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Hundreds protest lake plan

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Hundreds of Lake Berryessa users attended the special meeting hosted by the Winters City Council on Saturday, Nov. 19. The vast majority wore yellow stickers bearing the letters “ROP” (Resort Owners Plan), and tied orange ribbons to their shirtsleeves; some carried protest signs. All were designed to express the users’ displeasure at the Bureau of Reclamation’s (BOR) proposed reuse plan for the lake, which calls for a bid process for the

concessionaire contracts, currently held by seven private owners, removal of long-term trailer sites and rezoning of the lake itself.

The debate over the reuse plan has gone on for several years as the BOR prepared the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) For Future Recreation Use and Operations of Lake Berryessa. Debate continued as the BOR made public several alternatives, including what has come to be known as the “Preferred Alternative” Alternative B. This alternative would encourage more short-term uses such

as camping, picnicking, canoeing and kayaking. Lakeshore areas would be “restored to a more natural setting and public access to those areas would be improved.”

Markley Cove Resort owner Linda Frazier appealed to the city council in September, asking them to consider the economic impacts to the city if Alternative B were adopted. Concerned over the potential loss of tax revenue to the city if summer recreation visitor patterns changed, the council, in coopera-

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Sarah Smith had to put some elbow grease into mashing this vat of potatoes for the annual Be Thankful Dinner, held on Sunday at the Community Center.

Community turns out for turkey

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Local folks who just couldn’t wait until Thanksgiving for that first taste of turkey headed over to the Winters Community Center on Sunday evening for the eighth annual Be Thankful Dinner. The free dinner, sponsored each November by the Winters Ministerial Association, featured turkey and all the trimmings, green beans and pumpkin pie.

Pastor Al Calderone of Discovery Worship Center serves as president for the Winters Ministerial Association, and explains that although many who come to the annual dinner may be struggling financially during the holidays, that this is not really the

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City council approves Hudson-Ogando map

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

The tentative map for the Hudson-Ogando subdivision was approved at the Tuesday, Nov. 15 city council meeting with three yes votes and one abstention. The subdivision consists of 72 single-family lots and a police/fire center on 15.97 acres. It is located at the northwest

corner of Grant Avenue and West Main Street, adjacent to the Winters Mobile Home Park. The project, which is a continuation of the Callahan Estates project approved earlier this year, is owned by Winters Investors LLC, and will be constructed by the Hofmann construction company.

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School district faces further budget reductions

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

School closures and other options ranging from creating two K-5 schools to going photovoltaic for energy needs are potential ways the Winters School District could offset a projected \$300,000 deficit for the 2006-07 school year. These ideas and many others were presented at a workshop during the Nov. 17 school board meeting.

The projected shortfall is in addition to \$50,600 in cuts trustees approved last March and June for

2006-07. District Superintendent Dale Mitchell said that additional reductions totaling \$145,000 are needed for 2007-08 to offset the loss of income from declining enrollments.

“We need to manage our finances so the state of California doesn’t step in and tell us how to do our business,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell said that declining enrollment will be a reality for at least two more years. Enrollment projections prepared by the district show 60 fewer students in 2006-07 than

this year, another decline of 51 students in 2007-08 and a further drop of 34 students in 2008-09. Mitchell said that the “best case” scenario would be no decline during the 2008-09 school year, as students generated by new housing in the city begin to impact the school system.

Trustees have already pared \$190,000 in ongoing cuts from the 2005-06 budget. These cuts included eliminating or reducing time for several staff positions, making administrative changes, and revising

the district’s early retirement incentive program.

One savings recommended by Mitchell that didn’t happen when cuts were being considered for 2005-06 was moving the kindergarten program to Waggoner Elementary School, a move that could have opened the way to move Wolfskill Continuation High School program to the John Clayton campus and closing of the current Wolfskill site. Trustees in a split 3-4 decision turned down that rec-

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Can’t wait to decorate



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters FFA members Frannie Jimenez (left) and Breanne Benson can’t wait to decorate for the holidays. Until the trees for the FFA’s annual Christmas Tree Sale arrive, a lamb will have to do. This year’s sale takes place at the high school ag site on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until sold out. Noble and Douglas firs will be available. There will be free cookies, hot chocolate, and cider for tree shoppers. Free trunk-trimming and delivery are available, and tips will be greatly appreciated. This event is a major Winters FFA fund-raiser. All proceeds go directly to the program.

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WEATHER

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

| Date | Rain | Hi | Lo |
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| Nov. 16 | | 78 | 44 |
| Nov. 17 | | 78 | 42 |
| Nov. 18 | | 77 | 40 |
| Nov. 19 | | 78 | 40 |
| Nov. 20 | | 76 | 38 |
| Nov. 21 | | 75 | 38 |
| Nov. 22 | | 74 | 38 |

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OBITUARIES

James Raymond Martino

James Raymond Martino of Chico died Sunday, November 13 at age 86.

Mr. Martino was born December 22, 1918 in Dixon. He had been a Yolo County resident for 84 years. He graduated from Dixon High School and was a technical sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a Yolo County road superintendent for 27 years. He was a member of the Elks Club, Winters Chamber of Commerce, Winters Councilman and a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include Mr. Martino's wife of 63 years, Nadine Martino of Chico; his daughter, Vickie Garrison and her husband Doug of Chico; his grandchildren, Brian Carrion and his wife Brenda of Corona, Tammy Parker of Chico and Melissa Phillips and her husband Dustin of Woodland; six great-grandchildren; and his sister Mary Helms and her husband Donald of Dixon. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Joseph Martino and Henry Martino.

The family requests memorials in Mr. Martino's name be directed to American Diabetes Association, 2720 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 110, Sacramento, 95833.

A vigil was held on Thursday, November 17 at McNary's Chapel in Woodland. A graveside service followed on Friday, November 18 at Monument Hill Memorial Park. McNary's Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Carroll S. Culton, Jr.

Carroll S. (Sarshel) Culton, Jr., passed peacefully into the presence of his Lord on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, in Sacramento, after a short bout with acute myelocytic leukemia. Born on May 23, 1922, he was 83 years old.

A third generation Californian, he was the oldest child of Carroll S. Culton, Sr. and Mary Bernice (Edwards) Culton. He was raised in Winters, Yolo County and lived in California all his life, the last 53 years in Sacramento. He graduated from Winters High School in 1940, and attended Sacramento City College. During World War II, he served as a civilian employee at Mather AFB, rigging and outfitting the B-25 bombers that participated in the famous Gen. Jimmy Doolittle raid. Later he worked in the hospital helping recovering veterans with occupational therapy. He was awarded a Civilian Service Medal. After the war, he returned to college, graduating from San Diego State. He taught in California schools for 31 years, 26 as a teacher in the Sacramento City Unified School District. He taught adult night school for 16 years. He was an artist, floral designer, and an avid collector of antiques. He was responsible for the design and construction of several prize-winning floats entered in Sacramento's Camellia Parades on behalf of the school where he taught. He spent countless hours creating works of art in needlepoint. In his retirement years, he became very involved in national political issues, corresponding with and supporting several political action committees and associations. He lovingly served the Lord both in his public life as a teacher and in his private life among his family and friends. He wad dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Bertha Chadwick Culton; sister Mary Keep; children, Paul, Steven, Deborah (Culton) Miller, and Robert; grandchildren, Patrick Murray, Rebekah O'Neill, Elisabeth Culton, Stacey Petteys, Stephanie Culton, Steven Culton, Jr., Molly Culton, Corey Culton, Braxton Miller, Katherine Miller, Andrea Austin, Whitney Austin, Daniel Austin, Michael Culton, Amanda Culton and Joshua Culton; great-grandchildren, Bradly O'Neill, Jordan Petteys and Jack Petteys.

Viewing was held on Monday, Nov. 21. Private interment was held on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Winters Cemetery. Following interment, friends were invited to attend a memorial service at Pioneer Presbyterian Church, in Winters.

Remembrances may be made in his name to Pioneer Presbyterian Church.

The staff of the Winters Express wish you a healthy, happy, and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving Day.

Berryessa drops .15 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .15 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 2,765 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 430.95 feet above sea level with storage computed at

1,431,624 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 30 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 83 acre feet of water per day during the week.

YESTERYEAR



File photo from Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. Connie Bernardy, at right, is pictured above in December, 1968, with a German shepherd guide dog, Marna, which she raised as a 4-H Club project. The recipient of the dog, Floyd Etienne, of Los Angeles, is seated behind the dog. Connie raised the dog from a pup until it was a year old, and it was then trained in San Rafael for its career as a guide dog.

35 YEARS AGO

December 3, 1970

A total of 6.74 inches fell in Winters during the past week as the heaviest storm of the season lashed Northern California.

The Winters Boy Scouts this week began their annual Christmas tree sale in the new fire station.

City Councilman Alfred J. Graf said this week that three candidates to succeed Harold Overhouse as city administrative officer will be interviewed for the position. Overhouse plans to retire December 31.

Santa Claus will be at Greenwood's Department Store on Saturday, December 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. and also on Saturday, December 12 with the same hours.

A surprise silver wedding anniversary celebration was held Friday, November 27, honoring three couples, Mr. and Mrs. William Estepa of Vacaville, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Lopez and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ramos, both couples from Winters.

The annual Winters Rotary Club party will be held on Wednesday evening in the Masonic Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony R. Martin and children Jim and Patricia, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Martin arrived home Saturday from an extended motor trip which took them to the Grand Canyon, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas.

Jim Sochor, football coach at the University of California, Davis, will be featured speaker at the Winters High School annual football awards banquet in the gymnasium at 7 o'clock tonight (Thursday).

Rod Willard dropped in 31 points to lead the Winters High School Warriors to a 63-57 basketball victory over St. Pius in the winner's gym Monday night.

50 YEARS AGO

December 1, 1955

R. A. Frisbee was elected president of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the board of directors last Friday morning. He succeeds C.S. Hailey.

C.F. Heine won first prize of \$25 in the contest sponsored by the Winters Merchants Association on "I like to trade in Winters because..."

Money raised for the Winters Community Chest reached the \$886.50 mark this week, according to Chairman Ian MacKenzie. This is less than half the goal of \$1800.

J.W. Briggs and J.E. Briggs, both of Oakland, spent the weekend at the home of Constable and Mrs. James R. Briggs, and also enjoyed pheasant hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hedges moved to their new home in Stockton during the week. Mr. Hedges' work with the Bureau of Reclamation will be in Tracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarshel Culton, of Sacramento, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Mermod.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sharp Jr. of Glendora spent Thanksgiving here with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lilienthal and son George arrived home Saturday evening from a trip of a week or so which took them as far south as Ensenada, Lower California.

At a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held Tuesday evening in Legion Hall, six candidates were initiated into membership.

Amnesty for building permits underway

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

The California Building Code requires an investigation fee to be charged in addition to the permit fee whenever any work for which a permit is required is begun without the homeowner/builder obtaining a permit. Residents who have knowledge that they, or anyone else, has done work on their property without obtaining the proper building permits can take advantage of this chance to save the cost of investigation fees.

Through Amnesty 2005, the investigation fees will

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

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

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

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

Only 30 shopping days until Christmas.

65 YEARS AGO

November 29, 1940

Members of the local high school football team were guests of the Monday night Service Club. Coach George Mosolf spoke in behalf of his team, expressing appreciation for the support and cooperation accorded them.

Walter Ward, manager of the Clear Lake Water Company, reports there is a steady supply of water in the lake for this time of the year.

The firemen featured a tamale supper at their mid-monthly meeting last Wednesday night. Chief Francis McGarr was host and chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Fenley and son, Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ish of Rio Vista and Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Furth of Berkeley will compose a party who are planning to see the big game tomorrow in Berkeley.

Mrs. C.H. Sackett entertained a small group Tuesday in compliment to Mrs. R.K. Bowman of Dutch Flat who was a holiday visitor with Mrs. H.R. Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Degener were hosts at a house party last week, entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Walter Preddey, San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Pezzatti and daughter Miss Martha spent the holiday last week with Dixon friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Alec G. Nichols, former Methodist pastor, now of Glendale, were weekend visitors with former parishioners and friends.

G. Howard Hodge, hat stylist of New York is paying his annual visit to the coast. He visited with his sisters, Mrs. D. E. Streeter in Sacramento, Mrs. Gladys Bowen, and brother, Waverly Hodge of Winters.

J.L. and Mrs. Harlan and family will leave Monday for Woodland, where they will make their home. Mr. Harlan has found it necessary to make this move to care for the Harlan estate.

Yolo County is still in the ring, but her chances to secure the university farm are as problematical as ever. The Davisville Board of Trade sent a strong delegation to Sacramento Monday to say they could be accommodated at Davisville. George Fiske of Esparto was also present to say as much for his locality.

On a hill at Cordelia Sunday, W.H. Gregory's new auto car, driven by L.H. Gregory, overturned, seriously injuring L.H. Gregory's wife and Miss Gertrude Smith. Mrs. Gregory, who is a teacher of the Apricot School, and Miss Smith of the Winters High School, will be kept sometime from their duties.

Henry Fredericks, who is attending Brewer School at San Mateo, came home Wednesday night for the Thanksgiving holidays.

L.E. Overhouse has moved the unoccupied dwelling that stood on the north side of the road to his own place on the south side.

C. Hack has moved his bakery into his new quarters. This completes the removals caused by the Rummelsburg purchase of the opera house block.

W.P. Womack has established very comfortable quarters in one side of the Jeans butcher shop and fitted up a nice office. He is branching out in the real estate business.



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tion with Congressman Richard Pombo, chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Resources, asked for an opportunity to meet with BOR representatives in order to obtain firsthand information.

A panel was assembled at the Winters High School Gym Saturday, composed of the city council, resort owners, proponents of Alternative B, Winters business owners and others. BOR area manager, Mike Finnegan, and BOR park manager for Lake Berryessa, Pete Lucero, were also members of the panel. Winters resident and business consultant Paul Myer acted as mediator. Attendees filled the bleachers, many sat on the floor or stood to the sides of the gym.

Finnegan opened the discussion with a short presentation, telling the audience “We are here to listen.”

He said the EIS is a disclosure document, not a decision document; the BOR hasn’t made a decision yet. Lake Berryessa, he said, was created as a source for flood control and water supply. The 30-year contracts with the current concessionaires, which include Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Park, Spanish Flat, Lake Berryessa Marina,

Rancho Monticello and Putah Creek resorts, expired in 1988-1989 and were extended twice for 10 year periods. The current contracts expire in 2008-2009. By law, according to Finnegan, the BOR has no authority to renew or give preferential consideration to the current contract holders.

During the public comment period, which was reopened once, the BOR received approximately 4,000 comments. As a result of the study and consideration of the comments, BOR determined that the biggest impacts of Preferred Alternative B, would be to the current trailer owners and concessionaires. Although there was no definitive outline for mitigation of those impacts, Finnegan said there were options. He told the audience there would be no two-year shut down of recreation activities and no numerical restrictions on motorized watercraft.

Finnegan said the award of the concessionaire contracts would be made after the BOR sent out an RFP (Request for Proposals) for interested concessionaires, a process that would include outside experts and key stakeholders. The final award of the contract would be made in approximately December of 2006, after the BOR makes its final decision on the reuse plan alternatives.

Next to speak was Carol Kunze, representing the Berryessa Trails group. Acknowledging that she felt a lot of “negative energy” in the room, she also gave a brief presentation. She said the contracts granted to the concessionaires in the 1970s were basically no bid contracts, noting that a law later passed by Congress set a deadline for the contracts to expire. She went on to say that the infrastructure at the resorts is old, and listed health, safety and fire code violations, in addition to sewage system problems.

“Clearly, these places need to be renovated,” she said.

She told the audience no Transient Occupancy Tax or sales tax is charged at the resorts, and that Napa County currently subsidizes the Bureau of Reclamation by about \$700,000. She listed law enforcement costs as a negative factor for Napa County, saying the current concessionaire system is “not an economic success for the Bureau, “ as the concessionaires only bring in about \$300,000 per year. She claimed that the prices charged at Lake Berryessa are “way above what is charged at other lakes.”

Kunze quoted an economic comparability study, then told the audience “public day users subsidize long term sites,” a statement that

drew boos from many attendees.

In reference to a report prepared by Summers and Summers, which favorably analyzed a proposal by the resort owners, she said “if they hadn’t written that they wouldn’t have gotten paid.”

Kunze told the audience Alternative B would “convert Lake Berryessa into a vacation destination,” that would become a financial asset to Napa County, the local economy and the gateway community of Winters. This statement also drew boos from the audience.

Markley Cove Resort owner John Frazier gave a statement representing the resort owners.

“Boy, did that irritate the hell out of me,” he said.

Frazier told the audience when the Bureau couldn’t afford to develop the resort sites, they asked the resort owners to improve them, which they did at their own cost.

“How can we be in violation of all those codes and still be in business?” he asked. He told the audience no reference had been made to BOR sewer spills, only the resorts.

“The owners own the improvements, but the Bureau wants to pick and choose,” said Frazier. “What we have here is a

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Public hearing on agenda

The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The only agenda item at press time was a public hearing regarding changes to the Zoning Ordinance to drop the conditional use permit requirement for multifamily projects in the R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) and R-4 (High Density Multifamily Residential) zones; revise the mini-

mum requirements for secondary dwelling units (SDUs); decrease the setback and height requirements for an SDU constructed above a garage or as a detached accessory structure; permit the construction of transitional and farm worker housing in the R-3 and R-4 Zones on a conditional use permit basis; and establish an artisan permitted use in the C-2 (Central Business District) zone.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday garbage pickup for Thursday customers takes place on Friday, Nov. 25, and for Friday customers on Saturday, Nov. 26

DINNER

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primary reason for the dinner. The focus is simply to provide a free community dinner for anyone who wishes to participate, regardless of their financial situation.

“Anybody who comes in can eat,” says Calderone. “We never send anyone away hungry.”

Not only did everyone leave with full tummies, there were plenty of leftovers afterward, which Calderone says were donated to the Senior Citizens Club lunch program and to Meals on Wheels.

Although the Winters Ministerial Association organizes and sponsors the event, Calderone says it is funded entirely by donations, which the association seeks out all year. Besides monetary support, the event is made possible by the efforts of scores of volunteers who do everything from cooking the turkeys at home to dishing things up at the Community Center to cleaning up afterwards.

This year, Calderone was particularly appreciative of volunteer Marie Heilman, who did the lion’s share of coordinating the event.

“She was the anchor-woman of the whole thing. She was awesome,” says Calderone. “If not for her, it might not have gone off like this.”

Heilman and a troop of 50 volunteers cooked and carved 30 turkeys and

made about 10 gallons of gravy, as well as two huge pots of potatoes — enough to feed 250 hungry people. Although the Community Center kitchen was packed with busy volunteers just before the dinner was served on Sunday, the team effort was evident. The women carrying the pots of gravy didn’t crash into the women carrying the pots of mashed potatoes, and vice versa.

The churches participating in this event included Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Main Street Church, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Discovery Worship Center and Templo de Jesus Cristo es la Respuesta. Calderone says the same group will be behind yet more efforts to make sure everyone in Winters has happy holidays this year, and is already working on collecting food and toys for the annual Christmas basket and toy distribution, planned for Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Community Center. A children’s program takes place at 9 a.m., followed by the toy giveaway. Food baskets will be given away from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Anyone who needs a Christmas food basket can sign up at City Hall. The deadline to sign up is Friday, Dec. 9. City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone who would like to help the Winters Ministerial Association with these community efforts can take a contribution to First Northern Bank.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

DEAR SANTA,

I know it's not even Thanksgiving yet, but I wanted to get my letter in early so it won't get lost in the shuffle. My Christmas list this year is short and simple. In fact, it contains only one item. But I want it. Bad.

You owe me one, Santa. The last time I wrote to you, back in 1997, I requested only one thing too: I wanted to slap Martha Stewart. Back then, that was totally legitimate. Ms. Martha was awfully full of herself, making us domestically challenged types exceedingly miserable. She deserved a good smack, her and her 40 sets of dishes and homegrown blackberries, and disdain for microwave ovens and take-out pizza. You could search "smug" in '97 on the Internet and get a direct link to Martha's picture. As for that slap, she had it comin'.

Sadly, you didn't grant that Christmas wish. However, in the long run, the slap Martha got in court for her sleazy stock dealings was much fiercer than the one I'd have given her — just one good pop on her frosty, WASPy Ice Queen cheek. She got roughed up a little worse than that — jail time and parole in an ankle bracelet that definitely wasn't a Good Thing. After all that, it wasn't even fun to pick on her anymore. What kind of crazy, cocoo world is it when Martha Stewart becomes a sympathetic character?

Despite being publicly ground into the dirt, Martha's rebuilding her domestic empire, springing back up from the mud like a snow crocus in February. (An imported Dutch snow crocus grown in organic French compost that she personally selected in Versailles, of course, but a snow crocus nonetheless.) Much as I'm loathe to admit, I have a soft spot for Martha now. I hate when that happens.

So, Santa, maybe you foresaw the future and knew Martha had a world of trouble headed her way, and it wouldn't have been fair to pile on. Ah well, maybe it's all for the best. She's as ruthless as an anaconda, and likely would've unhinged her jaw and swallowed me whole. I just hope I'd have given her a fat case of indigestion.

This time around, however, beloved Santa, look into the future again and you'll see the happiness my current wish will bring. It'll delight everyone, save for a few whack-job Right Wing religious fanatics, and I'll betcha even some of them'll whisper a word of thanks under their breath.

Here's my request. Forget slapping Martha. This year, all I really want for Christmas is to body-slam Pat Robertson. Just a few minutes in the ring with him, Santa. I do Tae Bo. I think I can take him. And, in true WWF spirit, I'll give him a vicious elbow jab in the jaw too, and shut his mouth for months.

Just imagine it, Santa: Pat Robertson's jaw wired shut until April. Don't it just make you all warm and tingly inside? Heck, it probably even makes God all warm and tingly inside.

My desire to clean Robertson's clock isn't unwarranted, Santa. Think about what he said after the residents of Dover, Pennsylvania tossed their entire school board out of office in the recent election for supporting the teaching of "intelligent design" in school: "I'd like to say to the good citizens of Dover: if there is a disaster in your area, don't turn to God. You just rejected him from your city. And don't wonder why He hasn't helped you when problems begin, if they begin... just remember, you just voted God out of your city. And if that's the case, don't ask for His help because He might not be there."

See what I mean? The man's run amok. He's a loon. He spews venom like this and dares call himself Christian. Unfortunately, most Christians won't rebuke him and declare him what he is, namely, a fraud, because they're scared God's gonna spank them. Me, I don't have that sort of relationship with God. In fact, I'm hoping God will be on my tag team. He'd probably like to get in a few licks of His own.

So, how 'bout it, Santa? Could you grant me this one Christmas wish? Could any other gift possibly bring joy to so many? Except maybe clothes-lining Ann Coulter? (See, I'm working on next year's list already.)

Herman says 'thanks' to everyone

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Catherine Branscum, Diana Carner and Julie Rojas for hosting a retirement party for me. I would also like to thank everyone who stopped by. Thanks for the cards, gifts and best wishes. I couldn't have been in business for over 40 years without the

support of my customers, and I especially thank you for your years of support.

A special thank you to the Wallace family, especially Newt and Ida, for the many years as my landlords and friends. I enjoyed talking with you about antiques and bottles.

HERMAN LOPEZ

We had a great Halloween parade

Dear Editor,

The children, teachers and parents of Winters Parent Nursery School would like to thank the merchants on Main Street for participating in our annual Halloween parade. Thank you to: Buckhorn Catering, Chris' Florist & Dessert First, Curves, Eagle Drug,

El Pueblo Taqueria & Meat Market, First Northern Bank, Kimes Hardware, Putah Creek Café, VeloCity Bicycle Center, Winters Eyecare and Winters Healthcare. We had a wonderful time and the treats were delicious!

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LETTERS

Tree huggers vs. lake hoggers

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my strong support for the removal of private trailers and mobile homes from the public land at Lake Berryessa and the redevelopment of the lake to better serve public recreation needs, particularly the development of a 150-mile shoreline trail.

I have been a resident of Winters since 2000 and have always felt that there was a dire need for more recreational opportunities in this area. My husband and I enjoy hiking, bicycling, swimming and kayaking. We went to the Lake Berryessa area a few times during our first year in Winters, since it is close to home. However, we did not find any trails, and the first place to go swimming was quite a drive and very unattractive. I remember wondering what was swimming in the water with me besides fish (and not liking what I came up with!)

At last Saturday's town hall meeting in Winters I was infuriated by the aggressive remarks of one of the speakers, that "tree huggers" and canoes are seldom seen at Lake Berryessa, implying that those people are not using the lake and are therefore not entitled to consideration in plans for the future of the area. I would like to point out that there is good reason for the lack of hikers, "tree huggers" and canoes/kayakers (and — yes — birdwatchers, too!) at the lake. People who prefer to quietly enjoy nature are clearly driven away by noisy motor boats, jet skis and a trashed environment. The present state of Lake Berryessa clearly

demonstrates a disregard for nature and natural beauty of the current users, who only care about fish because they want to catch them. In the Sacramento/Yolo Co. area, recreational areas for all are badly needed, and it is not acceptable that the noisy and aggressive crowd "hogs" public land and resources that should be enjoyable for all.

I hope very much that the city of Winters and its residents will step forward and support the Bureau of Reclamation's plans. As a homeowner in Winters, I very strongly believe that new, well-planned and environmentally sound recreational activities at Lake Berryessa would add to the value of our homes. It would attract far more people from Sacramento/Yolo/Solano to Winters, and businesses here would profit immensely. It would also connect Winters to the prime tourist destination of Napa Valley (tourists much prefer beautiful small road trips to driving freeways).

While two Winters business owners spoke out against the Bureau of Reclamation plans for the lake, I know that others (who were not asked to be on the panel but were present at the meeting) are clearly in favor of those plans.

Everyone who supports diversifying the recreational activities at the lake thus making the area more attractive and valuable for all of the public, should speak up and express their views to city officials.

INGE WERNER

They showed their true colors

Dear Editor,

The trailer owners currently occupying Lake Berryessa showed their true colors in Winters on Saturday. Colors that don't run, clearly, but that shout, swear, interrupt, insult and insistently ignore clear, reasoned, factual discourse.

The Winters City Council meeting, held in the high school gym, was packed with supporters of the status quo at Lake Berryessa. It was ostensibly held for Winters citizens to express concerns about potential loss of business in Winters should the Lake be redeveloped with improved access for the general public. It was evident, however, that the meeting, organized by lake resort operators, Representative Pombo, and a few Winters proprietors, was really intended to show the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) how serious (and scary) the trailer owners are.

Let me say that I, too, have been evicted. Twice. Not from any vacation house (I've never been able to afford one of those), but from my home — once shortly after I had moved in, because the

owner of the house wanted to sell it; and once after my husband and I had lived in our home for over 10 years and had put a good deal of time, money and hard work into fixing it up, because the owner wanted to move in. I was unhappy both times, but understood that someone else owned the property, and I was only renting.

I've also lost my job — four times in five years. Once because my employer became sick with cancer and closed his business. The last three were layoffs because the non-profit counseling agencies I worked for lost their contracts or their funding. Each time, I had less than three months (in one case less than a week) to adjust to the idea and scramble to piece together a liveable income.

The whining by the mob of trailer owners and concessionaires, rising to a din which drowned out speakers on the panel (but only selected speakers), reflects in part the investment these people have put into the lake and their feelings about eventual eviction. However, their

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CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

CONGRATULATION TO HAROLD. It's not every week where someone gets blasted in a letter to the editor in the Express and then is named Citizen of the Year. Harold Anderson now holds that distinction. The Citizen of the Year honor is richly deserved, while the slam on his business leaves a lot to be desired.

When people talk about times changing, last week's letter is a good example. Sure, Harold's business could use a little paint, new screens and some TLC, but natural landscaping is all the rage, especially among water conscience people. The question is, why does it bother some people if you live a little differently than what is considered the norm?

I'd hate to have people berate me for the way I keep the office. We're just started remodeling and I've already decided it was a mistake to start the project in the first place. Just taking down the posters from the walls made me start to reconsider the whole project. Do we really need new carpet and if the painted walls have held up since 1962, what's the hurry to repaint now?

When I walk into some peoples homes or businesses, I just marvel at their tidiness. My permanent tenant has the same fetish, by the way. When something needs to be tossed, she just tells me to take it to the office. The problem; now I'm being forced to empty the office for new carpets and paint.

Just taking down the plaques and posters took awhile, and when I realized that most of the posters were stapled to the walls, it didn't help. There are enough nails in the walls to supply a good sized hardware store and I'm thinking about sending the wood paneling to the Smithsonian. I'm not sure what to do with the spiders in the corners. They've been around so long they are like old friends.

Our front office was a shoe repair shop when I was a kid. The Winters Express was in the building next door on the alley. We played baseball behind the buildings and Mr. Wright, the shoe repairman, would sew up our baseballs when the covers came off. I don't think there are many kids in Winters playing catch with sewed up baseballs today.

When Mr. Wright passed away, the guy that is supposed to be on Page 2, bought the building, cut a hole in the wall, and the Express expanded. He put on the stucco false front that you see today, recessed the front doors, covered most of the walls with paneling and painted the remaining wall a light pink. It has looked this way ever since. I've added carpet and linoleum over the years, but I've never even thought about remodeling until recently.

Several years ago we added a back office for my father and it filled up instantly with more stuff than you can find on the Road Show. We're now moving the front office into the back office and my brother's conference room which we added about 20 years ago. It should be an interesting couple of weeks, or at least interesting weekends. If your phone rings and it's from the Express, if you don't want to help paint, cut molding or install paneling, don't' answer.

There is a Friday the 13th in January, so if you can remember the date, drop by and see what we've done to the place. If you don't notice a difference, we've done our job.

BRING BACK THE BLINK. Speaking of remodeling. Is everyone getting used to the red, yellow and green lights? I've started driving to work down Hemenway, just to avoid the new fangled light. When the city added the turn lanes, it was the best thing that ever happened to traffic flow. People would spread out, turn left or right and be on their merry way. Now you show up, wait for the lights to cycle around the horn and speed through so the people behind you don't get stuck waiting for another revolution of the light.

I have a solution for both the people who don't like the new lights and those who yearn for the good old days of just a blinking red light. How about we have Cal-Trans set the colored lights to turn off at 9 p.m. and blink red until 6 a.m. That way those of us who work late won't have to watch the lights for fun as we try to get home and those who don't like the greens and yellows, can walk down to the corner at night and let their minds wander.

Someday we'll need the light to change colors, but let's hang on to that small town feeling for just a little while longer.

Have a good week.

Lake users fight for recreation

Dear Editor,

The users of Lake Berryessa came out in force on Saturday, attending the town hall meeting in Winters. "They are furious," quoting editor Douglas Fischer of the Oakland Tribune. The Bureau of Reclamation's domineering obsession with destroying the lake community and boater use is being challenged by the American public.

John Frazier, owner of Markley Cove Resort, made an introductory speech for the resorts, as-

serting that what we have is a "Failure to Communicate." "The resorts have evolved to what people want," he exclaimed, and used the analogy relating to Reclamation's plan that a "square peg won't fit into a round hole." He stated with amazement that, during his 18 years of ownership, including seven years of drought, that he has never been consulted by Reclamation regarding use or development. Frazier pointed out

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eagerness to disregard comments made by the BOR and Carol Kunze of Berryessa Trails and Conservation, and the cruel invective intended to malign and discredit them, reflects a mean-spirited, self-serving level of reasoning and communication that is perhaps one source of problems at the lake.

They repeatedly asked, when told of people who were interested in hiking, kayaking, bird-watching and camping, “Where are they? Why aren’t they here? Why was there only one canoe among all the speed boats on the lake?” Among other obscenity-laced comments about people who might enjoy nature-based recreation was the comment, “Tree-huggers — they’re full of (expletive)!”

With this sort of attitude prevalent at the lake, not to mention the sight of trailer parks at the shoreline, how many true nature-lovers would feel comfortable (or even safe) vacationing there? Looking at the crowd filling the stands, festooned with their yellow ROP stickers (what does that stand for, anyway — Resort Owners’ Profits?) and their orange, plastic tape armbands, I understood why so many people have told me they have given up on trying to enjoy Lake Berryessa as it is today.

How safe is it to be in a kayak when those in speed-boats and personal watercraft not only feel entitled to speed through every inch of the lake, but also consider the person in a kayak to be a despicable intruder from another planet with an unfortunate interest in preserving the integrity of our environment?

I was encouraged by a letter from Theresa Sackett in the Winters Express that demonstrated that there are folks in Winters who value the land, wildlife and natural aesthetic of the Berryessa region. Unfortunately, I’m guessing the population of Winters was not as thoroughly informed of the meeting as were the trailer owners. There is no doubt it was planned as a one-sided attack on the BOR, as well as to perpetuate the myths used by the resorts to further their case: that the lake will have to close and will perish economically, that motorboats

will be banned or severely restricted, that the Sierra Club is driving the redevelopment plan, and the newly added myth (if not outright lie), that the current resort crowd stops and shops in Winters, whereas any other travelers will only shop at big box stores.

Even the questions from the audience were carefully selected, and none were included that had a pro-environment, pro-redevelopment perspective (although I know there were at least two submitted). This meet-

ing was a sham, but one that was transparent enough to reveal the unsightly nature of the Berryessa resort culture.

The concessionaires have known for how long — 25 years? — that the contracts for the resorts would be expiring, and that the BOR would be required to put out bids for new contracts. They claim their businesses are profitable. Maybe it’s time to take their profits and move on.

WENDY WALLIN

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that Reclamation’s proposed change of use to his resort would have dramatic negative effects on the current public use and revenues to Winters.

A major outcry of objection was over Reclamation’s Preferred Alternative B application of land and water classifications that are contrary to current use and guiding documents. Initial results

would be a top speed of 45 miles per hour on the entire lake with a maximum of 782 boats. The long term impact would drive away a large portion of the current users, locking out the public with absurd limitations.

In 1958, there were 800 boats on the lake with no sanitary facilities and no launch ramps. It was because of this that Reclamation requested the National Park Service to develop the Public Use Plan and the resort contracts

were issued. The PUP called for optimizing public recreation use and specifically identified motorized boating as the primary recreation of the lake. In pursuing years, motorized boating has proved to be the major attraction of the lake. Against major public protest, Alternative B attempts to nullify the documents and public demand. Voice after voice echoed that there are di-

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Winters could benefit from change

Dear Editor,

From my perspective as the only supporter of plans to redevelop Lake Berryessa who was allotted time to speak, the Winters town hall meeting on Jan. 19 was three hours of sustained fury, personal attacks and abuse. My

personal thanks to the moderator Paul Myer, who kept a level head and did his best to restrain the shouting mob.

What was most curious about the event was that the person with the most expertise, a representative of the resort company that has taken over Pleasure Cove, was not allotted time to speak. With experience running resort operations in national parks, at many public lakes, and even abroad, is it not odd that there was no interest in hearing from this company? Particularly when it

was thought useful to hear from a representative of an organization that protects wild sheep.

It is clear that the special interests who benefit from the current mobile home park concessions sought this meeting to create a political forum for a staged event. But now that the screaming hordes have had their opportunity to vent, it is time for some rational discourse on Lake Berryessa.

Bureau of Reclamation policy prohibits the exclusive use of public land, which is defined as

use that excludes other users for extended periods of time, including mobile homes, trailers, etc. Obviously, the intent of this policy is to ensure that the public has access to and use of public land.

At Lake Berryessa the public is very poorly served. More than 90 percent of the non-camping accommodations are set aside for exclusive use. A recent study indicates that the prices charged to the day-use public for camping, the limited lodging that is available, boat rentals, etc., are higher than are charged

elsewhere, sometimes by a few dollars, but sometimes 40 ñ 50% higher, or even more. At the same time, the campgrounds and other facilities are generally substandard.

The current concessions do not generate more than insignificant revenue as the private sites pay no transient occupancy tax, nor is there any significant sales tax from the concession areas. The economy around the lake is in poor shape. Half of the retail outlets have been out of business and boarded up for years. The last gas sta-

tion closed a few years ago. The sewer systems are inadequate, and bathrooms in some concessions are being replaced with portable toilets.

The benefits that Winters receives today pales beside the revenue that would flow the visitors attracted by the new facilities, better public access and more diversified recreation.

The concession contracts are expiring and major resort companies are interested in investing in this lake when the

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verse users at the lake, that long-term users in fact bring many of the short-term visitors to the lake, that all users are welcome and that there is plenty of room for all.

Harold Moskowitz, supervisor for Napa County, whose father was the first concessionaire at Steele Park Resort, left the podium to a standing ovation. He stated that the resorts are seasonal and can't make it without the long-term sites: "There's no way." Bob White, owner of Rancho Monticello Resort, challenged Reclamation's application of "exclusive use" by referencing Reclamation's own policy. Short-term uses are not appropriate for areas with grades over 15 per-

cent. Most long-term sites are appropriate and do not exclude other uses.

The resorts were designed, in areas on the south and west sides of the lake, to disperse recreational use; on lands adjacent to steep banks and deep waters, to offer services to the greatest number of people throughout the water level fluctuations. All resorts are in concentrated areas, on a total of 12 miles of shoreline. Approximately 50 percent of the resorts are short-term public uses, 50 percent long-term public use.

The propagandized assertions that long-term vacation sites block public access are Reclamation's attempt to divert attention from their failure to follow the PUP and RAMP. Chuck

Reiker of Winters questioned why Reclamation didn't support the resorts' proven use, and why they wouldn't develop the public lands under their management for greater public access. Reclamation manages 135 miles of shoreline outside the resorts. The PUP identified 12 areas for the Managing Entity to develop for public access on lands that are appropriate for short-term uses. PUP: "Areas should be provided permitting free or low cost use of day-use facilities such as picnic sites, parking areas, trails, comfort stations, viewpoints and bank fishing areas. Such facilities should be provided by a public agency and will help reduce non-boating day use impact on concession area." The public has been shortchanged.

The upcoming Record of Decision, if it does not demand some or all of those public lands be developed, could result in those public lands being lost for use forever.

As the Winters meeting visibly demonstrated, the public wants Lake Berryessa to continue to meet diverse contemporary public recreation needs. A Resort Owners Plan (ROP) was submitted to Reclamation with a master plan for Lake Berryessa that will meet future public recreation needs. It far exceeds Alternative B plans for public access. Water recreation is the essence of the Lake Berryessa culture — the public is going to fight hard to keep it.

LUCY WHITE
Owner,
Rancho Monticello Resort



Black

Cyan

Magenta

Yellow



BUDGET

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ommendation, but the topic resurfaced during the current discussions.

Trustee-elect Robert Nicholson suggested that either John Clayton School or Wolfskill could be closed. Trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa thought the kindergarten program could be moved to Waggoner, and the Wolfskill and independent study programs could be moved to John Clayton. "One of the things school districts do when faced with declining enrollment is to close schools so they can operate more efficiently," Mitchell said.

Other items on the laundry list of brainstorming suggestions include reviewing the district's transportation system to reduce \$11,000 encroachment on the general fund, looking for new revenue sources, cutting sports programs or raising fees paid by student athletes, and reconfiguring grade levels at existing schools.

Mitchell said he would do a cost analysis of the various suggestions and have that information ready for the next restructuring workshop that will be part of the school board's Dec. 15 meeting. Restructuring will also be on the agenda for the Jan 19 and Feb. 2 board meetings, with board action on recommended changes scheduled for the Feb. 2 meeting.

A lower birth rate, cost

of housing, a sharp drop in the number of independent study students, and competition from other schools were all mentioned as contributing to the enrollment decline in Winters schools.

Declining enrollment also is reducing the amount that the district can collect in developer fees from a formula based, in part, on the amount of excess classroom capacity. Trustees approved development impact fees of \$2.91 per square foot for residential construction, down

from \$3.16 per square foot. Other fees — \$0.36 per square foot for commercial/industrial construction and \$0.06 per square foot for rental self-storage — remain the same. Developer fees can only be used for facilities and do not affect the general fund where cuts are being considered.

Personnel honored

Eleven school district employees nominated by their peers for outstanding job performance received accolades from Mitchell and certificates of appreciation from the

school board. They included teachers Woody Fridae, Yisenia Gonzalez, Ali Waisutynski and Andi Sidum; reading specialists Mele Echiburú and Nancy Somers; instructional aides Laurie Lane and Sue Neander; business services technician Kathy Colagrossi; school psychologist Jeff Sims, and desktop support specialist Don Waldron.

Next meeting

The next school board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the district office.

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private vacation sites are gone. Even setting aside the benefit to local residents of living so close to a 150 mile shoreline trail for hiking and biking, places to swim and kayak as well as water ski,

Winters has more to gain from Lake Berryessa becoming a vacation destination than from keeping the lake the way it is today.

CAROL KUNZE
Executive Director
Berryessa Trails and
Conservation
Lake Berryessa

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failure to communicate.”

Pointing to plans to make the lake a “houseboat Mecca,” especially at Markley Cove, with 50 square acres dedicated to each boat, he said those visitors would not spend money at local restaurants and stores.

Frazier told the panel that representatives from Pombo’s office were taken on a boat tour of the lake that morning.

“They were impressed with the conditions and the improvements and the uses there,” he said.

Frazier wanted to know where Bureau head Curt Rogers was, saying he was like Oz, not appearing in public.

Finally, he noted that the proposed changes wouldn’t happen overnight, “it’s not physically possible.”

He said the bureau has been trying to make a decision about the lake for 18 years, and if they couldn’t make a decision in that time they couldn’t build a business in a matter of months.

He questioned plans to limit the lake to 800 boats and make hiking trails along the shoreline. He said most of those he sees along the shoreline of Lake Berryessa are hunters and fishermen, and he hasn’t had one ask him to “build a trail out there over that hillside so they can crawl out there somewhere and hug a tree.”

“I’m worked up, and I see you all are, too,” said Frazier as the audience stood and cheered.

Town & Country Market and Berryessa Sporting Goods owner David Lorenzo spoke on behalf of the Winters business community. He was also concerned over plans to focus on houseboats at Markley Cove. He said those types of visitors won’t buy fuel and groceries in Winters, or eat at Winters restaurants.

“Winters can’t afford to lose anymore sales tax revenue,” he said. “What they want to do at Markley is not feasible for the city.”

With regard to health and safety violations, Lorenzo noted that when the government tells a business to fix something in 30 days “it gets done.”

He said it’s obvious that the resort owners have put a lot of time and money into their businesses, and now the bureau wants to come in and take it away.

“That’s not right.”

Tony DeLao, owner of Tomat’s restaurant, said visitors call him from the boat launch to say they are on their way and can he fit them in.

“We’ll lose that revenue,” he said.

With no revenue, he would have to cut employees, many of whom are local teenagers.

“They should leave Markley Cove alone,” said DeLao.

Fisherman, business owner and radio personality Sep Hendrickson asked why the reemergence of Kokune salmon and the impacts to fishermen had been ignored. He also wanted to know what would happen to the \$37,000 fish pen project a Markley Cove. He asked if fishermen or members of the public were asked to be stakeholders in the decision-making process.

Helen Thompson, chairman of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, read into the record a statement of support for the preferred alternative.

Ray Lee, president of the Foundation of Wild Sheep, based in Cody, Wyoming, said the situation appeared to be one of denying the public access to their land. He told the panel the concessionaires would be the most able to recognize changes in use patterns at the lake, say-

ing this is a case of government interfering in private business.

Council member Woody Fridae said when the city council heard a presentation of the options in March, 2004, they favored Alternative A+. Noting that no substantive changes had been made to the EIS since that presentation, he asked what options the community has if the decision is made to adopt Alternative B.

Finnegan responded that Alternative A+ is basically a no-action alternative, which was not selected as the preferred alternative. He said once the Record of Decision (ROD) is made, it is final.

Fridae noted that if the Bureau hasn’t been able to enforce the rules so far, especially with regard to the condition of the long-term trailers, how would they enforce the new plan.

Finnegan said the resort owners have the responsibility of enforcing the laws along the shoreline.

Mayor Dan Martinez said he was “troubled and challenged by the logic of putting houseboats in Markley Cove.”

Martinez noted that in a market-driven economy the philosophy would be to make it as easy as possible to access the lake. He also questioned the safety and economic issues that would arise with regard to putting the boat launch further up the lake, forcing boaters to pull their boats up a treacherous road.

Finnegan said the houseboats would be in addition to other uses, not replacing other uses.

“The existing uses would be allowed to continue?” asked Martinez.

Finnegan said the guidelines for uses would be established and if plans submitted by the business owners said houseboats would not work, then the plan would have to be changed.

Linda Frazier pointed out that since Finnegan said the EIS is not a decision document and there are no established guidelines for uses on the lake, it would be hard for her to submit a bid without knowing what the bureau is looking for.

“It’s hard to trust that the decision is not going to demand something that we think is wrong,” she said.

She asked how she could submit a bid and how the bureau could evaluate a bid if they are just using a framework for lake uses.

Finnegan said it would not necessarily be a bid process, but a request for proposals from concessionaires.

Questions were asked about the Water Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (WROS) that would create a reservoir-wide zoning system. Frazier asked why the bureau favors discontinuing or limiting launching at the south end of he lake.

“I don’t think we are,” said Finnegan.

He said the WROS would be used as a tool to set limits on boating and speeds on the lake.

There was disagreement over what the resort owners perceived to be limitations on motorized watercraft. Finnegan said they were using tables in the EIS to extrapolate numbers, but that there was no proposal by BOR to restrict motorized watercraft.

Winters City Manager John Donlevy asked Finnegan to explain the zoning of the lake, especially with regard to the southern half. Finnegan said the zoning shown on the WROS was “representative only” and that Winters would have a say in the final zoning.

At that point, Myer read into the record questions prepared by resort owners and interested members of the public.

One questioner asked what was the reason for the BOR awarding the concessionaire contract to one business, rather than individual businesses. Finnegan said it was a misconception that the BOR planned to award the contract to one business.

Linda Frazier expressed concern over a requirement that anyone awarded a contract would have to have a \$750,000 bond in order to keep the contract, and wouldn’t be able to use their business as collateral.

“That is virtually impossible for a small business person,” she said. “They will be cutting us out with those demands.”

Another written question asked Finnegan to explain how the BOR would work with the city to minimize the impact of a transition period from existing to new concessionaires. Finnegan said there would have to be a change under any of the alternatives, and that the BOR would try to minimize any impacts.

Kunze pointed out that two-thirds of the written comments during the comment period asked for more nature-based uses, such as hiking and canoeing.

“There were a lot of people asking for change at the lake,” she said.

When asked when the ROD would be released, Finnegan said no sooner than 30 days, but probably early 2006.

Questions were asked regarding how long the current contracts wold be honored and how long the transition period would take.

Finnegan said the length of the current contracts would not change, but BOR would ask for RFPs early in the process and award the final contracts in 2006 so the transition period between the end of the old contracts and the beginning of the new, would be smoother.

Council member Woody

Fridae referred to Kunze’s statement that there was an “outcry of people who said the trailer sites should be open to the public, and I’m just wondering, where are they?”

Finnegan was asked how the BOR justified the vast area of the lake dedicated to canoes and kayaks under the preferred plan, and how much time the BOR spends at the lake.

Finnegan said BOR staff is at Lake Berryessa 24/7.

Another question regarded alcohol-related incidents at the lake, and the use of tax dollars for law enforcement to patrol the area.

Frazier said most of the incidents occur in the uncontrolled, unenforced area between the highway and the lake.

another written question stated that everyone would be happy if the current contracts were extended, why couldn’t there be compromise?

Finnegan said the law prohibits BOR from extending current contracts.

Kunze pointed out that not everyone would be happy if the contracts were extended.

“In fact, a lot of us would be unhappy,” she said, naming several boards and groups, including the Napa, Yolo and Solano county board of supervisors.

Another questioner asked how the resorts and concessionaires would survive from October through May without the long-term users.

“We’re looking for proposals to tell us that,” said Finnegan.

Harold Moskowite, Napa County Supervisor and long time area resident said if lake use was limited to camping and canoeing “they’re not going to make it.”

He noted that the Bu-

reau gets a grant from the Division of Waterways to pay for law enforcement patrol inside the waterway.

He agreed that the sub-standard trailers and decks should be removed and concessionaires should be brought up to code, but questioned how the concessionaire who got the new contract would make it during the winter months if they are required to depend on short-term use. He said the bureau should “use some common sense” when it comes to use of the lake.

“There’s plenty of room for everybody,” he said.

There was some disagreement on the panel about the cost of law enforcement and who was responsible for that cost.

Kunze said a survey was done in communities at libraries, farmers markets and other public places.

She said 90 percent of those surveyed were looking for hiking trails at the lake. Kunze said basically, those interested in change were asking to share the lake.

“Who is we?” asked Linda Frazier. “If we do a study then we can also control the outcome.”

Mayor Martinez left the meeting at 4 p.m., but again voiced his concern about the proposed rezoning. He said the only way the public process would work was “if the public

comments are taken seriously.”

Public comment was taken for another hour. Many voiced concern that the existing concessionaires could be put out of business. Many asked for a compromise. Several of those who spoke or submitted written comments agreed that there was room for everyone on the lake.

More than one speaker referred to a petition against Alternative B, with more than 15,000 signatures, and questioned why it was never made public.

A member of the California Watershed Posse told Finnegan that the document was flawed and his organization planned to file a “writ of mandate” if the bureau adopted any other alternative than Alternative A.

Winters business owner Myke Berna spoke in favor of Alternative B, saying increased day use would increase visitors to Winters.

Winters Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dan Maguire was concerned about a loss of tax revenues, saying houseboaters would bring their own groceries, take up several parking spaces and stay out on the boat for a week. He said houseboating would restrict the amount of day use at the lake.

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MAP

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Contract Planner Heidi Tschudin gave a brief background of the project, which first came to the city in 1992. A new application was filed in March 2004, and has been the subject of community input and workshops. The Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact (Neg. Dec.) was issued in August and the project was recommended for approval by the planning commission on Oct. 25.

Mayor Dan Martinez had a concern over mitigation for listed species, which would require the purchase of land to mitigate for the habitat in the project. Martinez said he would rather see mitigation funding go toward the purchase of a large piece of land, rather than trying to find acreage to fit such a small project.

Mayor Pro Tem Woody Fridae noted that a request had been made to recirculate the Neg. Dec. Tschudin acknowledged that the request had been made to recirculate the document because of a claim that all documents were not available for public review. She said the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) addressed the question. Citing the staff report, Tschudin said recirculation was only necessary if substantial revision of the Neg. Dec. would be required.

In this case, Tschudin said, recirculation is not required since no substantial revisions are needed. Tschudin disputed the claim that documents were unavailable.

"There is no evidence that we didn't do it properly and materials were unavailable," she said.

Fridae noted that there is a difference of opinion about that issue, asking what would be the problem with simply recirculating the document.

"If it's a dispute which leads to a lawsuit, then that would be the worst of all," said Fridae, who expressed concern that the city could be taken to court.

"What would it hurt to recirculate?" he asked

Tschudin didn't have specific information on what it would take to recirculate the Neg. Dec.

"There were no documents that were not in the packet," said Tschudin, who told the council that there was no failure to list or use a document in the report.

She said all the documents were available prior to the close of the review period. However, it was correct that the individual didn't ask for them prior to the close of the public review period.

"That's fine with me," said Martinez, who then asked to change the direction of the discussion to

water conservation. He asked that water conservation conditions be added to the agreement, including irrigation systems that use less water.

Council member Harold Anderson wanted to know if the intersection at West Main Street and Grant Avenue could be reevaluated for a traffic circle rather than a traffic signal. There was general agreement about that until developer representative John Peterson told the council a traffic signal couldn't be constructed there without taking out a neighbor's yard.

Martinez then expressed his displeasure that more variety of lot sizes wasn't included in the project, or in any of the projects the council has seen recently. He recalled that when the city changed its zoning to include minimum average lot sizes, their intention was to allow for a range of sizes in one project. He was disappointed that most of the lots seemed to be the same size.

Council member Tom Stone agreed with Martinez, recalling that the council's motivation in approving the zoning change was so there could be 5,000 square foot lots and 10,000 square foot lots within one project.

"That was a selling point," he said.

Peterson told the council that during neighborhood meetings, the public sentiment was more in favor of features such as the small green space/park that was included in the Hudson-Ogando plan. He said lot sizes were discussed at the planning commission meeting, but in general people wanted more green space and the developer couldn't do both.

He said there would be a variety of products and plans included.

Fridae agreed with Stone, saying the problem was that there weren't radically different sizes of lots within one block.

Tschudin told the council there was still time to adjust some of the lot sizes in the project without making radical changes to the number of homes included.

Martinez opened the public hearing, at which only Kevin Jackson spoke.

He presented a packet in which he listed his comments on the study that was used to prepare the Neg. Dec.

Jackson told the council he was not disputing the conclusions made in the Neg. Dec., but was asking for the document to be recirculated because "critical documents" were not included in the packet he received from the city.

He did not dispute that Community Development Director Dan Sokolow gave him everything he had in the packet.

"He gave me all the documents he knew existed,"

said Jackson. "I believe that."

Jackson acknowledged that his request was based on a procedural issue, not on a dispute over the facts in the report.

"I don't think anyone was playing hide and seek," he said, noting that he simply wanted the documents recirculated because the public had not had time to review the technical documents and comment.

"Yeah, but Kevin, that doesn't change anything," said Martinez.

Jackson admitted that he was asking for the recirculation based on a technicality.

Stone pointed out that one of the reports Jackson referred to was the dry season survey of the wet-

lands on the site. He told Jackson that report provided no new information.

Jackson then moved on to his concerns about noise mitigation. He explained his belief that the construction noise that would be generated during build-out of the project would greatly exceed that allowed for in the General Plan. Tschudin pointed out that the city's Zoning Ordinance allows for more leeway with construction noise. Jackson disagreed and asked for a mitigation plan for construction noise. He wanted to know who would measure the noise, and how noise issues could be resolved.

"People move to Winters for quiet," he said.

Fridae expressed his

current users. He echoed Fridae and Martinez' concerns about what the changes proposed in Alternative B would do to Winters' tax revenue.

"It seems there are too many people trying to tell other people what to do," he said. "There has to be changes, improvements and upgrades to Lake Berryessa."

He said perhaps there should be no reference to the "status quo," since everyone seemed to agree that changes were necessary.

However, he noted "the city of Winters needs boat launching and berthing every day of the year, houseboats, too."

He warned that the proposed changes are indeed similar to a base closure in terms of impact to the city.

"We don't say it unless we mean it," he said.

He said the existing uses could still continue and that kayaks, canoes and hikers would be welcome.

"There seems to be plenty of room for compromise," he said.

After four hours of discussion and comment, the meeting was adjourned.

concern about noise mitigation. He then asked what would be accomplished by recirculating the Neg. Dec. Jackson said then it would be complete.

Peterson asked to respond to the issue of the documents Jackson referred to as missing.

"It's not a requirement of CEQA that we provide that [study], it's a requirement that we do that [study]," he said.

With regard to the noise, he said it would be reduced over a distance and that the decibel levels Jackson referred to would only occur if one were standing right next to a truck. He told the council that Hofmann does have a mitigation plan for noise, can provide phone num-

bers and contact people for residents to call if they want to complain about noise levels.

He noted that noise goes along with construction.

"Short of going back and building the whole thing with wheelbarrows and shovels, there's not much you can do," said Peterson. "I can guarantee you, Woody, if there's a complaint we will take care of it."

After adding a few suggestions to the conditions of approval, Martinez called for a motion, which was made by Stone and Anderson. In a roll call vote, Martinez, Stone and Anderson voted yes. Fridae abstained. Council member Steve Godden was not present at the meeting.

LAKE

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Peter Kilkus said 56 Napa-area business owners rejected the proposed plan, which he called the "Disneyland plan." He said long-term users are an important part of the local business economy.

Wendy Wallin said she was a member of the group who wanted more nature-based uses at the lake. She said she had been subjected to vitriol and insults during the course of the meeting.

"Is it any wonder that we don't feel you want to share the lake with us?" she asked.

Hendrickson wanted to know if the biologists had studied "where the fish hang out" as they created the zones, "or did you just decide here's a good place to draw the line?"

Council member Tom Stone was given the final word. He was encouraged to hear discussion about compromise and said he believed access could be provided for hiking trails and kayaks, without excluding

Winters

Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

November's mixer, hosted by Mike and Shaunie Briggs, owners of Briggs & Company at 820 Railroad Avenue, was one of the nicest mixers in recent memory. If you haven't been to Briggs & Company, you really should check it out. It's really nice to see Winters continue to evolve as a "shopping destination". Long gone are the days of out of town visitors coming out of the Buckhorn and having limited options to continue enjoying Winters. Now you can take in a performance at The Palms and shop at interesting shops like Bijou, Arte Junction, Briggs & Company, Velo City, Textures and, of course, my favorite, Regalare. There is a vitality in our downtown and it is gaining momentum. Even longtime visitors to Winters are commenting on it.

There are lots of fun December events and traditions at which to join us, starting with Mayor Dan Martinez and the Winters High School Chorus ushering in the Holiday season with the annual tree lighting ceremony on Monday, Dec. 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m.. Besides Martinez officially lighting the community Christmas tree, everyone will have a chance to sing along with the choir from WHS and perform a number of holiday favorites. A number of local organizations will have booths adding to the festivities and the evening will conclude



DAN MAGUIRE

CHAMBER DOINGS

with a visit from "you know who."

Other December activities include the last weekend of performances of "A Christmas Story" by the Winters Theatre Company, the annual Winters Friends of the Library Family Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Studio C's performance of the Nutcracker on Dec. 10 and 11. Plans are underway for a Holiday Open House hosted by the downtown Winters merchants. As a part of the festivities, once again, visitors to our downtown will be able to enjoy holiday favorites performed by the fabulous West Valley Choral as these merry roving carolers entertain throughout the downtown. Throw in the December Art Walk on Saturday, Dec. 3, and you have a pretty full array of things to enjoy in our community.

Make sure your Holiday season includes stopping in to extend best wishes to Mike and Janet Kimes, who will be turning over their business to the new owners in late December. They have been such a great

part of the downtown for so long and will be missed. While you are downtown, remember my mantra: SHOP WINTERS! As I said in the first part of this column, there is so much more to see and do in our downtown. More places to go, places to eat and places to shop. Save yourself some gas and irritation, and shop locally. You won't be disappointed.

Mark Saturday, Jan. 21, as a key date on your calendar. It's the date of our Citizen of the Year Banquet. We will be honoring our Citizen of the Year, our Theodore Winters recipient, the Business of the Year and our Senior Citizen of the Year. As you read about our honorees in upcoming editions of the Express, I am sure you will agree we're honoring a stellar group of people. These people and the tradition of this banquet define the essence of the special nature of Winters, people who care and give freely of themselves to make our community a better place.

I hope all of you will join us on Jan. 21 to honor them.

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.

Realty World to host next mixer

December's Chamber mixer will be hosted by Sandy Vickrey and Dave Mills of Realty World, Camelot Winters at their office at 37 Main Street on Monday, Dec. 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. The "Chili Cook-Off" December mixer has been hosted by Realty World for a number of years and is

always one of the largest mixers of the year. The community is invited.

"You haven't lived until you've tasted Sandy's homemade chili, and she is usually up against some pretty formidable competition," says Dan Maguire, executive director for the Chamber.

'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 Winters farm women worked during World War II as plane spotters? 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 the past several years, volunteers from the Winters Friends of the Library have interviewed long-time residents about life in Winters. The interviews have been transcribed and the transcripts are now on file at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. Ask at the circulation desk if you'd like to read these fascinating stories.

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

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www.wintersexpress.com

Entertainment

Studio C School of Dance presents ‘Nutcracker’

Studio C School of Dance and Genesis Dance Company will present a production of Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker ballet. This production is a mixture of classical ballet, tap, ballroom, jazz, hip hop and international dance, and is a fun holiday production for people of all ages

The production will be held at the Winters Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 11, there will be a gala performance 2 p.m.

Admission prices are (presale) \$10 general admission, \$8 student/senior and \$6 for children ages 6 and younger.

Non-presale prices are \$11 general admission, \$9 student/senior and \$7 children. Tickets are available at Studio C School of Dance or at the door. Gala ticket prices are \$13, \$12 and \$9 respectively.

For more information, call Tara Manners, 795-1900.



Courtesy photo

Appearing in the Studio C production of “The Nutcracker” are, from left, (front) Hayley Clay, Amanda Hanson, Lillian Boisrame, Megahn Hyde and Keeley Nickelson; (back) Cara McCoy, Kristen Rheuby, Snow Queen Gabrielle Boisrame, Jessica Jordan and Nicole Rheuby.

‘A Christmas Story’ inspires heartwarming holidays

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

When was the last time I declared a Winters Theatre Company’s production my favorite? Nevermind, because the latest WTC offering, “A Christmas Story,” has bumped whatever it was off the top of the list.

This is the sweetest, funniest little play I have thoroughly enjoyed in recent memory, and the main reason is the cast. Not only was every member delightful in his or her role, the entire cast seemed so relaxed in the roles and in the production that you can actually have that “suspension of disbelief” experience and believe that these actors and actresses really are those characters.

Mark Dahn reprises his role as Ralph, the adult narrator who describes that Christmas memory of the year he desperately wanted a Red Ryder BB gun, and all the antics and effort that went into getting it (lest he “shoot his eye out.”) Besides the childhood angst of wishing for a special Christmas present, the play recalls memories of days when the holidays just seemed simpler and sweeter. Just as in the first production, in a role that requires volumes of lines to remember, Dahn’s memory is absolutely astounding. His ability to sew the story together with his recollections are so very warm and convincing, and he (thankfully) has such a pleasant, soothing voice. Excellent job.

His young counterpart, Brandon Emory, plays 9-year-old Ralph, and the boy is just charming, mugging in all the right places, pouting and pondering in others. In fact all the young performers in their various roles as Ralph’s childhood friends — Tommy Holbach as Flick, Andrew Gonzales as Schwartz, Lauren Hupe as Esther Jane, Olivia Orosco as Helen and Cori Beeby as Scut Farcas — were all just amazingly darling and engaging. Kudos for the director in coaching these young actors and actresses to the best of their abilities.

The older folks weren’t too shabby either. In par-

ticular, Gina Wingard as Ralph’s mother and Trent Beeby as his father (The Old Man), were just outstanding. I’ve seen both in several plays past, and this was their best effort yet. Wingard was just so relaxed in her role, you really believed she was Mother.

Beeby’s sense of comic timing and presentation has taken a quantum leap since his last performance. Wingard and Beeby had wonderful chemistry in these roles, and surely no one could have done better jobs.

Rounding out the cast are an appropriately prim and frosty JoAnn May as Ralph’s teacher, Miss Shields, Jim Hewlett as Santa Claus (as well as The Cowboy, Christmas tree lot owner, delivery man and neighbor!), Rodney Orosco as a rather large elf, and additional neighborhood children played by Elaina Hupe, William Halbach and Trichelle Leslie. Howard Hupe served as director, and scores of volunteers contributed to everything from lighting to set design and construc-

tion to manning the kitchen.

I know it’s a busy time of year, but block out time in your schedule to take a break from the hustle and bustle and see this play. If you aren’t in the holiday spirit yet, you will be by the play’s end, even if

you’re Mr. Scrooge himself.

Performances continue this weekend and next at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26, and Dec. 2 and 3. A Sunday matinee takes place at 2 p.m. on Nov. 27. For reservations, call 795-4014.

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Sports

Campos sets WHS rushing record for season

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity football team ended their season on Thursday, Nov. 10, in the first round of the playoffs with a 7-4 overall record and tied for second in the Butte View League with a 3-2 record. The Warriors may not have ended the season the way new head coach Brad Burton wanted, but the Warriors had some impressive statistics along the way. While waiting for the official stats to come out, the following is an unofficial run down of the Warriors' top statistics in the 2005 season.

Danny Campos highlighted the Warriors' season with a record-breaking year as he rushed 189 times for 1,833 yards, totaled over 1,900 all-purpose yards with 21 touchdowns and totaled 128 points. WHS archives indicate that the best record for a single season rushing was Britt Busby in 1979 and Robert Perez in 1993 — both players rushed for 1,500 plus yards. Campos ended the regular 10- game season with 1,657. Campos also led the team during the

regular season with 86 tackles and had four fumble recoveries one returned for a touchdown.

Nathanael Lucero was the second leading rusher, with 355 yards on 44 carries and totaling 902 all-purpose yards with seven touchdowns. Lucero also led the Warriors with four interceptions (one returned for a touchdown), had 40 tackles and returned a kickoff for a touchdown to total 42 points. Sebastian Salas led the Warriors in receiving with 294 yards and three touchdowns while totaling over 581 all purpose yards during the regular season. Salas also had three interceptions, on fumble recovery, 40 tackles, returned a punt for a touchdown and totaled 24 points. Brenden Benson led the Warriors in passing with 336 yards and two touchdowns and totaled over 492 all-purpose yards with 12 points for the Warriors. Benson also had 69 tackles, three fumble recoveries and two interceptions during the regular season.

The Warriors kicker Nick Hedrick totaled 50 points for the Warriors as he kicked 29 of 36 PAT and made seven of 11 field goals with a long of 45 yards. Hedrick also

had 220 yards rushing on 42 carries during the regular season, while defensively Hedrick totaled 73 tackles and had three fumble recoveries. Joe Norfolk rushed for 151 yards on 27 carries during the regular season and passed for 129-yards for the Warriors. Norfolk also had 40 tackles and scored a touchdown to total six points for the Warriors.

Robert Warren despite missing half the season due to injuries totaled 67 yards and scored a touchdown for a total of six points. Warren also had 22 tackles during the regular season for the Warriors. Damon Miles completed two of six passes for 51-yards and threw a 35-yard touchdown pass for six points. John Avellar totaled 48 all purpose yards for the Warriors and had 48 tackles during the regular season. Alvaro Zaragoza had 35 yards receiving, Chad Carrion had 34 yards receiving, Clell Binion had 34-yards rushing and 20 tackles and Johnny Lucero had 17 yards rushing on seven carries and 11 tackles for the Warriors.

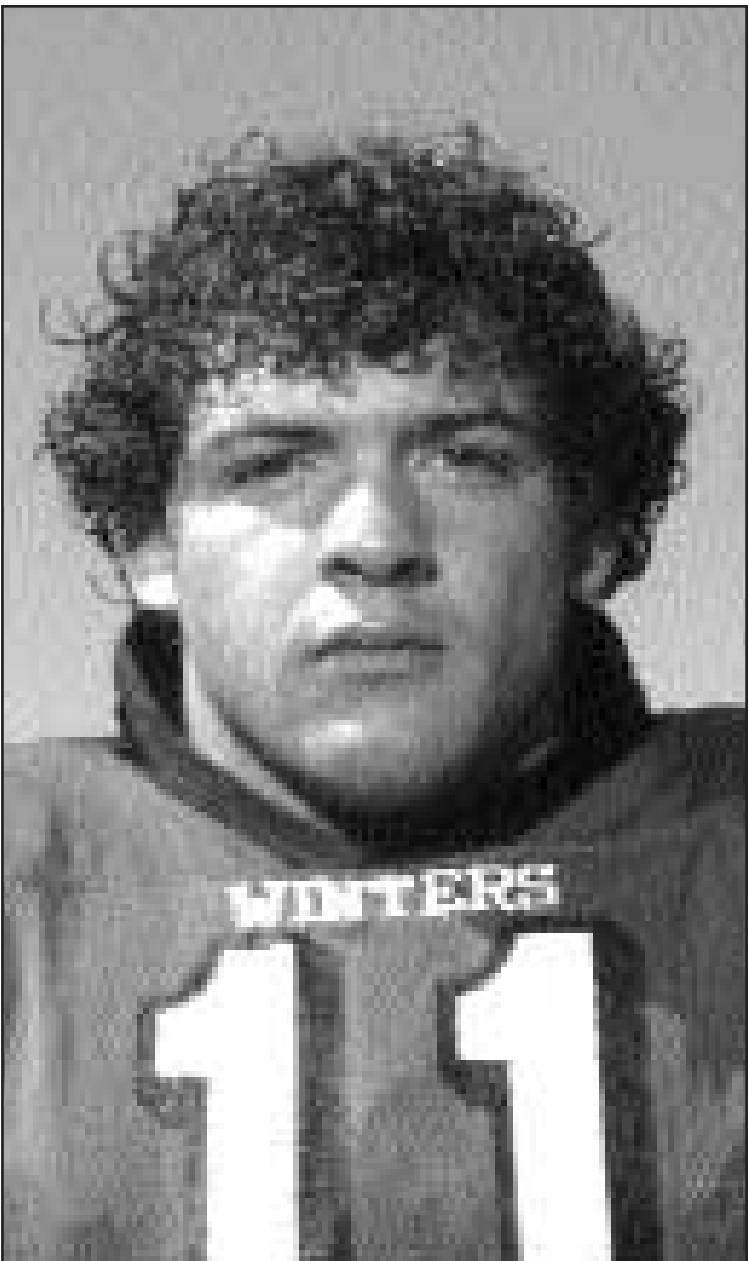
Also during the regular season Tyler Cross totaled 48 tackles and 2.5 sacks. Curtis Holabird totaled 47 tackles and led the team with 11 sacks. Brock Neil had 41 tackles

and 2.5 sacks. Jesse Beckett had 36 tackles and two sacks. Justin Valenzuela had 35 tackles and 1.5 sacks. Thomas Martin had 33 tackles, 2.5 sacks and had one reception for -2-yards. Bruce Hoskins had 28 tackles. Nick Medina had 25 tackles. Daniel Callison had 21 tackles. Nick Hill had five tackles, Julian Fischer, Chad Carrion and Colton Crabtree each had four and Matt Catalan had two tackles for the Warriors.

Coach Burton is already making plans for next season and is excited about the players and the talent returning.

"We are starting to make plans for spring ball and are looking into some team camps we can go to over the summer," Burton said. "We will have some good talent coming back we just have to start preparing earlier. I was impressed with the way the team adapted to the new system in such a short time this year, but next year we will be able to jump right in and start where we left off."

The Warriors will have their annual banquet on Monday, Dec. 5, at the Winters Community Center.



DANNY CAMPOS

Mack Cody wins gridwrestling contest

Mack Cody picked 23 out of 27 games correctly to win the \$30 first prize in the Winters Merchants Football Contest this week. The 28th game in the contest, the Iowa State-Kansas game, will be played this weekend.

John Cody won the \$15 second prize with 22 correct selections. All of the other contestants had 21 or fewer correct selections.

Results of the final contest of the season will be announced in next week's Express.

Youth crisis line needs volunteers

Young people in crisis need a supportive and caring person to listen. You can become that person by volunteering for the California Youth Crisis Line. No experience is necessary and bilingual individuals are encouraged to inquire.

Call (916) 340-0505 for more information on our next free training program.

Non-profit group seeks volleyball players for Goodwill exchange

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 vol-

leyball 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 or send email to info@sportsforyouth.com or info@volleyballtours.com.

Sacramento Zoo open daily, animal talks offered

The Sacramento Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Animal talks and encounters are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting.

Weekday zoo admission is \$6.25 for adults and \$4 for children, ages three to 12. Weekend zoo admission is \$6.75 for adults and \$4.50 for children, ages three

to 12. Children two and under are admitted free.

The Sacramento Zoo is located in William Land Park on the corner of Sutterville Road and Land Park Drive. For more information, visit the zoo's Website or call the zoo at (916) 264-5888.

New website announced

Find out more about what Yolo County's Parks and Resources Management Division has to offer with the new website, www.yolocounty.org/prm/default.htm.

County staff worked together to create a website where you can find the County Park closest to you or read up on the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan. Find directions to Putah Creek Fishing Accesses or Clarksburg Boat Launch. Want to fly a radio-controlled glider, play horse-shoes or go bird watching? Take a look at the

website and find that all these activities are available at Grasslands Park.

Those who are interested in the county's natural resources can find out how fast Cache Creek is flowing or take a look at some recent county bank stabilization projects along Cache Creek.

The website also offers several links to other resources and organizations that operate in Yolo County. Take a look and see what the division is all about and what great county parks and resources are available.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Josh Ramos

Josh Ramos, a 2003 graduate of Winters High School, is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week. As a member of the Solano College football team Ramos had to wait for his chance to shine and he took full advantage of it when his name was called. Ramos started the season as the third string linebacker but was first string by the second game. After an impressive season, Ramos was rewarded by making the first All Conference Team and was named the teams most Outstanding Defensive Player.

Since his successful season, Ramos has changed his mind about giving up football and is now looking at options of playing Division II or III football or maybe playing in the NAIA.

Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ
EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Día de Acción de Gracias

La palabra “Thanksgiving”, el Día de Acción de Gracias, evoca para muchos norteamericanos buenos recuerdos de reuniones con familiares y amigos, vacaciones de cuatro días, el comienzo de las preparaciones para la Navidad, y el inicio de invierno con la nieve y el frío.

Thanksgiving es un día en que se da gracias a Dios por las numerosas bendiciones de la vida. Se puede decir gracias este día en un servicio religioso o en el silencio de su propio corazón. Se puede también mostrar su gratitud, ayudando a la gente de escasos recursos, dando donaciones de comida, ropa, y canastas con pavos que las iglesias y organizaciones distribuyen, o se puede ayudar a servir la comida típica de la fiesta a personas desamparadas o sin familia.

Aquí los Estados Unidos, Thanksgiving, el último jueves del mes, es el día en que la gente viaja más que en otro día festivo del todo el año. Algunos hacen sus reservaciones en avión con un año de anticipación. Las carreteras se llenan de carros, muchos de ellos dirigiéndose al aeropuerto. Todo esto es para reunirse con miembros de la familia, que en muchos casos viven en estados diferentes. Se celebra Thanksgiving en varias formas. Hay, por ejemplo, la campaña de la organización de Oxfam América en que la gente pasa todo un día antes de Thanksgiving en ayuno, enviando el dinero ahorrado por no comer para aliviar el hambre en el mundo.

Además hay grupos de indígenas norteamericanos que se visten de duelo el día de Thanksgiving, para demostrar que la historia de esta fiesta está relacionada con la llegada de los colonos blancos, quienes desplazaron a los indígenas, hasta exterminarlos casi a todos. Como Thanksgiving cae el último jueves de noviembre, mucha gente sigue celebrando el viernes, sábado y domingo, comiendo el pavo en varias formas durante todos estos días. Hay desfiles de Santa Claus durante este fin de semana que inician las festividades de Navidad y la temporada comercial más importante del año. El viernes después de Thanksgiving, las tiendas tienen una mayor cantidad de ofertas y se dice que la gente compra más en este día que en cualquier otro día del año.

Al buscar las raíces de la fiesta, encontramos una mezcla de historia y leyenda. Históricamente hubo un grupo de ingleses, llamado los puritanos, que por diferencias religiosas, se separaron de la iglesia oficial protestante de Inglaterra. Huyeron a Holanda donde consiguieron un barco, que llamaron el Mayflower (flor de mayo) para viajar a la Nueva Tierra de América, donde ya existía una colonia de ingleses en Jamestown, Virginia.

Así en 1620 embarcaron en el “Mayflower” por un mar que fue tan peligroso que muchos de ellos murieron antes de llegar a un lugar que designaron como la colonia de Plymouth (que ahora es parte de Massachusetts). La mitad de ellos murieron después en un invierno muy severo. Se dice que los indígenas les ayudaron a sobrevivir el invierno y en la primavera les enseñaron a cultivar plantas nativas de la región. Tuvieron una cosecha abundante y según la leyenda los indígenas y los puritanos juntos celebraron esta abundancia con una fiesta, a la cual los indígenas trajeron pavos y carne de venado.

En 1789 George Washington, el primer presidente de la nueva nación, declaró el 26 de noviembre como un día de agradecimiento a Dios. Esta costumbre continuó año tras año, con varios cambios de fecha, hasta que en 1941, el Congreso de los Estados Unidos fijó el último jueves de noviembre como el Thanksgiving Day oficial.

En Thanksgiving, se come platos nativos y tradicionales: “sweet potatoes,” una especie de camote, papas, calabazas, pan de maíz, “cranberry sauce” (salsa de una fruta roja y agria). Como postre, el pastel de calabaza (pumpkin pie) con nata y lo más importante, pavo relleno (stuffed turkey) con su jugo (gravy).

Lo que es interesante es que cada nuevo grupo de inmigrantes añade su comida y sus tradiciones a la fiesta, enriqueciendo la tradición. Lo que nos une, más que la comida y la historia, es que todos somos bendecidos por nuestro Creador. Vivir con gratitud cada día de la vida es la mejor forma de vivir. Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias.

Protestas contra la guerra

Miles de estudiantes pidieron a lo largo y ancho de Estados Unidos el fin de la guerra en Irak y denunciaron la agresiva política de reclutamiento practicada por el ejército estadounidense en escuelas. Los estudiantes se sumaron a las protestas lideradas por veteranos y familiares de soldados en contra de la guerra, en la primera movilización nacional de este tipo, que se llevó a cabo coincidiendo con el Día Internacional de los Estudiantes.

Bajo el lema “Libros no bombas” y convocados

por la Coalición Nacional de Jóvenes y Estudiantes por la Paz, los actos se sucedieron en más de 40 campus universitarios y a las afueras de colegios desde Nueva York a Los Angeles, pasando por Milwaukee, Chicago, Washington o Austin.

Una de sus críticas principales fue contra la política de reclutamiento que el ejército estadounidense realiza en las afueras de las escuelas, que se ha intensificado desde que comenzó la invasión en Irak.

La coalición denunció la

“agresiva campaña” dirigida a jóvenes de clase baja, con escasos recursos económicos y de color, a los que se les ofrece un futuro prometedor, poniendo ejemplos como el de Bill Gates, fundador del gigante Microsoft.

En algunos casos, y si los estudiantes no preguntan, los reclutadores no les avisan de que pueden ser enviados a Irak, insistiendo en que en el Ejército encontrarán un trabajo bien remunerado y con posibilidades de futuro.

‘Ni un centavo más’ a los braceros

La Comisión de Asuntos Migratorios de la Cámara de Diputados advirtió que sólo se devolverán 38 mil pesos a cada uno de los braceros que trabajaron en Estados Unidos a mediados del siglo pasado, como indemnización por su malogrado fondo de ahorros, ya que el gobierno federal no tiene recursos económicos para elevar el monto. “No habrá marcha atrás, no se dará un centavo más a los ex braceros, porque no hay dinero”, recalcó José Isabel Trejo Reyes, secretario de dicha comisión legislativa.

Consideró que la cantidad establecida es “altamente significativa. El diputado panista hizo notar además que la cifra inicial que propuso la Secretaría de Desarrollo Social (Sedesol) al respecto, tras un “amplio estudio”, fue de 32 mil pesos, pero que la Cámara Baja decidió incrementarla en seis mil pesos. Bajo un mecanismo que será implementado por la Secretaría de Gobernación (Segob), a partir de este lunes, los braceros que estén registrados en el padrón oficial podrán cobrar 38 mil pesos de indemnización en las sedes estatales de esta dependencia.

Mediante este pago, catalogado oficialmente como “apoyo social”, el Estado mexicano trata de poner fin a una longeva demanda planteada por miles de trabajadores retirados que, de 1942 a 1964, mientras laboraban en Estados Unidos bajo el Programa Bracero, aportaron un 10% de sus ingresos a un plan de jubilación que, de regreso a su comunidad, el gobierno de México nunca les reembol-

só.

En un intenso y prolongado movimiento que inició la organización Alianza Braceroproa en 1995, en Los Angeles, California, finalmente en el presente año el Congreso de este país autorizó una partida de 308 millones de pesos para los ex braceros.

La Segob ha determinado que con esta cantidad se podrá pagar 38 mil pesos a cada solicitante inscrito, y que con ello quedará saldada la histórica deuda que se tiene pendiente con la generación más antigua de la población migrante.

Inconformes con ese monto compensatorio, miles de militantes de la Alianza Braceroproa han llevado a cabo marchas y mítines de protesta, durante las últimas semanas, frente a las sedes gubernamentales de los estados con alto índice de migración.

Tumultos de personas de la tercera edad se han manifestado en ciudades de Zacatecas, Michoacán, Jalisco, Guanajuato y el Distrito Federal para exigir que se les regresen al menos 100 mil pesos.

Al sostener que el gobierno les quitó mucho más que esa cantidad, los manifestantes han estado amagando con radicalizar sus acciones si no se les devuelve lo exigido. En declaraciones a la prensa, en la ciudad de Zacatecas, el diputado Trejo Reyes replicó que el Estado mexicano no tiene fondos para responder positivamente a la demanda, y de paso cuestionó la “actitud intransigente” que han asumido los ex braceros descontentos. Anticipó que definitivamente esa petición

no será posible

satisfacerla en el presente año, como tampoco en 2006, puesto que la Cámara Baja ya aprobó un presupuesto similar al vigente en la actualidad.

La situación en el tema tendía a empeorar este fin de semana, luego que la Segob diera a conocer que sólo 2,376 ex braceros han acreditado plenamente su derecho a recibir el “apoyo social” de 38 mil pesos.

Felipe González, subsecretario de esta institución, notificó que hasta ahora se han presentado a solicitar la indemnización 10,843 personas, pero que la mayoría no cubre los requisitos de ley. Un padrón inicial de posibles beneficiarios, integrado por la misma secretaria, contabilizó más de 107 mil personas, que fueron contratadas en Estados Unidos, bajo las reglas del Programa Bracero.

Los potenciales beneficiarios del monto compensatorio deberán de comprobar que fueron braceros, con una serie de documentos, incluyendo la mica café, copias del contrato laboral y comprobantes de pago salarial. Adelantó que con los recursos disponibles va a ser posible dar la liquidación a 7,566 braceros en lo que resta del año, y que para 2006 se cuenta con otros 298 millones de pesos. González aclaró que “los apoyos serán pagados en efectivo, sin comisiones de ninguna índole”.

Food, clothing closet hours of operation

St. Anthony Catholic Church operates a food and clothing closet behind the parish hall at 511 Main Street. The hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about the St. Anthony's food and clothing closet, or to make a monetary or other donation, call Dawn at the St. Anthony office,

795-2230. The closet does not accept large furniture or appliances.

The First Baptist Church also operates a food closet, which is open on Wednesdays

from 10 a.m. to noon. The church is located at First and Baker streets.

For more information, call Juanita Tilden, 795-2394.

Llamar y suscribir 795-4551.

Schools

Put instruments in their hands



Courtesy photo
Luke Talagon (trumpet), Kyle Nichols (trombone), Rosemarie Ramirez (clarinet) are giving thanks for instruments donated to the Winters music department. If you would like to donate musical instruments—from guitar to bassoon—contact Lynne Secrist at 795-3990.



Courtesy photo
Staff Sergeant Osvaldo Hernandez came to Room 12 to talk with the students about his experiences in Iraq.

Sergeant Hernandez makes surprise visit to Shirley Rominger School's Room 12

By MORGAN BRACE and DEZIREE PADILLA
Special to the Express

Staff Sergeant Osvaldo Hernandez came to Room 12 at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School to speak to the students on Nov. 14. He came back from Baghdad, Iraq, on Tuesday, Nov. 7, for a two-week vacation.

Hernandez has been in the army ever since he was 17, and that's eight years. He's fought in Baghdad, Iraq, for 11 months.

He said that he has done many interesting and sometimes scary things. The most amazing thing he told us was that he got an award for jumping out of

helicopters. He told us about seeing Iraqi children when he was there. He told us that the soldiers try to give out little things like candy when they see the children. The sport the Iraqi kids like best is soccer. They really don't have many sports they can play in Baghdad.

Conditions in Iraq are rough. The room he sleeps in holds up to 30 soldiers maximum. The room size is about our class size.

A few months ago, an insurgent killed one of the men in Hernandez' squad. When somebody dies from their squad they get a bracelet so that they will never forget them.

The last time he

weighed himself with his gear on, he weighed 80 pounds more than what he usually weighs. When it is hot in Baghdad and he is wearing all his gear, the temperature is around 145-150 degrees.

Even though life in the military is very hard, there is one thing that isn't so bad. Hernandez told us that he never has a chance to get bored.

We were impressed that Hernandez is willing to sacrifice his time and safety for us and his country. We appreciated his visit to Shirley Rominger before he has to go back to the front lines on Thanksgiving Day. We wish for his safe return.

Area homeschoolers to meet at Rainbow City Park

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, Dec. 1, 12-2 p.m. at Rainbow City in Community Park, located at the corner of F Street and Covell Boulevard in Davis.

Several homeschoolers will be available to answer questions about the wide variety of home-

schooling options, opportunities, and experiences. A short informal presentation will be offered from 12-12:30. Discussion topics include different homeschooling philosophies, understanding legal options, networking, park days, college opportunities, conferences, and local and statewide resources.

The group has a Yahoo-based email list, and a monthly newsletter, the Flash, (call Heather Smith, 756-4514, for a copy of the latest issue), an an-

nual Homeschool Information Night each August, weekly park days for younger families, periodic coffee nights, and a monthly park day on the first Thursday of every month, where families play and network.

To join the email lists, go online to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YoHoAnnounce>, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YoHoDiscuss> or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yolocoho>.

For more information contact Eve Dunaway, 753-6464.

ASK offers help to children, families in need

Allied Services for Kids (ASK) provides immediate help through both individual and family coun-

seling, support and education groups, classroom presentations, and 24-hour crisis line services.

Call 753-0797 for more information about ASK and the services it provides.

Scholarship for students with disabilities available

For the academic year 2006-2007, the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc./ Board of Trustees will offer over \$40,000 in undergraduate educational scholarships.

During the years in which this annual scholarship assistance competition has been in existence, the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities has increased from five scholarships of \$1,000 each to twenty to thirty scholarships of \$1,000 to \$2,000 each. Scholarship recipients can reapply each year. If qualified, they can receive up to a total of four years of assistance.

This scholarship is a financial needs-based and academic use scholar-

ship. It is intended for undergraduate work at a licensed vocational school, accredited community college, or four-year college. The funds are to cover academic expenses, which include tuition, books, lab fees and on-campus room and board only.

Individuals applying must be a United States citizen and a resident of California or Hawaii; have a physical impairment, neurological impairment, visual impairment, hearing impairment, and/or speech-language disorder; and be a senior in high school, a high school graduate, or have passed the General Educational Development (GED) Examination or California High School Proficient Examination.

The Scholarship Committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. will review applications. All persons involved will be notified of the results.

Applications for the 2005-2007 academic year will be available after Nov. 15 from the Elks website at www.chea-elks.org. Please obtain an application packet that is designated for the approaching academic year. The application is responsible for properly executing and forwarding the completed application to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

Applications must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2006 and received in the office of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project in Fresno.

Scholarship available

Winters High School students are eligible to apply for the John Pasanen Scholarship, which is presented to a high school graduate who has been accepted into a college trade school or university, and has a close relative who is serving or once served in the United States Marine Corps. For more information or to apply, contact the Winters High School counselor.

First Aid training offered for local youth in December

Free First Aid for Youth training classes will be offered by the American Red Cross this holiday season, courtesy of a grant from the Teichert Foundation.

The training classes are for youth ages 11 to 16 years of age, and will be offered in Winters and Davis. The class in Winters is Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Winters Library, 201 First Street in Winters. There will also be a class offered at the Davis Library, 315

E. 14th Street on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The training teaches youth to prevent, prepare for and respond to first aid emergencies and learn and practice techniques such as bleeding control and applying a sling. An American Red Cross certificate in First Aid Basics will be awarded to students who pass the class.

To enroll, call the Red Cross at 662-4669, or register online at www.yc-arc.org. Seating is limited for this free training.

High school internships available

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants for their High School Intern Program. Positions are available with 3rd District Supervisor Frank Sieferman Jr. and 5th District Supervi-

sor Duane Chamberlain.

Interested students can get applications from their high school. For more information, call Rogelio Villagrana, 666-8230, or Patricia Valenzuela, 666-8227.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Community

Walking for good



Photo by Charles Wallace
Eric Latham, from Richmond Virginia, (left) walked through Winters on Nov. 5, on his way to the Golden Gate Bridge. He began walking in Nags Head, North Carolina on April 14, and by the time he reached Winters he had walked 3,487 miles and lost 40 pounds. Latham was taking part in the cancer fund rasier “Walk About America.” Latham asked Dawn Mayes to sign the quilt he brought along on the journey, which cancer survivors signed. The quilt was auctioned off to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Contest winners get free turkeys

Local merchants drew the following winners in the annual Winters Express turkey contest. The drawing was held on Nov. 19.

Lester Farms, Delores Sorenson; Cloth Carousel, Martha Sizekretar; Jean-nine’s Bookkeeping Service, Joe Ochoa; Berryessa Veterinary Services, Peg-gy Rogers; Curves, Lucy Avellano; Dennis Hira-matsu, D.D.S., Gene Casel-li; JJ’s Saloon, Umpy Green; El Pueblo Meat Market & Taqueria/Deli, Agustin Guzman; First Northern Bank, Delores Sorenson; Butler & Furri-er, Joe Ochoa; Ron Ries-ner, D.D.S., Lily Bran-scum; Realty World, Merle McClaughrey; Edward P. Andersen Doctor of Op-tometry, Carl Branscum; Winters Chiropractic & Fitness Center, Carl Bran-scum; Reglare, David Day; Steady Eddy’s Coffee

House, Marie Heilman; Putah Creek Café, Ted Couture; Kimes Ace Hard-ware, Joe Ochoa; Cody’s Marketplace, Lilly Bran-scum; Ireland Agency, Doug Cox; Eagle Drug, Lil-ly Bramscum; Round Table Pizza, Peggy Rogers; Pizza Factory, Peggy Rogers; Winters Hair Sta-tion, Jesus Quirate; Jeff’s Studio 9, Brace Holt; Cust-om Cleaners, Nancy Koskie; The Irish Pub and Coffeehouse, Cheryl Addi-son, Winters True Value Hardware, the Garcia Family; Mazza Dental Care, Ted Couture; Rail-road Avenue Chiroprac-tic, Terry Butts, Sr.; Food Mart, Paula Valadez; New Kountry Kitchen, Jose Ochoa and West Coast Equipment, Marie Heil-man..

Other participating businesses included Katherine’s Bookkeeping Service.

Winters Lions Club news update

BY JUANITA RAMOS
Special to the Express

Winters Lions Club met at Tomat’s on Wednesday, Nov. 9. The meeting was called to order by Presi-dent Frank A. Ramos.

The club voted on mak-ing a donation to Lions Club International Foun-dation (LCIF) for Katrina.

Vice District Governor Joe Flores and his wife asked to have all clubs in

the District 4-C5 donate backpacks. Winters Lions Club will donate to this cause.

Members were remind-ed that the Blood Bank Drive will be Monday, Nov. 28 at the Community Cen-ter at 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. The club hopes to have a good turn out for this cause.

The next Lions Club meeting will be Dec. 14 at Tomat’s.

Presentation features gold camps

Alton Pryor, a writer for magazines, newspapers and wire services for 50 years, will present his pro-gram on the Gold Camps in California on Nov. 27 at the Yolo County Historical So-cietly general meeting, 2-4 p.m. in the Blanchard Room at the Yolo County Library, 315 E. 14th Street, in Davis.

Pryor has authored 12 books. He is a graduate of California State Polytech-nic University, San Luis Obispo, where he earned a bachelor of science de-gree in journalism.

This presentation is sponsored by the Yolo County Historical Society and is open to the public.

Trimming trees will help keep streets clean this fall

With the approaching of fall, the City of Win-ters Public Works De-partment asks that resi-dents who have curb-side trees check to see if the trees need to be pruned, to accommo-date street sweeping and trash collection equipment.

According to a spokesman from Waste Management, the city’s contracted waste hauler, the two most common problems encountered by their drivers are tree branches that interfere with their ability to get close enough to the curb to do their jobs properly, and parked cars blocking ac-

cess to the curb.

Sweeping occurs on Fri-days throughout town, making it important to keep parked cars off the street to ensure that the streets in front of resi-dences are swept.

“It would be ideal if people would trim their tree branches to a height of 10 feet, on a plane vertical from the inside of the curb” says Jason Smith, district manager with the com-pany.

Smith pointed out that the street sweeper is espe-cially vulnerable, and has a small margin for error in attempting to operate right up to the curb. He

said that a Plexiglas shield attached to the sweeper protects drivers, who are positioned on the right side of the sweeper. Shields are broken sever-al times a year as drivers try to get as close to curbs as they can, sometimes un-successfully dodging over-hanging branches.

With the dropping of leaves, now is the best time to undertake this pruning task. The often under-appreciated jobs of trash pickup and keeping our streets as free from debris as pos-sible will be greatly fa-cilitated with residents’ assistance.

Festival is December 3

The Winters Friends of the Library will spon-sor the Family Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. The center will be decorat-ed in festive style for the arrival of Santa and one of his elves.

Activities include children’s crafts, per-formances , face painting, delicious lunches served in Mrs. Claus’ Cafe. Shop for books from the book faire, and purchase raffle tick-ets for the popular Raffle Tree.

Happy holidays ahead



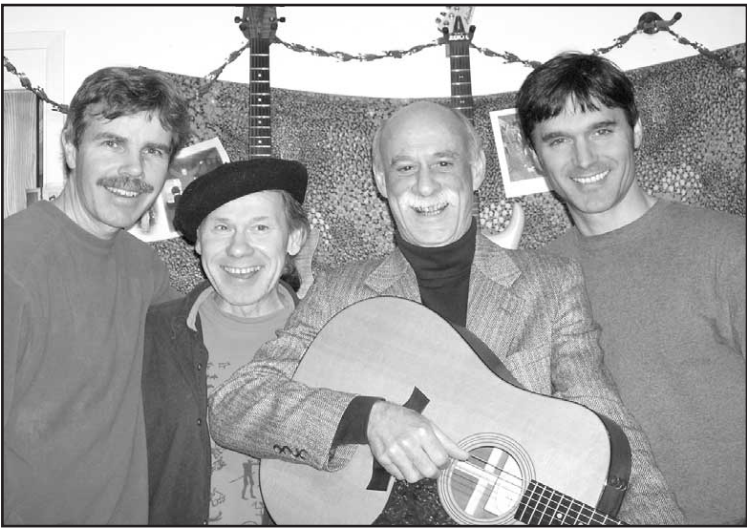
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The Winters Community Singers will perform at the Winters Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. From left are (back) Bruce Brewer, Paul Holmes, Dwight Howard, Shirley Scullin, Joyce Neeley, David Hoobyar, Linda Johnson, Linda Eastman, Fred Ransdell, Gloria Marion and Nancy Young; (middle) Linn Myer, Patricia Layton, Theresa Sackett, Marty Sackett, Rubi Castro, Linda Hightower and Shannon Martinez; (front) Dave Springer, Dominic Orlando, Kathy Michals and Cynnthia Shelton. The 2005 Youth of the Year will also be honored at that time. The event is free, and refreshments will be available. The entire community is invited. (Not pictured, Rachel Hazeltine, Sandi Hazeltine, Sarah Hazeltine, Jesse Hazeltine and Sandy Webster.)

The Drawers coming to Performers Circle

Village Homes Performers Circle will meet on Monday, Nov. 28, 2005 from 7:15-9 p.m. at the Village Homes Community Center, 2661 Portage Bay Drive in Davis. This free event is for performers of all levels and listeners, and is held on the fourth Monday of each month except December. Performances by unscheduled entertainers are from 7:15-8:15 p.m., followed by a short break. Featured acts perform from 8:30-9 p.m. The emcee will be Craig Thomsen

The featured act for November is the folk-rock band, the Drawers. The Drawers are Davis musicians Goran Muhkert and Greg Frantz, and Sacramento interlopers Kurt Malchow and Chris Enright. The Drawers will unplug for this evening of acoustic folk-country melodies and mayhem.



Courtesy photo

The Drawers include, from left, Chris Enright, Goran Muhkert, Greg Frantz and Kurt Malchow.

The Drawers draw their inspiration from eclectic mixes of '60s-'70s rock, timeless folk harmonies and reverberated surf instrumentals. For the Drawers, it's all about

men's music therapy, carefully chosen beverages, and the eternal quest for the holy groove. It's all swing, no style!

This is a free event. For information call 756-3484.

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Local galleries open for next Art Walk

The next Winters Art Walk takes place on Saturday, Dec. 3, in downtown Winters. Official Art Walk hours are 12-6 p.m., but some participants are open earlier, as noted below. The complete listing and map is available and printable on line at www.PorFinPottery.com. The following galleries will be participating in the Art Walk:

~ Blue Hills Gallery, 9 East Main St., Suite 9 J, 530-795-9535, djc@dcn.org, www.bluehillsgallery.com; "On Paper," by Yan Nascimbene, Lloyd Johnson, Clarence Major, and others, showing drawings, watercolor, and prints, ongoing through Dec. 31. Art Walk hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Gallery Hours: Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m.

~ Steady Eddy's Coffee House, 5 E. Main St. 795-3588. New exhibit of photography by Woody Fridae entitled "Available Light," meaning "without the aid of artificial light" and depicting photographic artistry with low-light subjects. From candlelight to street lights, from moonlight to starlight, come and see the hidden magic revealed in these images. Also, ongoing pottery by Rebecca Bresnick Holmes. Opens Saturday, Dec. 3, and continues through Jan. 7. Art Walk hours: 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Regular hours: weekdays 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Beer & Wine artist reception Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m.

~ The Palms, 13 Main St., 1st Floor hallway, 902-0705, www.palmsplayhouse.com. Winters Tales: Oral History Project by photographer Jamie Chomas, ongoing. Art Walk

hours: 4—8 p.m.

~ Ficelle, 5C E. Main St (behind Steady Eddy's Coffee House), 795-9593, ficelle9593@hotmail.com, www.wintersca.org/ficelle.htm. Continued ongoing display of local artists. Art Walk hours: 12-8 p.m. Regular hours: Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday evenings, 4-7 p.m., Fridays 6:30-10 p.m.

~ The Arte Junction, 308 Railroad Avenue, 795-3297, featuring the multi-talented Leslee DuPratt and Marie-Therese Brown of Davis. Each artist is distinctively different from the other. Each of their websites is linked to www.theartejunction.com. Opens Saturday, Dec. 3, and continues through Friday, Jan. 6. Art Walk hours: 12-6 p.m. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

~ Briggs & Co., 820 Railroad Avenue, 95-9505, sbriggs@rustology.com. "Winters Wonderland, group show, offering paintings, sculpture, ce-

ramics, jewelry, holiday themed art and garden gifts in a vintage glitzy, old fashioned Christmas setting. Opens Dec. 1 and continues though Jan. 1. Art walk hours: 12-8 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 12-6 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m. Artist reception: Saturday, December 3, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

~ Berryessa Gap Vineyards, 15 Main St., 795-3207, "All in the Family" miniature metal sculptures, opens Dec. 1 and continuing through Jan. 1. Art Walk hours: 12-6 p.m. Regular hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 4-8 p.m. and by appointment, 795-3207.

There is no charge to participate in the Art Walk. For more information call or e-mail Rebecca Bresnick Holmes at (530) 795-0692 or Rebecca@PorFinPottery.com or visit www.PorFinPottery.com to download an Art Walk map and participant listing and www.WintersCA.org for information about Winters.

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Features

Acne can persist into adult life

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter, who is now 55, has had a serious acne problem since her early teens. About 12 years ago she tried Accutane, which worked for a while but then stopped. Her acne is now so severe that it erupts all over her face. She has just begun a new treatment where her skin is bathed with a blue light. Is it safe? Any advice you can give would be appreciated. —J.W.

ANSWER: About 12 percent of women older than 25 must still deal with acne, so it's not something limited to adolescents. Your daughter, however, is an exception to the general acne rules in two respects. Female adult acne most often tapers off as women approach menopause. And her acne far exceeds the severity of most.

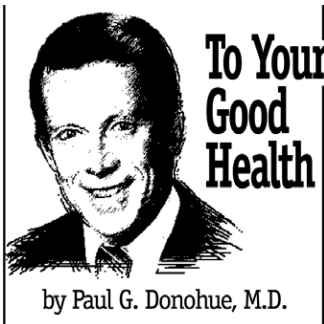
Acne is due to the plugging of oil ducts together with the action of a skin bacterium that thrives in oil. The ducts become distended with oil and eventually break and release oil and bacteria into the surrounding skin. Acne pimples then pop up on the skin surface.

Acne treatments aim to unplug the plugged oil ducts or to reduce the number of skin bacteria involved with acne outbreaks. Creams, gels or lotions like Retin-A, Differin, Tazorac, Azelex and benzoyl peroxide unclog oil ducts. Similar preparations with antibiotics such as clindamycin or erythromycin act on the acne-causing bacteria.

Oral medicines are used when the above medicines, which are applied directly to the skin, aren't getting the job done.

Medicines that counter the action of male hormones are also useful for acne control. It's the male hormone that promotes oil production. Birth-control pills are frequently prescribed. Spironolactone, a medicine originally designed as a water pill, has an anti-male-hormone effect and can help rein in acne.

Accutane (isotretinoin) is a powerful acne drug, reserved for the most resistant cases. It's surprising it didn't work for



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

your daughter. It has serious side effects and has to be used with utmost caution. It can cause birth defects and is under investigation as possibly contributing to depression and suicide.

Facial peels, which are most often used for acne scars, can sometimes resolve resistant acne. Narrow-band blue light destroys the acne-causing skin bacterium. It's safe. Its place in acne treatment is being evaluated.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: A friend tells me it is not healthy to sleep under an electric blanket because the electric current could cause cancer. Is this nonsense? —J.R.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: On the radio I heard about a study that dealt with digital alarm clocks close to one's head as possibly leading to brain cancer. What do you think? —R.G.

ANSWER: I have heard both allegations for many years, and I have seen arguments on both sides. I use an electric blanket and a digital alarm clock. I intend to keep using them. I don't find any substantial evidence that either constitutes a danger. That's my opinion, and that's all it is — my opinion.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or order newsletters online from www.rbmamall.com. (c) 2005 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

The time has come to get out of Iraq

Cowards running with our tails between our legs; it just isn't American. Aren't we supposed to ride in on our big white horses and claim the day? It's too bad life isn't like the movies. Some say we broke Iraq and we have to stay there in order to fix it. That rhetoric sounds American, but it is ignorant of the history of Iraq. We didn't break Iraq. We didn't make it either. If you want to look at how it was made, you have to at least go back as far as the Ottoman Empire. Even in the 16th century when it was cobbled together, the same factions were fighting each other.

Iraq is made of Sunni Arabs, these are of the ilk of Saddam Hussein and are mainly Arab by culture and language, but follow mainstream Islam. They are only 20 percent of the population, but they dominated Iraq until we ousted Saddam. Most of the population there are Arab Shia, which is a dissenting sect of Islam much like what you find in Iran. Then there are the Kurds in the north that are not Arab by culture or language. They are Muslim, but they have a strong commitment to Kurdish nationalism. These groups haven't defined a nationalism that connects them as Iraqis and without that, they fight for dominion at the expense of others. Instead of our military presence connecting people, growing numbers of the whole population want the U.S. out and have made the U.S. soldiers the targets of violence.

The country has further fragmented since we



JESSE LOREN

AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK

showed up. Take a look at Haditha, where 173 detainees were found malnourished or showing signs of torture from the Interior Ministry's detention center. These are Shites torturing Sunnis. The detainees are Sunnis that have created havoc in their own country. Is anyone surprised at the retaliation? They are killing each other, attacking other countries such as Jordan, and they are killing our men and women. We have closed our eyes to the fact that the civil war of Iraq has already begun.

Never mind hashing the false facts or cherry-picked facts that led our nation in the charge of war, let's look at what we have done. We have looked for weapons of mass destruction, we caught Saddam, we helped establish a system of government. It's time to get out. It is time to look at our accomplishments and plan for a withdrawal.

Bush and his cronies say if we set a time table to withdraw troops, the insurgents will wait until that date to commence their havoc. They aren't waiting. Insurgent attacks were about 150 per week last year and they are up to 700 a week now. Violence is escalating and it is time to get out.

The psychological effect that wasn't predicted when we first rode in on

our spectacular horse is that Iraq hasn't found a national identity to bring them together, but they are uniting on one front, and that is the shared resentment of the occupying force.

Our soldiers are targets. We are not wanted there. It is time to leave. With 2097 dead, and 15,704 wounded, we have close to 18,000 total US casualties and over 30,000 Iraqis dead. It is estimated that 50,000 will suffer PTSD or some level of shell shock when they do get home. If the cost to human life isn't enough, just watch the national debt as it grows by the second and it is up to \$8,097,197,830,834.88 at the moment I am writing this column. The cost to this country in lives, futures of families, and the astronomical debt with which we have saddled future generations has to stop.

Leave now, and the Iraqis can create their own national identity and agree on laws to preserve their country. Stay the course and we willingly send our men and women to be targets of hate while crippling Iraq's own need to unite. There are two great lessons learned here. One is to know thy enemy. The other is that as simple as it sounds, Democracy cannot be spread like peanut butter, even if you think you have the best knife.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This year, instead of jumping into the whole holiday prep scene, move in a little at a time. You'll appreciate the sense of control you're more likely to enjoy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The separation between the Bovine's head and heart is never as far apart as it seems. Both senses work best when they come out of logic and honesty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The best way to keep those pre-holiday pressures under control is to just say no to taking on new tasks while you're still trying to work with a heap of others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) News means a change might be on its way, but what does it hold? Don't just ask questions; make sure you get answers you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Old friends and new have one thing in common: Both your longtime and newly minted pals have much wisdom to impart.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With time running out, this is a good time for you to show 'em all what those Virgo super-organizational skills can do.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Librans and holidays are made for each other, especially if children and animals are going to be part of your joyous season.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Time is getting too short to allow a spat to taint the holiday season. Restart your relationship and reschedule holiday fun times.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Seeking advice is laudable. You might learn far more than you thought you could. Stay with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Continuing to assess changes works toward your getting your new project up and ready. Trusted colleagues remain ready to help.

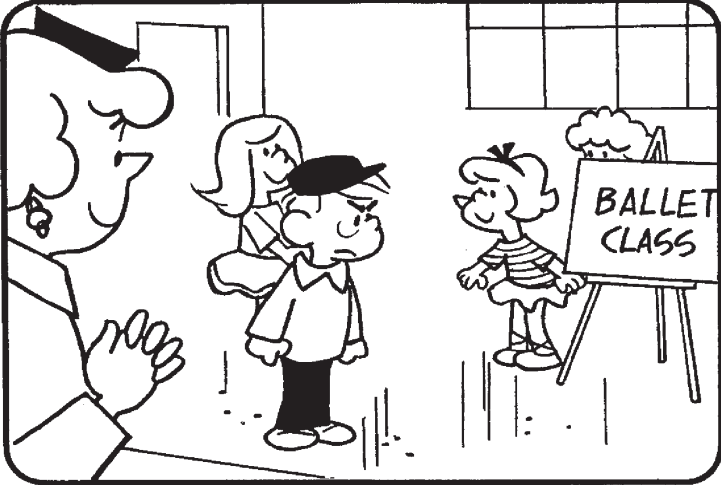
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That new situation needs a lot of attention, but it's worth it. This is a very good time for you to involve the arts in what you do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It might be a good idea to slow your hectic holiday pace so that you don't rush past what — or who — you're hoping to rush toward.

BORN THIS WEEK: Others pick up on your confidence in yourself, which inspires others to believe in you and your special gifts.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



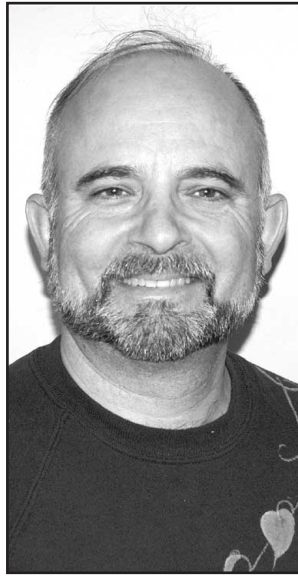
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“You cannot get ahead while you are getting even.”
~ Dick Armey

Pleased to meet you



Name: Dave Parkhurst
Occupation: Nurse practitioner
Hobby: Bagpiping
What's best about living in Winters: “The greenery and the small-town feel.”
Fun fact: Makes Irish penny whistles

King Crossword

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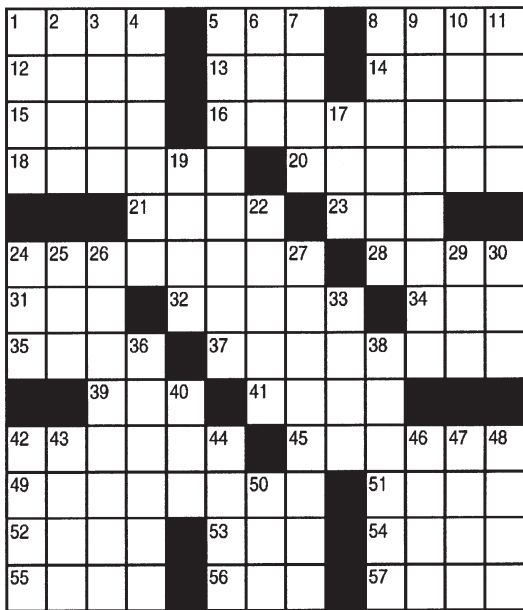
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- Potential syrup
- Requests
- What beachgoers “catch”
- Way back when
- Old portico
- Actor Baldwin
- Loss of a stripe, maybe
- Iguana, e.g.
- “Mission: Impossible” name
- Juror, theoretically
- Raw rock
- Conduct
- Halt
- “- been robbed!”
- Pictorial poser
- Pirouette pivot
- Right on the map?
- Wicker-cased bottle
- Chips accessory
- Prank
- Played slowly (mus.)
- Interstellar cloud
- Madness
- Raised
- State for sure



- Charged bit
- “Zounds!”
- Rolling stone's lack
- Snip
- Ohio nine
- DOWN
- Exam format
- “- Ha!”
- Court officer's call
- Houdini's specialty
- Turned blue?
- Time of your life
- “- and
- Circumstance”
- Late-summer flowers
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- Monsieurs' mates
- Cud chewer
- La-la lead-in
- Corral
- Faction
- Princeton's team
- Small-scale wholesaler
- Brooch
- Leading man?
- “Whip it” group
- Ear-related
- Incite
- Graphite
- Puts in the mix
- Debtor's letters

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Farmers eligible for conservation program

By PHIL HOGAN
Special to the Express

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced that applications are now being accepted from Yolo County farmers and ranchers wishing to participate in the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The application deadline is Dec. 2.

The EQIP program offers funds on a cost-share basis to producers for practices ranging from animal waste systems to windbreaks to grazing systems. Applications are scored and ranked based on a locally modified scoring system striving to get the best environmental benefits. It gives each county an opportunity to focus EQIP dollars and prioritize conservation work to address its most pressing resource needs.

In 2005, Yolo County farmers and ranchers were awarded contracts enrolling thousands of acres into the EQIP program. EQIP funds are a way for landowners to solve a resource problem such as fixing a nuisance gully. It can also be used to address regulatory concerns like water quality rules or to receive incentives for using conservation tillage.

The primary resource concerns being addressed in Yolo County include water quality runoff from irrigated fields, rangeland management, irrigation water conservation, wildlife habitat degradation, weed management, and soil quality.

The program's objective is to promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP rules were significantly revised by Congress as part of the 2002 farm bill to increase participation in the program. It offers financial and technical assistance to implement measures that will address water quality and erosion concerns as well as restoration of wildlife habitat. The list of potential practices is lengthy and should meet the needs of a number of producers in the county.

Landowners wanting more information about EQIP and how it can be used to install conservation measures on their property should contact their local NRCS office at 221 West Court Street, Suite #1. The phone number is 662-2037 extension 111. Specific information about EQIP in Yolo County can also be found on the internet at www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov.

Alcoholic Anonymous meets weekly

Local meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are held on Thursdays at 8 p.m., Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. (book study) at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. Adults are welcome at all meetings.

There is no charge to attend.

Free e-waste recycling offered

Yolo County today reminded residents that TV's, computer monitors, computer components and other small electric devises are accepted daily for free recycling at the County's Central Landfill. The landfill is located at 44090 County Road 28H between Woodland and Davis.

"A lot of residents are not aware that it is illegal to throw TVs and computer monitors into the garbage. The county

offers free recycling for all e-waste materials. Everyone actually pays for these services when they purchase their new TVs and computer monitors," said program manager Lorell Miller.

For information about the Electronic Waste Recycling Act, visit www.ecycle.org. For more information about the Yolo County Central Landfill call 666-8729 or visit: www.yolocounty.org/recycle.

Copas participates in horseback riding program

Carri Ann Copas of Winters recently earned an award for logging 50 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. The program recognizes and rewards AQHA members for time spent with their American Quarter Horse in activities such as trail rides, working cattle, pleasure driving, and simply riding.

A unique aspect of the

program is its simplicity. Current AQHA Members complete a program application and pay a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Each enrollee receives an official AQHA log sheet to record their hours driving or riding an American Quarter Horse. Participants need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered Ameri-

can Quarter Horse. The first award, a program recognition patch, is given after only 50 hours have been logged and verified. Patches and nine subsequent awards are presented at 100 to 5,000 hour levels and range from merchandise gift certificates from Drysdales Western Store to a Montana Silver-smith trophy belt buckle at the highest level.

Classified Ads - The Market Place for Winters

Help Wanted

Round Table Pizza in Winters has a management position available. Previous restaurant experience essential. Must be able to work any day. Salary and benefits D.O.E. Please send resume to 196 East Grant Ave., Winters, CA 95694. 43-3tc

Drivers: Regional & Team opportunities available! **TEAMS make 150K!** Excellent Benefits and Home-Time. WERNER ENTERPRISES 800-346-2818 Ext. 123. 43-3tp

Housecleaner, Friday mornings, experienced, non-smoker, have references ready when calling. Please call, 795-4507. 42-6tcc

Cake decorator wanted, early mornings. 2-3 days/week and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-11 a.m., occasional Sundays. Apply at 606 Railroad Ave. 41-3tc

Winters Joint Unified School District Special Ed/RSP Teacher
Long term sub needed thru remainder of school yr. at Winters High School. Approp. credential req'd.
Math Teacher
Long-term sub needed. Winters Middle School. 1-9-06 thru 6-2-06
Approp credential req'd.
Instructional Aide, Bilingual
(Eng/Spn) 5 hrs/week in AM. Bilingual test required. \$10.57 -\$11.68/hr w/ paid sick leave & holidays.

Crossing Guard
Reg. P/T, M-F, 45 Min in AM & PM. \$10.10/hr w/paid sick leave & holidays.
Student Supv. Aide
Reg. P/T, M-F @ lunch Middle Schl - 30 min/day \$10.10/hr w/paid sick leave & holidays.
Day-to-Day Classified subs needed:
Crossing Guards; Student Supv. Aides; Kitchen Aides; Clerical, etc. \$10.10/hr. Work on-call, as needed.
Coaches needed:
Varsity Boys Soccer
Varsity Girls Softball
JV Girls Softball
Asst. Track (Distance)
1st Aid/CPR certifi. req'd.
Application/Info at School District Office 909 W. Grant Ave. HR: 530-795-6103.

Driver: F/T Truck Driver. Exp'd. Good DMV. Truck, flatbed w/forklift, doubles. Fax resume 707-429-8960

Plumbers needed. No exp. necessary. Benefits avail. Must have own truck or van. (707)455-1313

WAREHOUSE
3rd shift Warehouse Shift Lead needed in Woodland, CA. Handle load pricing, distribution to unloaders, and unloading trucks. Great oppy for advancement. Whse. & computer exp needed. Must pass bkgrd. check & drug screen. Call 1-800-236-0923 or email chollaway@lmsintellibound.com

Landscape Maintenance. Must have clean DMV, bilingual. (530) 758-1698

Looking for a job? Find it in the Winters Express Help Wanted section. Looking for help. Place your ad for as little as \$5 per week. Your ad will also appear on the web.

Help Wanted

Sales
Local college has an opportunity in enrollment for an outgoing person who loves to change peoples' lives! Must have a passion for education, high energy level, exc. problem solving skills & love to have fun at work. 2 yrs. prior exp. in intangible personal sales, recruiting, or customer service acceptable. Salaried position, great benefits. An Equal Opportunity Employer. Email resumes to ddrinkall@trinitycollege.com

DENTAL
Opportunity for Career in Orthodontic Assisting. Seeking energetic, capable, team oriented individual for a fast paced practice. Reqs. quick learning, great attitude, people skill. Exp. desirable, but willing to train. Pick up application Dr. Anthony Marino 290 Alamo Dr., Ste. B Vacaville Mon. & Fri. ONLY, 8-4 or email resume to info@magicbraces.com

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED
Vacaville Unified Schl. Special certificate not required. Bus Driver training offered. Informational mtg. on training & requirements Dec. 2, 9:15 am at 353 Brown St., Vacaville. Bring DMV H6 (driving record). Questions? Call Transp. Dept. at 707/453-6967
Hairstylists, Massage Therapists & Nail Techs now accepting applications for "new" spa opening Jan./Feb. in Vacaville. Apply: 858 Alamo Dr., Ste. B

CONSTRUCTION
Termite construction repair person needed. Construction bkgrd. req'd. Must have good driving record. Year round work w/bnfts. Apply: Clark Pest Control 811 Eubanks Dr. Vacaville. (707)446-9748
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Superior Court of California, County of YOLO
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case# PT05-1756
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner ROMAN E. FAIL and TANYA D. BURGDOFF filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
1. ROMAN ERIK FAIL to ROMAN ERIK HUSTAD
2. TANYA DOROTHEA BURGDOFF to TANYA DOROTHEA HUSTAD
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Dec. 16, 2005, 8:30 a.m. Dept. 11, 812 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. WINTERS EXPRESS.
Signed THOMAS E. WARRINER
Judge of the Superior Court
Nov. 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1

Order to show cause

Superior Court of California, County of YOLO
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695.
Amended ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case# PT-05-1489
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Juana C. Cabezas has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
1. JUANA C.CABEZAS to JUANITA C. MOLINA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
January 25, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Dept. 11.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. WINTERS EXPRESS.
Signed THOMAS E. WARRINER
Judge of the Superior Court
Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15

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Part-time position
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Court Reporter
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The Superior Court of California, County of Solano is now accepting applications for the above position. Ed & exp.: HS or equiv. + must possess & maintain a cert. Of CSR issued by the State of Calif. Or evidence of successful testing in accordance with GC Sec. 69942. Application & job description is avail. at: www.solanocourts.com <http://www.solanocourts.com/> or picked up at HR Dept at 600 Union Ave. 2nd fl Executive Office Fairfield

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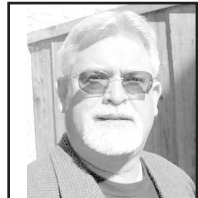
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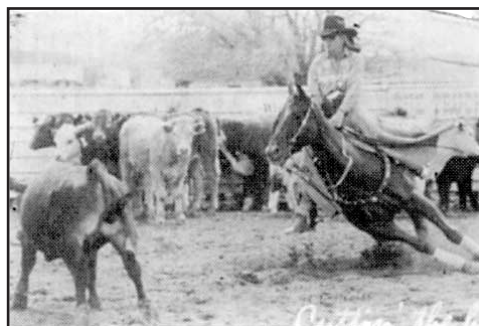
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