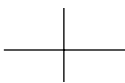


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## Commission appointments made

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

With seven applicants for four planning commission seats, city council members Tom Stone and Harold Anderson recommended three incumbents and one newcomer at the Tuesday, Sept. 20 meeting. Cecelia Curry, Joe Tramontana and Al Vallecillo were each recommended for another four-year term, while Pierre Neu was recommended for his first term on the commission.

Four of the seven planning commissioners' seats were up in June of this year; the application period was extended once, due to lack of

notice and applicants. Anderson and Stone interviewed Curry, Tramontana, Vallecillo, Joe McCabe, Neu, Richard Holdstock and Jade McCutcheon. The planning commissioners were sworn in at the Tuesday, Sept. 27, meeting.

### Water, sewer rates

The city council approved a public notice to be sent out to Winters residents regarding a proposed increase in water and sewer rates. According to Director of Financial Management, Shelly Gunby, if approved, the rates will be increased each year through 2009. The proposed increase effective Jan. 1, 2006

for water would be from \$24.53 to \$27.96 for a single family. The proposed increase in sewer rates effective Jan. 1, 2006, would be from \$19.68 to \$26.57 for a single family.

City Manager John Donlevy explained that the increase would pay for ongoing operation and maintenance of the city's water and sewer systems. He said the rates that customers currently pay are not keeping up with the increased cost of operation, especially increased energy costs. In addition, there are not enough funds to make the needed improvements to the systems as

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Patricia Miller and her sons, Leonard Jr. (left) and Samuel, are staying in Winters after their home in New Orleans was completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

## Waiting in Winters

◆ New Orleans family finds refuge in Winters

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

For someone who has lost nearly every single thing she owns, Peggy Miller seems amazingly calm. Even her children, Samuel, 8, and Leonard, 10, don't seem visibly stressed. Sitting down to chat at Rotary

Park recently, Samuel scampered and played on the gazebo while Leonard was intent on getting his math homework done. It's hard to believe that about a month ago, they were all living quite happily in their New Orleans home. Now, their home which was up to its roof in water for weeks when the levees broke and still has five feet of

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## Our royalty

Photos by Debra Lo Guercio

This year's homecoming royalty includes King and Queen candidates, from left (above, front) Jackie Correa, Fabiola Hernandez and Kasey Parker; (back) Daniel Callison, Danny Campos, Robert Warren and Jordan Shugart (not pictured, Alyssa Younan).

The class Princes and Princesses are from left, (front) Caitlin Calvert, Andrea Hinojosa and Ari Hoover; (back) Jameson Shugart and Alex Thomson (not pictured, Joe Webster).

Homecoming festivities begin with the downtown spirit rally on Friday, Sept. 30, at 12:40 p.m. at First and Main streets. The JV football game begins at 5:30 p.m. at Dr. Sellers Field and the varsity game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned in between the games.



## Grant could fund sidewalk construction

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

Students walking to and from various school sites in Winters often encounter sections of the street where there are no sidewalks, an issue of concern for parents and other community members. Community Development Director Dan Sokolow told the city council at its Tuesday, Sept. 20 meeting, that

he secured a grant from Caltrans to fund construction of sidewalks in various areas of town, most notably on the east and west sides of Hemenway, between Grant Avenue and Anderson Avenue.

The grant, in the amount of \$166,500, would allow the city to finish those segments of the sidewalk that are missing from Hemen-

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## Council reviews Winters Highlands agreement

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

Because the city council asked to be kept up to date on development agreement negotiations, City Manager John Donlevy presented an overview of the Winters Highlands (Granite Bay Holdings) agreement at the Sept. 20 council meeting. Mayor Dan Martinez excused himself from the discussion due to a possible conflict of interest, handing the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Woody Fridae.

Winters Highlands is a proposed subdivision of approximately 413 single-family lots including 36 duplex lots, a multi-family

lot that will consist of 30 apartments, a 10.63 acre park site and a 7.43 acre wetlands/open space area. The project consists of 102.6 acres located south of Moody Slough Road, east of the westerly City Limits and north of the existing Dry Creek subdivision and the recently approved Callahan Estates subdivision.

The preliminary development agreement, which allows the city to negotiate for benefits to the city in exchange for development entitlements, includes:

~ Level III school fees. Donlevy told the council

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### FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

IVAN TOMAS GARCIA is the third child of Tomas and Jennifer Garcia of Sacramento. Born on Sept. 19, 2005 at 6 p.m. at Sutter Hospital in Davis, he weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. He joins sisters Victoria, Samantha and Clarissa. Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Jeffery and Clarence Noring of Woodland. Paternal grandparents are Luis and Gloria Garcia of Woodland. Maternal great-grandparents are Tony and Claudean Martin of Winters. Paternal great-grandparents are Tomas and Jovita Garcia of Woodland.

## De Los Santos wins grid contest

Fred De Los Santos picked 24 out of 28 games correctly this week to win the \$30 first prize in the Winters Merchants Football Contest. Sue Anne Kershner and Gordon Kemp each had 23 correct, with Kershner winning the \$15 second prize on the

tiebreaker score.

The total score of the Alabama-Arkansas game was 37, with Kershner guessing 41 and Kemp 42.

All of the other contestants had 22 or fewer correct solutions. Another contest is in this week's Express.

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OBITUARIES

Stacie E. Cook

Stacie E. Cook passed away on Sept. 19, 2005 in Sonoma. Born in Woodland on May 25, 1964 to Harry and Lana Darlene Cook, she was 41 years old.

Ms. Cook was involved in the nursing field for the last 15 years, and most recently was employed as a psychiatric assistant. She grew up in Winters and went to Winters schools.

She is survived by her children, Christopher Cook of Carmichael, and Candis Cook of Tacoma, Washington; siblings, Laurie Curry (Donald) of Bartlett, Tennessee; Kevin Cook (Bobbi) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; twin brother Tracy Cook of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Beverly Dyer (Scott) of Dixon; fiancé Mitch Butler of Sonoma; numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on Monday, Sept. 26, 2005 at 1 p.m. at the Winters Cemetery in Winters.

Harold LeBoy

Winters resident Harold LeBoy passed away on Sept. 14, 2005. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, he was 87 years old. A graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in communications, Mr. LeBoy worked as a pilot instructor for the Army Air Corp in Kansas during World War II. He moved to California in the 1950s and opened his own business in sound communications. He moved to the Winters area in 1970 and was a member of the Solano Sheriff's Posse for 30 years.

He is survived by his significant other of 37 years, Thelma Brennan, and her children Thomas Brennan of Seattle, Washington and Michael Brennan and Mary Cooper, both of Winters; son, Peter LeBoy of Palo Alto; daughters, Sandy LeBoy of Palm Springs and Lindy Smallwood of Danville; and numerous grandchildren.

Mr. LeBoy's body was donated to science, and no services were held at his request.

Weekly police report

- Sept. 16**

~ A suspect gained unauthorized access to victim's bank account to purchase items via the internet. Loss: \$25.
- Sept. 16-19**

~ On the 800 block of West Grant Avenue, graffiti was written on a fence with spray paint. Estimated damage: \$1,000.
- Sept. 19**

~ On the 100 block of Main Street, cash was stolen from a business. Loss: \$425. Case forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.
- Sept. 20**

~ A 14-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for fighting in public. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.
- Sept. 21**

~ Jesus Diaz Encarnacion, 34, of Sacramento was arrested for evading a peace officer with wanton disregard for safety, driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, speeding, failing to drive on the right side of the roadway, reckless driving, failing to stop at a stop sign, driving on the left of double yellow lines, driving on the wrong side of the road way and violation of parole. Encarnacion was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.
- tion.

~ A set of found keys was turned over to the police department.

~ At Roosevelt and Hoover streets, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$50.
- Sept. 22**

~ A found pair of glasses was turned over to the police department.

~ Miguel Angel Valadez, 22, of Winters was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging him with being intoxicated in public.

~ On the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, a vehicle had the side molding torn off and stolen.
- Sept. 24**

~ Steven Joseph Reddick, 24, of Davis was arrested for possessing a gravity knife and violation of probation. Reddick was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ On the 700 block of Lupine Way, an officer responded to a panic alarm. The alarm was activated by accident.

~ Juan Jose DeJesus Gastelum, 20, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and exhibition of speed. Blood alcohol content results: .10/.09. Gastelum was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to

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Berryessa drops .36 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .36 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 6,685 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 432.19 feet above sea level with storage

computed at 1,454,542 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 230 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 20 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 218 acre feet of water per day during the week.

YESTERYEAR



In September, 1978, Harold Anderson, left, the town's newest attorney, is presented with a complimentary Chamber of Commerce membership by Bob Harris at Harold's offices at 10 Baker Street.

35 YEARS AGO

October 8, 1970

Harold Overhouse, deputy city clerk since September 1, 1948, told the Winters City Council Tuesday evening that he intended to retire on December 31, 1970. Mayor Ed Neel appointed a committee consisting of Councilmen Al Graf and Jack La-soya, along with Warren Sawyer, to recommend a replacement. The popular city administrative officer said he has no plans for the future.

Rupert Snodgrass, owner of Economy Garage, is observing his 50th year in business, having started in 1920 behind the Snodgrass home at Second and Russell Streets.

The Winters School Board, meeting in special session on Monday evening, voted to abandon any plans it might have had towards utilizing the ACAN facility east of Winters, declared surplus by the federal government.

The Mexican Community of St. Anthony Parish is sponsoring a Mexican Fiesta, the "Tardenda Mexicana" this Sunday, October 11. It will begin at 12 noon and continue until 9:30 p.m. in the Winters City Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Joens, Linda, Becky and Julie, and Miss Lyn Rulon drove to Sonora last weekend to visit David Joens, who is a freshman at Columbia Junior College.

Mike Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. David Baxter, received his Master's Degree in English from Sacramento State College this summer and is presently teaching in the San Juan district.

Coach John Kammerer's Winters High School Warriors made their debut in the Sacramento Valley League Friday night with a 6 to 6 tie in a football game at Biggs.

50 YEARS AGO

October 6, 1955

A proposal to route water from the Eel River through Clear Lake, through a tunnel into Putah Creek and into the reservoir behind Monticello Dam, was one of the topics at a meeting of the supervisors from Napa and Lake Counties in Lakeport yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graf, of Sacramneto, are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born on Sunday, October 2, 1955, in Sacramento.

The Bureau of Reclamation opened a low bid of \$51,421 last Thursday for removing buildings, trees and brush near the Monticello Dam site. The low bid was A. Turrin Sons, of Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diaz and family left last week for Harwood, Maryland, to visit with their oldest daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norfolk.

Mrs. Nancy Thurber returned early in the week from Reno, Nevada, where she spent a week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Crowder left on Saturday for Oregon for a visit with the former's brother.

Robert Underwood, L.N. Buckmaster and C.O. Smith when to Los Angeles Tuesday for a preview of the 1956 Buick cars.

Mrs. Thelma Freeman and son Bobby of Vallejo were guests on Sunday with Mrs. Freeman's father, Oscar Smith.

Mrs. Etta Morlan spent last week in Sacramento visiting with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norval Morlan.

Jimmy Thompson was over from McClellan Field spending the weekend with his parents, the Robert S. Thompsons.

Mrs. B.P. Bellport, the former Mabelle Wright Kandolin, whose marriage took place in Carson City, Nevada last week was honored yesterday at a bridge luncheon given by Mrs. Roscoe Granger in her home.

65 YEARS AGO

October 4, 1940

Miss Jean Caldwell and Ernest Henry Lilienthal will plight their troth at a ceremony October 12 in the Episcopal Church of Our Savior, Mill Valley.

City Engineer Oscar Holmes comes forward with the suggestion that when the Low Water Birdge is constructed, why not design so that it can be used for an additional dam. A few lost cost dams at selected sites upstream and in Putah Canyon could keep the creek running throughout the summer months even in very dry years.

At the meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento, the Vaca-Winters-Dunnigan road was made the No. 1 Yolo County Project.

Last Friday the Warriors traveled 104 miles to San Andreas, defeating Calaveras High in a football game by a score of 14 to 0. Biasi scored the first touchdown on a pass from Covell, and Covell scored the second one on a two-yard plunge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coble returned Monday from the Monterey County Fair, where their Suffolk sheep again won sweepstakes.

F.T. Ruzic is enjoying a two weeks vacation from his duties at the local branch, Bank of America.

Mrs. Dewey Neel and Mrs. A.L. Martin were visitors Friday at Treasure Island.

Mrs. Walter Hansel has returned from a pleasant visit with her brothers in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Lee of Berkeley visited the first of the week at the W.A. Sale home.

'Winters Tales' on file at library

Did you know that the Winters town Christmas tree used to be set up in the middle of the intersection of First and Main Streets? That the Buckhorn bar used to be called the Bucket of Blood? That a famous town personality once ran out in her birthday suit to chase a cow out of her vegetable garden, to the amusement of passers-by?

For several years, volunteers from the Winters Friends of the Library have interviewed longtime residents about life in Winters. The interviews have been transcribed and are now on file at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. Ask at the circulation desk.

For more information, call Diane Cary, 795-3173.

100 YEARS AGO

October 6, 1905

John Alexander Abbay, 80, the first resident of Winters, died in Seattle September 27 while visiting his daughter. In 1861 he settled where Winters is now, building the house occupied by T.E. McFall, which for a short time was also a hotel.

G.W. Nash and family are now comfortably situated in the Lahey property, corner of Second and Abbey Streets, and expect to reside here permanently.

Mrs. Sam Taylor and Mrs. C.C. Councilman have returned from a visit to the fair at Portland and to friends in Olympia and Port Townsend, Washington.

Stanley Ritchie came home from Placer County this week. He has been keeping books for the Producers Fruit Co. at Penyrn all summer.

The Farmers' Ditch Co. was organized by electing Dr. M. O. Wyatt, J.W. Lamme and G.R. Sidwell a board of directors.

G.W. Chapman, who attended the fair at Portland last month, has returned, bringing with him some fine Lincoln sheep to add to his flocks.

Mrs. L. E. Bailey of Statens Island, a New York national organizer of the W.T.C.U., will lecture in the Presbyterian Church next Monday evening.

Another transfer of the Seaman block was made this weeks. F.M. Wyatt, who purchased the property at the auction, has sold it to J. Rummelsburg.

Mr. Rummelsburg's store will occupy the room now rented by the Winters Express and that which was formerly H. Craner's store.

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# Workshop offers assistance with conservation planning signups

By PHIL HOGAN  
Special to the Express

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced that there will be a 2005 Conservation Planning sign-up application period through Nov. 30. Detailed information on the Conservation Planning sign-up will be presented on Thursday, Oct. 20, at a workshop to be held at the Winters Community Center, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The explosive growth in conservation program funding for private lands conservation through the 2002 Farm Bill has generated a priority workload. Now, this priority workload is overwhelming staff time to help farmers and ranchers prepare conservation plans. At the same time, today's natural resource conserva-

tion challenges are increasingly complex and demand a thoughtful, science-based process to develop alternative solutions.

Resource concerns, such as soil erosion, water quantity and quality, animal waste disposal problems, overgrazed plants, and air quality, still exist. Thus, the need for conservation planning to aid "wise use and management" decisions by farmers and ranchers is more important than ever, yet is not fully addressed when conservation planning is handled on a "come as you may" basis.

Using a self-assessment process, selected offices in California will accept conservation planning applications under the Conservation Technical Assistance Program. Signups will be for individuals interested in participating in

one or more conservation programs as well as those preparing a plan strictly for personal use. Conservation planning will help farmers and ranchers make more effective decisions based on sound conservation planning principles. The conservation planning sign-up will also provide greater certainty, for both NRCS and the client, as to when conservation plans will be developed.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources and the environment.

To register for the Winters workshop or for more information, contact Phil Hogan, 662-2037, extension 111 or Phil.Hogan@ca.usda.gov

# Lightening causes multiple outages

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

The last time the skies over Winters lit up like this, it was the Fourth of July. But it was lightening, not fireworks, that put on a show on Monday, Sept. 26.

According to George Cline, forecaster with the National Weather Service, an upper level low pressure system traveled across central California in the late afternoon, carrying with it lots of warm, moist air and "lots of energy" as it made its way across the Sierras and on into Nevada. At the height of the storm, Cline says the National Weather Service recorded nearly 800 lightening strikes in the span of one hour. The heaviest lightening activity occurred over the foothills on the east side of the valley. The storm produces mostly thunder and lightening rather than wind, rain or hail, although rain was recorded in several areas.

Cline says the lightening storm was not a com-

mon occurrence.

"It's kind of unusual to have such an amount of lightening in this area. We don't often see that kind of display."

Although the foothills had more lightening activity, PG&E spokesperson Jennifer Ramp says Yolo County had more problems resulting from it than other areas.

"It was quite a show," says Ramp. "Yolo County took the brunt of the storm."

Ramp says in the Winters area alone, there were five power outages at 5 p.m., two at 6 p.m., and at 7:40 and 8:30 p.m. There were 3,057 PG&E customers without power during those outages, but all were restored the same evening. In all of Yolo County, there were 11,161 PG&E customers who lost power. Oddly enough, says Ramp, Solano County did not experience any power outages.

One of the most troublesome problems occurred in Woodland, when lightening hit a power substation, causing an outage

that affected 2,200 customers. Across the county, PG&E workers were scrambling to repair multiple power lines and transformers that were struck by lightening.

The Winters outages followed a power outage on Sunday, Sept. 25, when a vehicle driven by Tina Marie Keller, 40, of Winters ran into a power pole at Railroad Avenue and Baker Street. Keller was traveling westbound on Baker Street when she became distracted, drifted off the roadway and collided with the pole.

The accident damaged a fuse on the pole, interrupting power to the east and central sides of town. Ramp says 122 customers lost power as a result of that accident, which occurred at 8:45 a.m. Power was restored at 10:08 a.m.

## COUNCIL

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called for in the city's Capital Improvement Plan.

According to Gunby, the rates would increase each year until 2009. Each year's increase would have to be considered and approved by the city council, it would not be automatic.

The city will hold three public information meetings in October. The dates have yet to be announced.

A public hearing will be held on the matter in council chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

**Other items**

In other agenda items,

the council took the following action:

~ Rejected all bids for the Rotary Park parking lot project. According to the staff report, only one bid was received and it came in over the city engineer's estimate of \$550,000, by about 40 percent. The project, which was slated to begin in October, will be put out to bid again in January or February.

~ Held the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2005-08 amending the city of Winters Municipal Code to adopt the California Building Code 2004 Electrical Update and the 2004 and 2005 residential and non-residential Energy Code update.

~ Approved the recommendation for a street naming committee to encourage closer connection to the history and feel of Winters when naming new streets. Members include Newt Wallace, Jack Graf and Joanne Larkey.

~ Continued discussion of the city's fiscal forecasting model, including growth rates, new development and how to keep the city financially stable without depending on growth. The discussion will continue at a future council meeting.

The council meets again on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

## Guided tour features native birds

The birds of the UC Davis Arboretum will be the focus of a free public tour on Sunday, Oct. 2. Many bird species should be visible, and participants will learn about favorite nesting locations

and food sources for many kinds of birds.

The tour leaves at 2 p.m. from Putah Creek Lodge, off LaRue Road on the UC Davis campus.

For more information, call 752-4880.

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# Opinion



**DEBRA LO GUERCIO**  
**BECAUSE I SAY SO**

**I**HAVE A NETWORK of reconnaissance readers out there, nosing around this website and that, who forward me all sorts of interesting tidbits. Some are merely humorous, like the one about Pat Robertson's claim that Hurricane Katrina resulted from God's wrath over the selection of lesbian comedienne Ellen Degeneres as this year's Emmy Awards host.

Degeneres is a New Orleans native, ergo, the obvious connection. In a follow-up story, Robertson denied linking Degeneres to Katrina, and said his actual statement was that God blasted New Orleans because it's the heart of jazz music and, "as every Christian knows, jazz music is sinful and lures people into eternal damnation."

Now, it's not outside the realm of possibility. It wouldn't be the first time Robertson blathered some such lunacy, as evidenced by his recent call to assassinate Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez and, my personal favorite, Robertson's quote on the Equal Rights Amendment: "It is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians." (I loved that one so much, it's taped to our wall at the office.)

Surely this latest gaffe would officially toss Robertson onto the wing-nut pile once and for all, but sadly, it was a clever hoax. A search of that party-pooper website [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com), where all too-good-to-be-true stories go to die, exposed the Robertson story as wry political humor, like that of the Borowitz Report and The Onion. Ah well, it was great while it lasted.

Another item that popped into my email box wasn't funny at all, containing a link to a story about a Diebold whistleblower dubbed Dieb-Throat. Diebold, as we will recall, is the company that makes touch-screen voting machines, the very ones used in the 2004 Presidential election. Diebold was also sued by the state of California over problems with the machines, for which it settled for \$2.6 million. Ouch.

Now, the story was posted on a blog (ongoing online commentaries by — *harumph* — non-professionals), so I was a bit skeptical. Bloggers are accountable to no one, and anyone can start a blog about anything without any credentials whatsoever. They can be pure horse manure or raw unfiltered truth. You read it, you decide. That said, I clicked on the link and read the blog anyway, along with two follow-up blogs.

In a nutshell, Dieb-Throat says a security risk in Diebold's machines was known to the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT), a division of the Department of Homeland Security, prior to the 2004 election. US-CERT even posted the risk on their website, which is linked to this blog. The security risk allows an unauthorized person or hacker to change vote tallies by remote access using a modem. Even more chilling, it is undetectable. Government officials knew this and they looked the other way.

Dieb-Throat doesn't assert that the 2004 election results were actually tampered with, nor does he say that they weren't. But they could've been. We'll never know. Remember when the early exit polls showed John Kerry winning handily, and later on the results didn't match? Hmmm.

Other troubling stories can be found about Diebold's machines failing while in use, such as one instance where the machines froze during heavy activity and votes were lost. However, aside from blogs, there's relatively little hard news about Diebold security risks or Dieb-Throat online. More pointedly, I found nothing discrediting Dieb-Throat at all. However, I did find some interesting side-stories. Today, six days after that Sept. 15 post on [www.bradblog.com](http://www.bradblog.com), Diebold CEO Eric Evans resigned, according to a well-hidden story at [www.stockhouse.com](http://www.stockhouse.com). The same day, Diebold's stock plummeted 15.55 percent. On the other hand, lots of stocks tanked on Sept. 21. Coincidence or evidence?

What I really want to know is if Dieb-Throat's story is true. I'd like to say I found a Snopes expose tearing it to shreds. I did not. Read the blog yourself at [www.bradblog.com/archives/00001838.htm](http://www.bradblog.com/archives/00001838.htm). If someone can refute the Dieb-Throat story and [www.bradblog.com](http://www.bradblog.com) posts, please do. Because if they're true, our votes and elections are meaningless. Which means the very foundation of American democracy is meaningless. Which means our country as we know it is dead.

**ON A LOCAL NOTE**, our nationally famous former Winters High School art teacher, Sally Paul, stopped by our office last week, looking a bit upset. Seems a favorite necklace of hers fell off in the parking lot across from the Winters Express office on Sept. 16 during the lunch hour. The necklace was very special to her and isn't replaceable. The Hopi-style pendant is about three inches by 2 inches, and has an inlaid lapis (blue) bear, with silver on the back. It is signed "Jocelyn Long." Sally has offered a substantial reward for the necklace, which I am holding for her, to be turned over to anyone who brings it to me at the Express office, no questions asked.

Come on, Sally has given so much to Winters students over so many years. How about giving her necklace back?

**AND ONE MORE THING:** I received a demo CD from Eliza Gilkyson, who appears this Thursday at The Palms, and if her performance is anything like the CD, it will be one fabulous show. She's just awesome. If you haven't been to The Palms yet (shame on you!!!) this is a perfect time to start. Get off that couch and buy a ticket.



## LETTERS

### Many reasons to support Bush

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to last week's letter from Debbie Padgett in defense of those informed people who share my ideology. She implies that people like myself follow the leadership of this man blindly with our heads in the sand. I will disagree, but first let me be brutally honest.

I admit, George Bush sometimes speaks rather poorly, in so much that he stumbles and searches for words. He has an annoying nervous laugh. He can't say "nuclear." Many years ago he drank too much. He has not done enough to curb illegal immigration into this country and his poll numbers may be low. There may be more negative facts about him, but off the top of my head, that's the bulk of it and yet he still has done nothing to lose my respect.

Many have said George Bush lied but never give a specific answer as to when he lied. They say, "he apparently lied," or "he misled us, therefore he is a liar" or in this case "we allow ourselves to be fed lie after lie." I believe the story about the lie has been repeated so many times that people begin to believe it and repeat it without question. Joseph Stalin called these people "willing idiots." Could someone please be specific and explain what lie George Bush told. Please no vague references or innuendo and be specific as to how it constitutes a lie. I would like to know.

Padgett said the reasons for us going to war were false and manipulated. This is for those who don't know what those reasons were. Along with other nations, we originally went to war with Iraq to remove them from Kuwait. After we won the war, they signed a treaty. Aside from breaking the treaty on numerous occasions and kicking U.N. inspectors out, Saddam openly supported terrorism. The Clinton administration told us Saddam was a threat to our country based on the same intelligence that George W. Bush used. He was not lying but he did not act. This is abbreviated, but fact.

We had several reasons to go into Iraq after 9/11 for breaking the treaty and the threat of WMDs, but removing Saddam became the main objective. Bush never claimed Saddam planned the attacks, but he was a bigger threat to this country than Osama Bin Ladin was. The Bush administration went before the U.N., but received resistance from those who were dealing with Saddam. We were yet to find out why sanctions against Saddam were such a monumental failure.

The "Oil for Food" program, designed to help the people of Iraq, turned out to be the largest money scam of all time. Instead of helping the people of Iraq,

leaders at the U.N. and others were aiding Saddam and his sons in raping them. Saddam and his sons gave them billions of dollars and made billions themselves. Our going into Iraq led to exposing the U.N. for the corrupt organization it is. Why does the Left ignore this and cry about big business in America?

For those who call this George Bush's war, I have bad news. This is also the war of every member of congress who voted for George Bush to use military force in Iraq — people like John Kerry, John Edwards and Hillary Clinton for instance. It is the war of every person who voted for George Bush. It is the war of those who volunteer to fight for this country. It is Casey Sheehan's war. It is my war. We do not believe we should continue to fight terrorism because of the number of people who have died for the cause, but because it is the right thing to do for the future of our country. We don't expect people on the Left to understand it or join in, but we would appreciate it if they would stop aiding our enemies and hurting the people who choose to put themselves in harm's way. As long as our enemies know they have the support of the Left and the media to cover it in this country, they will have hope and continue fighting.

For those who want to blame George Bush for a poor response to the hurricane in Louisiana, we already know that federal troops were turned away by the governor, and the mayor of New Orleans failed to evacuate people. Study what liberal leadership did to that area over the decades. Ignorance, poverty and dependency stood out more than anything. There was plenty of money through several administrations to do what needed to be done, but the corruption within the local government perpetuated the problems that existed. It's time to educate those people, teach the importance of hard work and family, and then independence from government.

It is really sad to hear people whine about what the federal government failed to do for those that failed themselves, their families, their city and their state. Everybody has a choice to help himself and his neighbor, but don't cry because the man that holds the highest office in the land did not role up his sleeves and jump in the water to save everyone. If you truly think this is what George Bush should have done, I invite you to pull your head out of the sand, (or wherever it may be), and get a good night's sleep, because tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your independent and informed life.

**MATT YEHLE**



**CHARLES R. WALLACE**  
**A QUICK OPINION**

**W**INTERS IS GROWING, ISN'T IT? We've all had this conversation over the years. You'll be talking to someone from out of town, and the subject of growth comes up. When you tell them that Winters has grown to 6,800 people, they just kind of stare and then add, "but isn't Winters growing by leaps and bounds." I'll tell them no, and that we haven't built more than a couple of homes over the last three years. Again, they just kind of stare at you.

Growth is just around the corner, but when Mariani tore down the house on Grant Avenue last week, I figured it pushed us into the negative growth category for the year. Then I remembered there is a new home on Third Street, and a couple of almost finished homes on Russell. We may finish the year with a positive growth rate after all.

There are a lot of subdivisions making their way through City Hall. Two have been approved, Creekside Estates (Estepa's walnut orchard) with 49 lots and Callahan properties with 120 homes having been approved. The developers can build anytime they are ready. The school district and the city are ready for them to build now, but it is always easy to tell someone else to invest their money than to invest your own.

The hearing on Winters Highland's environmental impact report (EIR) is coming up in October. With over 400 proposed homes and a small apartment building, this is the largest subdivision in our history. But people aren't really discussing the pros and cons of the size of the subdivision, or the build out rate, no, they want to talk about critters that live (or might live) where the housing is to be built.

The newest argument against development is habitat for the Swainson hawk. The Swainson hawk has recently expanded into our area and if you believe the argument that they won't survive without our help, think again. If there is a food source in the hills, they will move there, and the land we're talking about doesn't have a tree in sight for nesting.

There is talk about securing 120 acres for habitat for the Swainson hawk. That might be a nice gesture, but at what price. The developers will be required to pay a price to build in Winters. They have come to terms with the school district paying level 3 fees (the highest level) and plan to build a cafeteria at the high school. The city is asking for a new police and fire station, parks, wet lands and future impact funds along with other things. There is a list in Dawn's story somewhere in this week's Express.

During the city's negotiations hawk habitat came up. We should get as much from the developers as we can, and asking for the moon may not be a bad idea, but the developers will only pay so much before they either can't develop the land and sue, or like Raja developers, go broke. We need to decide what is important to us and negotiate with the developers for what we need. If we decide we'd rather have protected habitat instead of civic building, bike paths, a new swimming pool, and ball fields, that will be our choice.

Whatever decisions we make, we will only get so much from the developers. Our city council will make the final decision and like I've said in the past, they've been making good decisions, so far. If you have a pet project you'd like to see funded, have an interest in our future or if you'd like to see some open space, show up at the meeting, October 25, 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

A side note. Just because the city decides to have open space, habitat or wet lands, doesn't mean it is open to the public, especially wet lands. If there are endangered species, you won't be able to dip your mason jar into the pond to collect tadpoles. You just might kill a fairy shrimp. Open space may be a development easement on someone's farm land and you won't be allowed to walk your dog or jog across the property. Just something to think about.

Have a good week.

### Solar Expo planned Saturday

Dear Editor,

Do you know what your utility bills will look like this winter? One thing is for sure, residential energy costs are not going down.

Pacific Gas and Electric (PGE) has just requested another price increase. These new rates are the highest rates in the country, topping at \$0-.40/kWh for people who use lots of energy each month. About \$600 million per year worth of increases; most customer class rates will be reduced, except for residential rates which are increasing. Meanwhile, PGE's stock (PCG) has never been higher.

What can you do to get more control over your energy bills? You've heard it before, but it is worth repeating. Make your home energy efficient. Buy compact fluorescent bulbs, vacuum out your refriger-

ator grills and heat exchangers. Clean the filters on your heating and air-conditioning system. Make sure there are no leaks in your ductwork. Fix your windows, better yet, buy new ones. And think about getting solar for heat and electricity. Before opting for solar systems, first purchase efficient appliances, home energy retrofits like insulation and better windows. Then buy photovoltaics and solar thermal collectors.

The federal energy bill passed this year, while dwarfed by increases in coal and nuclear subsidies, does a small amount for commercial and residential solar in the form of tax incentives for 2006 and 2007. The state of California leads the way in new home developments that include energy efficiency

See **SOLAR** on page A-9

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# Program offers help for disabled, elderly

Adult day health programs provide health and social services that can significantly improve the lives of adults with physical or cognitive impairments. The programs' support and resources enable individuals to maintain independence, self-sufficiency and personal care capabilities

while preventing hospitalizations and delaying nursing home care. Yolo Adult Day Health Center, a collaboration of Woodland Healthcare and Yolo County, has been serving the community since 1984. For more information about the program, call 666-8828.

## POLICE

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appear.

### Sept. 25

~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for grand theft. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.

~ On the 200 block of Rosa Avenue, a vehicle was vandalized.

~ Efrain Magallon Mendoza, 24, of Woodland was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and failing to dim high beams. Blood alcohol content results: .08/.07. Mendoza was also arrested on an outstanding Woodland Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and no proof of insurance. Mendoza was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

### Sept. 26

~ Rodney Gale Willard, 53, a transient was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence, making a prohibited turn and two counts of failure to appear. Willard was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

# Community

## Solar expo showcases solar options

By LIZ MERRY  
Special to the Express

With energy stability and security issues in the daily news, growing numbers of Californians are turning to the sun to power their electricity and hot water needs. On Saturday, Oct. 1, more than 60,000 people across the country, including hundreds in Yolo County, will experience solar energy technology firsthand as part of the National Solar Homes Tour. In Winters, the Yolo Solar Expo takes place from 12-4 p.m. at The Palms, 13 Main Street.

Yolo County has hundreds of solar electric system installations, including many on farms. Solar energy equipment makes sound financial sense for farm applications due to strong tax benefits at the state and federal levels. Solar is also financially appealing for residential situations where the average monthly electricity bill is \$100 or more. Solar electric and solar hot water technology is always a good decision for the environment, as the equipment offsets global warming pollution created from burning coal and natural gas.

The City of Winters has passed progressive energy efficiency and solar requirements for new housing developments. Expo organizer and former city planning commissioner Joe McCabe is a solar technology consultant with a passion for educating the public about the need to support pro-solar policies.

"This technology is a no-brainer for Winters and all of Yolo County," says McCabe. "We have to make individual choices to solve broader environmental problems, and solar is one that is good for both the planet and your pocket-book."

The Yolo Solar Expo includes workshops, solar vendor information and a mini-tour of solar homes in Winters. The workshops are presented by experts in energy efficiency, solar financing, solar thermal and solar electric technology, who will discuss these topics and answer audience questions. More details and other solar tour events can be found online at [www.norcal-solar.org/tour](http://www.norcal-solar.org/tour).

The Winters workshop is free, but participants are encouraged to make a donation at the door to NorCal Solar. All income benefits NorCal Solar educational programs. No reservations are necessary to attend.

To volunteer or for more information, email McCabe, [new\\_news\\_release@yahoo.com](mailto:new_news_release@yahoo.com).



Courtesy photo  
Bob Button pilots Voodoo, a highly modified WWII, P-51 Mustang.

## Voodoo unable to fly in Reno Air Races

By DAN, DARREN  
and CRYSTAL SCHMIDT  
Special to the Express

Bob Button and his airplane, Voodoo, made its debut at the Reno Air Races this month. Button and Voodoo advertise their home as JJ's Saloon in Winters, California.

Button arrived in Reno on Saturday, Sept. 10, to compete in the Reno National Air Races from Sept. 15-18. This was to be the first year at Reno that Button would pilot Voodoo himself in the unlimited class air race after owning this highly modified WW II, P-51 Mustang for 11 years.

Button gained some experience performing in a demonstration race in Tunica, Mississippi in June of this year and was looking forward to placing in the Gold race at Reno. As fate would have it, this was not the year for his big win. Voodoo started developing engine problems during qualifying and the hard working crew worked frantically all week, but could not get Voodoo to run under full power.

Despite the engine prob-

lem, Button was able to qualify Voodoo at a respectful 413 miles per hour, with less than the full race power this airplane is capable of producing. This speed was in the low "Gold" category and shows all of us that Button and Voodoo will make a challenging team next year.

After having a rough start of the week, Button made the decision on Friday to stop attempting to repair the engine in the pit area on Reno's Flight line. He decided the crew would use the rest of the time to remove the engine. Voodoo's engine will be taken to Jack Hovey's engine shop in Ione and repaired.

On Friday, Button said, "Off the throttle and on the bottle" in true spirit of his reputation at JJ's. The rest of the week was spent in the company of all Button's family, friends, fans and crew. We can't say this was a loss, it was a valuable learning experience we will all use to make next year the Big Race Début for the infamous race pilot Bob Button and his beautiful airplane, Voodoo.

## Adult choral group forming

Calling all singers: The city of Winters Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the "Winters Community Singers," an adult choral group. The ensemble will meet on Tuesdays in the Winters Library meeting room, 7:15-9 p.m. under the direction of Lynne Secrist.

Rehearsals begin Sept. 27. The cost to participate is \$60. You need not know

how to read music, but must love to sing in a group. The Community Singers will perform with the Middle School chorus and band at the Holiday Concert on Dec. 1 at the Community Center, at which the city of Winters Outstanding Youth Award will also be presented.

Call Gloria Marion at City Hall, 795-4910, extension 102, to register.

## Major to speak at library

Clarence Major writes and paints, and his latest novel is an investigation of the relationship between poetry and painting. He will read from and discuss his book "One Flesh," at the Winters Public Library on Monday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The book is the story of a solitary painter in New York City whose comfortable loneliness is turned upside down when a Chinese American woman enters his world and challenges him to embrace life.

Major is a versatile man of letters who writes poetry and fiction as well as non-fiction. He was nominated for the 1999 National Book Award in poetry for "Configurations: New & Select-

ed Poems 1958-1998" and won the Pushcart Prize for the short story "My Mother and Mitch" (1989). In addition to "One Flesh," his recent books include "Such Was The Season" (2003) and "Come by Here: My Mother's Life" (2002). Major was featured reading and discussing his work on the NPR show "News and Notes with Ed Gordon" in April. He is professor of English at UC Davis.

The free talk is part of the 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, in Winters.

For more information, please call Carol Scianna at (530) 795-2201.

## Belly dancing classes start Oct. 6

Belly dancing classes will be offered at the Winters Library for six weeks beginning Thursday, Oct. 6. The classes will be held on Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m. and will cost \$44. They will be taught by Jane "Jenia" Ingroff, the leader of the Sacred Fire belly dance troupe that performed at this year's

Earthquake Street Festival.

Adults and mature teenagers are welcome to participate. If there are enough people signed up to take the class, it may continue after the first six-week session.

For more information or to sign up, call Jenia, (707) 446-0825, or send email to [jenia@cwnet.com](mailto:jenia@cwnet.com).

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# Winters

*Chamber of Commerce*

## CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

September's mixer was the Chamber Appreciation barbecue, which was held on the lawn area between Putah Creek and the Community Center. We had a large turnout and excellent food served by the staff of Buckhorn Catering. A goal of the evening is to show our appreciation for the employees of the Winters Joint Unified School District. They are such a vital part of our community and it was fantastic that over 20 employees of the WJUSD joined us as our guests.

One of my favorite parts of the Appreciation Mixer is the raffle, as it is always our most bountiful raffle of the year due to the many contributions from our business community. This Chamber would like to thank Valley Floors, Regalare, Gloria Marion, the Winters Theatre Company, Linn and Paul Myer, Chris' Florist, The Palms and, of course, the Buckhorn and Putah Creek Café for their contributions to the raffle. My other favorite part of the event is the contribution of reams of paper to the WJUSD employees from Charley Wallace of the Winters Express. Any time you can get into Wallace's wallet, it's a great day!

Speaking of appreciation, I am appreciative that the Earthquake Festival in August was a huge success for the Chamber this year. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of many, we had a record year for revenue from the festival. Outside of membership, the Earthquake Festival is our largest source of income during the year.

Thanks to Gina Linville of Valley Floors, we had a record year for sponsor income. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of many, the Chamber beer booth was also a huge success. At the risk of being unfair to all



DAN MAQUIRE

### CHAMBER DOINGS

those who helped, I would like special recognition of some of our volunteers who went above and beyond their "shift" in the booth. My opening team of Debbie LaShure, Nancy Meyer, and Paul Myer were indispensable in helping me get the event up and running.

My favorite team is the "closers." At a time when all you want to do is go home, Charley Wallace, Dave Fleming, John Siracusa and Steve Casselli helped me get it buttoned down for the night. Debra LoGuercio did a fantastic job putting together this year's entertainment line up and John Clifford was excellent as the Master of Ceremonies. A final thought on the event, if you are ever in need of good kids willing to roll up sleeves and work hard, consider using the Music Boosters to help. They did an unbelievable job on street clean-up, a task I assure you nobody wants to do. To all those who helped me but are not mentioned, I do appreciate your help, I'm just running out of room.

October will be full of events as we celebrate "Fall for Winters." The month is designed to highlight and promote the agriculture of our area as well as promoting our art community. It's time to bring out the scarecrows as the Chamber will once again be sponsoring the scarecrow contest.

Other October activities

include the Art Walk on Saturday, Oct. 1, and Harvest Market, which is a farmers market, wine tasting, art and craft exhibits, and musical entertainment and is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 14. On Saturday, Oct. 15, the Chamber and FFA will host farm tours and the FFA will have their pumpkin patch event at the ag site.

October's activities conclude with the Winters Victorian Halloween and Ghost Stories, hosted by John and Liz Siracusa, and friends on Oct. 28-30. Watch for additional details on all these great events in future editions of the Winters Express.

#### Chamber Mixer

October's Chamber mixer will be hosted by the Kimes Ace Hardware at 35 Main Street. Owners Mike and Janet Kimes will be hosting their last mixer, as the sale of the business is scheduled for the end of this year.

I don't know how many mixers Mike and Janet have hosted over the years, but I know they have hosted a ton of them ( I think they have hosted one every year I have been with the Chamber).

Join us on Monday, Oct. 10, from 5:30-7 p.m. to celebrate the 28 years the Kimes have been an important part of our business community. This is a great chance to spend an evening with the Kimes and let Mike and Janet introduce you to the soon-to-be owners of their business.

## October Art Walk features new gallery

The next Winters Art Walk takes place Saturday, Oct. 1 in downtown Winters. Official Art Walk hours are 4-8 p.m., although various participants are open all day as noted.

New this month: Briggs & Co., 820 Railroad Avenue. Art Walk hours 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Featuring metal sculpture, fine art, contemporary crafts and jewelry, all created by local and regional

artists. Celebrating its grand opening on Oct. 1 with an artist reception in the evening. [www.briggsandco.com](http://www.briggsandco.com).

There is no charge to participate in the Art Walk. For more information contact Rebecca Bresnick Holmes at (530) 795-0692 or [Rebecca@PorFinPottery.com](mailto:Rebecca@PorFinPottery.com). A map and listing of participating galleries is available online at [www.PorFinPottery.com](http://www.PorFinPottery.com).

## Chamber of Commerce meetings open to public

The Winters Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Friday of each month at 7 a.m. in the Chamber office, located inside the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue.

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings. The Chamber is involved in

promoting local business, as well as coordinating community functions such as the Earthquake Street Festival and the Citizen of the Year celebration.

For more information about the Chamber, call 795-2329.

## Recent home sales

484 MAIN ST 3 2 1310	08-01	.....	\$419,000
790 APRICOT AVE 0 0 0	08-01	.....	\$500,000
1030 ADAMS LN , 0 0 0	07-29	...	\$145,000
821 TAYLOR ST 3 2 1040	07-27	...	\$176,000
304 BAKER ST , 0 0 0	07-27	....	\$207,000
30100 PLEASANT VIEW RD	07-22	..	\$1,001,000
623 SNAPDRAGON ST	-07-21	.....	\$449,000
401 GRIFFIN WAY	07-18	.....	\$550,000

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# MILLER

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standing water, is completely destroyed along with everything in it.

“We have a total loss of our house. That we know. It’s a lot to absorb,” says Miller. “We had a life there. The kids just got back to school.”

She explains that she and her husband, Leonard, lived in their home in the northeast area of New Orleans for 12 years. Her husband worked as a postal supervisor and she worked as a litigation specialist for Creative Risk Control, so Miller and her family had the money and means to evacuate when it became apparent that Hurricane Katrina was going to slam into the area with full force on Labor Day weekend. Miller credits her healthy respect for hurricanes for heeding the evacuation notice immediately.

“Being the scaredy cat that I am, they say ‘level anything,’ and I’m gone.”

She explains that not all residents of the Gulf Coast are this quick to get out of a hurricane’s path. Hurricanes are just a part of life in that region from June through November, she says, and in all the time she’s lived in New Orleans, there hasn’t been a year yet where an evacuation lasted longer than two or three days. And, most times, the aftermath was nothing like the destruction left in Katrina’s path, which she describes as of “biblical proportion.”

Although Miller always evacuated when past warnings were issued, she says many of the locals became callous to the warnings and were sure they could ride the storms out.

“It’s a different mindset in New Orleans. Hurricanes are something that happen every year.”

She says last year’s Hurricane Ivan was a bit of a wake-up call, though, reminding residents of Mother Nature’s terrific force, and that may have prompted more people to get out of town when Katrina came calling. However, she notes that the call to evacuate did seem to come at the last minute. In the days just before Katrina made land, things in New Orleans were “business as usual.” She says Katrina initially was not expected to slam into the city until it suddenly changed its path and headed right at it. Residents were advised to evacuate, and when that many people try to leave all at once on relatively few roads, evacuating isn’t as easy as it sounds, even with the traffic flow on the incoming highways reversed to allow more routes out of town.

When the evacuation order was issued late in the afternoon on Saturday, Sept. 3, Miller packed her boys into her car. She says the highways out of town were “absolute mayhem.” It

took her two hours to drive 11 miles, the roads were so clogged with cars, RVs and trucks pulling boats.

“There were half a million people trying to get out of the city,” she says, adding that when the evacuation notice comes, it doesn’t include instructions on which way to go. They’re only told to go, not but where. Taking her best guess, Miller headed to Belzoni, Mississippi, which is usually a four-hour drive. Nine hours later, when she arrived there, it turned out Mississippi was also in Katrina’s path. Miller’s only option was to turn around and head back to Dallas, Texas.

From Texas, Miller decided to catch a flight to California with her children and stay with relatives in Winters, while her husband stayed behind to look for temporary housing. Initially, he wanted to ride the hurricane out at home, but thankfully changed his mind at the last minute and opted for a shelter in Dallas. Ironically, they were planning on moving to the Dallas area in 18 months anyway. Hurricane Katrina pushed the schedule forward considerably. As of last week, Miller’s husband managed to locate a new house, and she says she’s not too picky about what he chose in her absence.

“As long as it’s dry, I’m happy,” she says.

While her husband puts in for a transfer with the postal service and gets things squared away in Dallas, Miller spends much of her day surfing the internet, scouring websites devoted to hurricane evacuees and emergency shelters across the country in an attempt to find missing family members. Replacing things seems trivial when loved ones are missing, and Miller says her husband’s entire family has not yet been located. Nearly a month has passed, and their relatives still haven’t turned up.

The last family member to be heard from was her brother-in-law, who was unable to evacuate when the warning went into effect. His last words to them were left on an answering machine: “I want to get out.” The message wasn’t received in time, and he hasn’t been heard from him since.

## Taking responsibility

As for who is responsible for the evacuation mess in New Orleans, Miller doesn’t lay all the blame at the federal level. Pointing out that hurricanes are nothing new to New Orleans, she says the city should have had a better plan for moving people out in an emergency. She says lectures take place frequently in New Orleans about the frail conditions of the levees and the large population of poor people, and there’s even a Hurricane Preparedness Week. In the end, it wasn’t much help.

“The breakdown started locally and expanded

outwards. If New Orleans had a good plan to deal with this disaster, most of this wouldn’t have happened,” she says. “At every level, there was failure. At every single level.”

She adds that it was well-known that the Superdome was never intended to serve as an general emergency shelter, but the mayor directed people to go there anyway and it was inundated with too many people.

“The Superdome was supposed to be only for the most infirm.”

Miller says New Orleans politics were also likely an issue in the city’s disorganized response to the hurricane. Describing local politics as “colorful,” she says, “they get very little done,” largely because of a lot of “in-fighting.”

Like many people, Miller was also disturbed by the violent crime that took place in New Orleans early on in the evacuation process, but says she wasn’t really surprised because the city has earned the unhappy ranking as the most dangerous city in the U.S.

“It’s the murder capitol of the world,” says Miller. “At any given time, the city can spread into disorder. It’s a volatile city.”

## Port Winters

As the pieces of their lives slowly fall back into place, Miller and her boys are staying in Winters with her sister and brother-in-law, Jackie Clark Wiesman and Joel Wiesman. She says the community has treated her “wonderfully.”

“This has been a very good stop for my children and I,” says Miller, who has visited Winters a couple times before under happier circumstances, and when asked if she’ll come back for a visit someday, she says, “Absolutely!”

In particular, she is pleased with the reception her children received at Waggoner Elementary School and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School, and says her children are her foremost concern.

“I’m trying to make sure my boys have a normal existence here,” says Miller, noting that the boys really miss their dad and Samuel even stopped talking for awhile, but is doing better now. She says both boys are doing well in school here and credits that to the counselors and staff at both schools.

“I just can’t say enough about the school counselors and the schools, how they’ve made them feel comfortable,” she says. “The schools bent over backwards to get them into classes.”

Both boys confirmed that Winters students were treating them well and they’ve already made some friends. Miller says her sister-in-law perked

up their spirits as well, purchasing new school clothes for each of them before they went to class.

As for right now, Miller says she and her boys aren’t in immediate need of anything in particular, but says cash flow was a problem because the server at her bank in New Orleans was underwater and although she had money in the bank, she was unable to access it.

“We’re okay, we’re with family,” she says. It’s hard for her to list what they might need when they get back because she says they’ve literally lost everything they owned, from dishes to clothing to furniture. One thing that really pinched was the loss of their new piano, which they’d just purchased so the boys could take lessons. Miller is sure that the piano, which was made of wood like most of her furniture, was destroyed by the flood water. So, what do they need? Literally everything. Miller says she’d be happy to accept anything people might have to offer, but “only what we can carry back with us.”

One positive note, the Millers do have homeowner’s insurance, so that will help. On the other hand, the insurance companies are inundated with claims, so Miller is unable to predict when help from her insurance company will come through.

The worst part, she says, are the things that aren’t insured, like people who died in the hurricane, still-missing relatives, and friends who evacuated to other areas who Miller fears she’ll never see again because they’ll make new lives for themselves in those towns and may never return to New Orleans at all. Those are the things you can’t replace.

“We have what it takes to get back on our feet, but we just don’t have access to it. We have insurance, we just have to get the process going.”

But Miller seems to be maintaining as positive an attitude as she can muster. Right now, she’s very pleased to be reuniting with her husband soon when they fly to Dallas on Oct. 11, and says her boys are looking forward to seeing their father. Once together, it will just take time to rebuild their lives.

“We are people of a strong faith. We just pray that this goes well.”

Miller is open to discussing her situation with anyone who is interested. Out of respect for her relatives’ privacy, she requests that anyone who wishes to contact them leave a message for her at Waggoner or Rominger School. Notes or messages may also be dropped off with the Winters Express editor, and they will be delivered to her: 312 Railroad Avenue or email, [debra@wintersexpress.com](mailto:debra@wintersexpress.com)



# Entertainment

## Capay Valley Vineyards open for Hoes Down event

Capay Valley Vineyards will be open Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the end of harvest. Their newest releases will be featured. All are recent medal winners at the California State Fair.

Harvest tours of the vineyard will be conducted. A selection of holiday gifts, including Syrah and Chocolate (a chocolate-covered wine bottle) will be for sale. Visitors will also have

the opportunity to view paintings by local artist Claire Haag.

For more information, call 796-4110 or visit [www.capayvalleyvineyards.com](http://www.capayvalleyvineyards.com)

Everyone is invited to continue up the valley to the annual Hoes Down Harvest Festival at Full Belly Farm on the same day. For more information about the festival, go online to [www.hoesdown.org](http://www.hoesdown.org).

## Art Walks planned every first Saturday of the month

Winters Art Walks take place on the first Saturday of every month, all day through December.

All Winters art galleries, artist studios and antiques galleries are participating in an organized public tour to view art in Winters.

All Winters artists are invited to participate. Publicity and signage is provided for the event.

Call Diana Childress at Blue Hills Gallery for more information, 795-9535; or go online to [www.bluehillsgallery.com](http://www.bluehillsgallery.com).

## Coming to The Palms



Courtesy photo

Singer songwriter Eliza Gilkyson will bring her critically acclaimed sounds to The Palms, 13 Main Street, on Thursday, Sept. 29. Tickets are \$15; show starts at 8 p.m.

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at  
[www.wintersexpress.com](http://www.wintersexpress.com)

## 50th anniversary celebration planned at Nut Tree Airport

The Nut Tree Airport will celebrate its 50th anniversary with an Air Faire on Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events will include a static display of antique war birds, modern and experimental aircraft. Military and other

fly-bys are also scheduled.

Admission is free, however, a \$3 donation is requested for parking. The Nut Tree Airport is located at 301 County Airport Road in Vacaville.

For more information, call (707) 429-2049 or (707) 331-5476.



### Coming up

Fri., Sept. 30 — The Iguanas/Jesse DeNatale  
Sat., Oct. 1 — Little Charlie & The Nightcats  
Sat., Oct. 8 — Tom Rigney & Flambeau  
Sun., Oct. 9 — Melissa Ferrick  
Wed., Oct. 19 — Tab Benoit

See the rest of our schedule online at [palmsplayhouse.com](http://palmsplayhouse.com)

## SOLAR

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and solar technologies.

It has only been a few years since solar electric equipment has been available which matches the quality of utility power. Since the late 1990s, inverters have been used to convert the direct current from photovoltaics, to alternating current consistent with utility power. Terminals have evolved to quick-connects. Building applied systems have evolved into building integrated solar systems. Today, new home builders are combining energy efficiency and solar in new home construction, primarily in California where electric rates are high and incentives are available.

This weekend, across

the nation tens of thousands of people will be touring solar homes. More information on the national solar home tour is available on the American Solar Energy Societies web site at [www.ases.org](http://www.ases.org). For northern California, the Northern California Solar Energy Association is performing many local events. Search <http://www.noricalsolar.org/> for more information.

Yolo County is home to many nationally recognized experts in energy efficiency and solar energy. On Saturday, Oct. 1, from 12-4 p.m., the Yolo Solar Expo will be held at The Palms, 13 Main Street. Representatives from financing, energy efficiency, solar electricity, building integrated photovoltaics, zero energy homes, and solar thermal will be on hand with spe-

cific presentations and will be available for questions and answers. SunEdison, PowerLight, Davis Energy Group, Energy Ideas, Brooks Engineering and Blue Oak Energy are just some of the experts that will be available at the Expo.

Attendance is free, with donations accepted for the Northern California Solar Energy Association. These experts will show existing home owners how efficiency and solar technologies can help people manage annual energy costs. They will also show new home developers how packaging energy efficiency measures, with solar technologies will provide enhanced value to their new home product, tending toward zero energy homes.

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## GRANT

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way Street. In addition, the grant will fund construction of segments of sidewalk on the north side of Edwards Street in front of Waggoner Elementary School, and on the south side of Grant Avenue between West Main Street and Cemetery Lane.

The grant was obtained through the Caltrans Safe Routes to Schools program. The actual estimated cost for the project is \$184,979.56. The city is responsible for the local share of \$18,479.56. According to a staff report from Sokolow, funding sources for the city's share could include the Gas Tax fund and Community Development Agency funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Woody Fridae asked if there was a possibility that the large, fruitless mulberry trees located on the east side of Hemenway Street might have to be removed. Sokolow said it was possible that a couple would present a problem, but he didn't think all of the trees would be threatened. He noted that there is a five-foot standard for city sidewalks and he thought most of

the mulberry trees were outside that area.

Fridae noted that the city has been working to retain and increase the tree canopy, and did not want to see any of those trees removed. He moved to accept the grant, while directing the city planner to ensure preservation of the trees.

Council member Tom Stone wasn't sure preservation of the trees should be guaranteed, especially considering that it is a major traffic area.

Sokolow noted that preservation of the existing trees was included in the planning. Fridae asked if the sidewalk could go around the trees. Sokolow and City Manager John Donlevy noted that the school district would have to give up property to preserve the trees. Donlevy was also concerned that any major changes to the construction plan might jeopardize the grant.

Rather than change the construction plan, it was suggested that discussion of the item be continued in order to address Fridae's concerns more thoroughly.

"I feel really strongly about this," said Fridae, suggesting that perhaps sidewalks could be constructed only on the west

side of Hemenway in order to preserve the trees.

City council member Steve Godden asked if the school's plans included sidewalks on both sides of the street or just one. Sokolow didn't know, but he did point out that children walk on both sides of the street going to and from the high school, the middle school and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School.

Council member Harold Anderson suggested that maybe the trees could be replaced after construction of the sidewalk.

"Let's not lose sight of the purpose of the grant," he said. "It's to make it safer for the children."

"Would we say 'no' to the grant if we had to take out every tree?" asked Stone.

"I wouldn't be in favor of it," said Fridae, who again suggested putting the sidewalk in between the existing fence and the trees.

Fridae explained that he is concerned about the safety of children walking to school, as well, and feels strongly about putting in sidewalks, but that he really wanted to save those trees.

Fridae withdrew his original motion and the item was continued to the



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Winters City Council member Tom Stone (right) welcomes Steve Godden to the council. Godden was sworn in at the Sept. 20 meeting, after being appointed to the council following the death of city council member Robert Chapman on Aug. 9.

Oct. 4 council meeting.

In a later conversation, Sokolow said he and City Engineer Nick Ponticello visited the Hemenway Street site and that most likely all the trees would be left intact, with the possibility of building the sidewalk around one tree. He will make a full report to the council at the Oct. 4 meeting.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

## City council will meet

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

- ~ Design development committee for the Putah Creek Bridge replacement project.
- ~ Waste Management contract renewal.
- ~ Acceptance of Caltrans grant for sidewalk improvements.
- ~ Refund of duplicate water and sewer payments to Herman Lopez

## Book benefits hurricane victims

A special book sale to benefit Hurricane Katrina relief, is being sponsored by the Friends of the Davis Public Library at the Davis Library, 315 East 14th Street, Davis. Twenty-five percent of proceeds will go to the Red Cross. The sale takes place on Friday, Oct. 7, 12-5 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be new books each day; a large number of hardbound science fiction books, lots of mysteries and many Eastern religion books.

There will also be books on tape and videos. Most items will cost 50 cents to \$1. Sunday is "\$3 a bag day," and also features better books at half-price.

For more information, call 756-2299.

## HIGHLANDS

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the school district may be forced to reduce the amount of school fees it can charge developers. However, the city can still negotiate for Level III impact fees, which is an additional \$3.20 per square foot over and above the likely impact fee of \$2.87 per square foot charged by the school district. That would result in over \$2.9 million in additional funds for the district.

~ The developer will be required to fund the entire Phase II expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The estimated cost of the 33 percent capacity expansion is \$3-5 million. The Winters Highlands and Callahan Estate subdivisions would also be required to construct a sewer lift station at an estimated cost of \$2.6 million.

~ Granite Bay Holdings would be required to install an additional water well at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million.

~ Because a portion of the project falls into the flood overlay area, the developer will be required to pay toward the flood solution at a cost of \$788,000. They will also be required to pay for improvements to the Rancho Arroyo Detention Pond.

~ Granite Bay Holdings will be required to install a traffic signal at the intersection of West Main Street and Grant Avenue. Main Street, Anderson Avenue, Neimann Street and Valley Oak Drive will be fully extended. Improvements will be made to the Walnut, Dutton and East Street intersection to improve turning capabilities. Moody Slough Road will be reconstructed on both sides. Traffic calming features will be required throughout the Winters Highlands project. Antique street lights with night sky protection will also be installed through-

out the project.

~ The applicant has proposed incorporating wetlands watershed education due to the presence of a wetland area in the project area. A concept for Burrowing owl use on the landfill mound is under discussion. The developer may also provide funding for a W-Weir project in Putah Creek.

~ The developer will be required to pay \$8,600 per single family lot into an annuity to help offset the costs of providing services to the new development, this, staff says, will help the development remain fiscally neutral.

~ Granite Bay Holdings will be required to construct a 10-acre linear park. The developer will also be required to grade 22 of the 30 acres on the landfill site for use as a sports park. They will also be required to provide all utilities to the site.

~ The developer may be asked to contribute toward development of a swimming pool facility or new police station. Staff is requesting \$150,000 toward the Winters Library capital campaign and \$50,000 toward construction of a cafeteria at Winters High School.

Council member Steve Godden asked if a nexus had to be found between items in the development agreement and the proposed subdivision. Donlevy said no. Godden pointed out that the intersection at Walnut Lane and Grant Avenue is a major issue with residents in town, especially with regard to safety.

At that point, the discussion mainly centered on the environmental issues surrounding the development.

The project has undergone a targeted Environmental Impact Report specifically to study biological impacts. According to a legal notice published in the Winters Express, the Draft Focused Environmental Impact Report, prepared by the city and its consultant Ted Winfield and Associates, states that all impacts to the biological resources can be fully mitigated, with the exception of impacts to vernal pool crustaceans, Swainson's hawk foraging land and seasonal wetlands.

The notice states that impacts in those areas "would be significant and unavoidable."

Winters resident Kevin Jackson addressed the council with regard to the environmental review. He pointed out that mitigation would be required for Swainson's hawk habitat and voiced concern with regard to the Yolo County Joint Powers Authority (JPA), of which the city is a member. He told the council that the amount of money the JPA is collecting for purchase of mitigation acreage is not sufficient. In fact, he noted that the JPA has yet to purchase any land.

After passing out packets to the council, Jackson asked that they consider including mitigation for the Swainson's hawk in the development agreement. He also encouraged them to require that mitigation be required in Winters, so it will benefit Winters residents and not another community.

Fridae echoed Jackson's concerns, pointing to two overriding issues: the first, he said, is to make sure the mitiga-

tion for those affected species is actually occurring. Second, is to ensure that the community has the ability to visit the mitigation sites and enjoy them. He suggested that the city require the developer to purchase land west of the city that would be held in perpetuity and undeveloped.

Donlevy noted that an expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Facility is required, and suggested that the spray fields could be included as some sort of habitat/open space area.

Stone wanted to know if asking for substantial open space in the development agreement would affect the council's ability to ask for other items like Level III school fees. Donlevy said it might.

"It comes down to how important this item is to the city council," said Donlevy.

A public hearing on the Draft Focused Environmental Impact Report will be held in council chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. The public may also submit written comments on the report until 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4. Comments should be directed to: Heidi Tschudin, Contract Planner, Winters Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694.



# Sports

## Lucero, Salas ignite Warriors with touchdown returns

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity football team improved their overall record to 3-1 last Friday, Sept. 23, as they traveled to Willows and beat the Honkers 34-15 on the Honkers Homecoming game. Willows scored first after they took advantage of a Warrior fumble and took an early 0-7 lead over the Warriors.

The Warriors didn't take long to bounce back as they scored on the next kickoff return. Nathanael Lucero took a handoff from Sabastian Salas and returned the kick 85-yards for the Warriors' first score. Nick Hedrick kicked the PAT to tie the game at 7-7.

The Warriors scored again in the first quarter when Hedrick kicked a 27-yard field goal to cap off another Warrior drive. Danny Campos scored his first of two touchdowns in the second quarter when he ran in an option from 21-yards out. Hedrick kicked the PAT and gave the Warriors a 17-7 half time lead.

"Willows played us tough," said coach Brad Burton. "They stopped us at the line of scrimmage most of the night."

Salas got the Warriors going early in the second half when he faked the reverse to Lucero this time and ran it back for a 60-yard touchdown return. Hedrick stayed perfect and kicked the PAT to put the Warriors up 24-7. Hedrick then kicked another field goal this time from 32-yards out to end



Photo by Laura Lucero  
Nick Hedrick kicked two field goals and multiple PATs in the Warrior victory over Willows.

the third quarter with the Warriors up 27-7.

The fourth quarter didn't start out too well for the Warriors as they gave up a safety and a touchdown off a blocked punt. Winters though regrouped and regained control of the game.

Campos scored the Warriors' final touchdown and his second of the night when he broke free for a 50-yard run down the sidelines. Hedrick once again kicked the PAT for a 34-17 Warrior victory. Campos ended the night with 87 yards on eight carries and two touchdowns. Salas also had two receptions for 15 and 20 yards from Brenden Benson.

On the defensive side of the ball, Benson had an interception and recovered a fumble, while Jesse Beckett led the Warriors with nine solo tackles and

blocked a punt which led to a Warrior field goal.

This week, the Warriors prepare for their Homecoming game against the Colusa Redskins. The Warriors will try to improve to 4-1 while the Redskins are still looking for their first win of the season. Coach Burton, while trying to prepare his team emphasized the importance of staying focused during the homecoming week.

"It's very important they we stay on track and focus on the game with all the extra stuff going on during the week," Burton said. "There will be a lot of people coming out to watch us play for the first time and we want to perform well. It's easy to get distracted during homecoming week. But we plan on coming out fast and furious."

## Varsity volleyball team beats Colusa

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Warriors varsity volleyball team started out their week with a strong performance against the Colusa Redskins. The Warriors beat the Redskins in three straight games on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Colusa.

The Redskins had their best performance in game one as they fell to the Warriors 21-25, but Winters played tougher in game two as they came out with a 25-14 victory. Winters finished the match early with a 25-19 victory in game three to give them

their third win of the season.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, the Warriors played host to Willows and lost in three games. This time the Warriors started slow and lost game one 16-25, but bounced back with a good effort in game two as they forced the game to a 26-28 score before the Honkers prevailed. The Warriors must have used all of their energy in the second game and lost game three 13-25.

The Warriors finished their busy week with a single game elimination tournament in Sacramento on Saturday, Sept. 24. The Warriors played Dixon and lost in two games by the scores of 16-25 and 21-25.

## JV Warriors fight back to beat Willows

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Warriors JV football team traveled to Willows last Friday, Sept. 23, and won a hard-fought game against the Honkers by a score of 9-6. After trailing 0-6 in the second quarter, the Warriors came out in the third with a whole new attitude.

"We didn't play as well in the first half as we did in the second," said coach Daniel Ward.

Winters came out and drove the ball downfield in the third but settled for a 32-yard field goal by David Borges to make it a 3-6 game. Then in the fourth quarter Cody Campos put the Warriors ahead with an amazing 55-yard tackle-breaking touchdown run to put the Warriors up 9-6 for the win.

"That was an incredible run," said Ward. "I thought he was down after 15-yards but he just kept going and going."

The Warriors played a good defensive game especially in the second half.

"We scratched and fought on every down in the second half," Ward added. "It was really a good team effort. Aaron Geerts and Jesse Hellinger stood out at middle linebacker, but the whole defense really played hard."

Campos led the Warriors with 115-yards rushing on 16 carries. The Warriors' next game will be their homecoming this Friday, Sept. 30, at Dr. Sellers Field. Game time is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

## Non-profit group seeking volleyball players

The Goodwill Ambassadors are accepting applications for American and Canadian high school age volleyball players to participate in the July 2006 Goodwill Ambassadors Volleyball exchange to Europe. Members of this team will represent their country, community and the Goodwill Ambassadors teams, in volleyball tournaments and local competitions in, London, Paris, Venice and Rome. The program is open to all boys and girls age 15-20.

For more information call (425) 255-8102, go online to [www.volleyball-tours.com](http://www.volleyball-tours.com) or send email to [info@sportsforyouth.com](mailto:info@sportsforyouth.com) or [info@volleyballtours.com](mailto:info@volleyballtours.com).

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## Winters Midgets stun Lincoln

By RORY LINTON  
Special to the Express

The Winters Jr. Warrior Midgets defense shut out the Lincoln Zebra's 30 to 0 on Saturday, Sept. 24. Billy Rotenkolber was on fire, penetrating the Zebras' offense with 10 tackles. Not far behind was Zack Higgins with seven tackles and a blocked punt that he picked up and ran for a 32-yard touchdown.

Marcus Carrasco, Danny Silva and Alex Pena all had five tackles. Carrasco stripped a fumble away on a kickoff in the fourth quarter. The defensive linemen Cody Linton, Arron Rodriquez, Matt Sommerfeldt, Danny Silva, Alex Peña, Michael Monnin, Anthony Hernandez, Artemio Franco and Micheal Sanchez Jr. all

did an excellent job penetrating into the Zebras' offense. They had a hard time completing their plays with these linemen pushing back into their field.

Offense did an excellent job as well, with David Vilagomez having his turn to shine.

"David really stepped up and played well today" said coach Todd Berg.

Also playing well for the offense was Riki Lucero with 204 yards and three touchdowns, Zack Higgins with 57 yards and one touchdown, Russell Romero with 22 yards and one touchdown.

The Winters Jr. Warriors play Gridley at home on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. The community is invited to come and support the team.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Jesse Beckett

Jesse Beckett, a senior lineman on the Winters High School varsity football team, is this week's Winters Express Athlete of the Week. To help lead the Warriors to a 34-15 victory over the Willows Honkers last Friday, Sept. 23, Beckett played a career game. He compiled nine solo tackles along with several assists, blocked a punt and led the offensive line from the center position.

"Jesse played a great game," said coach Brad Burton. "He was all over the field."



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# Schools & Youth

## Red Ribbon Week poster contest planned

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31, and features drug education and awareness for kids and adults. This year, the Winters police and fire departments are sponsoring a poster contest for students in intermediate, middle and high school.

Students are invited to create posters featuring anti-drug slogans and information. Prizes will be awarded in categories including best artwork, best slogan and best overall. Winning posters will be displayed at City Hall, the fire and police departments. Judging the contest will be Police Chief Bruce Muramoto and Fire Chief Scott Dozier.

Posters should be submitted to the vice principals' offices at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School, Winters Middle School and Winters High School no later than Wednesday, Oct. 26.

## Bike safety tips offered for fall

The weather is great for bike riding, but the American Red Cross encourages everyone to follow some simple rules for bike safety to help maintain a safer environment for family and friends.

When riding on a bike, adults and children should wear a helmet at all times. There are many injuries that may be prevented just by wearing a bike helmet and following these tips:

- ~ Be sure that helmets meet standards. Look for a label or a sticker on the box or inside the helmet indicating that it meets the standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

- ~ Know how to fit a helmet. Always wear a correctly fitting helmet when riding.

- ~ Wear closed shoes when riding a bike.

- ~ Make sure your bike and your child's bike have good brakes, a front light and effective reflecting material.

- ~ Ride only in safe areas and at safe times.

- ~ Make sure bikes are the correct size for the rider.

- ~ Learn about bicycle etiquette, laws, and safe riding practices and teach your children about them.

Please contact the American Red Cross of Yolo County at 662-4669 for further information.



Courtesy photo

Winters 4-H officers were sworn in at the Sept. 6 installation meeting.

## New 4-H officers installed

On Sept. 6, the Winters 4-H Club held a meeting and installed their new 2005-2006 4-H officers. Hilary Kasemin, a 2002 All-Star installed the following officers: President Jessica Hapworth-Eldridge, Vice President Stephanie Blevins, Secretary Brittanie Hedricks, Treasurer Gabrielle Boisrame, Reporter Olivia Colombo, Supply Officer Allie Reynoso, Sergeant at Arms Sidney Dickenson

and Danielle Jones, Photographers Krista Blandin and Becky Allen, and Spirit Ambassador Ilene Reynoso.

The next 4-H meeting will be on Oct. 4 at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, on the corner of Grant Avenue and Main Street, at 7 p.m. New and old members will be able to register for the new year. Members need to bring a parent for registration and project sign-ups.

## Support group offered for caregivers

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.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group focuses on the challenges incurred by grandparents and other family caregivers raising children. Topics include emotional support, shared experiences, parenting education, and referrals to other social services and legal resources.

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

## Parents peer group planned

Are you a parent with an infant under the age of one? Do you have questions, concerns or issues that you would like to share and discuss with other parents of young children? Would you just like to meet other parents who have common interests? If so, you are invited to visit "Parents Together" with child development consultant and group facilitator Kathleen

Grey. There is no fee to participate and babies are welcome.

The Parents Together group meets every Tuesday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the conference room at 600 A Street in Davis. The conference room is adjacent to the Child Care Services office.

For more information about joining Parents Together, call Rossana Vigil, 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.

## ASK offers help to families in need

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.

To learn more about the services that ASK provides or to contact the 24-hour crisis lines, call Davis, 753-0797; Woodland, 668-8445; or West Sacramento, 371-3779.

## Have Zoo Mobile, will travel

Bringing live animals to the local classroom or community is just a phone call away. The Sacramento Zoo's educational conservation outreach programs and ZooMobile are available to come to area schools and communities. Each of the following is a 45-minute hands-on program available for area schools and communities, showcasing live animals such as parrots, turtles, snakes, bats and more. All of these programs follow California State Science Curriculum Standards.

- ~ Movin' Groovin' Animals: Preschool - See how a bird, a mammal and a reptile get around. Can you slither like a snake or hop like a bird?

- ~ Creature Features: Grades K-2 - This interactive kids' program based on the five senses captures the imagination and provides a unique learning experience. Children will discover the different ways birds, mammals and reptiles use their specialized senses to survive.

- ~ It's a Wild, Wild Life!: Grades 3-12 - Why do some animals, like the desert tortoise, survive in hot deserts while others, like rainbow boas, thrive in lush rain forests?

- ~ Going, Going, Gone...: Grades 6-12 - Why are some animals endangered? What happens when they're gone? Learn why and how to save them.

See and touch live animals, confiscated animal artifacts and play an environmental game.

- Wild America: Adults/Senior Groups - This program uses bio-facts and live animals to highlight native species. Take a peek at what could be living in your own backyard.

All ZooMobile programs include live animals and are designed for a classroom or senior group settings. For fees and scheduling information, call the zoo's education department, (916) 264-5889. For more information about the Sacramento Zoo, go online to [www.saczoo.com](http://www.saczoo.com).

## Yolo County Homeschoolers to meet

The Yolo County Homeschoolers, a loose-knit group of inclusive Yolo County homeschooling parents, invites all homeschoolers and those interested in learning more about homeschooling to their monthly park day, Thursday, Oct. 6, from 12-2 p.m. at Rainbow City in Community Park at the corners of F Street and Covell Boulevard in Davis.

Several homeschoolers will be available to answer questions about the wide variety of homeschooling options, opportunities and experiences. A short informal presentation will be offered from 12-2:30 p.m. Different homeschooling philosophies, understanding legal options, networking, park days, college opportunities, conferences, and local and statewide re-

sources will be discussed.

Find out how to begin and where to find the tools to navigate your personal family homeschooling adventure. The group offers a Yahoo-based email list, the monthly newsletter (the Flash, call Heather Smith, 756-4514, for a copy of the latest issue.

For more information contact Eve Dunaway, 753-6464.

## Community member sought for curriculum committee

The Winters Joint Unified School District is seeking a community member to serve on the Curriculum Steering Committee. The committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, from 3:30-5 p.m. Members serving on this committee make recommendations to the school board regarding decisions on textbook adoptions, course descriptions and other curriculum issues. Members serve for a two year term

To apply or for more information, call the curriculum office, 795-6157, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



# Features

## Exercising During Pregnancy

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 27 and have been physically active all my life. I am pregnant and wonder if I can continue to be active during my pregnancy. My mother insists I should do nothing. She says exercise harms the fetus. Is that so? — R.K.

ANSWER: The only one who can give a woman the definite answer for the safety of exercise during pregnancy is her doctor. However, the answer for most women is: Yes, exercise is not only safe during pregnancy — it is encouraged. That's especially true for women who have been physically active since long before their pregnancy.

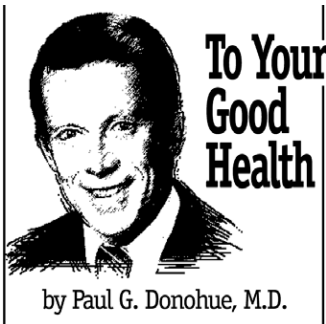
Exercise during pregnancy keeps a woman from gaining too much weight. It helps keep blood sugar controlled. Blood sugar often rises during pregnancy. Exercise also maintains blood pressure in normal ranges. It prevents muscles from getting flabby. Most pregnant women are able to perform 30 to 45 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise daily. Good pregnancy exercises include brisk walking, low-impact aerobics, swimming and stationary biking.

From the fourth month of pregnancy on, women should not exercise while lying on their backs. In that position the enlarging uterus can obstruct the flow of blood back to the heart. That causes a drop-off in the volume of blood pumped with each heartbeat. Pregnant women should not exercise to the point of exhaustion. They should avoid becoming overheated and dehydrated.

Doing nothing is not a good way to prepare for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have whiteheads on my face. What can be done to get rid of them? — M.D.

ANSWER: Whiteheads and blackheads are two manifestations of the same process. They are skin pores clogged with impacted skin oil. If the opening of the skin pore is sealed off from air, the result is a whitehead. Air in contact with oil turns it



black. An opened, clogged pore, therefore, is a blackhead. Both can be the first stage of a pimple. If the pore becomes inflamed, then a pimple results.

The same medicines used for acne often work for whiteheads and blackheads. You'll find them on the shelves of all drugstores. Choose ones that have either salicylic acid or benzoyl peroxide. Be patient. It takes months before you see results.

Two warnings: Don't try to express whiteheads by squeezing them, and don't scrub your face raw with harsh soaps. Squeezing can spread oil into adjacent skin and make matters worse. Scrubbing irritates the skin. Choose a mild soap like Neutrogena, Dove or Cetaphil, or any of your own choosing. Don't overdo it. Twice-a-day washing is enough.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: It's claimed that apple cider vinegar can banish arthritis, forestall osteoporosis, prevent cancer, kill infection, control weight and preserve memory. May I have your thoughts on this? — J.B.

ANSWER: I don't know of any evidence to support such claims. I roll my eyes upward when such statements are made.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters. Readers may write him or request an order form of newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or order newsletters online from [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com). (c) 2005 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

## Recruiters pitch careers to Winters students

The Marines came to Winters last week — Winters High School that is, on Career Day — two men from the Marines, and two men and one woman from the Army. Every student had a chance to see them because their display was in the gym where other career organizations, such as Chico State University, Future Farmers of America and Santa Rosa Junior College were present. But in contrast to the colleges, only the military had a big laptop with a large display, slick presentation and posters for every student. Better funding — courtesy of the US government — to the tune of more than \$15,000 for each recruit netted.

The recruiters were there to field questions and discussion. Some of the students answered back — hey, it is Winters after all. When asked about the army's reputation for killing people, a recruiter replied “the difference between you and I is that I am willing to serve my country and you aren't.”

Some recruiters ridiculed the other organizations by saying they were just old people sitting with cups of coffee, at tables with no tablecloths, substandard brochures, giving away only water bottles. We are wearing hardcore camo and they are in ordinary clothes — to a 16 year old, very, very persuasive. And to lower income families, very attractive because of the promise that the military can pay for their children's college education (although only 35 percent of such applicants actually get funded).

Give these guys a break, though, suicide rates for military recruiters are at an all-time high. They just



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## OUTSIDE THE BOX

cannot get young kids to sign up to serve in Afghanistan and Iraq. So they miss their quotas, month after month. But what is the alternative to heavy-handed recruiting? The draft? Or, heaven forbid, bringing the troops home?

Hundreds of thousands of people who were marching in Washington last weekend think that quitting Iraq is the right answer. But the President put the kibosh on that: a retreat now would hand the insurgents a great victory. He may be right. But the draft is political suicide — and might even lead to sons and daughters of neocons going to boot camp, so that's out (Very few of our 535 congressmen have offspring serving). So what are we left with? Pushy, polished, recruitment drives.

Can your child say no to high tech videos; repeated exhortations that signing up does not mean front line service; statistics that you are more likely to die in an automobile accident than you are to be killed by enemy fire (true for the general population but not a valid statistic once you are in the Marines); that if you get into a military band you won't see action in the field (most people don't make it into the band!). If not up to saying no, they will sign that dotted line, with their address and phone number, and be sandbagged with promo brochures and calls from a military “guidance counselor.” If

you don't relish this idea, you and your teenager “need to talk.”

But what is the answer to this conundrum? Every country needs defending, and the burden of military service has to be carried by some. But the military in the USA in 2005 is not just about defense. We are additionally in two unjust wars both started by Mr. Bush and his cronies, one in Afghanistan (an inappropriate response to 9/11) and one in Iraq (planned years before 9/11, for ill defined reasons, that unquestionably include control of oil reserves). That's all history. But how do we extricate ourselves from these quagmires? It's easier said than done.

Jumping ship in Iraq could lead to thousands of deaths in an Iraqi civil war for which we would ultimately have to take responsibility. Quitting Kabul could open the door to the Taliban returning — an ugly repressive regime. So because of the Administration's poor planning and management, we are stuck with no exit strategies, not now, and not for the next administration, Democrat or Republican, maybe not even the next one after that. So quit whining, we are going to have to live with recruiters in Winters for a long time to come. Thanks, Mr. Bush.

## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Mack Cody  
**Occupation:** Retired deputy ag inspector, US Department of Agriculture  
**Hobby:** Fly fishing  
**What's best about living in Winters:** “It's my hometown.”  
**Fun fact:** Once caught a 12-pound steelhead.

— **King Crossword** —  
**Answers**

5	T	R	A	P	1	H	A	B	L	O		
6	A	N	A	R	E	2	A	V	A	T	A	R
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12	A	N	W	9	T	A	R	I	P	R	Y	
13					10	L	O	1	S	O	L	O
14	A	C	E	11	L	I	A	12	F	L	O	R
15	R	E	T	A	T	E	13	K	A	R	A	T
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**WORDS FOR US** BY HENRY SOLTANOFF

**FIND AT LEAST 4 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.**

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“I have not failed. I have found 10,000 ways that don't work.” ~ Thomas Edison



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although practical situations continue to dominate this week, there's time for the Lamb to indulge in the fun things in life — like maybe taking a special someone out for a great evening.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week favors relationships. Take time to renew old ones, and make time to go where new friends can be found. On a more practical note, expect news about a business deal.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You should be seeing some progress on that new workplace situation. Meanwhile, family matters might demand more attention, and you'll want to set aside time to deal with them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A relationship might suddenly present some challenges you never expected. After talking things out, you might want to consider taking some time to assess what you've learned.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A disappointing response to a request might dampen the Lion's spirits. But you might want to ask the reasons behind it. What you learn can be of great importance in a future undertaking.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A once-volatile situation should be settled by now, giving you a chance to refocus on a project you've been planning for. Look for an interested party to rally to your support.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business matter that unexpectedly turns into a personal situation could create complications. Best to resolve the matter now before too much harm can be done.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Emotions can run high when they involve personal matters that no one really wants to talk about. But this could be a good time to create the means to a workable outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A positive response to a workplace request could lead the way to other long-sought changes. Congratulations. A personal situation also takes a welcome turn.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Patience pays off, as that once-overwhelming work situation continues to become easier to handle on a one-by-one basis. Look for positive news from a colleague.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It might be a good idea to take more time to reassess your next move in working out a complex situation. You could benefit from a new perspective on the matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might want to consider making time to discuss a change of plans with everyone concerned. Be prepared to explain your actions. Also be prepared to listen to alternatives.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of what is right, and you try to work from that foundation. Friends see you as reliable.

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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Witch band
- 8 Turnout
- 12 Sale site
- 13 Incarnation of a Hindu deity
- 14 Prayer
- 15 1976 movie, “Pun”
- 16 Tense situation?
- 17 Boat
- 19 Bom
- 20 Put the run
- 22 Blue
- 24 Tummy muscles
- 27 The gang
- 29 Mid-May holidays
- 32 “Don't forget”
- 35 From the top
- 36 Container weight
- 37 Sauri
- 38 Shocking stuffer
- 40 Take out of context?
- 42 Hardware chain
- 44 “Born Free” heroine
- 46 Blunder
- 50 Spin
- 52 Chopping spree?
- 54 Handsome youth
- 55 “Spinal Tap” amp setting
- 56 Lease signa-

**DOWN**

- 1 - Lee
- 2 Speaker of baseball
- 3 Salasate worshipper
- 4 Way back when
- 5 Inclination
- 6 Head light
- 7 Malaga an assertion
- 8 Succumb to gravity
- 9 Tie
- 10 Country road
- 11 Gaelic
- 12 Bush league?
- 13 Takes on another surp
- 21 Figure head? (Abbr.)
- 23 Latin 101 word
- 24 Doce/ org.
- 25 Proscribe
- 26 Structural framework
- 28 One who jogs same toga
- 30 Russian spacecraft
- 31 Pig's dig
- 33 Pam's mium
- 34 Silky one
- 36 Invitation to a hitchhiker
- 41 Actor
- 42 Zimbalist
- 43 Small - (suspect)
- 45 “The Da Vinci”
- 46 For fear that
- 47 Stromboli uplaga
- 48 Lone Star State sch.
- 49 Stiller or Stein
- 51 Literary collection
- 53 Pub potation

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# Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

## Reforma migratoria, a segundo termino

Con los daños provocados por los huracanes en el golfo de México, con el gobierno federal tan cuestionado por la respuesta tan lenta y con el enorme paquete económico que el Presidente Bush ha prometido para ayudar en la reconstrucción de la zona, la reforma migratoria que se veía como una remota posibilidad de que el gobierno federal la ejecutara, parece que se ha desvanecido toda esperanza de llevarse a cabo.

Ahora el gobierno federal tiene otras prioridades, el alto precio del petróleo, la reforma a la seguridad social, un renovado debate sobre la guerra en Irak, si a esto le añadimos la baja en las encuestas del Presidente, entonces nos daremos cuenta que Bush tendrá aun problemas para sacar adelante al País de la situación por la que esta atravesando. Al mismo tiempo, es de esperarse que en muchas elecciones locales la situación de los residentes indocumentados sea usada por candidatos, sobre todo derechistas, como muestra de la necesidad de una política restrictiva y de dureza.

La reforma migratoria como tal es el primer paso indispensable para un eventual acuerdo migratorio entre México y Estados Unidos y, aunque es una medida interna estadounidense, reviste una importancia mayor para México. Pero entre las presiones de grupos antiinmigrantes en la frontera con México, el temor al terrorismo y la competencia interna entre burocracias rivales en el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS), las cosas han cambiado a tal forma que los mensajes que envían los operativos políticos de

la Casa Blanca son, como mínimo, contradictorios.

Todavía el mes pasado las platicas para la reforma migratoria se estaban dando a diferentes niveles, diferentes senadores presentaron sus propias propuestas, se pensaba discutirla todo este tiempo hasta julio del 2006, cuando empezaran el periodo que llevará a las elecciones legislativas de noviembre de 2006.

Bush tenía en ese momento algo así como un año de poder útil. Como todo presidente reelecto, a partir de las elecciones legislativas de medio término su poder efectivo queda reducido simplemente por la falta de mecanismos de poder para controlar incluso a la bancada de su propio partido en el Congreso.

Pero con la presión de mucha gente en el país, por las crecientes dudas y debates de la guerra en Irak, por el tan criticado plan de ayuda a los damnificados del huracán Katrina, y con los índices de aprobación de su gobierno en los niveles más bajos, ahora Bush tiene disminuida su capacidad de negociación. Bush trata ahora de recuperar la fuerza perdida con la caída de Katrina, pero a reserva de que pueda o no recuperarla, factores como las respuestas a la emergencia, la situación económica y la guerra en Irak pueden constituirse en puntos negativos, que incluso podría impedir una reforma migratoria en Estados Unidos. Y nuestros paisanos que se encuentran en forma ilegal aquí, seguirán sufriendo las consecuencias de las malas decisiones de este gobierno, buena semana.

## No estamos listos

Ahora la madre naturaleza tomo por sorpresa Bush y a su administración, después de los ataques terroristas del 9-11, el gobierno diseño y puso en marcha un plan para que no se volvieran a repetir, pero al igual que en su tiempo desestimo las advertencias sobre posibles ataques al país, ahora nos mostraron que no estamos preparados para enfrentar situaciones de emergencia como el desastre de un huracán. En ambos casos se fallo en la prevención y en la reacción.

Y uno tiene que preguntarse ¿Se pudo haber evitado?, contra la naturaleza no puedes hacer prácticamente nada, pero el prevenir el caos, la falta de comida, de agua, la falta de refugios para la gente. La información que se tiene es que el gobierno federal recorto el dinero que supuestamente era para mejorar la protección para la ciudad d Nueva Orleans, desviándolo para una guerra que ahora Bush no sabe y no puede acabar.

Así como no hicieron caso a las advertencias de las señales de alerta de los ataques terroristas, ni el FBI ni la Administración Federal de Aviación, no hicieron nada. Esto fue lo que la comisión de senadores y diputados encontraron en el informe que presentaron sobre los ataques

terroristas, y la gente que perdió familiares y amigos no pueden confiar mas en el gobierno que sienten que los traiciono y les fallo.

El mismo sentimiento tienen los sobrevivientes del huracán Katrina, sienten que el gobierno los abandono a su suerte, que no respondió en la manera que tenía que responder, y por eso hubo tantos muertos. El gobierno no debe tener disculpas porque todo mundo sabía lo peligroso que era el huracán. Pudimos ver en la televisión, en la internet las advertencias del tamaño del huracán, pero parece que los habitantes de la casa blanca estaban mas preocupados por ganar un juego de golf, por seguir con sus vacaciones que por ponerse a realizar su trabajo.

Cientos de advertencias estaban ahí, pero ni la agencia encargada de casos de desastre (Oficina Federal de Emergencias (FEMA), ni el Ejército, ni la misma Casa Blanca se prepararon correctamente para un huracán de la magnitud de Katrina. Y si fallaron en la Preparación, la respuesta luego de la catástrofe demostró también una enorme incompetencia. Miles de damnificados no recibieron durante días ningún tipo de ayuda de emergencia. Las críticas al gobierno del presidente Bush coinciden con la caída en su populari-

dad; sólo el 41% de los estadounidenses, según una encuesta del diario The New York Times, aprueba su trabajo. Es el nivel más bajo de toda su presidencia.

La mediocre respuesta tras el paso del huracán Katrina se asemeja con lo ocurrido luego del 11 de septiembre de 2001. En lugar de haber puesto todos los recursos militares de la nación para capturar al responsable de los actos terroristas —Osama ben Laden— Estados Unidos inició una guerra contra un país (Irak) y contra un dictador (Sadam Hussein) que no tuvieron absolutamente nada que ver con los ataques. Es decir, tanto con Katrina como con Osama, la respuesta del gobierno fue la equivocada y estuvo plagada de errores.

La catástrofe de Katrina se pudo haber evitado, si se hubiera puesto atención a las señales de advertencia, la respuesta a este tipo de emergencias requiere respuestas de personas inteligentes, y queda demostrado que en el caso de otra catástrofe natural simplemente no estamos preparados. A pesar que ahora el gobierno diga lo contrario.

## Lotería de visas para el año fiscal 2007

El Gobierno de EEUU puso en marcha la lotería de 55.000 visas para el año fiscal 2007, que empezará el 1 de octubre de 2006, en la que no podrán tomar parte al menos seis países de Latinoamérica y el Caribe. El Departamento de Estado de EEUU, a cargo del programa Lotería de Visas de Diversidad (DV, por sus siglas en inglés), informó de que en 2007 no tendrán la oportunidad de participar en el sorteo los ciudadanos de México, El Salvador, Colombia, República Dominicana, Haití y Jamaica.

La inscripción para esta iniciativa se debe hacer sólo a través de internet en el sitio: [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov) y en el periodo establecido que se iniciará al mediodía del 5 de octubre de 2005, y finalizará a la misma hora del 4 de diciembre de este mismo año. El Departamento de Estado dijo que no se aceptarán inscripciones enviadas por medio de los servicios regulares de correos. Sugirió a las personas que quieran registrarse para el DV de 2007, que cumplan todos los requisitos solamente en el periodo de dos meses establecido.

Las autoridades dejaron claro que no se cobra por el proceso de la solicitud. Unicamente los extranjeros seleccionados al azar en la lotería recibirán una

notificación por medio de los servicios postales. Se explicó que se admitirá sólo una solicitud por cada persona, y que quien envíe más de una quedará descalificado, es decir, no podrá ser admitido para el sorteo de visas.

Las visas a los ganadores serán tramitadas entre el 1 de octubre de 2006 y el 30 de septiembre de 2007. Por ley, el programa de lotería de visas (DV), tiene disponible cada año un máximo de 55.000 residencias (green card) a personas que son elegibles. De este total, 5.000 visas son asignadas anualmente a los inmigrantes incluidos en la ley de Alivio y Ajuste para Centoamericanos (NACARA).

Las visas que se conceden por sorteo pueden ser pedidas tanto por extranjeros que viven en EEUU como por quienes residen en sus países de origen, y no existe límite de edad para poder presentar una solicitud.

De Latinoamérica pueden participar en el sorteo de 2007 los ciudadanos de Venezuela, Panamá, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Perú, Uruguay, Argentina, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Brasil y Belice. También se aceptarán peticiones de la casi totalidad de los países del Caribe, excepto Haití y Jamaica.

## ¿Que significa refinanciar?

¿Qué significa exactamente refinanciar? Pues es eliminar la hipoteca original asumiéndola con un nuevo préstamo, que podría tener otra tasa de interés, un plazo diferente, un incremento del valor del préstamo o asumir un préstamo diferente. Antes de refinanciar debes tomar en consideración cuánto tiempo más piensas vivir en tu casa para calcular si vale la pena incurrir en los gastos que ocasiona adquirir un nuevo préstamo.

Muchas veces refinanciar el préstamo de tu casa y poder reducir los pagos mensuales de la hipoteca te serían de gran alivio para aligerar un poco tus gastos. Pero hay ciertas razones específicas por las que los dueños de viviendas en los Estados Unidos realizan un refinanciamiento. Estas son las principales:

- Una baja en las tasas de interés. Cuando tienes un préstamo hipotecario de interés fijo y al pasar de los años los intereses comienzan a bajar -como sucedió recientemente durante el año 2004- es ideal que hagas un refinanciamiento para que consigas una reducción

del monto de lo pagos mensuales sobre el préstamo. Igualmente si tienes un préstamo de interés ajustable (ARM), puedes refinanciar otra vez con un préstamo igual para obtener una mejor tasa de interés o un plazo más conveniente. O si tienes un préstamo con un interés fijo puedes cambiar a uno de tasa ajustable, sobre todo te conviene si estás pensando en mudarte en unos pocos años y las tasas iniciales del ARM son más bajas que las de un préstamo de interés fijo.

- Para disminuir la vida del préstamo. Si ves que te encuentras en una situación económica bien estable y favorable, es un buen momento de refinanciar para reducir el término de tu préstamo para terminar de pagarlo a más corto plazo y así poder acumular más plusvalía con mayor rapidez.

- Para extraer parte de la plusvalía. En estos momentos en que las viviendas en algunos estados se han revalorizado muchísimo, no estaría nada mal que a través de un refinanciamiento consiguieras obtener parte de esa plusvalía para tu uso personal,

como realizar mejores a tu hogar, consolidar deudas, pagar los estudios de tus hijos, entre otras cosas. Tú conoces bien tus prioridades.

- Para cambiar de una hipoteca ARM a una de interés fija. Si estás en ese momento en el que los intereses de tu hipoteca comienzan a fluctuar, reflejando un aumento significativo sobre tu pago mensual del préstamo y te da miedo no poder enfrentar otros aumentos, una buena opción sería refinanciar con una tasa de interés fijo, así sabrás que tu hipoteca permanecerá con un mismo pago mensual.

De modo que es recomendable que antes de querer refinanciar tu hogar te hagas las siguientes preguntas que te llevarán a evaluar mejor si estás tomando la decisión más acertada.

- Cuáles son tus ingresos actuales.
- Cómo está tu historial de crédito.
- Cuánto tiempo más piensas vivir en la casa que es

tás pensando refinanciar.

- Cuál es el valor de la plusvalía de tu casa.
- Cuál es la tasa de interés actual de tu propiedad.
- Qué tasa de interés obtendría si refinancias.
- Cuál sería el costo del refinanciamiento.

De todas estas preguntas quizás la más difícil de contestar sería la de los costos del refinanciamiento expresados en los costos de cierre. En este punto no te dejes engañar y pide que te especifiquen muy bien cada uno de los costos. Hay veces en que las instituciones financieras y bancos ofrecen bajos costos de cierre.

Piénsalo bien y quizás tengas ahora en tus manos la mejor herramienta para resolver ciertos problemas económicos. Aprovecha las ventajas que te ofrece ser el dueño de tu casa. Y busca siempre una entidad de renombre para que evites caer en las manos equivocadas.







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**HUGE YARD SALE**  
112 Almond Drive. Fri-Sat. Sept. 30-Oct. 1. 8 a.m.-noon. Furniture, baby items, clothes, school books, toys and more!

447 Russell St. Multi-family. Sat. Oct. 1, 7-11 a.m. Rain or shine.

Moving sale. 101 Elliott St. Sat. Oct. 1, 8:30-? Please park on street.

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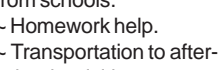
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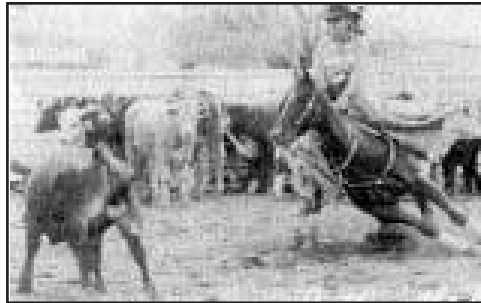
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