of sewage entered the city's storm water system that then discharged the sewage into the creek. The Health Advisory was issued Friday in response to initial tests indicating water quality degradation near the Interstate 505 over-crossing, about one mile downstream of the storm water discharge location. The Health Advisory will remain in effect until sampling indicates water that quality has improved to safe levels.

FEES

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however.

The facilities needs analysis developed for the school district by Government Financial Strategies, a consulting firm, shows that the district can accommodate 221 more students in grades K-6 before additional facilities will be needed. However, facilities for students in grades 7-8 and 9-12 are operating at capacity, suggesting that any developer fee decrease may be short-lived.

The study shows that new development slated for Winters over the next five years will produce 567 more students for the school system — 315 in

grades K-6, 86 in grades 7-8, and 166 in grades 9-12. The increase would use up current capacity and require space for 346 more students.

Trustees expressed concern about having to decrease fees.

"We will be losing a lot of money if 1,000 permits are pulled next year," trustee Russ Lester commented, adding that he did not agree with the methodology used to determine number of students generated by new housing. That rate is currently based on housing built in Woodland over the last five years. The district had previously based student growth projections on housing built in Dixon, and trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa questioned

whether they might get a higher student growth number if they used used Dixon statistics instead of those from Woodland in the current study.

Trustee Jay Shepherd noted that the fees are intended to cover only 50 percent of the cost of new facilities and that they really don't even cover that much.

District superintendent Dale Mitchell said that it would be hard to justify charging developers more when the district currently has capacity for new students.

The draft facilities document is available for public review and comment at the WJUSD office. It will be presented to trustees for approval at their Nov. 17 meeting.

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Entertainment

Annual Farm City Harvest Banquet takes place Oct. 27

“Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field.” Dwight D. Eisenhower had it right when he observed that the rural and urban sectors of our population had increasingly less in common with one another. However, in Woodland, a very special event occurs each year that helps to heighten the public's awareness of agriculture.

This year's Farm-City Harvest Banquet, the 38th annual, is hosted by the Woodland Chamber of Commerce and supported by the Yolo County Farm Bureau, and will take place Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. According to Kristy Wright, chief executive officer of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce, tickets will be priced at \$30 prior to Oct. 14, and will be \$35 after that date.

The reception begins at 4:30 p.m., and will feature challenging games to test agriculture knowledge. There is no additional charge to play the games.

Dinner will be served in Waite Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The Yolo Federal Credit Union will donate the wine glasses. The Kiwanis Club of Woodland will provide and set the decorations. Future Farmers of America will serve the dinner to the guests, which have numbered close to 700 for each of the last several decades.

Award presentations will be made to the Agri-Business Person of 2005, the Outstanding Young Farmer of Yolo County, and the Future Farmer of America. Winners of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce's scholarship award will also be announced, as well as the Regnar and Beverly Paulsen Foundation scholarship.

Prime rib or Branigan's turkey steak dinner will be served. Numerous prizes can also be had, including a Grand Prize that has never failed to surprise and delight the audience as the evening comes to a close.

For tickets, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 662-7327, or the Yolo County Farm Bureau, 662-6316.

Heave, ho!



Courtesy photo

The Dixon Scottish Highland Games return to the Dixon Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. General admission is \$8, \$6 for seniors and youth ages 9-17. Children under 9 are free. The event includes traditional Scottish athletic competition, food and entertainment.

Food and drink match the season at local Oktoberfest benefit

The founders and organizers of the West Coast Brew Fest which just had it's sixth and most successful event in May, announced today a new event for the beer lovers of Sacramento County and beyond - the FAIR OAKS'toberfest to be held on Sept. 24 in Fair Oaks ark. The event will benefit the Fair Oaks Recreation Foundation which creates recreational programs for

youth and other Fair Oaks area residents.

According to Matson Breakey, co-founder and marketing director, "the Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District heard about the success of our famous West Coast Brew Fest in Sacramento's Miller Park and asked if we would be interested in bringing a similar event to their community. Of course, we were happy to work with

them on a new, seasonal concept."

Like the West Coast Brew Fest the event will feature unlimited tasting of over 50 types of beers, great seasonal foods available from local vendors, and of course, live music and dancing.

Oktoberfests are well known around the world for celebrating great beers of the season and the organizers of the FAIR

OAKS'toberfest promise not to disappoint. "While we don't expect to keep with a traditional Germanic theme, we do plan to have great foods and beers to match the season," said Matson.

With breweries represented from all over the world, the event promises to be the next great success for Sacramento's self appointed Brew Fest Kings.

Saturday in the Park features art in Vacaville

Bring your blanket or chair and enjoy art and a gourmet picnic lunch under the trees at historic Andrews Park on Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., where artists will be creating new works and demonstrating their talents. There will be art demos and sales by Vacav-

ille Art League members, music, a Plein Air Art Competition and silent art auction. Gourmet picnic lunches prepared by Nugget Markets and wine by the glass from Ledge-wood Creek of Suisun Valley will be available.

Tickets must be purchased in advance for the

picnic lunch. Tickets are \$8 before Sept. 26 and \$10 after Sept. 26. For tickets or more information, call (707) 448-8712 or visit the Vacaville Art Gallery, 718 E. Monte Vista, Vacaville, from Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m.

The event is free to the public.

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Auditions planned

The Winters Theatre Company will hold auditions at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, and Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Winters Community Center for its holiday production of "A Christmas Story."

The play is about Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in the mid-west of the 1940s and follows 9-year old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas.

The cast requires five young males and two females approximately the same age as Ralphie. One male can be slightly older. Also required for the cast are adults to play Ralphie's mother, his father, a female school teacher, and Santa Claus.

The auditions will consist of cold readings from the script of "A Christmas Story" and will be available at that time.

Rehearsals will start in October and the production will be staged for three weekends from Nov. 18 through Dec. 3. For more information, contact Howard Hupe, 756-6187, after Sept. 12.



Coming up

Thurs 9/8- Sticky Vikki & the Pinecones w/
special guest Albert Lee
Fri 9/9-Billy Joe Shaver-Texas honky-tonk legend
Sat 9/10-Andy M. Stewart & Gerry O'Beirne
Scottish acoustic duo



Writer to speak on catastrophic earthquakes of the early 1800s

Jay Feldman, a widely published freelance writer, whose work has appeared in Smithsonian magazine, Newsweek, Sports Illustrated, The New York Times, and Gourmet, will speak at the Winters Library on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The free talk is the first event of the Fall Speaker Series sponsored by Winters Friends of the Library. The library is located at 201 First Street, at the corner of First and Russell streets.

Feldman's new book, "When the Mississippi Ran Backwards: Empire, Intrigue, Murder, and the New Madrid Earthquakes," is the critically acclaimed story of the greatest series of earthquakes in the history of the United States, of the people caught up in them, and of the upheaval they caused. The book sheds light on the pivotal period between the Revolutionary and Civil wars.

Between December 16, 1811, and late April, 1812, the Mississippi River Valley was rocked by a chain of catastrophic earthquakes. A million-and-a-half square miles were affected as the earth was in constant movement for nearly four months. Towns were destroyed, an 18-mile long by five-mile wide lake was created, and a section of the Mississippi temporarily ran backwards.

The New Madrid earthquakes came on the eve of the War of 1812 and helped shape the direction of the war. Yet today, curiously enough, the New Madrid earthquakes have been all but forgotten except by residents of the area and a handful of earthquake scientists.

For more information on the Speaker Series, call Carol Scianna, 795-2201.

Bike ride will raise funds for housing programs

Habitat for Humanity of Yolo County will sponsor a Woodland-to-Winters bike ride on Saturday, Sept. 10. The event is planned for riders of all ages and abilities.

Registration is between 7-8:30 a.m. at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland. The turn-around point at the Gazebo in Winters will feature live music by the Flatland String Band, refreshments and prizes.

Participants may ride the full 45 miles or shorter routes. The entry fee of \$25 includes a custom T-shirt, well-stocked rest stops, and a chance at one of many prizes. Register online at www.ACTIVE.com or contact Habitat-Yolo, 668-4301 or hfyolo@dcn.org, for more information and a registration brochure. Interested riders may also contact Stu Bresnick, 867-4664.

Doggone it!



Photo by Sally Brown

These dogs were all set to cool off in Putah Creek recently. Now that the creek has been closed from Winters to Davis due to a sewage spill, they'll have to find a new place to play. Yolo County, which issued the closure, has not indicated how long the ban on all recreation activity and fishing will remain in place.

Seeking outstanding volunteers

The Volunteer Center of Sacramento (VCS) is accepting nominations for the 2005 Volunteer Spirit Awards. Individuals and groups performing service work in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and Yolo counties are eligible for nomination in all categories through Sept. 30. Nomination forms have gone out to over 1,000 public and private community organizations.

Awards for Educational Leader, Volunteer Coordinator, Youth Volunteer, Community Change Maker, "Public Servant Hero," "Citizen Hero," Lifetime Achievement and Volunteer of the Year will be presented at the fifth annual Volunteer Spirit Awards luncheon on Oct. 28.

VCS estimates that over 3000 agencies utilize volunteers, who together provide the greater Sacramento area with well over two million hours of service each year. VCS established the Volunteer Spirit Awards luncheon in 2000 to provide the public an opportunity to say "thank you" to these community heroes. The 2005

Volunteer Spirit Awards features keynote speaker, River City Bank President Jeanne Reaves, and an expanded program honoring all qualified nominees as well as the award winners.

Nomination forms are available online at www.volunteersac.org or by calling VCS at (916) 567-3100. Tickets for the event, held at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, may be purchased through VCS at the same number. Individual seats are \$30 each and table sponsorships are available. The 2005 Volunteer Spirit Awards are presented by the Volunteer Center of Sacramento with Directors in Volunteers In Agencies and sponsored by SAFE Credit Union, Comstock's Business Magazine and ACS Quantum Strategies.

To post or find volunteer opportunities, a new VCS website serves nonprofits as well as community members in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, and El Dorado counties with a "volunteer matching service" at www.volunteerinsacramento.org.

For more information, call Frank Kennedy, (916) 567-3100.

Recycling, cleanup events planned

The city of Winters will hold a curbside recycling event for large appliances on Saturday, Sept. 10. Items that will be accepted are refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, microwave ovens and air conditioning units. Appliances must be placed by the curb by 6 a.m. that morning, and should not be placed by the curb before 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9.

Televisions, computers and barbecues will not be accepted. There is a limit of two appliances per household.

There will be a "BOPS"

— batteries/oil/paint — recycling event on Saturday, Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the city corp yard, 19 East Baker Street. Items that may be recycled at this event include car batteries, standard auto tires, latex paint (in original container with legible label), used motor oil, drained oil filters and telephone books. There is a limit of four tires, five gallons or 50 pounds of recyclable material per household.

For more information, call the public works department, 795-4910, extension 115.

Alzheimer's Association to meet in Winters

The Alzheimer's Association caregiver support group in Winters meets every last Monday of the month.

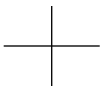
The group meets next on Sept. 26, Oct. 31, Nov. 28 and Dec. 26. The ses-

sions run from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Winters Healthcare Foundation, 7 Main Street.

For more information, call Denise Davis, program director, (916) 930-9080.

Photos taken by Winters Express staff are available for purchase. To order prints, stop by the office, 312 Railroad Avenue.

Don't toss it, sell it in the Express classifieds



Sports

Warriors fall to Lassen in opener

By ERI
CAND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School varsity football team hoped to give new head coach Brad Burton a season opening victory against Lassen last Friday, Sept. 2, but suffered a 42-14 loss instead. Plagued by penalties, the Warriors gave up 27 unanswered points in the first quarter alone and didn't score until late in the third period.

Danny Campos broke free for a 51-yard run after losing his cleat in the second quarter but was stopped inside the 10-yard line. The Warriors were unable to punch it in as they trailed 35-0 at the half.

"We have a lot of work to do defensively," said defensive coordinator Josh Caton. "We have too many guys standing around on every play."

Nathanael Lucero got the Warriors going in the third quarter after making a diving catch for an 18-yard gain on a pass from quarterback Brenden Benson. On the Warriors next series, Lucero broke free for a 40-yard run to move the Warriors down to the four yard line. Two plays later, quarterback Damon Miles punched it in for the Warriors first

points of the season. Nick Hedrick kicked the PAT.

In the fourth quarter, the Warriors scored their second touchdown of the game. Lucero broke free for a 16-yard gain to put the Warriors down on the two yard line. This time Campos punched it in for the score and Hedrick once again made the PAT kick.

"This was not the way I envisioned our opening game," said coach Burton. "We have a lot of things to work on. The promising thing is that all of our mistakes are fixable and after watching the film we know what we did wrong."

Campos led the Warriors on the ground as he rushed for 129-yards on 17 carries and had a touchdown. Lucero carried the ball three times for 56-yards. Hedrick had 24 yards on six carries. Miles had one carry for a one-yard touchdown and Robert Warren had five yards on two carries.

Lucero had 18-yards receiving on one catch, Sebastian Salas had a 14-yard reception and Hedrick had one catch for two-yards. Benson completed three of 14 passes for 34-yards.

The Warriors will host the Dixon Rams on Friday, Sept. 9, in their home opener. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Serve, set, spike

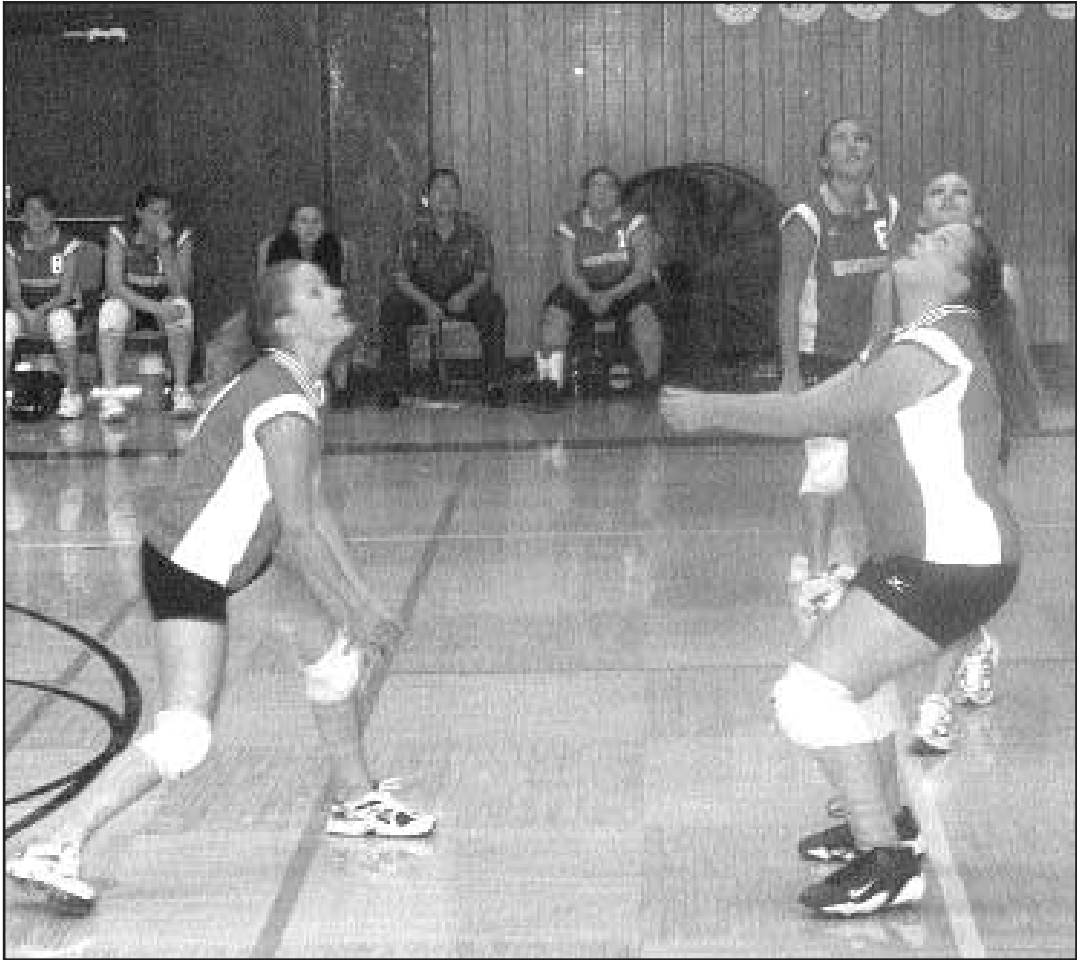


Photo by Laura Lucero

J.V. volleyball players Amy Cross (left) and Nicole Trost set up at the recent home game against River City. The J. V. team was victorious. The volleyball teams face Dixon at home this Thursday, beginning at 4 p.m.

Winters Midgets stomp Woodland Wolves

By RORY LINTON
Special to the Express

The Winters Jr. Warrior Midgets had a tremendous day against the Woodland Wolves, holding them to only one minute of offense playing time in the first quarter. The final score was 34-7.

Erin Rodrigues created a fumble with Billy Rotenkolber picking it up and running 48 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Carrasco ripped the

ball out of the Wolves' hands twice, one leading to a 44 yard touchdown. Zack Higgins had two field goals and one touchdown. Riki Lucero had two touchdowns with a total of 127 yards of running.

Leading tackles were Zack Higgins with 8 and Cody Warren with 6. The Winters Midgets will play at home Saturday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m. against the Wheatland Pirates.

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JV team takes loss

By ERIC
AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters Warriors JV football team lost a close game to Lassen High School on Friday, Sept. 2, as they traveled to Susanville for their season opener. The final score was 20-9, but that really wasn't a good indication of how the game went.

The score was 9-14 in the final five minutes with the Warriors moving the ball. The Warriors were unable to capitalize on a good drive and the Grizzlies scored one more time.

"It was a good start," said first year coach Daniel Ward. "I'm very proud of every one of them. We had a few bad breaks and a few bad calls, but for the most part we played without a lot of mistakes. We improved tremendously from the jamboree."

Cody Campos had a huge day for the Warriors, gaining 148-yards on 24 carries and a touchdown. Quarterback Kaplan Smith completed seven of 11 passes for 85-yards and rushed for 25-yards. David Borges scored first for the Warriors with a 35-yard field

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Police department to distribute gun locks

The Winters Police Department is continuing to provide free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gun lock, are available at the police department and City Hall.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

Each kit contains a safe-

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Cody Campos

Cody Campos, a sophomore running back for the Winters High School JV football team is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week.

Last Friday, Sept. 2, in the Warriors' opening game of the season at Lassen High School, Campos rushed for 148 yards on 24 carries and rushed for a touchdown.

"Cody had a big game for us," said coach Daniel Ward. "He plays hard on both sides of the ball."

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Schools

Food can have an effect on students’ brains



DALE MITCHELL, Ed.D.

EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

Though some facilities challenges remain, we have had a successful start to the 2005-06 school year. Students and teachers are engaged in the learning process and increased student achievement remains a priority. Sometimes assumptions are made about how well people know our school district. See how many of these facts and figures you know.

The Winters Joint Unified School District was formed in 1964. Prior to this time, Winters had two school districts, one high school and one elementary. These two districts plus the two Solano elementary districts, Wolfskill Elementary and Olive-Pheasants Valley Elementary, agreed to form one single district. Prior to unification, each of these districts had its own five member board. The district now has a seven member board, with two trustee areas. Four members are elected as city representatives and three members are elected as rural representatives.

The “Joint” in our name is because our attendance area includes more than one county; we educate students from both Yolo and Solano counties. The “Unified” in our name is because we serve students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Though not described in our name, we also serve approximately 60 students in a preschool program.

The first school in Winters was built in 1922 at Baker and Second streets. We now have six schools which serve approximately 1900 students.

This is our third consecutive year of declining enrollment. The 2002-03 school year was when the district had its largest enrollment, 2038 students.

As of August 2005, the district employed a total of 223 employees: 129 certificated employees, including teachers, counselors, psychologists, and administrators and 94 classified, supervisory, and confidential employees. The district is the second largest employer in our community; only Mariani’s employs more.

The district’s budget for the 2005-06 school year is approximately \$14 million, not including facilities and food services budgets. Seventy-six percent is state funding, 17 percent is local funding/taxes, and 7 percent is federal funding. Proposition 13 in 1978 caused the shift from local to state funding. Eighty-seven percent of the district’s budget is spent on personnel costs, including salary, benefits, and workers compensation.

Student achievement continues to improve. All schools have improved their academic performance index (API) scores since 2001. Achievement in reading/language arts for English language learners and special education students is low and unacceptable. Two schools, Waggoner Elementary and Winters Middle School, are program improvement schools as part of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The district has also been designated as a program improvement district.

During the past five years, the district has modernized parts of Waggoner Elementary School and Winters Middle School, constructed preschool building and site at John Clayton Kinder School, a new parking lot at Winters High School and a new district office, and added a classroom and improvements at Wolfskill High School. Major facilities projects that still need to be addressed include constructing a new district/community library, replacing the deteriorated district/community pool, and modernizing the high school locker rooms.

How did you do? Did you know most of these facts and figures?

We are proud of our schools and our children. Help us to continue making a difference for the youth of Winters. Visit our schools; attend functions such as “Back to School Nights; volunteer to help in the classrooms; and encourage students as you interact with them. We all make a difference.

Students might start thinking a little differently, once they learn about brain foods, and how they can help their concentration and make their school work easier.

The most important meal of the day is breakfast. Kids who eat breakfast consistently do better on tests. Getting better grades is important, but making time to eat breakfast is tough. “If you don’t have time for a sit down breakfast, grab a handful of walnuts, a whole grain breakfast bar, yogurt, or some peanut butter stuffed inside a whole wheat pita,” advises Dave Grotto, a registered dietitian, nutrition expert and director of nutrition educational services at Block Center for Integrated Cancer Care & Optimal Health. “Stay away from the high sugar/caffeine foods like doughnuts, soda and coffee, explained Grotto. Eating those foods can provide immediate fuel (glucose) to the brain, but its a very short-term fix. As your glucose level falls, concentration becomes difficult and you end up feeling tired and ready for a nap. Try making a fruit smoothie the night before so you can grab it in the morning and

guzzle it on the way to school,” suggests Grotto, who recently coached contestants auditioning for ‘Who Wants to be a Millionaire’ about specific brain foods that are optimal for concentration, and those that will slow a person down. “Use fresh fruit like blueberries, blackberries, strawberries, red grapes, and pomegranates =E2=80=A6 all high in antioxidants, which research shows enhances cognitive function, recall and memory. Add some yogurt, mix in two tablespoons of peanut butter, for a supercharged brain smoothie. This tasty concoction will zap the brain into an A+ charged state of concentration that will last for hours.”

One of the best brain boosters is the dependable egg. Eggs contain protein and choline. Choline is one of the B vitamins that participates in many biological processes, and is especially important for healthy brain, cardiovascular, and liver function. Check the label for the type of eggs that are rich in mega 3 fatty acids, which are also naturally lower in cholesterol. Omega 3 fats contain DHA, an essential fat needed for brain development and

for reducing harmful brain plaques.

Students who chow down on burgers, fries, chicken nuggets or pizza at lunch, will get a quick blood sugar surge, accompanied by that all too familiar crash, most likely just as it’s time to walk into their next class. Studies have shown that consuming a high fat diet can impair learning skills as well as memory. Instead, try a grilled chicken sandwich on a whole grain bun, or grilled tuna or salmon burgers on whole wheat bread. Lean proteins with whole grains, along with some healthy fats, will help students sustain energy and maximize their potential throughout their school day.

Like gasoline in a car, students need to fuel themselves in moderation throughout the day. “If hunger pangs hit in mid-morning, mid-afternoon, or as soon as you come home from school, avoid snacking on candy bars, soda and potato chips,” says Grotto. “These foods can raise cholesterol levels, contribute to weight

gain and obesity, and an increased risk of diabetes. Instead, choose brain food snacks like almonds, walnuts, sunflower seeds, whole grain cerealbars, peanut butter and fruit juice-sweetened jelly on whole grain bread.

Instead of soda, mix non-sweetened grape juice with green tea. Green tea has the same healthful antioxidants as red grapes and berries. If you need a chocolate fix, the news is good. A small bar of dark chocolate is rich in antioxidants, is fine. Or some dark chocolate chips with some healthy nuts are good for you and tastes great!

Students need to keep their levels of concentration up to absorb all the information teachers are feeding to the brain. At night brain power needs to be maintained to handle homework and studying, to say nothing about extracurricular activities and a busy social life. “Feeding your brain the foods it needs, will help you think in a new way about what you eat,” concluded Grotto.

Support group offered weekly

Grandparents and other family caregivers raising children face many challenges. Yolo Family Service Agency offers the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group to help these families cope with the challenges of family caregiving.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group is offered every Thursday morning from 9-10:30 a.m. at Yolo Family Service Agency’s office at 455 First Street in Woodland. Pre-registration is not required. Interested caregivers may drop in at their convenience.

Edie Dornbush, MFTI, leads the group. For more information about the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group, contact Dornbush, 662-2211 extension 33.

JV

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goal and caught four passes for 66-yards.

“Our offensive line did a great job,” Ward said. “The starting front line of Rafael Martinez, Chris Myer, Taylor Brickey, Brandon White and Celistine Galabasa played big all night. Max Mariani, Jesse Hellinger and Wes Karver also did a good job of carrying the ball.”

The Warriors play their home opener on Friday, Sept. 9, at 5:30 p.m against the Dixon Ramson Dr. Sellers Field.

GUNS

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ty curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The lock fits into most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in the home.

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the Winters Police Department participates in a growing national effort to promote firearm safety education to all gun owners.

Project ChildSafe is distributing gun lock safety kits to all 50 states and the five U.S.

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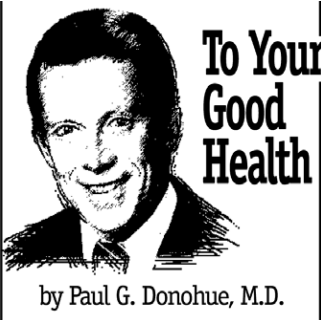
Causes of high blood pressure

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have had high blood pressure for years. I asked my doctor what causes it. He said he did not know and that nobody knows. Maybe you can help. — R.M.

ANSWER: Close to 30 percent of the adult North American population has high blood pressure — hypertension. About 94 percent of those people have essential hypertension, the kind of blood-pressure elevation for which there isn't one definite cause. There are, however, things that contribute to its emergence. A diet loaded with salt and relatively poor in potassium, a couch-potato lifestyle, obesity and the family genes work together to raise blood pressure. Primitive people who spend most of their waking hours hunting for food and whose diet is low in salt rarely have high blood pressure. Doctors do know why blood pressure rises. It comes about from artery constriction. All arteries, even the smallest, are encircled with tiny muscles that can contract and narrow their diameter. When that happens, blood pressure goes up. It's the same effect that occurs when you squeeze a hose. Water pressure behind the section that's squeezed goes up.

Secondary hypertension is the kind of blood-pressure elevation for which there is an identifiable cause. It constitutes only about 6 percent of all high-blood-pressure cases. Tumors of the adrenal gland, a kinking of the artery leading to one of the kidneys (renovascular hypertension) and an abrupt tapering of a part of the aorta (coarctation) are examples of things that lead to secondary hypertension. This kind of high blood pressure can usually be cured, and looking for the signs of secondary hypertension always pays off. Blood pressure that doesn't respond to usual treatment or high blood pressure in young people suggests the possibility of secondary hypertension.

The blood-pressure book-



let delves into the effects of and treatment for this common malady. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 104W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada, with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My wife went to have her prostate measured, since she takes the blood thinner Coumadin. The tech took her blood pressure while she was sitting. I asked him to take it standing. He said he was commissioned to take only one blood pressure. I asked again and he peeled off his gloves, threw them into the garbage pail and ran out of the room. What would you do about this? — J.F.

ANSWER: I'd tell the doctor or whoever is the tech's boss. Yours was not an unreasonable request, and standing blood pressure often gives valuable information about blood pressure control. "Commissioned to take only one blood pressure" is a strange, and even laughable, reason for not honoring your request.

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, or order newsletters online: www.rbmamall.com. (c) 2005 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Here's how elections go in New Zealand

Twenty years ago if I had been asked what I knew about New Zealand I might have said, "It's an English-speaking island country somewhere near Australia, right? They talk like Australians there but I think it's not part of Australia. Or is it?"

We started learning more about New Zealand in 1985. That year Prime Minister David Lange declared New Zealand to be nuclear free. This led to a row with the U.S. over New Zealand's refusal to allow any American ship to dock unless the U.S. revealed whether the ship was nuclear powered and/or carried nuclear weapons. The U.S. refused to divulge this information. The standoff led to New Zealand's ejection by the U.S. from the ANZUS (Australia, New Zealand, U.S.) military alliance. For New Zealanders it was David vs. Goliath.

Over the years we became increasingly intrigued with the "similar but different" aspects of New Zealand. Eventually, because of New Zealand's decision to turn down the invitation to join the invasion and occupation of Iraq, we moved here. Nineteen months after our move we're still enjoying discovering how similar but different it is here.

One difference: my wife and I are not yet citizens of New Zealand, but as permanent residents we are eligible to vote. We will do this for the first time soon because New Zealand is in the middle of a national election campaign.

Like the U.S., New Zealand is a western style democracy. But national elections are a bit different here. They happen every three years, and the incumbent prime minister actually sets the date. The date this year, Sept. 17, was set by Prime Minister Helen Clark, the leader of the Labour party, on July 25 — less than two months before the event.



PETER DYER

WAY DOWN THERE

Unlike the U.S., the campaign has an official opening date. That was last Sunday (Aug. 25). That means that the campaign for all national offices will officially last less than four weeks! Of course, incumbents and challengers have been making decisions and positioning themselves for some time now. Billboards and road signs are up. Still, compared to U.S. campaigns, the process is astoundingly short and low key.

You don't just vote for a list of candidates here. The system is called MMP (Mixed Member Proportional) and for a Yank it takes a little "sussing out". We will vote twice on our ballots: once for a candidate to represent this region in Parliament and once for the party of our choice. They don't have to be from the same party. For example, I'm planning on voting for the incumbent local MP (Member of Parliament), a Labour Party member, but my party vote will go to the Greens.

There are currently 120 seats in Parliament. Sixty-nine are regional — "electorate" — seats. The remaining 51 seats — the "list" seats — are decided by the party vote and are divided up proportionally between every party which polls more than 5 percent. Thus, the presence of small parties in the New Zealand Parliament is another significant difference from the American system. Currently a total of eight parties have seats in Parliament.

To form a government, a party must have a simple majority in Parliament — 61 votes. If no parties can reach this figure alone,

then one or more of the smaller parties will be invited to form a coalition.

Labour probably won't have enough votes to form a government on its own, so it will be looking for a coalition partner. The most likely of these is the Green Party, so in a sense a vote for the Greens is a vote for Labour.

If this is all clear to you on the first reading, you're catching on a lot sooner than I did.

While the Labour Party is now the party in power, there is a serious challenge from the National Party. If you could take the more "liberal" wing of the American Republican party and transfer it to a tiny country with no imperial ambitions you might end up with something like New Zealand's National Party.

Just as U.S. elections were originally timed after the harvest to encourage maximum participation, the Kiwi elections are timed on certain weekends for the same reason. One of the chief reasons for this year's date is that it will avoid competition with rugby — the closest thing New Zealand has ever had to state-sponsored religion.

I'm voting for Helen — she kept New Zealand out of the war.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Jeri Hansen

Occupation: Assistant to a poultry specialist

Hobby: Swimming

What's best about living in Winters: "The quaintness of it — and it's getting quaintier by the minute."

Fun fact: Was born in England.

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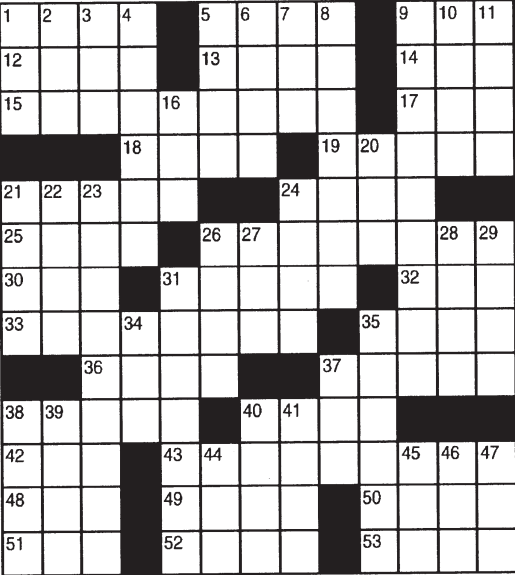
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King Crossword

ACROSS

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- Practice pugilism
- Cyndi Lauper's "She."
- Falco of "The Sopranos"
- Seep slowly
- Inventor Whitney
- Clumsy dive
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- Watergate evidence
- Flavor enhancer
- Mythical archer
- Grease spots, e.g.
- Football filler
- Liquor monarch
- Bud's partner
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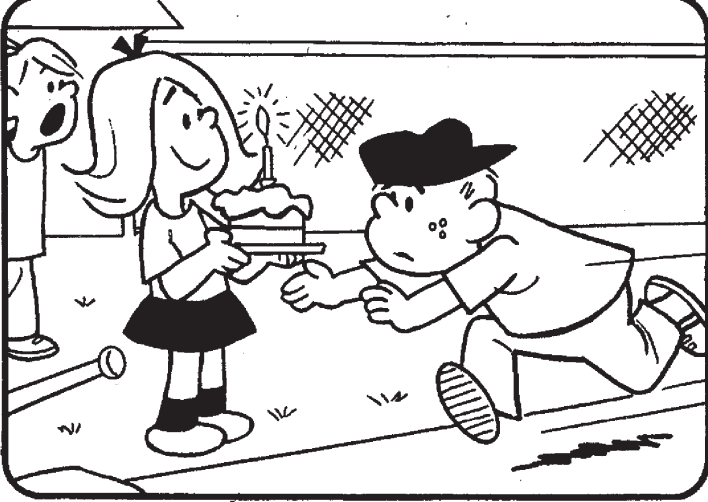
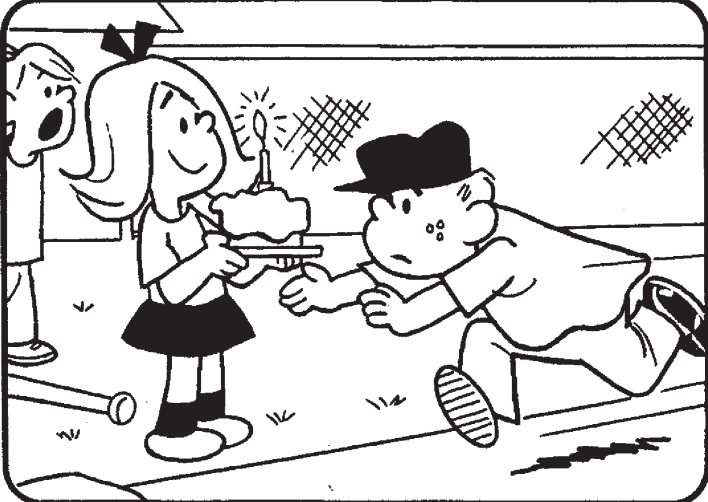
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- Survey

- Type of dye
- Rife
- Opposite of "six-pack abs"?
- Couturier
- Cassini
- Stack
- "Of course"
- Museum stuff
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- Angry
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- Harp on
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Bat is moved. 3. Cake is different. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Shirt is different. 6. Sneaker is different.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cupid is strong in the Aries aspect this week, with the cherub opening romantic possibilities for single Lambs, and strengthening ties 'twixt loving pairs already in a caring relationship.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your dramatic flair might make things more interesting as you recount an event to your colleagues. But be careful not to exaggerate reality to the point that facts and fancy combine to form fiction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, and this week you should get lots of chances to share your thoughts with people who will not only pay attention to what you have to say, but will want to hear more.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The pattern of recent changes could begin to shift from mostly workplace-related events to more personal matters. Continue to keep an open mind as you prepare to deal with them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An opportunity for work-related travel could be just what the Terrific Tabby needs to get a new perspective on a balky situation. The trip could also prove to be personally rewarding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might want to suggest resolving an old disagreement before it can affect a matter expected to come up for discussion. It's always best to start with a cleanslate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The week favors combining dollops of creativity and practicality to work out both professional and personal problems. A longtime friend could have something of note to suggest.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising facts could come to light if you decide to probe deeper into an "opportunity" than you might usually do. What you'll learn could determine what you'll learn.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone close to you might seek your counsel. Hear him/her out, but hold the line at giving actual advice until you get credible answers to all your questions.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) What seems to be an overwhelming workplace project can be dealt with quite well if you handle one category at a time. Things will soon begin to fall into place.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter might need more of your time than you had expected. Try to prioritize between your many outside commitments and your domestic responsibilities.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A developing situation still needs more time to grow, and more time to study before you can plunge in and make some attention-getting waves. Patience is best for wise Pisceans. BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for organization that would make you a fine archivist. (Are you listening out there, Library of Congress?) (c) 2005 King Features Synd., Inc.

Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Falta de previsión

El Centro Nacional de Huracanes se dedica SOLAMENTE a estudiar huracanes, todo el año, año tras año. Ellos saben perfectamente los efectos de los huracanes y por supuesto sabían el peligro de Katrina. Todos sabían que Katrina existía, que estaba en el golfo de México. Todos sabían que se dirigía a la zona de New Orleans. Todos conocían su magnitud. Todos sabían que New Orleans esta a 7 metros bajo el río y el lago. Todos sabían que los diques no se han reparado porque el dinero se fue a Irak para poder solventar una estúpida guerra. Todos lo sabían, especialmente los del gobierno.

Ahora Los Estados Unidos y el gobierno del presidente George W. Bush enfrentan la tragedia natural más devastadora en la historia de este país, y quizá va a cambiar el rostro y espíritu de este país. El mismo presidente consideró que la ayuda federal que se estaba proporcionando no era la adecuada. Y así como los ataques del 11 de septiembre cambiaron el rostro de este país, llevándolo a tomar acciones y actitudes agresivas, es de esperarse que las consecuencias del huracán van a cambiar el rostro de Estados Unidos, pero esta vez serán internas y van a repercutir en muchos niveles, sobre todo en el económico, con el aumento al precio de los combustibles.

Pero falta por ver si la movilización de los enormes recursos de esta nación será suficiente para acallar las emociones despertadas en un país que ve el desarrollo de un nuevo desastre que no sólo era previsible sino había sido previsto. Peor aún, hay reportes de que desde principios de 2001 se había advertido que un huracán en Nueva Orleáns era una de las tres catástrofes más viables a ocurrir en Estados Unidos, al tiempo de que hay denuncias de que el gobierno estadounidense redujo el presupuesto para mantener los diques de la ciudad.

De hecho, queda igualmente pendiente la interrogante de cómo un país puede mantener 100 mil hombres en Irak, a medio mundo de distancia, y no logra responder con rapidez y al súbito quebranto físico y social que el desastre natural causó en una región de este país y literalmente borró del mapa una de sus mayores y más antiguas ciudades de los Estados Unidos.

Primeramente, se sabe que el huracán fue inevitable, pero lo que no fue inevitable fue hacer llegar la ayuda que todas estas personas necesitaron y que aun necesitan. Muchas personas culpan a la comunidad de no haber hecho caso, piensen en algo, como una persona incapacitada podía salir a un refugio, que tal las personas que no tenían los medios para poder

transportarse, El único culpable de haber dejado a todas estas personas atrás fue el gobierno y me refiero al gobierno federal, comenzando desde los gobernadores de estos estados hasta el mismo George W. Bush. Fue responsabilidad de estas oficinas el asegurarse de ayudar a todas estas personas a tiempo. Un huracán es predecible, no es como si fuera un tornado que puede ocurrir en cualquier momento y causar una tragedia, en este caso hubo mas que suficiente tiempo de haber evacuado a todas estas personas y haber evitado tanta muerte. Por otra parte por que demoró tanto tiempo la ayuda para todas estas personas, Por que el Presidente no acelero la ayuda para estas personas, Estoy seguro que si esta tragedia hubiera ocurrido en un lugar que en su mayoría es anglo, me refiero a estados como Maine, Iowa, Utah, la ayuda hubiera llegado en cuestión de horas, pero como en este caso se trataba de la comunidad afro-americana, no les prestaron atención, no hay mas como llamarle a esto que 100% racismo.

El hecho de que hayan sido en su mayoría personas de color, no significa que no son personas. El tener personas prácticamente muriendo de hambre y de deshidratación es un trato totalmente inhumano. Muchos culpan a las carreteras inundadas, que evitaron a que esta ayuda llegara más rápida, pero donde está todo el equipo militar, Los barcos de guerra, buques, helicópteros, aviones militares donde se quedaron, por que no les hicieron llegar ayuda por medio de estos transportes, La orden estaba en manos de George W. Bush, no del mayor de la ciudad de N.O ni de los gobernadores de estos estados. Esto es algo que debemos quedarnos alarmados porque ya sabemos que como hispanos, que al igual que los afroamericanos, somos la minoría de este país, de sucedernos una tragedia como esta, ya sea en Florida, New York, California (donde la población hispana es mayor), en cuanto tiempo nos llegaría la ayuda de este país, Ocurriría lo mismo, a este gobierno no les importaríamos y moriríamos tantos o mas que los que han muerto debido a esta tragedia. Pensemos y démosle prioridad a las cosas y demonos cuenta de cuanto le importamos a este gobierno. Les importamos por el dinero que pagamos en impuestos o como personas y ciudadanos que somos?. Después de ver la desesperación de la gente por la falta de lo más elemental para sobrevivir, agua y comida, nosotros debemos de considerarlos bendecidos. Vamos a solidarizarnos con toda esa gente y hagamos una aportación económica a cualquiera de las diferentes organizaciones que están trabajando en ello. Buena semana.

Aprendizaje del desastre

La tragedia del huracán Katrina nos debe servir de reflexión a cada uno de nosotros, que si en algún momento, nos encontráramos en una situación parecida a esta, nadie vendrá en nuestra ayuda de inmediato. Esto es como en las películas, el ejercito y las autoridades llegan, pero siempre tarde. Los protocolos, papelerio y estúpidos protocolos no sirven en casos de suma emergencia. El tiempo es oro para salvar a personas.

Una persona que sufre un ataque cardiaco, no puede esperar a la llegada del rescate, esa persona debe ser revivida en segundos porque por mas que el rescate venga en camino, los segundos cuentan. Lo mismo paso en este caso, la ayuda estaba en camino, pero mientras tanto, la gente paso 4 días, sin agua, sin comida, sin medicamentos. Los diabéticos sufrieron ataques, los bebes no saben de ayuda en camino, ellos lloran y sufren cuando están con hambre, tienen calor y están sucios.

Las autoridades se preocupaban mas por los saqueos de gente desesperada que buscaba comida, algo que beber y ropas secas que por los miles que no tomaron ni comieron nada por 4 días. El ejercito debió tirar comida y agua de inmediato con sus helicópteros. En Irak, el Tsunami y las islas del caribe que han sufrido desastres con los huracanes, llegó más rápido la ayuda que dentro de los mismos Estados Unidos. Los estúpidos protocolos, no se pueden superponer a la URGENCIA. No se le puede decir a quien se esta ahogando, voy por ayuda y vuelvo.

Toda la ayuda que venga en el futuro para ayudar a recuperar a esta pobre gente será fundamental, pero más fundamental, eran las primeras horas de la tragedia. Los canales de televisión filmaban a miles de víctimas en el Superdome gritando, llorando y suplicando por AGUAAAAA.

Cualquier autoridad, hubiera podido tirar el agua y la comida desde helicópteros al segundo de haber pasado la catástrofe, pero todos se centralizaron en querer entrar en lugar de ir manteniendo a esa gente de alguna manera. Los miles de personas afectadas, tienen un serio problema psicológico, pasar por la tempestad, ver morir a sus seres queridos, convivir con los cadáveres, esperar por agua y comida durante cuatro días bajo las terribles temperaturas.

Imaginen esos miles de seres que pasaron en el Superdome para estar seguros y en medio del huracán peligraron a ser muertos todos ahí dentro porque el techo comenzó a romperse. El terror que

deben haber sufrido esas personas debe ser indescriptible. Después de salir de la pesadilla de esa noche, entraron en la pesadilla de no tener que comer ni beber en cuatro días con sus bebes gritando de hambre y sed. LA DEMORA FUE INHUMANAMENTE Y DESCONSIDERADA.

El presidente hablaba por televisión como consuelo¿para quien? Porque obviamente los afectados no podían verle ni enterarse que la ayuda venia en camino. ¿Puede alguien entender que ayuda viene en camino cuando se han estado 4 días sin comida y sin agua? ¿Pueden los bebes, enfermos, diabéticos, ancianos entender que viene ayuda en camino?

NO, cuando uno esta en el medio del desierto sin agua solo entiende que quiere encontrar el agua y nada más. La desorganización y tardanza de llegada de ayuda por aire con comida y agua, ninguna autoridad podrá justificarla jamás.

Lo único que han provocado con todo esto es que el próximo huracán que venga las personas no querrán ir a los refugios por considerar que es mejor morir en sus casas a pasar cuatro días o más de hambre y sed junto a miles de personas. Solo porque las autoridades piensan que se pueden tomar su tiempo porque la gente esta toda junta y bajo resguardo.

¿Que hubiera ocurrido si las aguas hubieran seguido subiendo? Solo DIOS lo sabe.

Aunque las autoridades dijeran que la prioridad era tratar de salvar a quienes estaban en los techos y tratar de cerrar el paso de las aguas, quienes estaban en el Superdome y en los lugares de resguardo no podían entender la falta de agua y comida.

Que todo esto sirva a las autoridades a tener menos protocolos y más actividad inmediata y sobretodo ORGANIZACIÓN porque los medios se tenían y los helicópteros también.

Lamentablemente para muchos, la ayuda llegó tarde pues han muerto varias personas en los centros que esperaban por ayuda. Con todos los problemas a que se han enfrentado los damnificados, podemos preguntarnos ¿Estamos preparados aquí en California para enfrentar una situación de emergencia?. No se nos debe olvidar que los sismólogos han venido prediciendo un terremoto de gran intensidad para esta área del norte de California.

Cómo ayudar a las víctimas

La Cruz Roja de Estados Unidos está jugando un papel importante en el proceso de recuperación y mantenimiento de las víctimas del huracán Katrina que dejó prácticamente incommunicadas las ciudades de Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee y Arkansas. La Cruz Roja ha movlizado a cientos de voluntarios, quienes atienden a las víctimas en los refugios implementados en las zonas aledañas al desastre.

Aproximadamente están sirviendo a más de 45.000 personas, pero el número sigue creciendo día a día porque todavía se encuentran en la misión de rescate.

La Cruz Roja está recibiendo donaciones de dinero en efectivo a través de la línea telefónica 1-800-HELPNOW o de la página web www.redcross.org, así como también se pueden realizar en las oficinas locales.

No aceptan donaciones materiales porque no tienen la forma de distribuir las, en cambio con las donaciones monetarias, pueden proveer albergue, alimentos y agua.

También está en la búsqueda de voluntarios que estén dispuestos a viajar a la zona afectada para asistir a los miles de damnificados. El requisito es tener disponibilidad para viajar por tres semanas y gozar de un perfecto estado de salud.

La Cruz Roja movilizó a miles de sus voluntarios para responder a las repercusiones del huracán Katrina.

Usted puede ayudar a las víctimas de éste y otros desastres que ocurren cada año en el país mediante una contribución monetaria al Fondo de Ayuda para Desastres de la Cruz Roja Americana, que permite que la Cruz Roja brinde refugio, alimentos, apoyo psicológico y otro tipo de ayuda a quienes la necesitan. Para ello puede llamar al 1-800-257-7575 (atención en español). Las contribuciones al Fondo de Ayuda para Desastres pueden enviarse a la oficina local de la Cruz Roja Americana o a: American Red Cross, P. O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Los usuarios de Internet tienen la opción de donar en línea en forma segura con su tarjeta de crédito en www.redcross.org.

Voto de mexicanos en el exterior

El Instituto Federal Electoral (IFE) y la cancillería firmaron un acuerdo para promover y difundir entre los mexicanos que residen en el extranjero, casi la totalidad en Estados Unidos, la posibilidad de votar por primera vez a partir de los comicios presidenciales del 2006. El acuerdo también establece que en las embajadas y consulados de México alrededor del mundo, los mexicanos que cuenten con credencial de elector expedida en su país podrán recoger los formatos para solicitar su inscripción en una lista especial y así poder participar en esas elecciones.

Los formatos — que también estarán disponibles

en la página de internet del IFE — podrán recogerse del 1 de octubre de 2005 al 15 de enero de 2006, añadió Ugalde, quien firmó el acuerdo con el canciller Luis Ernesto Derbez. El canciller dijo por su parte que el acuerdo incluye difundir mensajes del IFE promoviendo el voto en consulados y representaciones diplomáticas mexicanas.

El Congreso aprobó a finales de junio las reformas legales que permitirán a los mexicanos residentes en el extranjero votar por correo en los comicios del 2006. Ugalde calificó esa reforma como “el avance democrático más importante de la últi-

ma década en la expansión de derechos políticos electorales para los mexicanos”.

Cerca de 11 millones de mexicanos residen en el exterior, y de ellos el 98 por ciento se encuentra en Estados Unidos. Ugalde dijo que el IFE estima que de ese total, unos 4.2 millones cuentan con credencial de elector. Grupos de migrantes mexicanos han señalado que según algunos estudios no más del 10 por ciento de los votantes en el exterior con capacidad para votar lo hace, por lo que calculan que en los comicios del 2006 podrían sufragar unas 400,000 personas.

Crocker offers free public hours every Sunday

The Crocker Art Museum doors are open and admission is free to the public every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Regular admission is \$6 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 students, and free to ages 6 and under. Public hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tues-

days-Sundays, and Thursdays until 9 p.m.

Spanning from the 15th century to contemporary periods, the Crocker's collection includes works from Europe, North America and Asia. In addition, the Crocker offers special exhibitions, educational programs and events. The Crocker, estab-

lished in 1885, is the leading arts institution in the Sacramento Valley serving as the primary regional resource for the study and appreciation of fine art.

For more information about exhibitions and events call (916) 264-5423 or visit their website at www.crockerartmuseum.org.

ASK offers help to families

Allied Services for Kids (ASK) provides immediate help through both individual and family counseling, support and education groups, classroom presentations, and 24-hour crisis line services.

For more information call Davis, 753-0797; Woodland, 668-8445; or West Sacramento, 371-3779.

Classified Ads - The Market Place for Winters

Help Wanted

Looking for individual who loves kids to care for two young children (1 year and 18 months) at our home in the country-outside of Winters. Daily from 9-3. References needed. Call 795-2503.

Dental Office Manager. Experienced & knowledgeable for Davis GP practice. 707-592-8146. Or fax resume, 661-7096.

Help Wanted

SITTER/MOTHER'S HELPER WANTED I need a mature, reliable adult to provide childcare for my two boys as well as light housework (preparing dinner, cleaning and putting away dishes) in my home. Flexible hours, but preferably afternoons into early evenings. Pay depends on experience. Rebecca 795-0692.

Help Wanted

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Winters Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

92 Chevy Corsica. Needs little work, runs good. 160K. \$1000 obo. (530)681-5671

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PROJECT LOCATION: 110 EAST BAKER STREET, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 003-370-15.

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APPLICATION TYPE: The Planning Commission is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments regarding a Site Plan (Design Review), Conditional Use Permit, and Lot Line Adjustment application to construct a 34-unit apartment complex and a 2,000 square foot community center at 110 East Baker Street (APN 003-370-15).

2001 Saturn L300. Loaded with extras. Leather interior, moon roof. \$9500. (530)383-3544 or (530)908-3377.

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Superior Court of California, County of Yolo 725 Court Street Woodland, CA 95695 Estate of Noel Peattie, Decedent. NOTICE OF HEARING-DECEDENT'S ESTATE OR TRUST Case # PB-05-107 This notice is required by law. This notice does not require you to appear in court, but you may attend the hearing if you wish. Notice is given that MARK R. PEATTIE has filed a Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed. A hearing will be held on the matter as follows: October 25, 2005, 8:30 a.m., Dept. 11, 812 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Estate of Noel Peattie, Decedent, PB-05-107 Proof of service by mail. I served the foregoing Notice of Hearing-Decedent's Estate or Trust on each person named below by enclosing a copy in an envelope addressed as shown below AND depositing the sealed envelope on the date and at the place show in item 4 with the United States Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid. Mark R. Peattie Alice R. Peattie Date mailed: Aug. 12, 2005. Place mailed, San Ramon, CA I served with the Notice of Hearing-Decedent's Estate or Trust a copy of the petition or other document referred to in the Notice. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Aug. 12, 2005 Eric Samuels

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC), the project applicant, plans to construct a 34-unit apartment complex in five two-story buildings with a height of 26-feet for very low- and low-income households; the project will also include a 2,000 square foot community center. A lot line adjustment is necessary to address an existing metal building that is encroaching on the southwest corner of the project site. The apartments will consist of four one-bedroom units (685 square feet/unit), sixteen two-bedroom units (850 square feet/unit), twelve three-bedroom units (1,135 square feet/unit), and two four-bedroom units (1,278 square feet/unit). Architectural features of the residential buildings and the community center include the use of horizontal siding, composition roofing with varied rooflines and multiple gables, and covered balconies for second story units. The area adjacent to the community center will include a playground, lawn, patio cover, and barbecue. A total of 73 on-site parking spaces will be constructed for the project. The project site has a General Plan land use designation of High Density Residential and the zoning is High Density Multi-Family Residential (R-4).

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 114. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

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FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Aug. 16, 2005 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK Valerie Clinton, Deputy FBN NUMBER 2005-862 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Tomahawk Construction, 316 Niemann St. Winters, CA 95694. Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Ken Snowder, 316 Niemann St. Winters, CA 95694. This business classification is: An individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on Aug. 15, 2004. s/Kenneth Snowder 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 - s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Aug. 9, 2005 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK Kimberly Barklow, Deputy FBN NUMBER 2005-839 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Financial Solutions Alliance, 990 Wallace Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Financial Wellness Alliance, Inc. 990 Wallace Drive, Woodland, CA 95776 This business classification is: A corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on Aug. 9, 2005 s/Jenise M. Cardwell 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 - s/Kimberly Barklow, Deputy Clerk Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22

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