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Residents protest rate increase

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

A proposal by city staff to increase water and sewer rates by a substantial percentage drew several Winters residents to the Tuesday, Nov. 15, city council meeting.

In a letter sent to residents, water rates for single-family residences were proposed to increase from the current \$24.53 to \$27.96 in January, then again each January until 2009, finally reaching \$36.85 at that time.

Sewer rates are proposed to increase from the current \$19.68 per month to \$26.57 in January, then again each January until 2009, topping out at \$38.90. Multi-family, commercial and other users would experience similar increases.

Director of Financial Management Shelly Gunby gave a presentation, telling the audience a recent water/sewer rate analysis used information based on the 1992 water and sewer master plans to look at the current budget

and forecast future needs, including water system infrastructure that needs to be replaced.

Gunby told the council that over the past decade rates have been increased based on a cost of living percentage, but revenue hasn't increased significantly enough to make any real improvements to the water and sewer system, only to do maintenance work.

"We're only doing emergency-type things," she said. "Basically, we're losing ground."

The city is required to be on water meters by 2010 and the city has gradually been requiring meters as property changes hands. All homes constructed after 1992 were required to have water meters. The city could begin to charge metered rates for water as soon as a fee structure is developed. However, Gunby said, the plan is for everyone to be charged on a metered basis at the same time, to make it "more eq-

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Dancing darlings



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

They look like little angels, but they're really forest fairies in this year's Studio C production of "The Nutcracker." From left are Siena Mazza, Allyson Freckmann and Corinne McKenna. Performances are scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 and 7 p.m., and a gala performance on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10/general admission, \$9/students and seniors, and \$7/children. Gala tickets are \$13, \$12 and \$9 respectively. Tickets are available at the Studio C School of Dance or at the door. For more information, call Tara Manners, 795-1900.

Crafts, entertainment, gifts featured at festival

By LINN MYER
Special to the Express

Family fun will abound at the annual Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. The scheduled events are designed to put parents and children alike in the holiday mood.

The children's craft center will be back again this year. Children can choose to make several crafts, including holiday ornaments, candleholders, trivets and holiday cards. There will be a gift wrap-

ping station if children decide to make these items as gifts.

Santa is taking time out of his busy season to attend the festival. Parents can bring cameras and photograph their children during the visit. Other activities include delicious lunches served in Mrs. Claus' cafe, the Scholastic Book Fair, the popular Raffle Tree and sale of Christmas wreaths.

Entertainment will continue non-stop throughout the event.

The schedule is as follows:

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters Friends of the Library members Linn Myer (left) and Jane Low search through some cookbooks to help Mrs. Claus with some recipes for the WFOL Family Holiday Festival, planned for Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters High School sophomore Andrew Fridae will be honored as the Youth of the Year at the Winters Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Holiday music and entertainment will be featured. There is no charge to attend.

Fridae selected Youth of the Year

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

This year's Youth of the Year, Andrew Fridae, is so busy that it's amazing he still manages to maintain a 3.5 grade point average. He plays in the Winters High School band, performs in local theater productions and with the Ultimate Warriors, holds down an after-school job, and raises money to fight world hunger. Oh yes, and he even helps his mother nurse abandoned kittens back to health.

All those accomplishments caught the attention of several people in town, enough to inspire them to nominate Fridae for the annual award, which is sponsored by the city of Winters. One letter stated,

"When most young men his age are thinking of selfish amusement, Andrew wants to help make this world a better place."

Another letter outlined Fridae's ability to be a leader among his peers in both drama and music, and in organizing a lunchtime discussion group where students could get together and talk about world and moral issues. The letter noted, "Because of his leadership, others join too. He quietly leads the way and makes it safe and cool to do these things..."

In honoring this quiet leadership, you would send a message to others of the power of one young boy."

All of the letters men-

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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
Nov. 23		76	40
Nov. 24		77	39
Nov. 25	.13	66	52
Nov. 26	.03	71	38
Nov. 27		61	33
Nov. 28	.05	61	38
Nov. 29	.40	50	42

Rain for week: .61
Season's Total: 1.72
Last year to date: 6.38
Normal to Nov. 29: 4.10



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OBITUARIES

Randall Owen Swink, Jr.

Randall Owen Swink, Jr. (Randy), passed away on Nov. 22, 2005, at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa, after a long battle with diabetes. Born on March 12, 1961, in Woodland, he was 44 years old.

Randy grew up in Winters. He loved people, children, dogs, fishing and spending time with his beloved daughter, Ashleigh, of whom he was extremely proud. Randy was a wonderful son, brother, father and friend.

Randy is survived by his parents, Randall and Barbara Swink, Sr., of Winters; children Randall Swink, III, of Minnesota, Kira Taute, of Washington, and Ashleigh Swink, of Winters; brother Phillip Swink, and his wife, Sue, of Winters; sister Kimberly Galabasa, and her husband, Celestino, and their children Klarice, Celestino and Beau Galabasa, all of Winters. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was greatly loved and will be deeply missed. Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Winters Cemetery.

Remembrances may be made in his name to the Diabetes Foundation

Isaac H. Macias

Isaac H. Macias passed away in Davis. He was 66 years old. He was born on July 8, 1939 in Jilotlan, Jalisco, Mexico, and went to elementary school in Mexico.

He was a farm laborer and an employee of Mari-ani Nut Company. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, in Winters, and a 28 year resident of Yolo County.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Maria A. Macias, of Woodland; also 8 stepchildren; uncle and great uncle and many nieces and nephews; sister Trinity Macias and brother, Salvador Macias. He had 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Antonio and Patricia (Mendoza) Macias and his sister, Paubla Rodarte.

A funeral mass will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Father Chuck will officiate. A vigil service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be held at the Winters Cemetery.

McNary's Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

YESTERYEAR



File photo
Scott Dozier, left and Kenny Hattabaugh, members of the Winters Fire Department, are shown here in November, 1978, installing Christmas decorations along Main Street and Railroad Avenue.

Berryessa down .04 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .04 of a foot during the past with a reduction in storage of 735 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 430.91 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,430,889 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 40 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 43 acre feet of water per day during the week.



What is bird flu? Does it infect humans?
Influenza A (H5N1) is a subtype of the type “A” influenza virus. Wild birds are the natural hosts of the virus — hence, the name avian influenza or bird flu. The virus does not typically infect humans. In 1997, however, the first instance of direct bird-to-human transmission in Hong Kong caused severe flu in 18 people, six of whom died. Beginning in 2004, new lethal outbreaks of avian influenza A (H5N1) infection among poultry were reported in several Asian countries. There have since been 112 human cases of avian influenza “A” (H5N1) in Asia resulting in 57 deaths.

What are the symptoms?
Symptoms of bird flu in humans have ranged from typical flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat and muscle aches) to eye infections, pneumonia and severe respiratory disease (such as acute respiratory distress).

Is it spread like ‘regular’ influenza?
So far, no human-to-human transmission of the H5N1 virus has been identified. If these H5N1 viruses gain the ability for transmission between humans, influenza pandemic could result with high rates of illness and death. A pandemic is an epidemic over a wide geographic area and affecting a large proportion of the population.

Is there a vaccine or any medication to treat it?
Efforts to produce a vaccine that would be effective against this strain of influenza A (H5N1) are underway but mass production and availability of such a vaccine is some time off. There are four antiviral medications currently available: amantadine, rimantadine, oseltamivir and zanamivir. People who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza may benefit most from antiviral medications and should be given priority for use and should discuss it with their medical provider. The effectiveness of these drugs when used for treatment of H5N1 virus infection is unknown.

What are the health organizations preparing to do for a possible pandemic?
The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are collaborating in several activities to enhance surveillance, diagnostic evaluation and infection control precautions. Since 2004, there is a ban on the import of all birds from affected areas in Southeast Asia. The current risk to Americans from the bird flu outbreak in Asia is low. There have been no human cases of H5N1 flu in the US. There is increased surveillance of travelers returning from affected countries in Asia and the CDC currently advises travelers to Asia to avoid poultry farms, contact with animals in live food markets, and any surfaces that appear to be contaminated with feces from poultry or other animals.

What is the Health Department doing to prepare for a possible pandemic?
California is in a key location to be one of the first states possibly affected given its many ports of entry and frequent traffic from Asia. We are working closely with our medical providers and health systems in developing a preparedness plan. We will be increasing our surveillance and health screening. In the community, we will be giving information on the basics of infection, personal protection, respiratory hygiene and isolation.

What are the recommended precautions against the flu?
Human influenza is thought to transmit primarily via large respiratory droplets. Because the exact way avian flu may be transmitted between humans is unknown, additional precautions for healthcare workers or caregivers involved in the care of patients with documented or suspected avian flu may be wise. The following measures are recommended for all people with signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection:

- ~ Cover the nose/mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- ~ Use tissues to contain respiratory secretions and dispose of them in the nearest waste can.
- ~ Wash hands well.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

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YEARS AGO

December 10, 1970

Gail Wingard, local insurance man, was employed Tuesday night by the city council as Winters city administrative clerk, winning unanimous appointment over a field of 31 applicants.

The Winters American Legion Post has purchased 144 additional flag grave markers for the local cemetery.

A gasoline tanker and trailer loaded with more than 9,000 gallons of gasoline overturned at 8:15 a.m. Sunday on Interstate 505 a half mile south of the Yolo County line and blocked the northbound lane for more than six hours.

The level of Lake Berryessa has risen more than eight feet during the past two weeks, according to Guy Payton, operations officer for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Solano Project. During that time, more than 150,000 acre feet of water has been added to storage.

Winters Postmaster J.R. Chapman said last night that an embargo was in effect on second, third and fourth class mail, due to the impending railroad strike.

Representatives of the California Department of Fish and Game will apply Rotenone in Putah Creek between the Monticello Dam and the Diversion Dam next Tuesday and Wednesday in order to get rid of “rough” fish in the stream.

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YEARS AGO

December 8, 1955

A Sacramento firm, John C. Gist, was declared low bidder for construction of two bridges on the relocated Monticello Road with a bid of \$754,999.

Mrs. Fred Hartzog spent last week in Oakland visiting with Mr. and Mrs. William Baughman, former local residents.

The Monticello Community Club this week sold its property in Monticello to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for \$23,750. The property includes two blocks of the town of Monticello containing the clubhouse, a baseball diamond and the grandstands that were once used for the famed Monticello rodeos.

Mr. and Mrs. Buell Sackett are the parents of a son, Buell Arthur, born at the Woodland Clinic on Friday, December 2.

Lt. Colonel Jack B. Lindeman is expected back on December 18 from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he has been studying for the past four months at Command and General Staff College.

Charles A. Graf, Winters postmaster and life-long resident of Winters, was named Citizen of the Year at the annual Winters District Chamber of Commerce Ladies Night at the Christian Church Monday evening.

Neighbors and friends through the years greeted Mr. William A. Young yesterday in his home on Abbey Street on the occasion of his 94th birthday anniversary.

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YEARS AGO

December 6, 1940

Griggs Gleie was named president, George Caldwell, vice president and Francis Jacobs, incumbent, secretary, at the Monday Service Club meeting. Plans were completed for Ladies' Night next Monday, Dec. 9.

Mrs. Patty Baker Karnopp and family of Illinois, were honored at the annual family reunion and reception Sunday at the late Wm. Baker homestead in northern Solano.

Chief of police G.A. Crowder and Mrs. Crowder observed their 10th wedding anniversary which fell Saturday, Nov. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Singleton were hosts at a dinner party last night, honoring their daughter, Miss Ruth, whose engagement to Kurt Hartwig of Esparto was announced last week.

Alan Wehrman who enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in October is having a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Wehrman.

Apricot school was closed a few days this week because of the illness of the teacher, John Dutton.

Carl Holmes, Eddie Baker, Donald Gale and “Toby” Scott were among those who witnessed the big game Saturday in Berkeley.

R.B. Bigelow was appointed a trustee of the Winters Cemetery District by the county board of supervisors.

Mrs. J.R. Johnston returned Wednesday from a two weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. C.A. Elliott and family in San Anselmo.

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YEARS AGO

December 8, 1905

The annual convention of fruit-growers at Santa Rosa is attracting more than usual attention. Those attending from Winters are H.G. Boyce, Wm. Brinck, Ben Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinck, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Sullivan, G.W. Chapman, A.L. Stinson and Frank H. Owen.

A new business venture is a Japanese store of art goods just established this week in the Bertholet building by George B. Yoshida.

C.H. Baker came up from Watsonville, returning the same day. It was announced that Mr. Baker will be married at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco tomorrow afternoon.

The 25-cent meal at the hotel dining room is all it's cracked up to be. Best in the country.

The Big Corner Store has just installed a fine electric light system.

Mrs. J.W. Doll celebrated her 45th birthday anniversary one afternoon this week by inviting a number of lady friends to dinner at her home.

W.H. Gregory telephoned to the president of the town board that he had forwarded by mail his resignation as treasurer, and requested that someone be appointed in his place.

At the meeting of the town trustees Tuesday night it was decided to purchase from W.P. Womack and Francis McGarr a strip of land 16 feet wide on east Abbey Street, the purpose being to widen the street. Each land owner will get \$50.

The Winters Police Department weekly police report will appear in next week's Express.



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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

WHETHER IT'S ON THE NATIONAL NEWS or the opinion page of our humble little Winters Express, the debate rages on: Did George Bush lie about the reasons for going to war? After considering all the angles presented both on this page and elsewhere, I've reached my own conclusion. Brace yourself: He didn't.

I watched Bush deliver that State of the Union address when the path to war was paved, reading with great conviction those words on the teleprompter written by someone else, and I'm convinced he truly believed that Saddam Hussein was a threat to our national security. Because that's what his advisors told him.

You don't think Bush actually gathered all that intelligence information, pored over every detail and deduced the exact gravity of our national security all on his own, do you? I mean, come on, does he look like he even has the attention span or intellect to finish a New York Times crossword puzzle? Can you even imagine him reading that far into a newspaper to find it?

Bush relied on information from people he trusted. But even that isn't an indictment. All our presidents did this. One person couldn't possibly have an exhaustive knowledge of every single issue facing our country. Like every other president, Bush believed that his advisors' information was accurate and based his decisions on that information.

Sadly, that information was false. Saddam didn't purchase yellowcake uranium from Africa. Nor did he have a cache of weapons of mass destruction — biological, chemical, nuclear or otherwise. Saddam didn't have any solid connections to al Qaeda, our actual enemy. All in all, the threat Saddam posed to the United States fell somewhere between "little" and "none." Unfortunately, we went to war based on that false information. And because of it, 2,110 US soldiers died and 15,704 are wounded.

Oops.

Even up to this point, Bush isn't responsible. This exact point: When he discovered that the post-9/11 worldwide goodwill showered upon America was squandered, that our National Debt skyrocketed into the trillions, and American soldiers were wounded and killed, *all based on false information*, heads should have rolled. They didn't. Now he's responsible.

There are people in Bush's inner circle who distributed the misinformation that resulted in unthinkable death, damage and debt, not to mention the explosion of anti-American hatred in the radical Islamic world. George Bush knows who they are. However, rather than hold them accountable when it became obvious that Saddam had no WMDs and pulling out of Iraq, Bush turned to his trusted cronies, who hastily concocted a new justification for going to war: to free the Iraqi people.

Yeah, right. Like this administration cares about Iraqis. Because the US government has always been so deeply concerned about cruelty and oppression in Third World countries. Uh huh.

Horse manure. The whole "Iraqi Freedom" slogan is pure horse manure. We were led into this war with the halter of terrorism fears, held there with the rope of humanitarian concern, and now we're tied to the hitching post of Big Oil profit. That's what's been behind this war from the start: profit. It's time to cut this pony loose. Ditto for those who led it there.

Ponder this: If you or I were in Bush's situation, say CEOs of a large company, and relied on false information from subordinates that caused catastrophic damage to our company, we'd yank them off the payroll like weeds from the turnip patch. We'd shriek, "You're fired" like The Donald himself.

But not George Bush. He scurried to hide those employees' mistakes. Once again, he turned to advisors and merely parroted what he was told, professing his newfound concern for Iraqis and asserting (erroneously) at every turn Iraq's connection to 9/11. Lies? A lie requires premeditation. Bush has no premeditation before speaking. He's not thinking, he's just saying what he's been told to say or what rolls across the teleprompter. He reads the words penned not by himself but by professional speech writers. That is an indisputable fact. Therefore, although he's reading lies, he's not actually lying because he has no comprehension that he's doing it at the time. Bush isn't the actual source of the lies or much of anything going on in this corrupt administration, for that matter. He's not in charge. Bush is to the White House as Mickey Mouse is to Disneyland — merely a mascot.

Is Bush responsible for the war? No. The conservatives are right on that point. Congress gave him the green light to go to war. All who endorsed the war in Iraq are culpable, both Democrats and Republicans. Is he responsible for the misinformation he distributed to the American people? No. But someone is. Is Bush responsible for covering up for those people who actually are responsible? Yes.

There was another president who covered up for his subordinates after learning they'd screwed up: Richard M. Nixon. Nixon chose to resign rather than face impeachment for this transgression. It's time for George W. Bush to make the same choice.



LETTERS

Diversification is a good thing

Dear Editor,

The proposed redevelopment plan of Lake Berryessa will greatly diversify the activities occurring at the lake, and that would be a very good thing for Winters.

As opponents of the Lake Berryessa redevelopment plan have rightly pointed out, Winters is heavily dependent on sales tax revenue from boaters that pass through our town. But in my mind, this actually points to one of the most compelling reasons for the city to support the redevelopment of the lake.

Investors in the stock market well understand the value of diversification. Spread your investments across a wide variety of companies and sectors and you can expect predictable returns with limited risk and volatility. Or put all of your eggs in one basket and you hope to God you didn't pick the next Enron.

An overdependence on money brought to our town by boaters puts us at risk. Any number of nightmare scenarios could be imagined where, for whatever reason, future boating traffic to the lake decreases. The city would be well advised to think about

how to hedge this risk by diversifying its tax base. Luckily the city need not think too hard because the BOR has dropped the solution right at their feet. Not only boaters, but hikers, bikers, kayakers and campers all might be spending their money in town in the years ahead.

The city should look to minimize any decline in boater traffic through town while actively encouraging other uses at the lake. The city's moves to minimize a decline in boater traffic have been well documented while their moves to encourage other uses at the lake have been sadly lacking.

Finally, diversification of activities at Lake Berryessa also serves those of us who live here in Winters in a non-economic way. The more recreational activities available at the lake, the more Winters residents will be able to enjoy the lake. In reading the letters to the editor, I have been comforted to see how many other Winters residents, like my wife and I, are excited about the prospects of being able to take the short trip up to the lake for a hike or bike ride.

ERIK PAGE

Paper ballots can keep it honest

Dear Editor,

Recently I read an article about voting machines from an Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) symposium held in 2004. Since IEEE agrees with me, I like what they say.

The IEEE is an international professional society with roots which go back to the late 19th century. It is an independent, respected body of technical types who have done many things, including a technical analysis of some voting machines. There may be a few people around who think Debra Lo Guercio is a nut case, but it is hard to think of the IEEE as a nut case.

The most important thing the article says is that it is quite possible to construct a computerized voting system that allows a manual re-count from paper ballots. Consider a system in which the voter fills in a ballot on a computer screen; then the ballot is shown to the voter and, if the voter approves, a paper copy of the ballot is printed and kept as the vote is tallied. At the end of the day there is both a computerized result and a box of paper that had better match both the computerized result and the number of voters who visited the precinct.

Verifying election results from paper ballots is a task that everyone can

understand. It does not rest with a crew of experts to say that the election is OK. This is important. This is worth the extra cost.

The threat of an easily understood, manual reconciliation goes a long way toward keeping everyone honest. If the threat is always there, manual recounts will be rare and honest elections will remain the norm (or return to being the norm?).

For every computer system, there is at least one geek somewhere who knows how to fix it, no matter how broken it is and who, therefore, knows how to modify its results. An external check, such as paper ballots, is how banks prevent theft. An external check is the only thing that really works.

MILT JOHNSON

P.S. The IEEE article actually states: "Voter-verifiable audit trails are required in some U.S. states, and major DRE vendors have made public statements that they would support such features if their customers required it," and provides 20 pages of similar "techno-babble" describing too many security flaws.

Most readers probably won't want to wade through it, but the curious or the masochistic can find it at <http://www.avirubin.com/vote.pdf>.



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

A NEW LOOK AT THE LIGHT. I'm not sure what my fascination is with the new light, but it is the topic of conversation at my dinner table and on the golf course. The light must be important when people from Woodland stop and ask about it. "What's with the new light?" I happened to be standing next to City Manager John Donlevy last Friday when that question was asked. I gave way to John to answer. All I saw was his red face and some mumbling about CalTrans. I answered that the light was working when we went through it that morning.

As we approached the intersection that afternoon, sure enough, all twenty red lights were blinking away. I heard John speak through clenched teeth. "There better be a CalTrans truck parked nearby." There wasn't of course. Everyone is having a good laugh at our expense, and having people laugh about our stop light is better than them laughing about the Express.

A funny thing happened on my way to work this morning. The sensors knew I was coming and the light changed green, just as I was applying the brakes. Will wonders never cease? If the light works for at least a week, we should be home free, and we can stop making jokes about CalTrans and our city leaders. Even after we get used to the light changing colors, it is still the largest intersection in Yolo County.

TREE LIGHTING. Next Monday, Dec. 5, at 5:30 p.m. is the official lighting of our Christmas tree. There have been several events lately that everyone should have attended. You never know when something special is going to take place. The open house and Chamber Mixer at Briggs and Company, on Railroad Avenue, was just great. Great company, great food and what a nice store. For those who ever ventured into the Bruhn Pump Supply office, you have to stop by Briggs & Company and see what they've done to the place.

You won't find pump supplies, but if Mike could figure out how to make something artsy from the parts, he would. His barbecue is something to behold, and the food that he prepares is amazing.

The fall open house at Berryessa Gap was even better. Tasting this years offering against what they will serve next year was interesting. Some of next year's vintage tastes ready to bottle now, but luckily, they don't let me make those kinds of decisions. The barbecued oysters, different types of sausages and mustards, just added to the event.

I'll admit some events in Winters are duds, but if you don't make an effort to stop by, you don't know what you're missing. From scotch tastings, art shows, and shows at The Palms, Winters is changing, for the better I might add.

See you at the tree lighting.

Is Lake Berryessa plan necessary?

Dear Editor,

The Bureau of Reclamation is out of control. The fierce battle over oppression by government control, and the fight for recreation and public use at Lake Berryessa is far-reaching. This battle is the proving grounds for future recreation across that nation.

With no sanitary facilities and no launch ramps, there were 800 boats on the lake in 1958. To protect the resources, and for the health and safety of the public, the Bureau of Reclamation contracted the National Park Service to design a plan for recreation — Public Use Plan 1959 [PUP]. Based on the PUP plan for development, seven resorts were contracted to provide facilities and services to the public. PUP is a remarkable document that can be found on Reclamation's website. It is the foremost guiding document for public use and recreation at Lake Berryessa, the RAMP/ROD simply update it.

Recreational users are bucking against losing a great water recreation resource for public use. Reclamation's goal is to have "No Use" — the underlying premise of Alternative B. The fabricated maps constrict public use on both land and water. The federal proposal rezones the lake with a maximum speed of 45 miles per hour, and a maximum boat capacity of 782 — fewer than there were 1958 with no facilities.

FEIS includes Alternative A, which is guided by PUP/RAMP. RAMP/ROD

initiated in 1974, (nearly 20 years in the making) was completed in 1993. Now Reclamation has face-on undermined the purpose and intent of all its own guiding documents for public use and recreation. Reclamation instead proposes to dictate the use and users of the lake, creating a lock-out for the boating public.

The PUP specifies at least 12 areas outside the resorts, within the additional 135 miles of shoreline under Reclamation's control, that are suitable for day use. With minor exceptions, these areas have not been developed. Is it possible Reclamation is attempting to hide that they have failed to provide the public with access? The RAMP specifies, among other things, that 50 miles of trails should be developed. Reclamation failing to do that, now proposes 150 miles of trails. With what? Where? When?

If Alternative B is selected, the economic ripple from the loss of water recreation will be huge — from vendors to boat sales. Millions and millions of dollars of investments stand to be destroyed. Many more millions of future revenue dollars will be lost. The affect on outlying businesses and towns will be harsh if not devastating. Winters' gas and food services are just a few businesses that will be victims of Reclamation if Alternative B is selected in the ROD. Worst of all, the public stands to lose the freedom of water

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"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."
~ Robert Frost

RATES

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uitable.”

After the proposed rates were publicized, the city received 97 written protests. Twelve of those protests were included in the evening’s agenda packet. Most of the writers were elderly residents on a fixed income. Many cited increased costs of everything from energy to food and said the proposed increases would be an unfair burden. Most of those who wrote expressed support for the installation of water meters and asked that people pay for what they use.

Gunby explained that the city wants to work on replacing the aging water system, to do more than just emergency maintenance. To do so, it needs to issue debt in the form of bonds and the bonds cannot be issued if the rates aren’t increased. In addition, the city would establish and maintain adequate reserve balances in the city’s two enterprise funds, water and sewer. It was pointed out that if the rates aren’t increased and the city tries to do the planned infrastructure improvements, by 2011-2012, the city would have a \$2 million deficit in the fund balances.

“We tried to keep the rate increase as moderate as possible, but given the situation,” said Gunby. “This is not a moderate increase. It’s pretty steep.”

She noted that approval for increases was only sought through 2009; at that point, another rate analysis would determine metered rates.

In a diagram Winters was shown to charge the highest rates in the area, second only to Fairfield, if the increases were approved. The rate increase in January would be 34 percent. In 2006-2007 the increase would be 20 percent and in 2007-2008 it would be 19 percent.

City Manager John Donlevy explained that the goal is to reach a certain funding level, then by the fourth year the rate increases would “smooth out.”

In comparing the sewer rates to surrounding areas, after the proposed increases, Winters would be second only to Davis.

Donlevy was asked about the age of the existing pipes, some of which he said are up to 110 years old. Of the approximately 24 miles of pipes in Winters, Donlevy said about 20 miles are in excess of 40 years old.

Council member Harold

Anderson asked why the city would end up being second in the area in terms of water and sewer rates.

“We have a very small customer base,” said Donlevy.

When a diagram showing the breakdown of rates was shown, questions were raised about the fact that the portion that would go toward replacing the old system was just a small fraction of the whole. Mayor Dan Martinez questioned why, if the rationale for raising rates is to replace the old system, the cost of doing so is shown to be so small.

Gunby said she would look at the breakdown and do a further analysis.

At the public hearing, Mark Deal said he understood that the city is in a bad situation, that it doesn’t have wealth. However, he asked the council to remember that residents are facing a rise in energy and other costs, and now are faced with water rates that will almost double by 2009.

He asked if replacing 100-year-old pipes is an emergency and why the city couldn’t try to make the rate increase smoother. He suggested raising the rates 10-15 percent over a longer period of time and perhaps looking at how other cities do business to come up with some cost saving measures.

Bill Biasi told the council he understood that there is a need to replace the old system. However, he agreed with those who believe that the proposed increase is too steep. He also suggested spreading out the increase over time and looking to develop the city’s industrial zone in order to increase the tax base.

“If the pipes are so old why do they have to be replaced in such a short amount of time?” asked resident Humberto Izquierda.

He suggested adjusting the amount that would go into the reserve fund in order to help bring down the rate. He also questioned the steep increase in such a short amount of time.

“It will be a burden to a lot of residents.”

Another resident encouraged the council to consider the impact this sudden rate increase would have on residents who are on a fixed income or low-income.

After the public hearing was closed, Mayor Pro Tem Woody Fridae said he wanted to see a plan that would encourage conservation. He questioned the

way the rate scale was set up, saying it should be that “the more you use, the more you pay.”

Fridae agreed that with the increase in natural gas prices, electricity would be more expensive. That means the cost for the city to deliver water to residents will go up.

“We’re in the same boat as everyone else,” he said.

While acknowledging that the increase in rates is severe, Fridae pointed out that bringing the system up to date has been put off for years.

“Putting it off is sort of how we got into this problem in the first place,” he said.

He did agree that the increase would have an impact on low and fixed income residents. He suggested a program that would encourage residents to install meters, and charge those customers a cheaper rate. He also wanted to see a program that would reduce the cost of meter installation for low-income residents.

Anderson suggested a two-pronged approach that would include conservation and the installation of meters. He suggested spreading out the rate increase over five years, instead of three.

At that point, Donlevy suggested that city staff could rework the numbers; he said they could possibly push back the capital improvement projects, get to the desired reserve balance levels slower and reduce the steep increase. He asked the council to continue the discussion item to the Dec. 13 meeting, at which time he would bring back a revised plan.

Other items

In other agenda items, the council took the following action:

~ Approved the Hudson-Ogando tentative subdivision map.

~ Approved funding for softball fields at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School and design of a new city/school district pool. Also approved a budget amendment for that funding.

~ Approved the consent agenda after removing resolutions approving the Memorandum of Understandings with the Winters Police Officers Association, Winters Employees Association, Winters Sergeants and Management.

~ Approved consolidation of December meetings into one, which will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

Yolo non-profits working together

For over eight years Yolo County Non-Profit agencies have been quietly working together to sustain each other and improve the quality of life in the area. Leave a Legacy Yolo County began in 1998 as an affiliate of a campaign by the National Council on Planned Giving to raise awareness of the benefits of charitable giving.

The Non-Profit Times estimates that over 70 percent of households nationwide contribute to charity and/or religious institutions each year. This extraordinary generosity is not being expressed in terms of bequest giving. A National Council on Planned Giving sponsored study reported that only 5.7 percent of households surveyed plan a charitable bequest. The two figures taken together suggest that Americans are generous to and supportive of charitable institutions but unaware of the large impact even a small bequest could have on a

local non-profit.

Cornell Economists Robert Avery and Michael Rendall estimate that over \$10 trillion in net worth will be transferred through estates by 2040. If merely 6 percent of Americans left a charitable bequest, the current number of bequests would double. Imagine what the impact to charitable organizations would be if 10 percent of Americans left a gift in their estate plans?

Leave a Legacy Yolo County has a simple goal: to encourage charitable giving and to urge potential donors to look locally first. Many dollars donated to national organizations never find their way back to local affiliates. One of the most visible programs of LALYC is placing member books with Yolo County planned giving professionals. The books contain descriptions of all LALYC members including programs, history, and donation opportunities. LALYC encourages all interested

donors to consult trained professionals about their charitable giving plans. Significant tax and income advantages may be realized through effective planning.

LALYC is open to all non-profit agencies who operate in Yolo County and planned giving professionals. It is an all-volunteer organization meeting once per month. Representatives from member organizations participate in committees and do project service on their own schedule. Dues are \$50 per calendar year. New members are always welcome.

For more information contact Colleen Brock, Elderly Nutrition cbrock@mgci.com, 662-7035, or Jeff Kean, Woodland Opera House wmshakes@wohtheatre.org, 666-9617.

LAKE

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recreation at Lake Berryessa.

The lake stands to lose the infrastructure that maintains the protective environmental design that accommodates public use. Using the guise of environmentalism, Alternative B is both an environmental and economic disaster.

The resorts were constructed and are maintained solely with concessionaire investments, at no cost to the government. Resorts were contracted to offer a range of facilities and services that create affordable recreational opportunities for the public, including day use, camping, RV sites, motels, park model cabins, short term modular vacation units and long term vacation units. There is pretty much something for everyone. It is only on the few big holidays that accommodations are at capacity, like everywhere else.

RAMP/ROD were intended to guide the future concession contracts. The elements were all there — master planning, conversions of long term to short term, and preferred actions. Resorts and the public are expecting and plan-

ning for change. New contracts create the greatest opportunity make those changes for the greatest good. Resort Owners Plan [ROP] utilizes the guidelines of the PUP/RAMP/ROD and develops a fiscally and environmentally sound plan to meet future demands.

The question should be “has this been necessary?” Have millions of taxpayer dollars been spent on an unnecessary process that could have gone to improving public access and facilities? Reclamation’s determination to use oppressive controls is a ploy to distract the public from their failures to develop public access on the greater public lands.

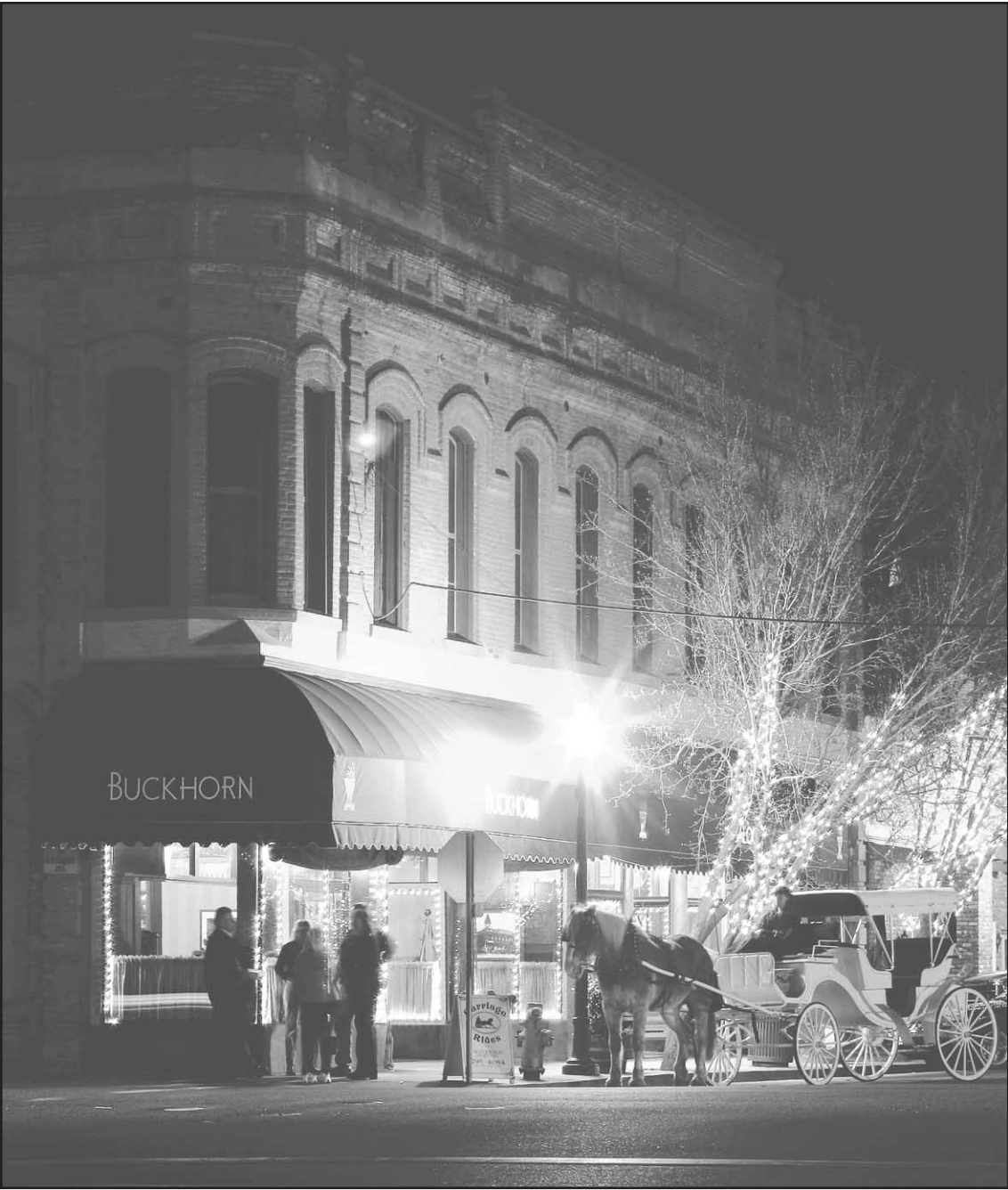
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Community



Courtesy photo
This photo by Woody Fridae is included in his exhibition entitled “Available Light,” on display at Steady Eddy’s Coffee House through Jan. 7.

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, ceramics, 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.

Tree lighting ceremony is Monday

Come out and enjoy a Winters tradition. Watch Mayor Dan Martinez and the Winters High School Chorus usher in the holiday season with the annual tree lighting, Monday, Dec. 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Besides lighting the community tree, everyone will have a chance to sing along with the choir and watch as they perform a number of holiday favorites. Local organizations will offer booths, and the evening will culminate with a visit from Santa Claus.

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Weight Watchers program starting soon

The Winters School District will be starting a Weight Watchers program for their employees in January. Any community members who would like to attend are also welcome. The meetings will take place

at 3:30 p.m., days to be announced.

For more information, call Waggoner Elementary School and request the school nurse, Linda Delbar, RN. at extension 152.

Items available for seniors

The Winters Senior Citizens Club has wheelchairs, walkers, commodes and shower chairs available to loan.

For more information, call Dorothy Becker, 795-1771, Floyd Fletcher, 795-2961 or Paul Broughton, 795-2341.

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FRIDAE

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tioned Fridae's participation in Heifer International, a program that provides a live animal (such as a cow or water buffalo) to impoverished families and teaches them to raise livestock, giving them the means to become self-sufficient. Fridae became interested in Heifer International after considering his own relatively comfortable lifestyle, with ample food, shelter and clothing, compared to poverty and hunger in many parts of the world.

Fridae donated \$500 he'd earned at his job at Steady Eddy's Coffeehouse and challenged his father to match the donation, which he did. At the time the donations were made (February), Heifer International was holding a campaign to match any donation dollar for dollar, so Fridae's initial \$500 quadrupled to \$2,000. He then went on to give a speech about the program to the Winters Rotary Club, which was inspired to make a donation of \$1,300 of its own, and this too was matched by Heifer International.

At the final count, Fridae had directly or indirectly pulled together \$4,600 — enough to buy nine animals at \$500 apiece. This means his efforts have helped nine families somewhere in the world to obtain their own livestock. From the effort of one teenager and his hard-earned \$500, nine families aren't hungry anymore. Or he could've just bought an iPod. Most teenagers would have. It's easy to see why Fridae stands out as this year's Youth of the Year.

Although Fridae says it feels good to be honored for one's accomplishments, he emphasizes that it would feel even better if his actions inspired other

people to do likewise.

"It's nice that people notice when someone's doing something nice. But instead of recognizing action, take action."

Despite some pretty weighty achievements, Fridae says the thing that is most meaningful to him is joining the workforce and "becoming a productive member of society."

"The fact that I know that I can build a means of support for myself is pretty empowering," he says, adding, "Now I know that I can do things financially that I otherwise wouldn't be able to afford. Like Heifer International."

Only in his sophomore year in high school, Fridae is still exploring what sort of means of support he'll choose for himself in the future, but says the independent film industry looks attractive. English is his favorite class. He is the son of Winters teachers Woody and Rebecca Fridae, and has a brother, Markland, who attends school at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Fridae will be formally honored as Youth of the Year at the Winters Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. Holiday music and entertainment are scheduled, and refreshments will be available. There is no charge to attend, and the entire community is invited.

Sutter Davis Auxiliary recruiting members

The Sutter Davis Hospital Auxiliary is recruiting new members (male and female), who are in good health and over 18 years of age, to volunteer in various capacities in the hospital. They must attend a general orientation and on the job training.

Check out the Sutter Davis Hospital website, www.sutterdavis.org (follow the link to "volunteer services") for more information.

For an application and/or more information, call 759-7485, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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~ 10 a.m. — LDS primary children;
~ 10:15 a.m. — Ms. Oates kindergarten;
~ 10:30 a.m. — Ms. Lester kindergarten;
~ 10:45 a.m. — Ms. Gonzales first grade;
~ 11 a.m. — Ms. Olaya,

Ms. Escamilla, Ms. Jusell kindergarten classes;
~ 11:30 a.m. — Winters Community Chorus;
~ Noon — Waggoner Immersion classes;
~ 12:45 p.m. — Home school band;
~ 1:15 p.m. — Winters Middle School Choir;
~ 1:30 p.m. — Rominger school performers.

Holiday book sale planned

The Friends of the Woodland Library will hold a Holiday Book Sale on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Library Basement Book Store.

There will be many chances to get that Christmas shopping started early. There is an interesting collection of books pertaining to Egypt. Those who come on Sunday, will be able to purchase special old and out of print books at the price marked.

Keep an eye out for great coffee table books and a great collection of mysteries and adventure stories.

For further information call Phyllis Simeroth at 666-1561.

UC Davis event honors artisan women farmers

To celebrate the publication of the new book, “Outstanding in their Fields: California’s Women Farmers,” the U.C. Davis Small Farm Center is hosting an event on campus featuring approximately 10 of the 17 women interviewed for this colorful and inspiring book. These women - beekeepers and mead producers, winemakers, cheese-makers, farmers and ranchers, will speak about their agricultural experiences and will display and share their food and fiber products with attendees.

The event will be held on Thursday, Dec. 8, 4:30-6 p.m. at the Recreation Pool Lodge, located just north of the Recreation Pool in the corner of Hutchison and La Rue on the UC Davis campus. Admission is free.

The book will be available for sale at the event.

“Outstanding in their Fields: California’s Women Farmers,” contains not only detailed interviews with 17 women farmers and ranchers, but offers a wealth of facts and statistics about California women in agriculture as well as sage

advice from the women for readers interested in embarking on similar agricultural adventures.

One of the fascinating aspects of the book is that many of the women profiled are career-changers — previously they were air traffic controllers, insurance salespeople or home-makers and, later in life, made a radical career change that often involved significant risk and a steep learning curve. Others nursed a life-long dream of farming or ranching and were able to make it a reality for themselves.

A snapshot of some of the women profiled in the book:

Pat Meade (western Yolo County): Pat has owned and managed West Valley Alpacas with husband Jon Robbins since 1994. West Valley Alpacas grew out of Pat’s lifelong interests in animals, textiles, and rural life.

Ann Kormos (Yolo County): Ann is the harvest manager for Terra Firma Organic Farm in Winters.

Jennifer Greene, Scott Valley, Northern CA: Jennifer farms thirty acres of grains, legumes,

and edible seeds at Windborne Farm. With the help of Oden and Thor, her Norwegian draft horses, she has operated a community-supported agriculture (CSA) shareholder program since 1998.

Robin Lynde (near Vacaville on the western edge of the Sacramento Valley): Robin owns Meridian Jacobs farm where she raises fifty registered Jacob sheep, spins, weaves, knits, and offers spinning, dyeing, and weaving classes and on-farm gatherings for spinners and weavers. Jacob sheep are smaller than many other breeds, generally weighing around one hundred pounds instead of the 150 to 250 pounds typical of other breeds.

Phaedra and Judy LaRocca (Forest Ranch, near Chico, Sierra Foothills): The family owns two hundred acres of vineyards, with one hundred acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot vines at the original Forest Ranch site and one hundred acres of Chardonnay, Zinfandel, and Chenin Blanc at the base of the Sutter Buttes. LaRocca Vineyards produces

between 5,000 and 6,000 cases of wine a year. LaRocca Vineyards is one of the few wineries using both organically grown grapes and organic processing methods.

Jennifer Bice, owner, Redwood Hill Farm in Sonoma County — A very successful goat dairy operation. Jennifer’s products have received national recognition and now include not just milk, but yogurt and a wide range of cheeses.

Talibah Al-Rafiq (Calveras County): owns a successful cashmere goat ranch. She and her husband also run the only custom cashmere-dehairing operation in the country and process requests from all over the United States. In addition, they raise their own cashmere goats and produce and sell artisan yarns in their ranch store.

Barbara Melrose (Modesto): A beekeeper and honey-maker who also markets a number of “value-added” products that she has developed, including bee balms, face cream, soaps, and candles.

Rachel Whitney, Santa Barbara: Owns a 10-acre blueberry farm.

VFW has Blue Star banners

Winters VFW Post 11091 will distribute Blue Star Service banners to the families in the Winters area who have sons and daughters in the military service. This banner is displayed in a home window to signify that someone from that family is serving our country.

To receive a banner, call VFW quartermaster, John Sexton, 795-0831.

County sponsors ‘Adopt-a-Family’ holiday program

Wish lists, donors and the holiday spirit of giving come together again this year as the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services (DESS) Children and Adult Services Adopt-a-Family program swings into action. The program, which includes children, families and elderly/disabled clients, helps to make the holidays a little more pleasant. Last year, over 300 foster children, teens, elderly/disabled adults and 40 families received gifts and holiday meals they otherwise would not have received.

“There are a lot of clients who have no relatives at all and who don’t have a lot of friends. Those are the people who would be helped by giving them a little bit of hope — like somebody’s thinking that they’re there,” said Maria Lundgaard, a senior social worker for Adult Services.

The program began over 10 years ago with an invitation to a holiday party for children who had supervised visits with their parents. The child was able to visit their parent and receive a gift. Now, needy families and the elderly and disabled

are also recipients of donations from individuals and businesses through this program.

Donations might include a wrapped gift (with contents labeled) or a gift card to a clothing or grocery store. A suggestion from a donor’s wish list is also a good option. To adopt a family, child or elderly/disabled client for the holidays by making a donation, or for more information on the program, or to drop off a gift, call Patti Larsen, program coordinator, 661-2750, extension 9265.

“Donations like sweat suits would also be good, because maybe they only have one pair or a pair that is just worn out,” said Lungaard. “A lot of people need sweats in the wintertime.”

“I asked the social workers for wish lists from their clients,” said Larsen. It made it easier for the donors, because they had an idea of what folks wanted.”

Larsen hopes to receive donations by early to mid December to ensure delivery in time for Christmas. However, donations are accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

Library book sale planned

A book sale, sponsored by Friends of the Davis Public Library, will take place at the library, 315 East 14th Street in Davis.

There will be a large number of holiday books and books suitable for gifts, as well as new books on the tables for sale on Friday. Most items will

cost from 50 cents to \$1.

The sale takes place on Thursday, Dec. 8, 5-9 p.m. (members only night, but memberships will be available at the door); Friday, Dec. 9, 12-5 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Entertainment

Absolute Ensemble brings east-west fusion of Arabian Nights to Mondavi Center



Courtesy photo
Dhafer Youssef performs with Absolute Ensemble's Arabian Nights on Dec. 14 at the Mondavi Center.

Classical music meets jazz, funk, klezmer, and the intensely spiritual musical traditions of the Middle East as Absolute Ensemble's Arabian Nights comes to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m.

The freewheeling 18-piece ensemble, which wowed Mondavi Center audiences in 2004 with a program of music by rock iconoclast Frank Zappa, will perform with guest soloists Daniel Schnyder (saxophone), Dhafer Youssef (oud and vocals), and Basam Saba (nay), in a program that is part rock concert, part classical, part jazz, and fully infused with the sounds and spirit of the Middle East.

Arabian Nights is an extraordinary musical journey through American jazz, European classical music, and Arabic, Egyptian, and Hindi influences.

It is a 12-part suite bringing together sounds from all over the world, with an emphasis on the instruments, rhythms, and melodies of the Middle East.

Rhythmically, Schnyder borrows from a variety of traditional sources, including Karachi, Mulfuf, and Dawr Hindi rhythms, while his melodies make use of an eclectic mix of the microtones common in Arab music and the tempered scales of European classical music. Traditional middle eastern instruments such as the nay (a wood flute) and oud (Arabian lute), the voice of Dhafer Youssef, and various traditional percussion instruments add to the exotic sound.

Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office, 754-ARTS (2787) or online at MondaviArts.org. Tickets are \$36/\$31/\$26 for adults, \$12 for students and children.

Coming to The Palms



Courtesy photo
Rod Piazza and the Mighty Fliers come to The Palms on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. Harmonica master Piazza has led one of contemporary blues' most enduring and exciting acts for nearly two decades. Piazza and the Mighty Fliers are considered one of the best, most experienced and most distinctive bands in blues today. Tickets are \$17 and are available at Kimes Ace Hardware and at the door.

Mexican Christmas traditions to be celebrated

The exciting and colorful Christmas traditions of Mexico will return to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis this holiday season as Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano perform the joyous music and colorful pageantry of Fiesta Navidad. The passionately beautiful Mexican celebration will feature as many as 18 musicians on stage, along with the dancers of Danza Teocult, and will include a traditional Fiesta de La Posada procession as well as an exuberant sing-along of holiday carols and Christmas songs.

The event will begin at 8 pm on Dec. 6, in Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 754-2787 or online at MondaviArts.org. The event is presented as part of Mondavi Center's Java City Global Beat series.

The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program will also present Fiesta Navidad as part of the 2005-06 Wells Fargo School Matinee Series at Mondavi Center on December 6 at 11 am. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards. Teachers, educators, and others interested in purchasing tickets may contact Nasreen Kincaid at 754-4689.

Fiesta Navidad is a vibrant representation of the spirited holiday tradi-

tions of Mexico, which in December is filled with a myriad of regional fiestas. Some of these trace their roots to the customs of native Indians, and later blended with Christian rituals to form popular traditions throughout Mexico. The best-known example, presented in this concert, is the Fiesta de La Posada. Originating in the 16th Century as a liturgical event to celebrate the pilgrimage of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, La Posada has continued to grow and change over the centuries, adapted in each region of the country to local musical styles and dance traditions.

The musical journey of Fiesta Navidad begins with the traditional petition for lodging, and progresses through the breaking of the piata to the performance of popular regional songs of Michoacan, Jalisco, and Vera Cruz. Traditional Mexican dances will also be performed. The presentation closes with a sing-along to mariachi versions of well-known Christmas carols such as "Noche de Paz" ("Silent Night"), "Campanitas" ("Jingle Bells"), and "Aquí Viene Santa Claus" ("Here Comes Santa Claus").

Widely considered the world's preeminent mariachi band, Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano has appeared on The Tonight Show and Grammy Awards broadcasts, and has performed and recorded with Linda Ronstadt, Aaron Neville, and many others. Led since its

founding more than 40 years ago by Natividad "Nati" Cano, the group has both mirrored and shaped the history of mariachi music.

Noted for accomplished musical arrangements that highlight the individual skills and voices of the players, the ensemble features musicians from Mexico and the U.S., and was one of four mariachi groups that collaborated on Linda Ronstadt's acclaimed recordings Canciones de Mi Padre and Mas Canciones. Mariachi Los Camperos has recorded 10 albums including Puro Mariachi (Indigo Records, 1961); North of the Border (RCA/Carino Records, 1965); El Super Mariachi, Los Camperos (Latin International, 1968); Valses de Amor (La Fonda Records, 1973); Canciones de Siempre (PolyGram Latino, 1993); Sounds of Mariachi (Delfin Records, 1996) and Fiesta Navidad (Delfin Records, 1997); Viva el Mariachi (Smithsonian Folkways Recordings, 2003); and Llegaron Los Camperos (Delfin Records, 2004).

"Fiesta Navidad is a celebration of both Christmas and traditional Mexican culture, and we're happy to be hosting Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano again this year," said Barbara Sellers-Young, Mondavi Center's interim executive director.

Admission is \$39/\$34/\$29 for adults, \$19.50/\$17/\$14.50 for students and children.

For more information, call 754-2787.

Live Nativity planned at Trinity Baptist Church

Trinity Baptist Church presents its 21st annual live Nativity, "The Wonder of Christmas," Friday through Sunday, Dec. 9, 10 and 11 at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The event will be presented on the church grounds, and is appropriate for the entire family.

Trinity Baptist Church is located at 401 W. Monte Vista Avenue in Vacaville. Admission is free.

For more information, call (707) 448-5430.

Holiday crafts will be featured

The Davis Senior Center will host its annual Holiday Crafts Boutique on Thursday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a great opportunity to purchase unique, handcrafted holiday gifts for friends and family without having to

venture far from home. Over 25 local crafters will feature woodcrafts, jewelry, soaps, ceramics, knittings and paintings. Admission is free.

The Davis Senior Center is located at 646 A Street in Davis.



Coming up

- Thurs. Dec. 1 - Utah Phillips
- Fri. Dec. 2 - Geoff Muldaur's Fountain of Youth
- Sat. Dec. 3 - In Harmony's Way
- Thurs. Dec. 8 - Rod Piazza & The Mighty Fliers
- Fri. Dec. 9 - The Hacienda Brothers

'Velveteen Rabbit' coming to Mondavi Center

The Velveteen Rabbit, one of the most beloved of all children's tales, will come to magical, musical life in a theatrical presentation by ODC/San Francisco at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis. Based on Margery Williams' much-loved tale of a stuffed toy rabbit that comes to life through the powers of love, the production features colorful costumes and sets, energetic dancing, recorded narration by legendary Bay Area clown Geoff Hoyle, and an enchanting musical score by British composer Benjamin Britten.

The event will begin at 3 pm on Sunday, Dec. 11, in Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available

from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 754-2787 or online at MondaviArts.org. The event is presented as part of Mondavi Center's Children's Theater series, which is recommended for ages 4-11.

The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program will also present The Velveteen Rabbit as part of the 2005-06 Wells Fargo School Matinee Series at Mondavi Center on Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards. Teachers, educators, and others interested in purchasing tickets may contact Nasreen Kincaid at 754-4689.

The story of The Vel-

veteen Rabbit has been a favorite among young children almost since the first publication of Williams' book in 1922. In it, a stuffed rabbit given as a Christmas present lives in a toy box, waiting for the day when the Boy will play with it. There, the rabbit learns from the old and tattered Skin Horse, the wisest toy in the nursery, that someday, if the Boy loves him enough, he can become real.

ODC/San Francisco has been successfully staging The Velveteen Rabbit every holiday season since 1986. Formed at Oberlin College in Ohio by Artistic Director Brenda Way, the group of 16 dancers, musicians, artists, choreographers and composers relocated to San Francisco in 1976.



Sports

Warriors beat Dixon in opener

By ERIC
AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School boy's varsity basketball team played an impressive first game of the season as they defeated the Dixon Rams 64-58 on Monday, Nov. 28. The Warriors overcame numerous turnovers and played tough defense down the stretch to pick up their first victory.

Dominic Mandolfo caught fire and scored 17 points to lead the Warriors after hitting five 3-pointers.

Austin Crabtree scored 14 points in his debut as a Warrior. Sebastian Salas and Alex Thomson scored 8 points, Nathanael Lucero scored 7, Alex Jurado scored 6, while Jacob Thorne and Brock Neil each scored 2 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors will travel to Wheatland on Thursday, Dec. 1, to play Paradise in their first game of the Wheatland tournament. Winters won't play their first home game until Friday, Jan. 6, against East Nicolaus.



Photo by Laura Lucero
Sebastian Salas (right) helped the Warriors to their 64-58 victory over Dixon on Monday night.

Von Uhlit wins reserve world champion title in FedEx competition

Carrie Von Uhlit of Winters claimed the Senior Hunter Hack reserve world championship title with Movin Artfully, a 1999 Bay American Quarter Horse Gelding, during the FedEx Open Competition at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show, held Nov. 6-20 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Winning a reserve world championship title is one of the most prestigious awards in AQHA show competition," said Bill Brewer, AQHA Executive Vice President. "Carrie Von Uhlit should

be very proud of the achievements of Movin Artfully."

The AQHA World Championship Show is the largest, richest single-breed world championship horse show in existence, with nearly \$2.2 million awarded to 3,059 entries from 49 states, 5 Canadian provinces, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. To qualify for the invitational event, horses must have earned a pre-determined number of points in AQHA-approved shows from Aug. 1, 2003 to July 31, 2004.

Highlights from the AQHA World Championship Show are scheduled to air on AQHA's weekly television show, "America's Horse," on the Outdoor Life Network, Dec. 5 at 11:30 p.m. and again Dec. 12 at 11 p.m. The American Quarter Horse Journal will have the results of the AQHA World Championship Show in the January 2006 issue.

For more information and full coverage of the AQHA World Championship Show, contact AQHA at 1-806-376-4811 or visit www.aqha.com.

Kershner wins grid contest

Three contestants had 23 out of 28 games picked correctly this week in the final Winters Merchants Football Contest of the season, with SuAnne Kershner winning the \$30 first prize on the basis of the tie-breaking score of the Florida-Florida State game.

There were 41 points scored in that game, with Kershner picking 41, Oscar Gutierrez choosing 45 and Gordon Kemp, 32. Gutierrez won the second prize of \$15.

Justine De Los Santos and Donna LaViolette each had 22 correct, while Ann Gertz, Chris Gertz, Tom George, Lee Holt, Manuel Gomez and Angela Stone each had 21 right.

Twenties included

See GRID on page B-5

JV boys fall hard to Dixon

By ERIC
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The Winters High School JV boys basketball team played the Dixon Rams on Monday, Nov. 28, in Dixon and came home with a 49-82 loss. The Warriors kept the game close in the first half as they pulled within three points before ending the half down 25-34.

Donnie Garcia scored 12 of his 14 points in the first half to lead the Warriors, but second half turnovers put an end to any threat the Warriors had of taking over the game.

Kelven Leverett scored 13 points for the Warriors and did a good job of rebounding. Kevin Rowell scored nine points, Eric Hernandez and Kaplan Smith each scored four, Aaron Geerts scored three and Davis Adams put two points on the board for the Warriors.

Freshmen take loss in opener

By ERIC
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The Winters High School freshman boy's basketball team played their season opener at Dixon on Monday, Nov. 28, and suffered a 62-15 loss to the Rams.

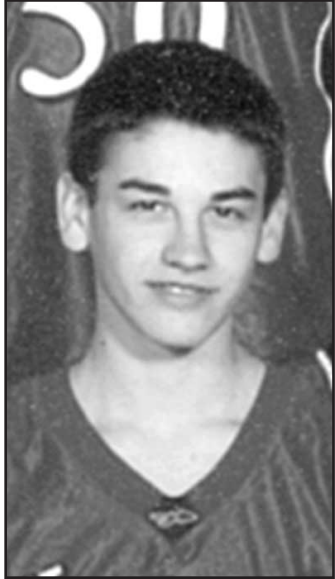
"We definitely have a lot to work on," said coach Matt Baker. "We were having a hard time just figuring out who to guard and by the time we did figure it out, they would sub."

Max Mariani led the Warriors in scoring with

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Dominic Mandolfo



Dominic Mandolfo, a senior on the Winters High School varsity boy's basketball team, is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week.

Mandolfo stepped up big in the Warriors season opener against Dixon as he hit five 3-pointers and helped lead the Warriors to a 64-58 victory with 17 points.

Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

¿Un hombre honesto e íntegro?

¿Usted le compraría un auto usado al señor George W. Bush? ¿un caballo? ¿uno de los 130 postes de luz desaparecidos de las calles de Baltimore (la sexta ciudad más peligrosa de EU)? ¿No? ¿Acaso Bush no es una “persona honesta e íntegra?” ¿No? ; pues igual piensan 64% de los electores estadounidenses. Una fuerte mayoría de los estadounidenses han perdido la confianza en su presidente. Las encuestas no preguntan todavía si usted le compraría a Dick Cheney unos chocolates para sus hijos; pero si uno de estos días esta encuesta se lleva a cabo, resultaría, sin duda alguna, que sólo 30% de los republicanos contestarían que sí los comprarían.

Todos los demócratas y 95% de los independientes, muertos de la risa, mandarían a freír espárragos al encuestador. Comprar a Cheney dulces para los hijos sería igual o peor que enviarlos a Irak sin armamento adecuado o protección alguna. Pero aparte de bromas: ¿dónde está lo importante de la muy reciente encuesta Harris? Fácil: sólo 70% de los republicanos consideran a George W. Bush un hombre honesto e íntegro. ¡Sólo 70% de su voto duro! : la base política de la Casa Blanca se reduce día con día. E igual su capacidad de maniobra interna e internacional.

Gracias en mucho a un burócrata despiadado y obsesionado por el poder, el vicepresidente Dick Cheney, un hombre sin mayor relevancia ni méritos, Bush ahora está acorralado; contra la pared. Bush, en especial desde la llegada de John Dimitri Negroponte a la dirección de Inteligencia, trata de colocar algunos fusibles frente a la red de neoconservadores que lo tienen dominado. Pero ello resulta muy difícil: Bush, por su propio gusto y con gran placer, compró entero el “Paquete Irak”, y la invasión militar a ese país lo está consumiendo. A fuego lento. Así, la nación está en vías de una profunda crisis política, la cual puede desembocar en una crisis constitucional. A menos que Bush le corte la cabeza a Cheney para salvar la suya propia. Y aun así, con Cheney fuera del gobierno, las posibilidades de ir adelante estarían en veremos. La pareja presidencial (BushCheney) está demasiado comprometida. Los dos han mentido una y otra y otra vez. Sobre Hussein, sobre Al-Qaeda, sobre los recortes de impuestos, sobre Katrina.

Un momento. Esto es especular demasiado. En primer lugar porque el Dow Jones casi llega a los 11 mil puntos y, más importante, el Nasdaq se acerca a los 2 mil 300 puntos. Y esto a pesar del doble déficit (el presupuestal y el de comercio exterior), los cuales alcanzan dimensiones inimaginables hace una década. Los inversionistas en la bolsa confían todavía en la economía de Estados Unidos. A pesar del despido por la General Motors de 30 mil empleados; a pesar de que el sector industrial pierda peso real mes tras mes. ¿Y qué? : los bancos centrales asiáticos todavía le prestan miles de millones

de dólares diarios a EU y el dólar es el medio de pago internacional preferido por el mundo.

El Partido Comunista Chino todavía ama a Bush y le concede su confianza. Mientras esto no cambie, nadie puede esperar en forma racional algún terremoto. Con Cheney o sin él. Además, no hay hasta el momento razón legal para alejar o desprenderse de Cheney y el vicepresidente es sólo la cara más fea y ruda del gobierno. Es el golpeador necesario; quien representa en verdad en forma pura la filosofía política y la ética de la Casa Blanca. Y ese es el verdadero problema.

¿Se acuerda usted de los Rojos y los Azules? ¿El país de Bush, los Rojos, y el país que nada quiere saber de Bush, los Azules? ¿Mitad y mitad? Nada hombre; el país de Bush se ha reducido a unos tres o cuatro estados, Iowa, Utah, Colorado o Montana, donde el voto duro republicano es incommovible y dominante. Y de ahí en adelante el frío. Ese es el tamaño real de los problemas políticos y estratégicos de la Casa Blanca.

Y aquí, cuando se habla de un cambio sustancial en la política exterior de Washington, entra al debate el asunto de la migración. Los inmigrantes “ilegales” ahora son el chivo expiatorio preferido de los republicanos más burdos y palurdos. ¡Violaron nuestras leyes! ; ¡vienen a gozar de la manera americana de vivir! ; ¡producen hijos y nosotros tenemos que pagar los costos con impuestos! ; ¡ensucian nuestras calles y son gordos, prietos y no hablan inglés! Eso es lo peor: ¡son prietos, gordos y no hablan inglés! ¿Por qué no avanzar de manera inteligente?

Los mexicanos y muchos latinoamericanos no llegan a Estados Unidos para votar en relación con los gobernadores, los impuestos o el aborto, los representantes o el presidente. Llegan sólo para... trabajar. No les interesa en lo más mínimo ser ciudadanos de EU. Buscan una relación productiva ahí donde puede darse. Donde saben se les necesita. ¿Por qué no pensar en una categoría de trabajadores inmigrantes la cual obligue a patrones y autoridades a respetar los derechos laborales de los inmigrantes? Y nada más. ¿De veras resulta tan difícil? Por lo visto para la pareja presidencial, Bush-Cheney, la cual propone el “trabajas y te vas”, sí: eso resulta muy difícil. Así les va.

La muralla Americana

Si los sueños de la derecha en EU llegan a realizarse, una “muralla china” de 3 mil kilómetros de largo separará a su país de México y millones de indocumentados serán expulsados. Cuando el Congreso estadounidense parece listo a abordar el problema migratorio, hay cada vez más probabilidades de que la reforma sea dictada más por el hígado y la conveniencia política inmediata, que por la racionalidad y la necesidad de una solución realista.

Aunque falta por ver si habrá una legislación antes de que termine efectivamente la actual legislatura, a mediados de 2006, la idea de solución del problema migratorio que ahora parece contar con un apoyo mayoritario es tan simplista como directa: hay que cerrar la puerta y echar a todos los que sea posible. Que las ideas sean propuestas de grupos que como el Centro de Estudios sobre Inmigración (CIS) o el proyecto Minutemen sirven de cobertura para organizaciones que en algunos casos llegan al racismo y el neonazismo,

es simplemente una coincidencia de mala suerte.

Y si entre los ilegales se expulsa a 3 millones de niños estadounidenses, hijos de padres indocumentados, mala suerte. Tal vez se les permita regresar a su país. La barda, la expulsión de indocumentados, la integración social y cultural forzada, ya que no la homogeneidad racial, son el ideal al que aspiran muchos que honrada o hipócritamente temen por la seguridad de Estados Unidos y encontraron en los inmigrantes ilegales un chivo expiatorio conveniente.

Para algunos políticos, como el diputado republicano Tom Tancredo, agitar los miedos sobre la inmigración ilegal puede ser el boleto para el poder, siempre, ciertamente, bajo el disfraz de preocupación patriótica. Para otros, especialmente activistas con programas de televisión o radio, es el boleto a la fama, la controversia y la audiencia.

Y si la eventual cuenta por la barda, que podría llegar con facilidad a los 2 mil millones de dólares sólo por su instalación y

sin contar con otros costos (¿tal vez campos minados, nidos de ametralladoras, vigilancia con perros, reflectores, sensores electrónicos?), Se trata para ellos de una causa justificable.

Que la barda y otras medidas funcionen en una sociedad que quiere salarios altos y costos baratos sería otra cosa. Pero una y otras serían la muestra de que los políticos estadounidenses están dispuestos a hacer “algo” para enfrentar lo que algunos aquí califican como la “invasión café” o tercermundista. La posición de dureza frente a los indocumentados ha ganado terreno en los últimos meses en buena parte gracias a una sostenida campaña de temor por seguridad personal y económica que de hecho se ha dado en muchos medios de comunicación, especialmente la radio. Pero esas posturas son de cualquier forma síntoma y efecto de las actuales preocupaciones que tienen los estadounidenses.

¿Quién es el irresponsable?

En los últimos días, quizá unas pocas semanas, hemos visto a la “oposición” de este país comenzar lentamente a comportarse como tal y cuestionar la dirección de la guerra en Irak por parte de la Administración Bush. Han llegado incluso a cuestionar la propia credibilidad de la información que llevó a la guerra y se han “atrevido” a señalar que puede que todo haya sido una gran mentira. Aparentemente, los demócratas están despertando como de un letargo y dándose cuenta que la guerra en Irak fue emprendida en base a exageraciones, informaciones de inteligencia no corroboradas y simples mentiras de conveniencia política.

Lástima que no hayan “cachado” el verdadero secreto de lo que significa liderazgo. Podrían aprenderlo de esta Administración y, en general, de los republicanos. Ellos sí saben influenciar y manipular a la opinión pública y lograr los resultados políticos que son importantes para ellos. Y ese liderazgo, aunque negativo, es efectivo.

Esta gente no espera que las encuestas digan que un mensaje o una posición es favorable. Ellos agarran el toro —a los ciudadanos— por los cuernos y nos dicen lo que tenemos que pensar y nos advierten que si no lo pensamos somos antiestadounidenses y amigos de los terroristas.

Y que no debemos preocuparnos, porque aunque el color de la amenaza terrorista llegue al rojo vivo en esa escala que se inventaron y que mueven a su antojo quién sabe por qué razones, el gobierno se encarga de protegernos mientras nos dedicamos alegremente a ir al mall a llenar la tarjeta de crédito.

Da gusto ver que las cifras de popularidad de George W. Bush siguen en dirección al subsuelo porque por fin la otra mitad del país comenzó a preguntarse si esta guerra vale la pena, mientras más de 2,070 familias lloran a sus soldados muertos y decenas de miles a sus lisiados invisibles. ¿Dónde están? ¿Por qué los esconden? Y los iraquíes nos siguen dando señales explosivas de que no nos quieren en

su país.

Ahora, por fin, esta Administración macabra está dando señales de desgaste en su mensaje. Ante las crecientes críticas, el Presidente y el vicepresidente han emprendido una campaña de ataques contra cualquiera que cuestione el camino que han seguido en Irak. A Dick Cheney lo sacaron de su bunker secreto el otro día para proferir insultos y asustarnos con su cara de monstruo de película de misterio. Los críticos de la guerra, los que acusan a esta Administración de mentir son “irresponsables”.

No sé qué entiende el vicepresidente por “irresponsable”, pero estoy seguro de que si tomáramos el diccionario Larousse Ilustrado y buscáramos la definición de tal palabreja en su más reciente edición, encontraríamos una foto suya y otra de Bush. Y quizá también de alguno

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Los Códigos de Construcción de California requieren un honorario de investigación, el cual se cobrará aparte del permiso, cuando un trabajo que requiere permiso se ha

comenzado sin primero haber obtenido el permiso requerido. Si Ud. or alguien conocido a hecho algún trabajo sin obtener el permiso de construcción apropiado, esta es la ultima oportunidad de ahor-

rarse estos costos de investigación. Después del 30 de Junio 2006, el honorario de investigación se impondrá estrictamente al doble del costo del permiso de construcción requerido.

Todos los dueños que entregan una solicitud para un permiso de construcción antes del 30 de Junio, 2006.

El trabajo se puede completar como Dueño Constructor o por un Contratista Con Licencia.

Llame al Departamento de Construcción de la Cuidad de Winters al 795-3586, ext. 117 para mas asistencia.

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Schools

Intermediate school honor roll announced

Outstanding students at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School were honored at an assembly held on Nov. 22, at which the Gold and Silver Honor Rolls were announced. The Gold Honor Roll is awarded to students who receive straight A's on their report card. The Silver Honor Roll is awarded to students who receive a combination of A's and B's or all B's.

Gold Honor Roll

~ 5th grade: Morgan Brace, Alexis Braun, Sarena Cliché, Brandon Emery, Nikole Hartwell, Kevin Lane, Darren Mc-

Clymonds, Henry Nicholson, Jacob Nicholson, Justin Nitzkowski, Deziree Padilla, Allison Reynoso, Natalie Roberts-Kane, Ashley Scoggins, Zachary Stewart, Brittney Thompson and Paige Wright.

~ 4th grade: Angelica Arellano, Marlen Guzman, Karissa Karlen, Ellie Kreun, Jill Oates, Olivia Orosco, Betzabeth Rodriguez and Esmeralda Valadez.

Silver Honor Roll

~ 5th grade: Edith Alvarez, Maurilio Angel, Taylor Burke, Lino Castro,

Norma Cervantes, Yasmin Cota, Fernando Del Rio, Miguel Fierros, Logan Fox, Alexis Garnett, Martin Gutierrez, Steven Gutierrez, Vanessa Gutierrez, Justin Handy-Pereira, Elizabeth Harris, Lupita Ibarra, Elias Layne, Consuelo Lopez, Juliana Magallon, Liliana Medina, Jose Angel Mejia, Susana Montes, Lidia Montiel, Francisco Mora, Cristina Ochoa, Morgan Olivas, Kari O'Neil, Kelli O'Neil, Guadalupe Orozco, Kaitlin Sebastian, Alma Silva, Julia Stack, Juana Torres, Dylan Wingard and Alyssa Winslow.

~ 4th grade: Cassidy Allen, Morgan Anderson, Christian Corrales, Alexandra Cushman, Sidney Dickinson, Ka'I-mi Drumright, Luis Elias, Eko Ferrell, Domingo Gonzalez, Cinthia Gutierrez, Sandra Gutierrez, Haley Hartman, Jacob Ivory, Karen Melendez, Colten Montgomery, Samantha Nickelson, Sylvia Orosco, Jacquelin Plascencia, Omar Rodriguez, Nikoli Rojas, Jessica Sanchez, Jackqueline Woods and Stephanie Avina.

Conservation Corps to hold weekly information sessions

The California Conservation Corps is holding weekly Sacramento information sessions for young people interested in joining the outdoor program.

The sessions are scheduled for each Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the CCC's Sacramento headquarters, 1719 24th Street (across from the 23rd Street light rail station). Parents are welcome to attend.

The Corps hires young people between the ages of 18 and 25 for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. These are full-time paid positions with opportunities to live at one of the Corp's residential centers throughout the state, in-

cluding Greenwood in El Dorado County, Fortuna in Humboldt County, and a center in the Lake Tahoe area.

Interested applicants should bring a photo ID and Social Security card or birth certificate to the information session. Along with the age requirement, corpsmembers must be California residents and not on probation or parole. Applicants who sign up at a Wednesday session can often be a part of the CCC within a few weeks.

For more information about the Sacramento sessions or to schedule an appointment, contact Sacramento recruiter Charlene Tapia at 916-341-3266.

Davis Civic Center Gym offers birthday party packages for children 3-10

The City of Davis Civic Center Gym offers a unique and fun experience for parents looking to throw an exciting birthday for their child, including learning to do gymnastics, dance or cheerlead. The birthday packages for ages 3 to 10 years include a giant obstacle course, time on the tumble track, parachute fun and a craft project.

Birthday parties for children ages 10 to 14 can include learning gymnastics routines, dance routines or cheerleading routines.

Interested parents can book a birthday party at the Civic Center Gym by calling 757-5627, or going to the Parks and Community Services office located at 23 Russell Blvd in Davis.

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Parents of twins club to meet

The Yolo Parents of Twins Club's Monthly Mom's Coffee (and breakfast) will be from 8:30-10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Bistro 33, located in downtown Davis.

All moms of multiples are invited to stop by for coffee, breakfast, or to just chat. Contact Fran Leistikow at 848-6311 or by email at frwany@hotmail.com, for more information.

The goal of Yolo Parents of Twins Club is to provide support and education for people who are expecting or already parenting twins or higher order multiples.

First Aid training offered for local youth

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. 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.

4-H to hold holiday party

By OLIVIA COLOMBO
Special to the Express

Attention 4-H Members: the next 4-H meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall on the corner of Grant Avenue and Main Street.

The club will be hold-

ing a holiday party, so make sure to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. Also, bring canned food to donate to needy families. Hope to see everyone there. Make sure to bring warm clothes for caroling.

Features

Spread of prostate cancer can vary

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: It is commonly claimed that many die with prostate cancer, but few die of prostate cancer. That has been comforting to me for many years, but now there has been a high-profile death from prostate cancer — the actor Jerry Orbach.

Could you print a few reassuring words on the subject, please? — F.O.

ANSWER: That statement is correct, but it can't be taken too cavalierly, or many men will be lulled into a grave misunderstanding about prostate cancer.

Close to 70 percent of men in their 70s have small islands of cancer in their prostate glands. These men are at an age when other serious health problems emerge, and those illnesses often lead to death before prostate cancer has a chance to grow, spread and kill. In 2004, more than 230,000 North American men learned they had prostate cancer. In that same year, about 30,000 died from it — a sizeable number of deaths. Prostate cancer can kill.

The growth and spread of prostate cancer depends on many factors. Younger men have cancers that tend to be more aggressive. If an older man has a cancer that is limited to the gland and if that cancer is a "low-grade" cancer, that man can expect to live for 10 to 15 years with it.

"Low-grade" is a judgment made according to the microscopic appearance of the cancer cells. Low-grade cancers grow slowly. If a man has a high-grade cancer, then growth and spread are much more rapid. Generalities about prostate cancer have to be modified by the special characteristics of an individual's cancer.

The booklet on the prostate gland provides information on gland enlargement and cancer of the gland. Readers can obtain a copy by writing Dr. Donohue — No. 1001, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four



To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am looking for some advice about an itchy rectal area. I keep scratching all the time. — Anon.

ANSWER: Sometimes simple measures can clear a rectal itch, a very common complaint. Twice a day, soak in a tub of warm water. Don't use any soap. Then pat yourself dry. Don't scrub the area vigorously. That makes matters worse.

You must resist the urge to scratch. That, too, worsens the condition.

If you use scented toilet paper, stop.

Eliminate caffeine, alcohol, nuts, popcorn, tomatoes, milk and citrus fruits from your diet. If the itch disappears, you can reintroduce one of the items every week to see which is the offender.

An over-the-counter antihistamine, like Benadryl, eases nighttime itching. While you're at the drugstore, buy some cortisone cream and apply it according to instructions.

If matters don't clear up in a week, then you must see the doctor. You could have something that requires stronger medicine. Pinworms is always a possibility.

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 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

You have just entered... The Bumper Zone

(In my best Rod Serling voice) Fed up with political punditry and commercial interruptions assaulting you day and night, you take to the freedom of the road with the wind on your face and soothing music playing on your radio. Suddenly, from out of nowhere appears a troubling message passing you at a scofflaw's speed... I submit for your approval an essay from... The Bumper Zone....

(Let me begin by saying, first, I consider myself a Liberal. In other words, I'm tolerant of other's beliefs and opinions even when I'm adamantly opposed to them. I'm not sure I can tolerate Nazis and KKKers however.)

While driving down our roads and highways, you'll notice many personalized license plates with clever spellings to say something about the driver or occupants of the vehicle. Another kind of identification is the bumper sticker, informing you of what the driver just ahead of you will do if you get too close or what they think of you for driving too close or any number of other personal expressions they can convey to other drivers. A bumper sticker says a great deal about the person driving the vehicle.

Entire blocks of thought or lack thereof have come down to bumper sticker expressions, indicating party allegiance, belief in God and often what, who or whom you're for or opposed to. Some people enjoy expressing themselves on the bumpers of their vehicles and even suggest that people like myself should be shot, as one bumper sticker suggested.

When a bumper sticker focuses on a particular issue such as gun control or abortion you can make further assumptions about the driver. Sometimes bumper stickers have nothing to do with politics or social issues, and often may reflect a person's

sense of humor or how they feel about their pets. Sometimes they're about where they've been or would like to go, or even where they would like you to go. Sometimes it may just be a radio station that they listen to and want you to know what they prefer (different than those who play their preference so loud that everyone around them knows.) Sometimes it's just a symbol of an organization to which they belong or even where they may be employed.

It could be an AAA or NRA sticker or the fish permanently affixed, informing you that if you happen to get in an accident with them they'd have plenty of insurance and there could be some divine intervention before or after you were shot with a legal weapon. I doubt you'd see any "I'm a Liberal" stickers, but if you did, you could assume the driver is probably courageous, displaying that they're the "N" word of political parlance, and also someone who uses critical thought and is willing to defend their thoughts and beliefs, and in some areas of the country, maybe their lives.

Now, if you saw, say, a Nader sticker, you could assume the driver to be a critical thinker and willing to debate issues, but not realistic about achieving their goals. And, last but not least, we have all seen those bumper stickers that seem to reflect a particular euphemistic opinion: "Liberals Suck!" for instance. My only guess as to what that means is that liberals must suck rational thought out of many people and all they can do to express their limited



BRUCE MORGAN

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cliché-riddled minds is on this bumper sticker. To be fair, their heads can't be empty or presumably they wouldn't even be driving. Perhaps their heads are just congested, stuffed up with talk radio opinions or FOX pundits — the likes of Coulter, O'Rielly and Hannity.

When you see a bumper sticker with your favorite presidential candidate or one that echoes your own belief system, go ahead and feel good and assume they are probably kindred spirits and willing to let you know what they think on their bumpers. But be careful not to assume they're like yourself in all respects while passing you at 80 mph or cutting you off at a turn or showing you a middle finger and mouthing something the vice president might say because you didn't change lanes to let them pass.

Diverse views are great, and expression of those views can be helpful even cathartic for some, but we're over-burdened with opinions coming from everywhere and when I'm driving, I don't really want to know that the person in front of me has no tolerance for others and may, if they knew my line of reasoning, want me shot. There's enough to worry about on the road without this added distraction.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Herman Lopez
Occupation: Retired hair-dresser
Hobby: Antiquing
What's best about living in Winters: "I was born and raised here. I enjoy the people and I enjoy the town."
Fun fact: Worked at his shop, The Townhouse Salon, on Railroad Avenue for 41 years.

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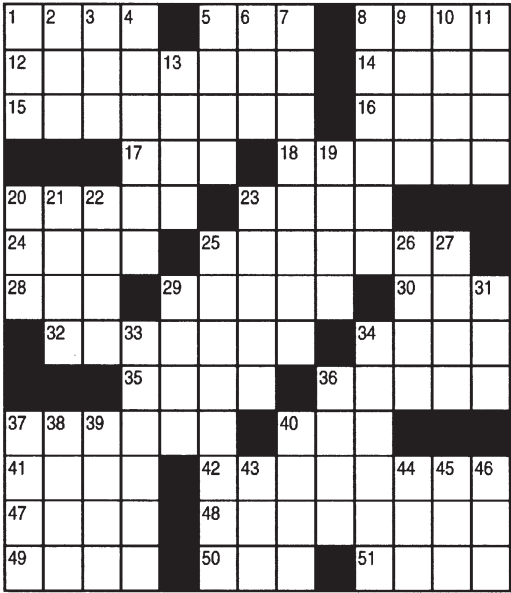
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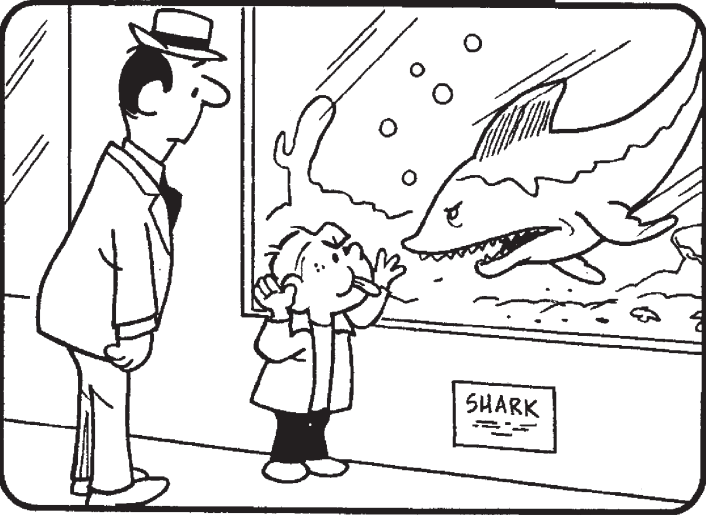
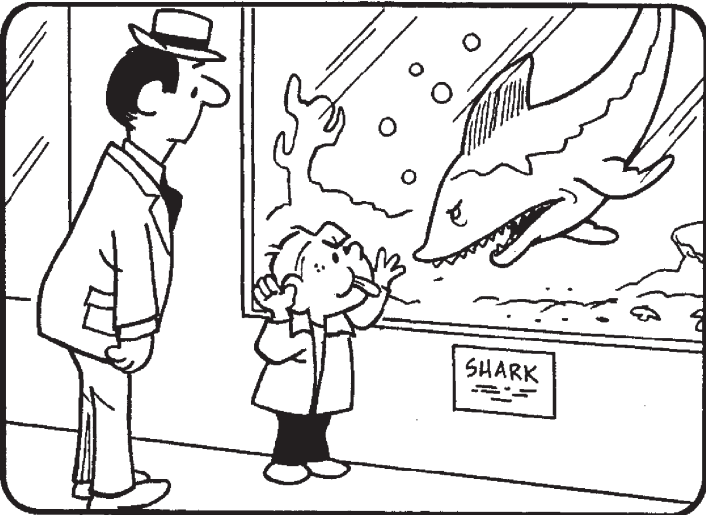


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Jacket is open. 2. Pocket is missing. 3. Coral is different. 4. Jacket is opened. 5. Shark is moved. 6. Sign is moved.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't feel sheepish about looking to spend more time with that special person during the upcoming holidays. Do it because it's the right thing to do.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Never mind letting misunderstandings repair themselves. Consider speaking up while the healing process can be shorter and sweeter and leave fewer scars.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is easily awakened in the Geminian heart, especially around the happy holiday season. So go ahead and make those plans with that special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children can glow with their own inner light as the holiday season magic takes hold. It's a very special time for Cancers and Libras together. Enjoy.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you fabulous Felines to take pleasure in your special gift for, well, taking pleasure! Look for this holiday season to give you every reason to purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to let others who are in your life get a little closer to you. You'll both find out what you've been missing for far too long.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Open up your eyes and see some welcome surprises you've missed or overlooked for too long. What you find can lead to other favorable changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you expect to be potentially troublesome might simply be especially challenging and well worth your efforts to check out. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friendship might not seem as trustworthy as you'd like. OK. Ask your questions, get your answers and settle the matter once and for all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family situation moves into a new area because of (or, maybe, thanks to) some decisions you might have felt you could not avoid making.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be cutting it very close if you hope to make those holiday plan changes in time to avoid problems. Get a friend or family member to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends show how important you are to them. Keep these precious relationships thriving. They affect much that will happen to the fabulous Fish in the new year.

BORN THIS WEEK: Time spent at home alone nurtures your mystic self. Spending your time with others nurtures them. (c) 2005 King Features Synd., Inc.

Creamer plays on nationally ranked soccer team

From November 18-22 the USL (United Soccer League) held The North American Finals for its Super Y-League (Super Youth League). Teams from all over the US and Canada qualified for this tournament by winning their respective Super Y-Leagues. Mallory Creamer, an eighth grader at Winters Middle School, is a starting forward for the Cavitt Academy Boca Jrs. (River City United Boca Jrs.) under 14, class 1, girls competitive soccer team. The team qualified for this event by winning the Pacific Division this Spring. Boca faced favorites Matchfit Academy (New Jersey) and Cleveland Internationals

(Ohio), along with local team Del Rey Soccer Club in their bracket. Boca went 3-0-0 in bracket play, with a 4-0 win over Matchfit, and a 3-1 win over Cleveland, with Creamer scoring on a direct kick from 35 yards, and a 5-1 win over Del Rey. This earned Boca a top seed in the semi finals, where they faced the Atlanta Silverbacks (Georgia). Creamer scored the only goal in this game, to give Boca a 1-0 win, and a place in the finals. Boca faced the Cleveland Internationals again, who got into the playoffs with a wildcard berth. Boca came out and scored first, late in the first

half, to go into half time with a 1-0 lead. But Cleveland battled hard, and scored 2 in the last 10 minutes of the game to win the championship 2-1. Boca was one of the few pure club teams, not an “all star” type team to play in this tournament, and to finish second in North America is quite a feat. Creamer is the top scorer on her team with 32 goals to date, and has been invited to the ODP (Olympic Development Program) Cal-North State training pool in March of 2006. For more information visit the team's website at: <http://eteamz.active.com/bocajuniors91/>

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five points. Woody DeVries scored four points, while Maurice Ackridge, Andrew Medina and Jules Damey each put in two points for the Warriors. The Warriors' next game will be on Monday, Dec. 12, against St. Patrick's in Vallejo. Game time is set for 4 p.m.

Only 24 shopping days left until Christmas.

Winters wrestling club schedule

- Dec. 3** — Doc Peterson Tournament at Orland
- Dec. 7** — Dual Meet: Vanden at Winters Middle School, 6 p.m.
- Dec.10** — Tournaments: Varsity at Natomas, JV at Woodland, Girls at San Leandro
- Dec. 17**— Tournaments: Varsity at Casa Robles, JV at Will. C. Wood
- Jan 7** — Tournaments: Varsity at Anderson, Girls at Sacramento Open
- Jan 11** — Dual meet: at Gridley
- Jan 13** — Tournament: Girls at Vintage Napa
- Jan 14** — Tournaments: Varsity at Lincoln, Girls at Vintage Napa
- Jan 18** — Dual meet: Wheatland at Winters High School
- Jan. 21** — Tournaments: Varsity at Maria Carrillo Sant Rosa, JV at Sutter
- Jan 25** — Dual meet: Sutter at Winters Shirley Rominger Intermediate School
- Jan 28** — Tournaments: Varsity at Corning, Girls at Vallejo
- Feb. 1** — Dual meet: at Orland
- Feb. 3** — Tournament: Girls at Hanford
- Feb. 4** — Tournament: JV at Orland, Girls at Hanford
- Feb. 8** — Dual meet: Oroville at Winters Middle School

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GRID

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Blake De Los Santos, Jack Holt, Bob Young and Jack Slaven. All of the rest of the contestants had 19 or fewer correct selections. Contests this year were sponsored by Chris' Florist, Valley Floors, The Irish Pub and Coffee House, Berryessa Sporting Goods and The Daily Grind, The Ireland Agency, Round Table Pizza, Solano Construc-

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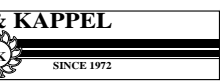
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case# PT05-1756
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Petitioner ROMAN E. FAIL and TANYA D. BURGDORF filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
1. ROMAN ERIK FAIL to ROMAN ERIK HUSTAD
2. TANYA DOROTHEA BURGDORF 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
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NOTICE OF HEARING
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