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## Water rates to rise

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

Winters residents will be paying more for water and sewer rates in the new year. Although the water rate increase isn't quite as steep as was originally stated, rates will increase by a fairly significant amount, up \$5.86 per month from the current \$19.68 to \$25.54 for a single-family residence. The Winters City Council unanimously approved the increase, which will take effect on Jan. 1, at the Tuesday, Dec. 13 council meeting. In addition, they approved a policy to begin billing citywide on a metered basis on Jan. 1, 2010.

At the last council meeting in November, the council heard from several residents who protested a proposal to raise rates by approximately 90 percent over a four-year period. Over 90 written protests were sent to the city, as well.

Acknowledging that the original increase (beginning with a 34 percent in January) was probably too much, too fast, City Manager John Donlevy said staff would go back and re-look at the numbers. What they returned with was a plan to increase rates twice between Jan. 1, 2006 and Dec. 31, 2009. The second water rate increase, which will raise water bills by an additional \$8.22 per month to \$33.76 for a single-family resi-

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## Steady Eddy's is Business of the Year

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

It didn't take long for Steady Eddy's Coffee House to rise to the top. After less than two years in business, the rustic-styled coffee house was named Business of the Year by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Located in the renovated building that was once the Waggoner Elementary School library (JDS Builders did the transformation), Diane and Edmund Lis opened their specialty coffee shop, which features not only organic and free trade coffee and tea, but a variety of tasty items such as paninis, wraps, pastries and scones.

Since it opened in October 2004, Steady Eddy's was an immediate hit with young and old alike, and everyone in between. With a cozy, comfy, eclectically decorated sitting area, Steady Eddy's became a meeting spot for both locals and visitors, who Diane says sometimes arrive in the morning for breakfast and are still there in the afternoon for lunch. Often, she says those people come in for a quiet place to study or do paperwork.

"We decided we wanted



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Edmund and Diane Lis are the owners of Steady Eddy's Coffee House, named Business of the Year by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. A formal presentation will be made at the annual Year in Review celebration, planned for Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Winters Community Center. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call the Chamber, 795-2329, for more information or tickets.

it to be really comfortable — a place where we'd feel comfortable coming in," says Diane, describing the décor as "mix and match."

"A place to go and get food, drink coffee and relax," adds Edmund. "We

set out to do the best thing we could do, the best thing we could possibly create, and it exceeded our expectations and visions."

Besides the cute hodgepodge décor, one thing that adds to the quiet,

soothing atmosphere is what's *not* there: a television.

"We're never, ever going to have that," says Diane firmly.

While it would seem that Edmund and Diane got

lucky with their first business, creating an immediate hit, it turns out that they aren't exactly newcomers to business after all. Although they most re-

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## Sweet sounds of the season



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Performing in the Winters High School Winter Concert, held on Dec. 13 at the Community Center are, from left, (front) Kristy Spurling, Melody Couture, Ana Cervantes, Adriana Melendez, and Gabriella Angel; (middle) Lora Bassett, Courtney Young, Melissa Arellano and Matt Andrade; (back) Sara Donaldson, Crystal Garnett, Todd Klundt and Wes Karber. The evening featured choir and band performances, as well as a presentation on what the students are learning in choir class.

## Schools may face broad cuts

By GARY BEALL  
Express correspondent

A wide-ranging, 17-point restructuring and expenditure proposal for the Winters Joint Unified School District presented to district trustees on Dec. 15 by superintendent Dale Mitchell for the 2006-07 school year could save the district nearly \$422,000. The proposal suggests budget cuts throughout the system, affecting all employee groups and schools, to offset a \$300,000 loss of income from a projected 60-student decline in enrollment.

Cuts would be made in administration, librarian and custodial positions, student help, and school site and curriculum allocations and transportation costs, among others. The proposal also cites savings that could be generated by moving the kindergarten program from John Clayton School to Waggoner Elementary School, relocating the independent study and Wolf-skill programs to the John Clayton site, eliminating interdistrict transfers for students to leave the district, and implementing a trash recycling program.

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Vacaville and Fairfield.)

### WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Dec. 14		61	34
Dec. 15		58	31
Dec. 16	T	61	37
Dec. 17	.02	44	38
Dec. 18	2.16	49	38
Dec. 19	1.52	57	40
Dec. 20	.02	59	45

Rain for week: 3.72

Season's Total: 6.62

Last year to date: 8.55

Normal to Dec. 20: 6.42

## Hudson-Ogando Development Agreement gets approval

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

A disagreement over how school fees would be collected in the Hudson-Ogando Subdivision Development Agreement led to extended discussion at the Tuesday, Dec. 13, city council meeting.

The Hudson-Ogando project is located west of West Main Street, adjacent to the Callahan Estates project to the north and the Winters Mobile Home Park to the west.

The project consists of 72 single-family lots and is owned by Winters Investors, LLC. The developer is the Hofmann Company.

Community Development Director Dan Sokolow explained that the first reading of the ordinances approving the development agreement, Planned Development Overlay and rezoning requests were approved at the November council

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### FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

ANTHONY GARCIA is the new son of Jorge and Adrian Garcia. He was born Dec. 9 at Woodland Memorial Hospital and weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. Anthony joins big sister Christina, 5. Paternal grandparents are Leonides and Graciela Garcia of Winters. Maternal grandpa is Bill Reid of Sacramento.

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**I**T WAS 59 YEARS AGO, shortly before Christmas in 1946, that I first came to Winters.

I was working at the Upland News and felt that is was time to realize my ambition to own a weekly newspaper. The office of the California Newspaper Publishers Association was located in the Pacific Electric Building in Los Angeles, so I went there to see if any newspapers were for sale.

The assistant general manager told me that the Winters Express had just been listed in the weekly bulletin of the Association. He knew that Winters was somewhere in the Sacramento Valley, and looking at a wall map, we located it.

I took the night train to Sacramento and when I arrived at the bus station I found that the next bus to Winters, the Monticello Stage Lines, left Sacramento at 3 p.m. (Ed Gardner owned the stage line and the bus brought school students from the Berryessa Valley to Winters and then headed to Sacramento, picking up supplies for Monticello and Winters merchants and then returning to Winters in time to pick up the students, taking them back to Monticello).

Not wanting to wait until 3 o'clock, I took a Greyhound bus to Davis and walked to Winters. The 12 miles took me about three hours.

When I arrived in town, about noon, I met with the owner, Fred Smith, who had listed the paper for sale for \$8,500. It was a rule-of-thumb that a weekly paper was worth about what it would gross in a year. He also owned the building at 310 Railroad Avenue so I asked what he wanted for the building and that was an extra \$5,000.

He didn't want it known locally that he was trying to sell the paper so I walked around town saying that I was interested in buying an interest in the Express. I remember having a long talk with A.G. Anderson, then manager of Bank of America, who gave me an excellent insight into the community.

I was always thankful that Fred Smith was an honest man. It never occurred to me to have an accountant go over the books to see if he was grossing \$8,500. When I wanted to close the deal, he insisted that I go back to Upland and talk it over with my wife, which I did, and sent him a deposit.

After looking over the community, I caught the evening Greyhound bus at Alicia Estepa's Greyhound Café, at the rear of what is now the Buckhorn. The bus took me to Vacaville where I took a bus back to Sacramento and on to Los Angeles by train.

I returned to Winters after Christmas and completed my deal with Smith, taking over the Express on January 1, 1947. I could never find another job, so I just stayed here.

OBITUARIES

**James D. Phillips Sr.**

James D. Phillips Sr., age 64, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly while recovering from a recent open heart surgery. He was born on Aug. 18, 1941 in Wynne, Ark. To Mitchell H. and Florence O. (Gaither) Phillips. He married V. Rita Sanders on March 5, 1960 in Reno, Nev.

At a very young age, James' family moved to Winters where he was raised and graduated from Winters High School. He served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam. Throughout his life he loved tinkering with trucks and any small mechanical item. He worked as a parts manager for Ochoa Brothers of Woodland. He was a very loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow and was particularly interested in watching their various sports activities, he was proud of his grandchildren and their accomplishments. James was the type of individual that would do anything to help anyone, he was always very considerate of others.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Phillips of Woodland; children, Bonnie Sunderland (Robert) of Woodland; Sherry Trapp (Stephen) of Chicago; Frank Phillips of Woodland; William Troy Phillips of Reno, Nev. and James Phillips Jr. of Rapid City, S.D.; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald B. Phillips.

A viewing was held on Dec. 15 at Wiscombe's Davis Funeral Chapel. A private interment took place in the Winters cemetery. Those who wish to sign a virtual guestbook may do so by visiting [www.davisfuneral.com](http://www.davisfuneral.com).

Margaret Esther Walker Geerts

Margaret Esther Walker Geerts of Winters died on Friday, Dec. 16, 2005 at Stollwood Convalescent Hospital. She was 92 years old.

Born in Colorado on July 24, 1913, Mrs. Geerts spent 75 years living in Winters. She had been a homemaker for 73 of those years and was a member of the Calvary Baptist church.

Mrs. Geerts is survived by her son, Albert Lester Geerts and his wife Patricia of Winters; sisters, Marie Taylor of El Sobrante, Evelyn Drawborn of Texas; Esma Estrada and her husband Alex of Winters; and a brother, Ernest (Bud) Walker and his wife Jimmie of Sacramento. She is also survived by

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YESTERYEAR

File photo

Pictured above is the Southern Pacific Railroad bridge in Winters, under construction in 1906. In the background is the cupola of the Devilbiss Hotel (Buckhorn).

35 YEARS AGO	50 YEARS AGO	65 YEARS AGO	100 YEARS AGO
December 31, 1970	January 5, 1956	January 3, 1941	January 5, 1906

Napa County supervisors fired an ultimatum at the Bureau of Reclamation 1st week in a letter which stated that the county might turn over management of recreation at Lake Berryessa to the federal government unless new lease agreements advantageous to concessionaires are forthcoming.

The Winters School Board Monday night voted unanimously to extend the contract of Superintendent James Bernardy to June 30, 1975.

U.S. Senator Alan Cranston, in a letter to Elliot Richardson, U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, has called for urgent consideration of turning the government land east of Winters to the proposed Indian-Chicano University.

Last rites were held Wednesday afternoon at Smith's Colonial Chapel for Mrs. Ruth Ann Siranian, 71, who died in her home on Second Street Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Clifton, of Winters, were honored earlier this month on completion of 25 years of service with Basic Vegetable Products Company, of Vacaville. The company honored 63 employees or retired employees at its annual award luncheon held at the Nut Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Keith were honored Christmas Day at a combined holiday dinner and Golden Wedding observants. The affair, attended by about 30 friends and close relatives, was held in the Scout Hall during the afternoon hours.

Mrs. Judy Montgomery, Winters dancing teacher, will makes her 25th successive appearance at San Quentin's New Year's Show in the role of the stage manager.

Lake Berryessa rises 1.36 feet

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by 1.36 feet during the past week with an increase in storage of 25.182 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 432.63 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,462,712 acre feet of water.

The SID is releasing 50 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 16 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Fire of unknown origin New Year's morning made complete wreckage of the home and most of the furnishings of John Ramos, three miles north of town.

Mrs. E.R. Crum will be luncheon hostess this afternoon preceding the meeting of the book section of the Fortnightly club.

Philip G. Ritchie and Patrick Mahoney, who enlisted in October and November respectively for U.S.A. service, plan to leave about February 1 for San Luis Obispo.

Miss Marie Riesbeck returned the first of the week from a holiday visit with her niece, Mrs. Merrill Gebhart and family in Fresno.

Mrs. D.O. Judy returned the last of the week from a week's holiday outing at the F.E. Judy home in Walnut Grove.

Mrs. Gail Stith of Oakland was a guest Christmas day at the W.W. Stith home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Portnell of Placerville were holiday guests with relatives and have taken up temporary residence here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Hartwig, newlyweds who took a honeymoon outing in southern points, saw the game in Pasadena and planned to return home today.

The only watch night service in town New Year's Eve was held at the Railroad Avenue Mission, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E.E. Zimmerman.

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Niemann left Monday for a visit with Leland Niemann and family in Los Angeles.

Cameron Girton has spent his holiday vacation with his mother, Mrs. A. Cattermole in Berkeley.

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Weekly police report

**Dec. 12**

~ Jamie Erin McCarty, 21, of Dixon was arrested for possessing a controlled substance and violation of probation. McCarty was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, suspect entered a business, picked up goods and left without paying. Loss: \$14.

~ On the first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

**Dec. 12-13**

~ On the 400 block of Niemann Street, a building was forcibly entered

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# EDDY’S

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cently worked for someone else at a sewing, vacuum cleaner and quilting shop in Vacaville, they owned and operated similar coffee shops before moving to Winters four years ago.

“This is our fifth incarnation of Steady Eddy’s,” says Edmund.

As for Steady Eddy’s quick popularity with the community, Edmund says, “it’s all relative. It seems like we’ve been here forever.” And being named Business of the Year?

“It is an exciting thing that people feel that way about your business — they’re happy you’re here and they want to show that,” says Diane.

Although they have a solid clientele base, Diane and Edmund constantly look for new things to add to their business. They’re now open daily, and stay open late on Art Walk days (the first Saturday of each month), offer a variety of gift baskets for the holidays, and have added new food items and organic beer and wine to their menu. However, Edmund is still particularly proud of his paninis, declaring them “one of the best sandwiches you can get anywhere.”

“But coffee’s still the most important thing,” he adds. “I’m proud of the coffee. I feel we have the best coffee around.”

He says even people from out of town agree.

“People tell me ‘the best coffeehouse in Davis is in Winters.’”

The fact that Steady Eddy’s is in Winters is one of the things it has going for it, says Edmund.

“The small town feel just carries over to the business. There are days when I look around at the full house and I think, ‘I know every one of these customers by name.’

That’s pretty cool. And, I know what they drink too.

“It’s like knowing your neighbors. You could never have this in Vacaville. You wouldn’t have that small town feel.”

Even Winters’ relatively off-the-beaten-path location isn’t a disadvantage. Steady Eddy’s has already become a destination spot for cyclists, and Diane says people vacationing in the area from all over the world stop by, as well as people on their way to the wine country. With all these out of town folks visiting Steady Eddy’s, everybody should know about it, right? Wrong. Edmund says he’s still amazed that many Winters residents aren’t aware of Steady Eddy’s at all.

“Even though we’re Business of the Year, some people still don’t even know we’re here,” says Edmund.

“Some people still have never come in,” says Diane.

Although they both appreciate all the visitors who come by Steady Eddys, Edmund and Diane really want the locals to become regular customers too.

“We’re still a new business and we still need a lot of support from the community,” says Edmund. “We need regular business.”

He adds that this isn’t true just of Steady Eddys, but of all the new businesses that have sprung up over the last year or so in the downtown area. It bothers him that many Winters residents don’t seem to be aware of what’s available right here in town.

“Some people still don’t come downtown,” says Edmund. “Some people just go to the freeway. The downtown is a little jewel. People have to make an effort to visit the winery and Ficelle and Chuy’s and the other little businesses to keep it going.”

Diane adds that she and

Edmund make every effort to make local purchases and use local services themselves.

“We use the businesses that we have — the hardware stores, the drug stores — and we eat here.”

Edmund also points out that when one local business thrives, it encourages others to try their hand at business too. When Steady Eddy’s became such a success, it seemed that several other shops, restaurants and art galleries sprung up in quick succession. Noting that it had been a long time before a new business opened in Winters prior to Steady Eddy’s, Edmund says some of those people might not have taken that chance without someone else making the first move. But, he points out, even before he and Diane took the plunge, it was The Palms moving to downtown Winters that really started bringing new visitors into town.

“I probably wouldn’t have done this if not for the previous Business of the Year — The Palms,” says Edmund. In turn, he says, “some of the newer businesses wouldn’t have opened if we weren’t here. It gave others the confidence to try.”

The Palms received its accolades at last year’s Chamber of Commerce Year in Review celebration, and this year it will be Steady Eddy’s turn. Anyone who’d like to attend the annual event and show their appreciation for Winters’ new coffee hot-spot is welcome to attend. This year’s Year in Review celebration will take place on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Winters Community Center. Tickets are \$35, and include dinner, an awards ceremony and the swearing in of the 2006 Chamber of Commerce board members. A no-host bar will be available.

For tickets or more information, call 795-2329.

## Christmas trees can be recycled

Discarded Christmas trees can be recycled at curbside on every Friday in January along with residential yard waste. Trees longer than four feet must be cut in half. Flocked trees, and trees with decorations, tinsel and stands will not be picked up.

Trees may also be recycled at the Yolo County Central Landfill for free from Dec. 26 through Jan. 17. The tree recycling bin is located to the right of the residential lane (far right lane) just beyond the scale house.

Because Christmas Day and New Years Day both fall on a Sunday this year, there will be no change in garbage collection service days.

# GEERTS

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grandchildren, Cindy Cole, Ben Geerts and his wife Debbie of Winters, Tim Geerts and his wife Jennifer of Woodland and great-grandchildren, Jenny Antrim and Chris Cole both of Woodland; Travis Janel and Justin Geerts of Woodland, and Keith, Aaron and Skyler Geerts.

Mrs. Geerts was preceded in death by her husband Alfonso Geerts, parents Arthur and Flossie Walker, sisters Violet Davis, Ruth Wagnon, Mildred Rayborn and Louise Fields.

A private burial was held in the Winters cemetery. McNary’s Funeral Chapel of Woodland is in charge of the arrangements.

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# POLICE

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and property was stolen. Loss: \$1,200.

### Dec. 13

~ Beatrice Alicia Lizarraga, 39, of Winters was arrested for inflicting corporal injury on her spouse. Lizarraga was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Juan Gonzalez Espinoza, 38, of Winters was driving northbound in the alley way behind the Winters Library. Edward Paul Andersen, 41, of Winters was driving westbound in the alleyway behind 44 Main Street. Espinoza had his vision obstructed to his right and entered into the alleyway behind 44

Main Street. Andersen was already in the T-intersection where the alleys meet. Both parties applied their brakes but were unable to avoid a collision.

### Dec. 15

~ Richard Troy Nitzkowski, 37, of Winters was driving northbound on Mermod Place. He took his eyes off of the roadway for a few seconds and his vehicle drifted over to the right side of the roadway. His vehicle collided into the right rear of a parked trailer. The trailer spun around clockwise and collided with a parked vehicle.

### Dec. 15-16

~ On the 100 block of Main Street, graffiti was spray-painted on the business walls and a business

vehicle. Estimated damage: \$500.

### Dec. 16

~ Robert William Sorenson, 35, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

~ Jeremy David Neimeyer, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and having illegal tinted windows.

~ Carl Eldon Mushrush, 57, of Lincoln was preparing to drive out of the alley next to City Hall. Mushrush was driving a large semi-truck. He pulled out and began his turn northbound onto First Street. The front passenger side of his vehicle struck the driver’s side door and mirror of a parked vehicle.



# Opinion



## DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

**AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED**, my last two columns generated some feedback. Predictably, non-Christian folks were encouraged to read some Christmas truth, Radical Religious Right types were livid over someone voicing an opinion counter to their own, and middle-of-the-roads lamented that the RRR is ruining the holiday, and who cares why we're celebrating, can't we all just have a Merry Little Christmas without it being such a big, fat, hairy deal?

My favorite RRR response was a hit-and-run letter. Hit-and-run letters burst with bravado, but the writers are too cowardly to actually sign them. However, one sentence in this string of hysterical statements caught my attention: "Maybe we should return to primitive ways like paganism" and mentioned the ancient pagan practice of animal and human sacrifice.

True, ancient pagans did some nasty stuff. But pagan brutality pales in comparison to that done in the name of Christ. During the Crusades, our first clash with the Muslim world, Crusaders charged into the Middle East in a quest to reclaim Jerusalem and Constantinople for Rome, slaughtering Muslims and Arabs until the streets literally flowed with blood.

Modern Christians conveniently overlook this little blemish on history, but the Muslim world still remembers. They don't hate freedom. They hate Crusaders. So when our glorious leader declared "a crusade" as we marched into the Middle East in 2003, guns a-blazing, do you think it hit a Muslim nerve or two? (FYI — the Crusaders lost their bid for Constantinople and the Holy Land. Yes, the Muslims kept fighting the Crusaders until they drove them out. It took about 250 years, though. Just think — your great-great grandchildren may still be fighting for Iraqi Freedom.)

More Christians Behaving Badly: the Inquisition, both the Medieval and Spanish versions. Thousands of "heretics" (read: anyone who objected to Church doctrine) were tortured and burned alive. More recently, in our own Salem Witch Trials, many "witches" were put to death. Another FYI — you could be declared a witch during the Inquisition or in Salem for being argumentative with your husband, for being ugly, for using herbs for medicine, befriending wild animals, or just because someone called you one. If that "witch" couldn't prove she wasn't one, well, Praise the Lord and Strike that Match!

So, before our hit-and-run writer and others like him/her start casting aspersions at others, they might consider their own religion's transgressions. Make sure you aren't worshipping in a glass house before you throw that stone.

Then there was feedback from Kasey, who told me right off the bat she wasn't pleased with my columns. A series of quite civil email exchanges produced an amazing result: we were mostly in agreement about the mixed history of Christmas. However, Kasey objected to my attack on Christianity. I clarified that I don't attack Christianity. I attack un-Christian behavior done in the name of Christianity. Like hijacking another culture's celebration and declaring it exclusively your own, or slaughtering Muslim babies in their mothers' arms while bearing shields adorned with Christian crosses, or burning women alive because they befriended chipmunks.

In the midst of these exchanges, Kasey coined a fabulous phrase: "fundamentalist celebrities," who she said "are not following the word of God, but rather embellishing their own word as the Word of God." Fundamentalist celebrities. They're the ones fueling the Radical Religious Right's obsession to overtake everything in this country, from education to politics to what we do in the privacy of our own bedrooms.

How can you spot fundamentalist celebrities? Easy: They have massive yet fragile egos, and rain hateful judgment down on anyone who challenges them or their edicts. Big clue: they have television shows — they're religious rock stars. And, they have masses of followers, who they ply with fear and guilt to increase their personal wealth — Praise the Lord and send me the money!

You know what the fundamentalist celebrities and their RRR counterparts are? Today's Pharisees. Jesus didn't think too highly of Pharisees, and never missed an opportunity to say so. Ditto.

Jesus said, "Many will come in my name saying I am He... Do not follow them." He also warns that sheep who don't recognize their master's voice will be led astray.

Does your master tell you it's OK to harm or slaughter others, or even wish such on them? Does he advocate judging others, even "sinners"? Does he direct you to quibble over holiday greetings rather than help those less fortunate? Does he encourage you to lie? Or to go along with those who do? Does he tell you the magnitude of your blessings are directly correlated to the amount on that check you send him?

Is that your master's voice? I know it's not mine.



## LETTERS

### Give your community a gift

Dear Editor,

The article about Harold Anderson in last week's paper was very heartening. He commented that his biggest reward for being Citizen of the Year would be if others were inspired to give of themselves. Because Winters is a small town with immense potential, an investment in our community with time and/or money makes a visible difference.

As member and treasurer of the Winters Friends of the Library I've been in a unique position lately to observe many instances where people have given to our community. The Family Festival stirred my heart as I became aware of all of the volun-

teers, donations and support it took to make that event as wonderful as it was. Another instance occurred just last week when Joe McCabe chose to reinvest his entire stipend from serving on the planning commission back into the community by donating it to our organization.

Think about what gift you can give to Winters this year. It might be as simple as committing to doing as much shopping in town as possible or, for those who have more time, serving on some of the many committees and organizations. Whatever you choose to do, it will make our town an even better place to live.

LINDA SPRINGER

### Thanks for supporting these kids

Dear Editor,

On Sunday, Dec. 18, the city of Winters and a lot of local Good Samaritans put on a wonderful holiday party for the special needs children of Winters and their families, as well as some of their classmates and friends from the special education programs they attend in Woodland and Vacaville. Most of the children from special education in Winters attended and had an afternoon of fun and magic, with Santa Claus, enormous bouncy and carnival games, a potluck supper and Christmas presents for all of the children.

This party was made possible by the generosity of some very special Winters merchants and private citizens, and their appreciation of the special needs of these kids. The children's overwhelming enjoyment of their party was proof they got it right.

A special thanks goes out to the Barnett Family, Gloria Marion, the Romero Family, the Marubayashi Family, Real Magic—Kids Party Jumps, the city of Winters, Girl

Scout Troop 1933, Lorenzo's Town & County Market, Creekside Country Club, Oscar the Painter, Carla Cox, Winters Express, Dolores Woods, the Hawley Family, the Penzel Family, the gang at Creekside, JJ's Saloon, Chuy's, Cody's Market Place, Robin Rotenkolber, John and Jody, Jon, Dave and Nancy Mills, Bruce the Professor, Mike Sebastian, Terry Baker, Roy, Caroline, Sam Martin, Jennifer Tippetts, Richard and Sheryl Haywood, Keith, Stan Shirley, Jennifer John and Joe, Solano Construction, some great kids from Winters High School and our excellent Middle School helpers: Roco, Cody, Hailley and Billy. A lot of other people helped and we hope they know that they are greatly appreciated.

It was the highlight of the year for the kids, an opportunity for them to have fun, be themselves, and feel safe. Thanks again to all you special angels.

CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ  
"Libby's mom"

### Tell them what you think

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

## A QUICK OPINION

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**, or is it Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or Festivus. Whatever you want to call it, this is a season to celebrate. Take a moment to think about Jesus' life. What has led us to this point or reflect on what you believe makes the holiday season memorable.

Christmas time is a time for family, hectic gift buying and eating. I've read that the average person gains five pounds over the holidays. I'm well on my way and New Year's is still over a week away. Maybe the holiday ends and diets begin after the Super Bowl. I use to think I could resist that extra piece of pie or only one more piece of fudge, but after years of consumption I've given up. After five pieces of fudge, I've had enough, so looking back, I've wasted years of bad diets, only to find one that works. Eat all you want, just don't continue to graze after a few minutes of gorging yourself.

I hope the season finds everyone of our readers and their families healthy and comfortable. Take a break from everyday worries and relax, think about all that is right in your life and smile.

May you find something special in your stocking, and not a lump of coal.  
Merry Christmas.

### All must be held accountable

Dear Editor;

I would like to thank Mr. A.A. Huillade, the Middle East Correspondent to the Express, for his criticism of a recent column of mine. Mr. Huillade is absolutely correct to point out that if President Bush is guilty of violating the Nuremberg Principles then Congress must share this blame. I invite him to join me in a call for a commission to study this issue and to make recommendations for the prosecution of all government officials — Republicans, Democrats or Independents — who participated in the decision to start the killing.

Mr. Huillade also correctly points out that the Nuremberg Trial was an example of "victor's justice" and was thus seriously flawed. There is no doubt that some of the crimes for which the Germans were punished were committed as well by some of the Allies. A truly even-handed effort to investigate the three categories of crimes articulated by the Nuremberg Charter would have included investigations of all participants in that awful war, including each of the victorious countries which sat in judgment at Nuremberg: the Soviet Union, the United States, Great Britain and France. Perhaps if this had happened, it would have been firmly established that there are penalties attached to these crimes, no matter who commits them. And perhaps as a result there would have been fewer wars since then.

I'm not sure whether Mr. Huillade is arguing, though, that the results of this flawed process were illegitimate. Is he saying that we should, in retro-

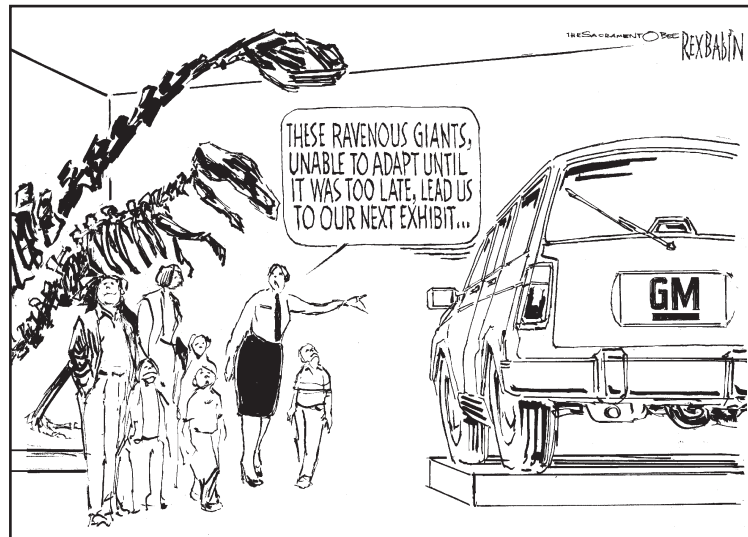
spect, throw out the Nuremberg verdicts and apologize for punishing the Nazis who initiated World War II?

Words and actions that inspire and guide us have, as a rule, come from imperfect people. After all it was a slaveowner who wrote: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..." The truth of these words is not marred by the flaws of their source. Likewise I feel that Justice Jackson's failure to mention the crimes of other participants in World War II should not detract from the vision articulated by the Nuremberg Charter: that of individual responsibility by statesmen for crimes against the peace.

Finally, Mr. Huillade finds "odious" any comparison between President Bush and those who started World War II, "considering (the comparison) is made by someone who is living in a foreign country." As Middle East Correspondent to the Winters Express, Mr. Huillade has been known to pass judgment himself on events in the Middle East and the people involved. Does the fact that he does not live in that region make his observations less legitimate?

Personally I find it odious that those who made the decision to start the killing in Iraq are still walking free. Perhaps if these people had paid more attention to the many millions of Americans and "foreigners" who warned them against starting this war, over 2,000 dead Americans and somewhere between 30,000 and 100,000 dead Iraqis would still be alive.

PETER DYER



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"People call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat or a prostitute." ~ Rebecca West



# Community



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Jane “Jenia” Ingroff (front) leads students through some moves in a recent belly dance class. From left are Jesse Loren, Linda Springer and Kelly McGraw. Ingroff, who works for Four Winds Growers in Winters, is teaching beginning belly dancing at the Winters Library. A new class starts in January.

## Learning to shimmy and shake

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

You're never too old to get in touch with your sensual side. That's what a group of local women have been doing for the last couple months by learning the ancient feminine art of belly dancing. Led by Jane “Jenia” Ingroff, the instructor for the Sacred Fire belly dance group that has performed at several Earthquake Street Festivals, the group is slowly learning how to jiggle, jangle, shimmer and shake, and having a lot of fun and making new friends in the process.

Ingroff, who has been belly dancing for 32 years and teaching for 31, says the notion that belly dancing is only for the young and trim is mistaken. Any one can learn at any age, weight or body size. The desire to learn is the only prerequisite.

“It doesn't matter how old you are or what you weigh. Everyone is accepted,” says Ingroff, adding that even talent and ability aren't necessary. Ingroff, who teaches beginning through advanced belly dancing in Vacaville, has designed the class in Winters just for beginners. “I'm structuring the class very slowly, so it's not intimidating, and we can work from the ground up — learning to relax and start moving your body the way you want to. We start small and work our way up to full movement. It's geared for beginning people with no experience.”

Ingroff has taken her beginning dancers through even the smallest movements, from how to position the fingers or where to focus the eyes, all the way through more exotic moves, like rolling the stomach muscles, swaying and jiggling the hips, and learning to “shimmy” — jiggling the hips and walking across the room in one rhythm. And gracefully undulating the arms and hands all the while.

It's a little like walking and chewing gum at first, but Ingroff patiently goes over each movement again and again until they feel natural. And even if they don't, she encourages

everyone to just keep trying. In the process, her students reap the side rewards of stress reduction, relaxation and exercise, as well as a perk to one's self-esteem. With most of the students in the 40-something age range, it's nice to discover through dancing that they “still have it.”

“You learn to overcome that lack of self-esteem that a lot of women have, and be OK with who you are and what you look like,” says Ingroff.

“I love it,” says first-time belly dancer Jesse Loren. “I love the femininity and the power of it — that it has a blend of both. I feel stronger.” She adds that she's also glad that “in belly dancing, hips and boobs are ‘in’.”

Linda Springer is also enjoying her first attempt at belly dancing.

“It makes me feel kinda sexy and my husband likes it when I do my homework, and I like the camaraderie.”

Not everyone in the class is in their 40s, however, Kelly McGraw had her first baby last April and likes her weekly night out, but points out that belly dancing isn't always easy.

“It's very challenging — all the ways you have to move your body. And it's mentally challenging.”

The workout aspect of belly dancing is one of its draws, says Ingroff, because it's a totally different kind of exercise.

“We don't do the Jazzercise thing. It isn't just cardio. This is a more interesting workout, and includes stretching and strengthening, and bal-

ancing.”

Noting that many women have busy, fast-paced lives, Ingroff points out that belly dancing can counterbalance that.

“You learn to let it go, to balance your inner energy and come from a place where you're tapping into your feminine spirit. It's the type of exercise where you can let go of your everyday life and meet with a bunch of creative women.

Although women of all ages are welcome to join the group, Ingroff says learning to belly dance is a particularly positive endeavor for middle-aged women.

“When you're dancing, you feel the female sexuality that most women feel they lose in their 40s and 50s. You can feel good about who you are.”

She adds that learning to belly dance can improve anyone's self-esteem and outlook on life, at any age.

“It makes you feel more empowered, to go for the things you want in your life, and to walk through the challenges.”

Anyone who would like to experience the challenges and rewards of belly dancing can sign up now for the next class, which begins Thursday, Jan. 5, at 5:30-7 p.m. at the Winters Library. This class will also be a slow-paced beginner's class. The class costs \$44 per month (\$11 per class). Belly dancing attire is not necessary, and loose, comfortable clothing is fine. And no, you don't have to dance with your bare belly exposed — not unless you want to.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Kelly McGraw practices dancing with a veil.

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# APPROVAL

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meeting; the second reading should have been held that evening. However, he explained that some changes would have to be made to those ordinances, necessitating a repeat of the first reading. A second reading could be held no sooner than five days following the first reading.

The most significant change was in regard to school fees. According to the staff report, an agreement was made to collect school fees at \$3.10 per square foot at issuance of building permit; then an additional \$3.10 per square foot at close of escrow. At the time of the first reading, that was understood to be the case, but later staff discovered that the fees were not set at specific amounts. Instead, the agreement listed a general description of Level II and Level III fees, meaning the fees paid would be whatever was in effect at the time of building permit issuance and close of escrow.

Sokolow said staff was concerned that if the wording were left as such, the school district would end up with less funding that was originally intended at the time the development agreement was negotiated. He noted that since the negotiations, the district has lowered its impact fees due to declining enrollment.

He explained that school fees have been a high priority for the city as it negotiates these agreements, since there is a major need to improve facilities, especially at Winters High School. The issue is important not only from the perspective of students and families he said. "It also affects the city's economic development. As businesses come to Winters they ask 'What are the schools like?'"

Other changes to the development agreement included a typographical error regarding the amount to be paid into the one-time annuity to offset fiscal impacts and language regarding advanced funding of improvements to the development.

Sokolow told the council the developer was requesting that the council go ahead and approve the second reading of the ordinance, due to the fact that they needed to have their entitlements approved by Dec. 31 for financing reasons. In order to move forward, Hofmann representatives were offering to amend the Hudson-Ogando agreement and go back and amend the Callahan Estates Development Agreement, as well listing the specific dollar amounts to be paid to the school. However, they placed a condition on that, asking that the second reading be held that evening. They asked that the council accept their promise that they would come back with a signed

agreement with the school district. Since the school board is not scheduled to meet again until January, the agreement between the Hofmann and the school district would have to take place outside the development agreement.

According to legal counsel, the only way to hold a second reading would be to refer back to the ordinances that were read in November. Staff was not comfortable with moving ahead on a promise.

"A promise outside the written agreements is not enforceable," said contract planner Heidi Tschudin. "What happens if the developer changes his mind?"

The city's legal counsel, Steve Rudolph, said if the school fee issue is left outside the developer agreement and then the school district and Hofmann can't reach an agreement, it would be difficult for the city to go back and cancel its agreement with Hofmann.

Council member Tom Stone asked why the city couldn't just add a section stating that the developer would pay a specific amount that would then be forwarded to the school district. Rudolph said it could work if the developer was agreeable.

Hofmann representative John Peterson wasn't interested in pursuing that solution, saying he had a school agreement signed by the Hofmann representatives stating that they would pay the specific \$3.10 and \$3.10 amounts. He said they would hand the agreement over to the city to hold until the school district could approve it.

Tschudin was asked if the suggestion made by Stone would work. She said staff would have to make an assumption on the number of homes and square footage, then calculate the total amount of funds that would have to be made available.

Peterson repeated that the new school agreements had been signed and were ready to hand over to the city.

"I don't know what more guarantee the city would want," he said.

Rudolph and Tschudin both expressed concern that even if the agreements were handed over to the city that night, they still wouldn't be binding until the school district signed them. Rudolph also cautioned against moving ahead with the second reading of the ordinances, since to his understanding, the changes being made were substantial.

Council member Harold Anderson suggested holding the first reading of the changes that evening, then holding a special meeting.

At that point, Hofmann attorney Joel Ellinwood spoke up, disagreeing with Rudolph's statement that the changes were substantial. He said the only substantial change was the amount of funding to

go to the school district, which could be done outside the development agreement in a separate agreement between the developer and the school district.

"The other changes are clerical errors, not substantial changes," he said.

Ellinwood told the council the original agreements had already been "signed, sealed and delivered," by all parties. It was only after that the staff said they wanted specific dollar amounts in the agreements. He said Hofmann was willing to make that change, but not at the risk of delaying the process.

Ellinwood told the council that listing specific dollar amounts in the school agreements was not necessarily the wisest thing to do, since Level II and Level III fees could go up.

Fridae wanted to work with the developer, since they were showing a good faith effort by listing specific dollar amounts for both Hudson-Ogando and Callahan Estates.

Ellinwood and Rudolph continued to disagree about whether the changes to the ordinances were substantial or clerical. Ellinwood suggested that the original ordinances be held up for the second reading and that the council "hold in good faith with the developer that the changes will be made."

Neither the council nor staff was willing to do that, so Rudolph suggested moving on to other agenda items while staff and the Hofmann representatives worked out an agreement that would be satisfactory to all.

When it was suggested that the difference in the fees was only a matter of cents per square feet, Donlevy spoke up. He said the difference for the Hudson-Ogando project would end up to be approximately \$100,000 more in fees with the specific amounts listed. He explained that the value would be double that to the school district since they deal with matching funds, and that was why it is such an important issue to the city.

While the lawyers and staff worked on the agreement, Fridae noted that he still wanted to see mitigation for construction noise. He also noted that the council asked for a va-

riety of lot sizes, but he didn't see that in the map in his packet. Peterson showed him a new map including changes to the lot sizes, and repeated the mitigation plan for noise.

Later in the meeting, the council heard the first reading of a new ordinance that made the appropriate changes, and included new school agreements stating that the school fees are \$3.10 per square foot at building permit and \$3.10 per square foot at close of escrow for both Hudson-Ogando and Callahan Estates.

The first reading was approved unanimously. A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, Dec. 19, at which time the second reading of the ordinances was approved unanimously. Fridae was not present at the Dec. 19 meeting.

## Other items

In other agenda items on Dec. 13, the council took the following action:

~ Discussed changes to the Yolo County JPA for Swainson's Hawk interim mitigation fees and review of cross-jurisdictional mitigation strategy for Swainson's Hawk. Objections have been raised to the amount of fees the JPA charges, in addition to the fact that no purchases have been made in spite of the fact that the JPA has been collecting mitigation fees for several years.

~ Approved an amendment to the Waste Management Contract, extending the contract to cover the amount of time it takes the city to send its waste contract out to bid.

~ Awarded the contract for the park design for both the city's planned Linear Park (planned for the Winters Highlands project) and the Sports Park (planned for the city's old landfill site). The contract was awarded to HLA Group.

~ Agreed to send a written response to the Bureau of Reclamation and

congressional representatives regarding the proposed re-use plan for Lake Berryessa. In the letter, the council would express its concerns about zoning for the southern portion of the lake, the designation of Markley Cove as a houseboat center, and the

fair treatment of existing resort owners.

~ As the Community Development Agency, approved the ERAF transfer for 2005-2006.

The next city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3, in council chambers at City Hall.

*Happy Holidays  
to the men and  
women of the  
Armed Forces  
currently serving  
our country:*

*Marines - Navy  
Army - Air Force*



We would like to wish a safe and Happy Holiday to our son Miguel Lavalle, currently serving in the Marines and is stationed in Iraq. Miguel has several other friends that have gone into the Marines, (we are unsure of their locations at this time), but we would like to wish them a safe and happy holiday as well, Richard Rubio, Julio Chavez, Mick Stuber, Ben Orrock and Jimmy Bice.

God Bless all of you, for your strength, courage and honor to take a stand to serve our country, and place yourself in harms way to protect so many other lives.

We wish a safe return of all troops serving, may God Bless them all as well.

Miguel, We Love You  
Your Family  
Rudy Lavalle  
Tami Lavalle  
Vanessa Lavalle  
Karina Lavalle  
Opi Lavalle  
Dean Lavalle

# Blood donations drop to 80 percent of projected need

BloodSource blood donations have dropped recently. Blood donors, especially those with blood types O positive and O negative, are needed now to give the ultimate holiday gift: blood. To make an appointment to donate blood, call for an appointment toll free (866) 822-5663.

People are always responsive to crises - great and small. Whether following the tsunami of 2004 or the recent hurricanes along the Gulf Coast, Capital region blood donors responded to help. There is now the potential for another crisis - a shortfall of blood donors for people will need blood transfusions between now and the new year. Blood donations in the Capital Re-

gion have slipped to 80 percent of projected need.

"Chances are good that you or someone you love has experienced an unexpected illness or accident, such as a heart attack, cancer or a serious car accident," said Debbie Milios, BloodSource Director of Operations. "In these and so many other instances, blood donations are critically needed for patients' survival."

Blood donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and be generally healthy. There is no upper age limit for whole blood donation.

To learn more about BloodSource, go online to www.bloodsource.org.



# Entertainment

## Choreographer Varone coming to Mondavi Center

Doug Varone, one of the most critically acclaimed and entertaining of all contemporary choreographers, will visit the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis with his company for two evenings of the best in modern dance. Doug Varone and Dancers, “a company of master dancers performing masterly choreography” (Newsday) will bring several of the choreographer’s signature works to the Mondavi stage, including Home, Bel Canto, and Of Earth Far Below.

The performances will begin at 8 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 21, 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 [www.mondaviarts.org](http://www.mondaviarts.org). The event is presented as part of Mondavi Center’s Dance Series.

Known for a distinctive style that mixes simple movement and explosive gesture in ways that are both intellectually stimulating and profoundly beautiful, Varone is the recipient of numerous honors including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Choo-San Goh Award for Choreography, and the New York Dance and Performance Award—often referred to as the “Bessie,” and considered the dance world’s equivalent of winning an “Oscar” in film.

His work is notable for its physical excitement and depth of feeling, and

for the wide range of music utilized: the Mondavi Center performances will feature everything from waltzes by Sergei Prokofiev to avant-garde modern compositions by Steve Reich.

Reaching to describe the impact of Varone’s simple yet cerebral style, reviewers are often moved to phrases like “exhaustive exhilaration” (Newsday), “explosive but subtle” (Associated Press), and “gorgeous, strangely evasive sensuality” (Village Voice).

“There’s more information in one minute of dance by Doug Varone than most choreographers manager to squeeze into far lengthier works,” wrote the Boston Herald. “Ideas come at lightning speed to this gifted artist, and they are deeply satisfying both as formal concepts and as personal narratives.”

In 1986, Varone founded Doug Varone and Dancers as a means of realizing his unique artistic vision, and has since created more than 40 works for the company. Doug Varone and Dancers has been presented by major venues and festivals worldwide, and Varone’s work has earned the company numerous honors, including eight “Bessie” awards and three National Dance Project Awards. The company’s dances have been commissioned by such leading institutions as Jacob’s Pillow and The Joyce Theater.

## Coming in January



Courtesy photo

The Commander Cody Band will open up the new year at The Palms on Friday, Jan. 6, at 8:30 p.m. Enjoy roots rock and country boogie from an American music legend. Tickets are \$17 at the door.

## Sacramento Zoo to host winter Pajama Party on December 24

The Sacramento Zoo is celebrating The Night Before Christmas Day on December 24, with a Pajama Party. The Zoo will be open from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be a reading of The Night Before Christmas story at noon at the amphitheater as well as caroling for visitors to enjoy. Pajamas are not required, but encouraged.

Winter at the Zoo offers a perfect time to enjoy the brisk air, free parking and maybe even some hot chocolate, but don’t forget to wear a hat and gloves. Because there are fewer people who visit during Winter months, animals that tend to be shy are more likely to show themselves.

Remember Zoofari Market will be open for last

minute Christmas shopping. Unique wildlife items are a specialty of Zoofari Market. There are zebra cookie jars, Endangered Species and Wild Animals of Africa chess, and even tiger piggy banks and stuffed turtles. For adults, bourbon peppercorn steak slather, Portobello shallot chop sauce as well as kangaroo and orangutan earrings, flamingo pins and more are available.

The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park. Parking is free and available throughout the park. For more information, please call 916-264-5888 or visit the zoo’s web site at [www.sac-zoo.com](http://www.sac-zoo.com).

## Art Walks are every first Saturday

Winters Art Walks take place on the first Saturday of every month, all day through December. All Winters art galleries, artist studios and antiques galleries are participating in an organized public tour to view art in

Winters. All Winters artists are invited to participate. Publicity and signage is provided. Call Diana Childress at Blue Hills Gallery for more information, 795-9535; or go online to [www.bluehillsgallery.com](http://www.bluehillsgallery.com)

## Winters Little League Crab Feed

## Things to do around Winters

**Dec. 24:** Spend the day before Christmas strolling through the Sacramento Zoo and finishing any last-minute shopping. There will be no admission charged. The Zoo opens 10 a.m. and will close around 1:30 p.m.

**Dec. 31:** Ring in the new year with dinner, champagne and magic at Garbeau’s New Year’s Eve Family Event beginning at 5 p.m. at 12401 Folsom Boulevard, in Rancho Cordova. The \$69 (\$49 for children 12 and under) charge covers dinner, entertainment and party favors to help ring in the new year. Reservations are required. For more information, call 916-985-6361 or visit [www.garbeaus.com](http://www.garbeaus.com).

**Jan 6-15:** Honor Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream in “And the Dream Goes On,” an experience with music, dance and poetic words. The performance will run at the Sacramento State University Theatre, 6000 J Street in Sacramento. Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are free to the public. For more information, call 916-557-1999 or visit [www.californiamusicaltheatre.com](http://www.californiamusicaltheatre.com).

**Jan. 7:** Experience the joy of piano playing through “Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People,” a one-time class offered by the Vacaville Community Service Department. The class runs from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Ulatis Community Center. The price is \$40, and the program is designed for teenagers and adults with a smattering of musical background. For more information call 449-6185.

Have a joyous  
and healthy  
holiday season.



# RATES

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dence, will take effect on July 1, 2007.

The proposed increases in sewer rates will go into effect as originally presented in November. The first hike will take effect on Jan.1, up from the current \$24.53 to \$27.96 per month, for a single-family residence. Additional increases will take effect each fiscal year through Dec. 31, 2009, topping out at \$36.85 per month, for a total increase of \$12.32 per month over the period.

Director of Financial Management Shelly Gunby and Donlevy made a presentation at the November meeting, explaining the need to replace water lines throughout the city. Much of the water system in Winters is aging, with some pipes thought to be as much as 100 years old. In addition to replacing the lines, programs including valve exercising leak detention and a comprehensive water system maintenance program are planned.

Gunby explained that the city has been working on a basis of emergency replacement and repair only, with no comprehensive plan for a major failure or catastrophic event. A reserve fund would begin to build up a sort of savings account so the city would be able to pay for repairs or replacements in the future without having to borrow.

After reviewing the rate increase she explained to the council on Dec. 13 that the reserve fund would still be established but would reach the stated goal over five years rather than two, and start one year later than was originally anticipated. Some of the capital improvement projects would also be delayed.

Donlevy and Gunby both told the council that the vast majority of residents

who opposed the rate increases either in writing or at the last meeting expressed a desire for the city to charge for water based on meters. There was general consensus that it would be most fair to charge residents only for what they use.

“I appreciate that you have gone back and really factored out our needs versus our wants,” said council member Steve Godden.

He asked how the city would go about installing meters in every residence by the 2010 target date.

Gunby said the homeowner would be responsible for installing the first water meter. A small charge on future water bills would pay for maintenance and replacement thereafter.

Godden asked if it would be possible for residents to volunteer to pay for their water based on a metering system now, rather than in 2010. Gunby said the city isn't ready because they haven't collected enough data to establish a baseline for water use and then a tier system for rates.

Mayor Pro Tem Woody Fridae echoed Godden's wishes to go on the metering system sooner rather than later. He stressed that the city should be establishing some sort of conservation program and education.

At the public hearing Harold Haywood, who is retired and on a fixed income, protested the decision to raise rates, saying “there's really no reason for these rate increases at this time.”

He asked why residents should have to pay to install meters, suggesting that the cost be put on tax bills. Donlevy responded that tax bills would not be the appropriate place to collect the money.

Haywood also questioned the need to replace meters. He said he lived in a state for 30 years where it snowed and his water

meter never needed to be replaced.

Donlevy said meters would eventually have to be replaced since water runs through them and is corrosive.

“If someone can show me a water meter that won't wear out we'll buy them,” he said.

“All you're doing is running senior citizens out of town,” said Haywood.

Lily Branscum said the city raised water and sewer rates in the past, saying they would replace the water and sewer lines.

“What happened to that money?” she asked, saying that rates have been increased every year.

She objected to statements made by staff that water rates hadn't been raised in years.

Council member Harold Anderson told Branscum that the city realized it wasn't collecting enough money to do the work that needs to be done on the water and sewer system. He also noted that increases in the past have only been cost of living increases and were not enough to do a major system rehaul. He said some of the money collected was used to replace a few of the sewer lines.

Branscum said her understanding was that all the sewer lines would be replaced.

Donlevy said there was no structured plan to replace the system at that time and the rate increases were simply eaten up by inflation.

Branscum asked what assurances the city would give that the work will actually be completed this time.

Donlevy said the city has to live by the line items in the budget.

“I wish they'd all been fixed,” said Donlevy.

Branscum said the rate increases are not pleasant for the elderly who only have a small amount to live on each month. She also said it would be an

added expense for the city to have to pay someone to read meters each month.

Donlevy said it wouldn't necessarily be necessary to read the meters every month.

Fridae wanted to see meters installed as soon as possible, establishment of conservation programs and a rate structure for those who are on a fixed income.

Cecilia Curry praised the

staff for the hard work they have done coming up with a comprehensive plan. She said citizens of Winters expect and demand high quality drinking water and reminded the audience that the city has to be in compliance with state regulations.

Council member Tom Stone wanted to make it clear that the council was approving a move to water meters citywide in 2010.

Although technically the city has until 2025 to bring all homes into compliance with the state law, the decision would require all homes install water meters by 2010.

Rate increases were included for multi-family, commercial, and other water users in the city, as well.

The motion to raise rates and go to a metering system was approved unanimously.

## Volunteers needed for suicide prevention hotline

Suicide Prevention will begin crisis line volunteer training on Tuesday, Jan. 17 for their 24-hour crisis lines. From their Davis crisis center, volunteers provide telephone intervention to adults, teens and families in need. Some of the requirements are that volunteers need to be at least 20 years of age, plan to be in the Yolo County area for the coming year, can allocate 4 hours a week to the crisis line and have an interest in helping people in crisis. Individuals with bilingual skills in Spanish are especially encouraged to consider this volunteer opportunity.

The Suicide Prevention crisis line training provides individuals a chance to provide telephone counseling to callers who are dealing with a variety of issues, including depression, loneliness, grief, suicidality, family crisis, and interpersonal con-

flict. Potential crisis line volunteers will learn how to assist people in crisis through the use of active listening, guided problem solving, and linkage to community resources. This is an excellent opportunity to develop counseling skills, prepare for a career in human services, or simply give back to the community.

Interviews are now being scheduled for this comprehensive training which is being held at the business office in Davis. The 36-hour training is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Jan. 17 and will conclude on Feb. 9. These sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with Saturday sessions on Jan 21 and Jan 28. Upon completion of the training, volunteers will be prepared to begin answering calls on the crisis lines. For additional information or to obtain an application packet, please call the business office at 756-7542.



# Sports

## Warriors stage comeback, win

By ERIC  
and LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports  
correspondents

The Winters Warriors varsity boys basketball team played their best half of the season last Monday, Dec. 12, against St Patrick's High School in Vallejo. The Warriors found themselves down 9-0 in the first period before staging a comeback that would eventually tie the game at 15-15. That lead didn't last long as Cabos, the sharp-shooter for St. Pat's, went on a tear and hit six three pointers on his way to scoring 23 points in the first half to put the Warriors down 39-22 at the half.

"We just didn't get out far enough on him," said coach Jason Davis.

After making a defensive change at the half, the Warriors were able to shut down the outside shooting of their opponent and make a run offensively.

"We went to a diamond and one defense, and shut down their shooter and created a lot of turnovers," Davis added.

Austin Crabtree sparked the Warriors' offensive comeback by scoring 17 of his 19 points in the second half, but it was the Warriors' defense that really controlled the game. Crabtree helped control the baseline with Sebastian Salas and Jacob Thorne, while Alex Jurado, Alex Thomson, Dominic Mandolfo and Nathanael



Photo by Eric Lucero

Alex Jurado goes for the shot at a recent Warrior home game.

Lucero put pressure around the perimeter. The Warriors came back and had a 14 point lead and eventually won 67-57.

Mandolfo, Salas and Thomson each scored

11 points. Lucero scored 5 points, Thorne scored 4, while Brock Neil and Damon Miles each put in 2 for the Warriors.

## Double-doubles for Stockings

By ERIC  
AND LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports  
correspondents

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, the Winters girls' varsity basketball team traveled to Crocket and extended their winning streak to 9-0 as they defeated John Swett. John Swett scored the first 2 points of the game then Winters quickly took over scoring 15 consecutive points. This gave Winters a solid early lead. The Warriors held

the lead the rest of the game to defeat John Swett 60-40.

"We are a very unselfish team," said coach Matt Cooley. "That is very important in basketball."

Courtney and Jaclyn Stocking each scored a double-double for the Warriors. Courtney scored 13 points, pulled down 14 rebounds and had a steal and a block. Jaclyn scored 10 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and had an assist and a block.

Lauren Yehle scored 12 points, had two rebounds, two assists and a steal. Rebecca Salas scored 8 points, grabbed eight rebounds, and had four steals, three rebounds and a block. Natalie Cooley scored 7 points, dished out six assists, and had three rebounds, two blocks and a steal. Chelsea Corrales scored 6 points, had three rebounds and three steals, while Jenny Campos scored 4 points, and had four rebounds and a steal.

## Garcia, Leverett lead JV boys in strong showing

By ERIC  
and LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports  
correspondents

The Winters High School JV boys basketball team had a slow start on Monday, Dec. 12, against St Patrick's High School of Vallejo and couldn't recover from a 25-6 first half deficit. The Warriors lost 67-45 but made a strong showing in the second half.

"We dug ourselves a hole," said coach Jaime Valadez. "But we turned it around in the second half did a pretty good job."

Donnie Garcia led the Warriors with 15 points. Aaron Geerts scored 11 points followed by Kelven Levrette with 6; Kevin Rowell scored 5, while Kaplan Smith and Francisco Martinez each scored 4 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors traveled to Willows last week to compete in the Honkers annual tournament. On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Warriors played Bishop Quinn in their opener and lost 53-39. Kelven Leverett led the Warriors in scoring with 14 points. Donnie Garcia scored 11 points, Aaron Geerts scored 8, Cody Shafer scored 4 and Kaplan Smith put in two points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Dec. 16, the Warriors played Trinity and lost a close game 72-64. Garcia lit up the score board as he scored half of the Warriors points with a career high 32 points to lead the Warriors. Leverett scored 19 in a solid effort for the Warriors, Geerts and Shafer each put in 4, Smith scored 3 and Kevin Rowell scored 2 points. "We played better

in game two," said coach Jaime Valadez.

"Our chemistry is getting better but we take too many breaks in between."

The Warriors lost to Corning 54-44 in their final game on Saturday, Dec. 17. Garcia led the Warriors once again with 14 points. Leverett scored 10 points. Rowell and Geerts each scored 6 points, while Smith and Shafer each scored 4 points.

"We brought up Cody (Shafer) and Max Mariani from the freshman team and they both helped us on defense," Valadez added.

Geerts was named the player of the game against Corning.

"Aaron always plays hard," said Valadez. "It was nice to see him rewarded for it."

## J.V. volleyball honors



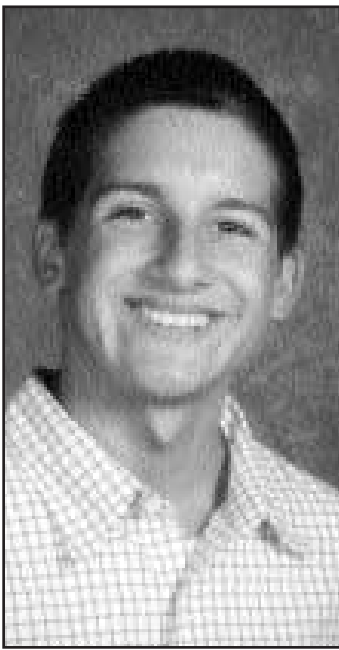
Courtesy photo

Chelsea Anstead received the coaches' award for the Winters High School JV volleyball team at the annual banquet. The JV players are, from left, (back) Jenna Clark, Nicole Trost, coach Brandy Alvera, Amy Cross and Chelsea Anstead; (middle) Serena Boyko, Ashley Jordan, Melissa Hernandez, Ari Ruiz and Ashlee DeVries; (front) Cindy Houck and Jenny Campos.

Have a very happy holiday season.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Donnie Garcia



Donnie Garcia, a sophomore on the Winters High School JV boys basketball team is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week.

Last week Garcia led his team in scoring with 15 points on Monday, Dec. 12, against St. Patrick's then averaged 19 points a game in the Willows tournament with a career high 32 points on Friday, Dec. 16, against Trinity. Garcia was also named to the all tournament team when the awards were announced.

## Winters Little League Crab Feed

Crab, Pasta & Wine Dinner  
Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006

St. Anthony Parish Hall — 511 Main Street, Winters  
Cocktails-5:30 p.m. — Dinner served at 7 p.m.

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# Middle school boys finish perfect season

By JEROME CARELOCK  
Special to the Express

The Winters Middle School Cardinals 6th and 7th grade boys’ basketball team completed a perfect 10-0 season winning the YCAL (Yolo County Athletic League) Championship this month. The Cardinals started off the season in convincing fashion winning their first two games on the road at Emerson and Lee Middle Schools by an average of 20 points.

Leading the way early was Zach Higgins with his dominating play down low. Helping Higgins out in the paint was Jesus Quirarte doing the dirty work inside. Winters made their home debut with another blowout of Woodland Christian following that up with a 17-point win over Douglass Middle School. Winters then went on the road to face Holmes and finish out the first half of the season with another lopsided victory.

During the first half of the season, Winters won games with balanced scoring and defense. The Cardinals had four different leading scorers in their first five games.

The second half of the season started with perennial league powerhouse C.A. Jacobs coming into Winters, with both teams sporting undefeated records. Winters got off to a shaky start going into half time down by five points. But great defense by Tony Brever and Nikolas Doyle creating turnovers helped Winters outscore C.A. Jacobs 20-6 in the fourth quarter for a 45-38 victory.

Down the stretch run to end the season, the Cardinals were led by Myles Carelock, who took over games early for the Cardinals. Carelock completed a four-game run, leading the team in scoring, averaging 16 points a game and ending the season scoring 26 points to tie Zach Higgins for the team high for the year.

Excellent shooting helped the Cardinals handle the teams that were slightly bigger and tried to beat them down low. Kevin Hyde, Cesar Ramirez and Sam Newman rounded out the Cardinals front court all played well during the year and contributed to the teams’ success. Jacob Lucero and Juan Tovar balanced out the team playing the small forward and power forward positions. Lucero and Tovar became team leaders in rebounds as the season ended. The Cardinals finished their season playing in the Cougar Challenge hosted by C.A. Jacobs Dec. 16-18.

## Fantastic freshmen



Courtesy photo  
Amy Avellar was given the coaches award for the Winters High School freshman volleyball team at the annual awards ceremony. The team includes, from left, (back) Caitlin Calvert, Katie Anstead, Kalene Callison and Brittney Allen; (middle) Amy Avellar, Cheyenne Burrall, Jessica Sharp and Megan Avellar; (front) Maritza Hernandez, Leslie Carlos and Olivia Wingard.

## Sacramento Zoo open daily, animal talks featured

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

Weekday zoo admission is \$6.25 for adults and \$4

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

Children two and under are admitted free.

The Sacramento Zoo is located in William

Land Park on the corner of Sutterville Road and Land Park Drive.

For more information about the Sacramento Zoo or its programs, visit the zoo's Website or call the zoo at (916) 264-5888.

## Freshmen can’t catch St. Patrick’s

By ERIC  
and LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports  
correspondents

The Winters Warriors freshman basketball team lost a tough one on Monday, Dec. 12, against St. Patrick’s High School in Vallejo.

“They (St Pat’s) get up and down the floor,”

said coach Matt Baker. “We played good in the first quarter then we just got tired.”

Max Mariani led the Warriors with 11 points.

“Max played a good game on both offense and defense,” Baker added. Cody Shafer scored 5 points and Woody DeVries scored 4 points for the Warriors.



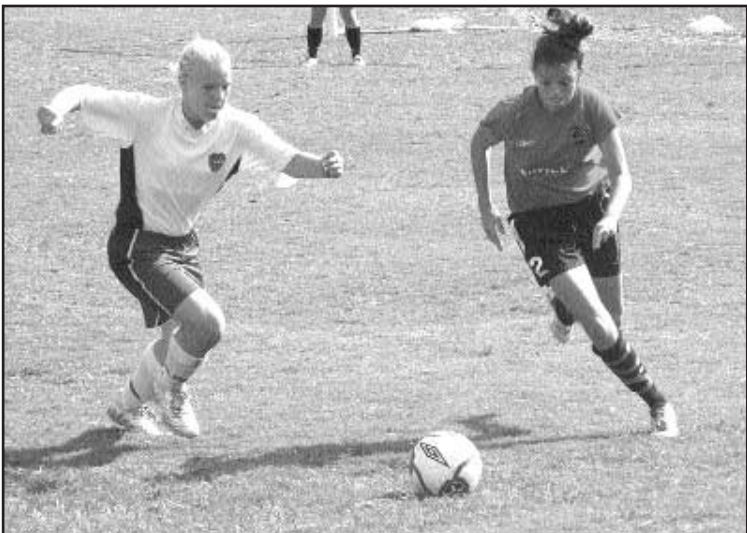
# Schools

## Creamer named to select soccer team

The United Soccer Leagues (USL) named forward Mallory Creamer to the Under-13 Girls North American Finals Select Team for her performance at the Super Y League North American Finals last month.

Creamer, Winters resident and a member of the CA Boca Jrs. '91 team, was one of 11 players named to the team. The team includes one goalkeeper, three backs, four midfielders, and three forwards as voted on by the coaches of the participating teams. Coaches were only allowed to vote for players from opposing teams.

"This is a wonderful honor and we are all very proud of Mallory," said Boca Jrs. '91 head coach Gabriel Bolton. "She had a wonderful tournament, Super Y League season, and is a terrific soccer player."



Courtesy photo  
Mallory Creamer (left) was named to the U-13 select team.

Creamer scored the game winning goal in the semi-finals against the Atlanta Silverbacks. Midway through the second half she received a cross from forward Rachel Mer-cik and finished the op-

portunity to give Boca Jrs. the 1-0 victory. She also assisted on a goal against the Cleveland Internationals and scored another off of a free kick from 25 yards away which helped Boca Jrs. win the group.

## Holiday tunes



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio  
Winters High School band member Mattie Long played the clarinet in the annual Winters Concert, held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Community Center. The band played a trio of holiday melodies.

## CUTS

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It is unlikely that all of the recommendations will be approved by the board of trustees. Mitchell presented the proposal as a means "to help the board of trustees and public be better able to clarify their priorities and the restructuring and expenditure reduction options."

Many of the suggested changes came under scrutiny at the meeting as audience members — mostly teachers and other district employees — argued to save their favorite programs from the budget axe or unacceptable structural changes. Trustee Rodney Orosco reminded the audience that the board represented the entire district and expressed concern about any "us and them" discussions.

"All the easy stuff has been done," trustee Jay Shepherd said, referring to cuts already made. "Our goal is to affect staff and students as little as possible."

Even among those in the audience who were resigned that changes had to be made, there were more questions than answers.

"It's difficult to say we will do a reduction without knowing how it will be done," fourth grade teacher Dave Paratore commented. "Next year, what would the schools look like?"

First grade teacher Ali Wasiutynski expressed concern about the lack of an overall plan for integrating kinder students into Waggoner Elementary School.

"What is going to happen if kinder moves there?" she asked.

Paratore said any kinder or Wolfskill student moves should be done in steps, and over two years instead of one.

Wolfskill teacher Adam Hancock was concerned about the effect moving Wolfskill and coordinating with independent study would have on the school's accreditation process. He also questioned the amount of the budget reductions.

"Maybe we don't need to save this much money right now. Are we being overly conservative fiscally?" Hancock asked.

Mitchell responded that

the district doesn't want to make any more cuts or changes than it needs to. His list of possible changes and related savings for 2006-07 includes:

- ~ Make administrative/classified adjustments at John Clayton School that include redefining the director of curriculum position, eliminating a secretary II position, and revising the curriculum administrative technician position. Savings: \$50,600.

- ~ Move the kindergarten to Waggoner Elementary school. The preschool program would stay at John Clayton School. Savings: \$34,488.

- ~ Move the Wolfskill Continuation High School and the independent study programs to John Clayton School, creating an alternative educational options school. Savings: \$23,715.

- ~ Combine independent study responsibilities with Wolfskill teachers, increasing their student load from 15 students to 25 students.

- ~ Eliminate general fund support for a psychologist intern position. Savings: \$22,000.

- ~ Combine director of curriculum, instruction and assessment duties with those of director of categorical programs and Wolfskill principal responsibilities. Savings: \$56,176.

- ~ Reduce paid student help positions at the district office. Savings: \$5,000.

- ~ Eliminate pay options in lieu of vacation for management, supervisory and confidential employees. Savings: \$10,000.

- ~ Reduce district office staffing by 0.5 FTE. Savings: \$29,000.

- ~ Eliminate Winters High School librarian and library clerk positions and create a library technician position. Savings: \$34,046.

- ~ Reduce custodian time by 2 FTE. Savings: \$60,000.

- ~ Reduce curriculum support from the general fund by 10 percent. Savings: \$1,323.

- ~ Reduce school site allocations from the general fund by 10 percent. Savings: \$22,000.

- ~ Reduce transportation costs (as a result of relocating the kindergarten and Wolfskill programs). Savings: \$2,000.

- ~ Change superintendent and board support for participation in the annual California School Boards Association Conference from full support for superintendent and one board member to registration fee support only for superintendent and all board members who attend. Savings: no change.

- ~ Reduce trash costs and generate income through recycling. Savings: \$2,500.

- ~ End interdistrict transfers for students to leave the district. Savings: none for 2006-07, approximately \$5,000 per student thereafter.

Mitchell also is proposing that, by the 2009-10 school year, the district grade configurations include two K-5 elementary schools, one 6-8 middle school, one 9-12 high school and one K-12 alternative education options school that includes continuation high school and independent study. He noted that the structure would create schools with enrollments between 400-600 students, increasing organization efficiency

and district support for students who need support in a non-traditional setting.

The restructuring and budget reduction discussions will continue at the Jan. 19 and Feb. 2 board meetings, with board action expected on Feb. 2.

### Other items

Trustees recognized Shirley Rominger Intermediate School students Norma Cervantez, Hector Melendez, David Duran and Katie Russell for their "tremendous growth in academic accomplishments" and Rominger School parent Veronica Arellano for her assistance in the school's dual immersion program.

The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the district office.

Hurry!  
Only three shopping  
days left.

## Solano College elects board for 2006

The Solano College Board of Trustees recently elected new officers for 2006. The new officers include Jerry Wilkerson as President, Pam Keith as Vice President and Paulette J. Perfumo, PhD as Secretary.

Jerry Wilkerson represents Vacaville, Dixon and Winters and has been a member of the board for 4 years. He has been a Vacaville resident for 28 years and is Vice President and Branch Sales Manager for Solano Bank. He serves on the boards of the Vallejo Rotary and Vallejo Chamber.

Pam Keith represents Vallejo and has served on the board for 12 years. She was born and raised in Vallejo and sits on the County Civil Service Commission. Most recently, she was the co-campaign manager for City Councilmember Stephanie Gomes.

Dr. Perfumo is the Superintendent/President of Solano College. She has served in that capacity for three years. The board meets bi-monthly; meetings are open to the public.



# Features

## How low can a low-salt diet go?

DEARDR.DONOHUE:I have heard a low-salt diet recommended for such conditions as high blood pressure and swelling. What are the effects of a low-salt diet? Is it possible to have too little salt in the diet?—B.A.

ANSWER: For the sake of simplicity, in this answer salt, sodium and sodium chloride are the same thing.

The body holds onto sodium so effectively that only small amounts are needed in anyone's diet. Everyone gets far too much without trying. It takes about 500 mg of sodium a day to keep things running smoothly. The average North American gets eight times that amount.

Current recommendations for daily sodium intake call for 1,500 to 2,300 mg. No one is going to get into any trouble from following a low-salt diet.

This doesn't mean that people's blood sodium levels cannot drop and lead to serious problems. They don't drop from not eating enough sodium. They drop for other reasons. Low blood sodium can cause nausea, headache, confusion and even stupor.

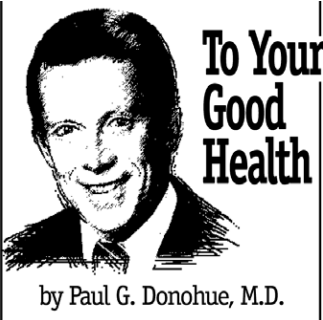
The booklet on sodium, potassium and other minerals explains these confusing topics clearly. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue—No. 202W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 38253-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEARDR.DONOHUE: When sick, should a person try to lower a fever? I'm not clear which is better—ride out the fever or bring it down?—B.C.

ANSWER: This is a question that has been a bone of contention for many, many years. A temperature that's a degree or two above normal doesn't need to be treated. Most of those temperatures come from a temporary viral infection.

Higher fevers can make people most uncomfortable. They can cause headaches,



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

muscle aches and joint pain. Lowering such a temperature is justified. A high temperature is not beneficial to the patient. It has never been shown to speed recovery from any illness. Lowering it, therefore, doesn't prolong any illness.

Heart patients and people with lung disease benefit from bringing down a high body temperature. Body metabolism speeds up with a high temperature, so a high fever puts these people's hearts and lungs under stress. Children who have had a febrile seizure in the past should have their fevers lowered too.

Tylenol is a safe fever-reducing medicine. If you use it, give it on a regular basis—every four hours. Giving it intermittently promotes drenching sweats. Aspirin should not be given to children for fear of Reye's syndrome.

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DEARDR.DONOHUE: What is the life span of a pacemaker?—E.K.

ANSWER: It depends on how much voltage it has to deliver, and that, in turn, depends on whether it paces continuously or only intermittently and whether it paces more than one heart chamber. For most, the pacemaker battery has to be changed in about 10 years.

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

## The real problem in Iraq is God



JESSE LOREN

### AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK

that country's long history of purging its ranks of dissidents.

When the US showed up, we banned the Ba'ath party from participating in schools, universities and government. Many of the rejected Ba'athists aligned themselves with radical Islam and they are behind many of the attacks. To them, we destroyed their country, killed their families and we occupy their land. They hate us and feel righteously compelled to kill our soldiers.

It breaks down to this:

The Shi'as are uber conservative, are the majority in Iraq, and are closely aligned with Iran, (Iran hates us). The Ba'ath party was moderate, secular and forward-thinking, and we supported them for a long time, then we invaded their country, captured their leader and ousted them from any respectable jobs, and they hate us.

The Sunnis have produced Al Qaeda, Taliban and Salifas. They openly hate us, hate the Shi'ites and are the major force behind the insurgency. The most dangerous and influential part of this puzzle is religion, followed by poverty and education. Extremists, (and the radical right-wing Christians are included in this mix) tend to polarize a nation by instigating an ideology of God-given righteousness, which translates into moral immunity. In other words, if your imam or your reverend tells you that all Shi'ites are heretics and all abortionists, (liberals, gays) are heretics and it is

right to kill them, then you have a God Squad acting out a holy war backed by religion.

Whether it's an extremist Imam calling our soldiers crusaders, or Jerry Falwell saying that we had the 9/11 attacks coming, or that the anti-Christ is among us as a Jewish male, religious bigotry is the radical tool that tears countries apart. Bigotry and hatred cross-dressing as righteousness is destructive. You don't have to surf far on the Internet to find one Christian site after another insisting God hates gays. It doesn't matter what great qualities the religion has, (love your neighbor as yourself), when religious righteousness and fervor starts, all logic, reason and compassion blows out the window.

Religion is the real Weapon of Mass Destruction. We should be suspicious of religious radicalism in our own backyard. We have groups that have solidified under radical ideas and radical voices. Today, it may be a boycott on dolls or the lack of a preferred word on a greeting card, but these types are dangerous. They polarize America by saying they are, "the true voice of America," and that is the exact kind of polarization that leads to the eventual destruction of a nation.

Happy Holidays.

## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Lynne Secrist  
**Occupation:** Music teacher at Winters Middle School and Shirley Rominger Intermediate  
**Hobby:** Quilting  
**What's best about living in Winters:** "Being a big fish in a small pond."  
**Fun fact:** Has traveled to more than 100 countries.

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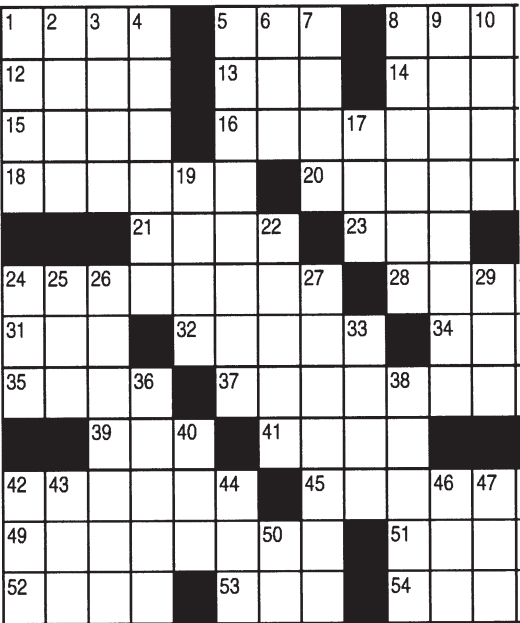
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- Periodical, for short
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- Bobby of hockey lore
- Notion
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- Layered rock
- Culpable
- Tubular pasta
- "CSI" evidence
- Lax
- Donate
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- Hackneyed
- Newsman emeritus
- Rather
- Piglet's papa
- Clear, as the night sky
- Lair
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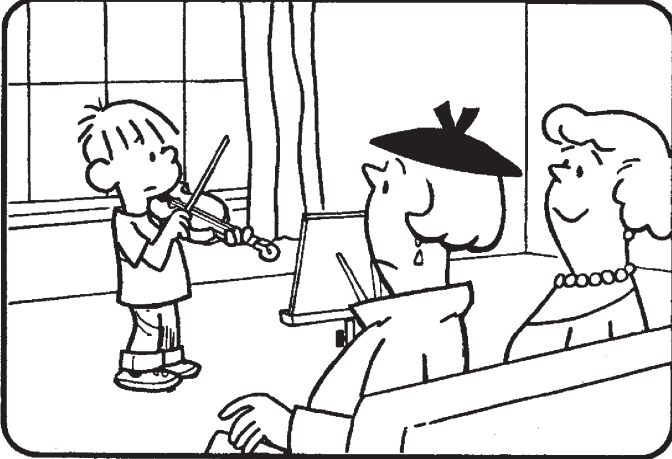
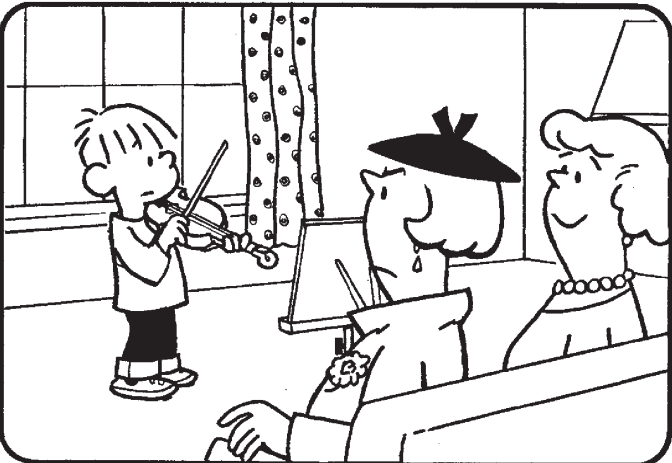
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- For fear that comic's ears
- Uncomplicated
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- Sedimentary deposit
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- Corn holder
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Sleeve is shorter. 2. Parts are different. 3. Drape is different. 4. Flower is missing. 5. Lamp is missing. 6. Neckline is lower.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect says about an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini Twin nature rallies to help you deal with this week's hectic schedules, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid rushing to make up for time lost on a stalled workplace operation. Best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Despite those glittering holiday distractions you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it, and for how long.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one, and taking energy-restoring timeouts between each job.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries to do. A third party's advice just might prove helpful.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Reach out to ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress you've made.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You often go out of your way to show kindness to others. So, don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should be.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your personal warmth helps you make friendships, and your sense of fair play helps you keep them.

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# Nuestras Noticias



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EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

## Una Navidad en la distancia

Muchos inmigrantes se ven imposibilitados a pasar con los suyos las fiestas decembrinas, por carecer de documentos para poder viajar a sus países. Para ellos la Navidad es sólo una palabra, un instante de soledad, un momento para volver la mirada hacia el sur y quedarse atrapados en la añoranza y en la terrible impotencia por no poder ir a sus tierras para estar con “los suyos” cuando todos brinden y griten: “¡Feliz Navidad!”

Ese será el caso de Benjamín M., un humilde jornalero que cumplirá su cuarta Navidad sin ver a su familia, luego de que cuatro años antes decidiera venirse a Los Estados Unidos en busca del futuro que no encontró en México, aunque en ello se le fueran los cumpleaños sin felicitaciones, las Navidades, los año nuevos sin regalos y la espera y la ilusión porque algún día su situación mejore.

“Sí, será otra Navidad y nosotros [los jornaleros] estaremos aquí en este país, pero nuestros corazones estarán allá, con nuestros hijos, con nuestras esposas, con nuestra gente”, murmuró Benjamín, quien es originario de Guanajuato, México.

Así como este joven jornalero, otras miles de personas que no tienen documentos para estar en este país pasarán las fiestas de Navidad en algún rincón de la Unión Americana solos o conviviendo entre ellos, mientras los que tienen más suerte harán una llamada telefónica para desear un dulce futuro a los suyos.

Esa será la situación de una joven trabajadora doméstica que tiene 12 años sin ver a su familia y que ya hasta se acostumbró a “sólo escuchar sus voces” durante los días festivos. “Y qué más se puede hacer si uno está indocumentado, si los hermanos y tal vez hasta los padres ni se acuerdan de uno porque la verdad es que, a estas alturas ya no somos ni de aquí ni de allá”.

Al menos, esta trabajadora estará con más compañía que añoranza, no así los jornaleros, que en su mayoría no tienen familia, ni un lugar en dónde pasar, ni una botella para brindar ya que preferirán ahorrar “esos centavitos”, para mandarlos a México o a Centroamérica, en lugar de tomárselos o gastarlos en una buena cena.

“A veces, cuando estamos comiendo, pensamos cómo estarán nuestros hijos, si tendrán hambre, si estarán bien y hasta se nos quita el hambre, ahora imagínese en estas fechas”, dijo Benjamín, quien el mes pasado sólo trabajó tres días: un día ganó 20 dólares, otro 40 y otro 60; 120 dólares al mes.

“¿Usted cree que eso sea suficiente para mantenerse, pagar renta y mantener a mi esposa y a mis cuatro hijos en Salamanca y encima pensar en Navidad? No, yo prefiero aguantarme antes que comprarme una prenda para mí”. “Somos gente honrada y no pedimos como otros, sino que esperamos por un empleador para ganarnos nuestros centavitos. Eso es todo, por eso si alguien piensa algún día regalarnos algo, que nos regale trabajo que aquí sabemos hacer de todo”, expresó Pérez (nombre ficticio), quien en México es abogado y se vino a Estados Unidos en busca de mejores oportunidades.

Jornaleros como Benjamín y Juan Pérez están considerando reunirse para compartir su soledad, cantar unas cuantas canciones y llorar un poco la distancia. “¿Y ya qué nos queda? ¿Ya estamos acá? sólo recordar el pasado y soñar que estamos con nuestras familias”, concluyó Benjamín.

## Emigraron a EU 2.85 millones de mexicanos en 5 años

Unos 2.85 millones de mexicanos emigraron legal o ilegalmente a EU entre 2000 y 2005, afirmó un reporte del Centro para Estudios sobre Inmigración (CIS), al indicar que 12% de la población del país nació en el exterior. El estudio aseguró que para marzo de este año, tantos como 35.2 millones de extranjeros vivían legal o ilegalmente en este país, en una cantidad que porcentualmente es el mayor en 80 años.

De acuerdo con los datos consignados por el estudio, basado en cifras del Departamento del Censo estadounidense, el número de mexicanos que entró a Estados Unidos entre 1995 y 1999 fue de 3.85 millones y entre 1980 y 1989 de 2.26 millones. El texto colocó el número de mexicanos residentes - legales o indocumentados- en Estados Unidos en unos 10 mil 805 millones,

poco menos de la tercera parte de los 35 mil 157 millones de residentes extranjeros en este país.

El estudio del CIS afirma que los mexicanos representan además el grupo con mayor índice de pobreza (26.4%) o cerca de la pobreza (62.6%) y menor escolaridad, toda vez que 61.9% no terminó el equivalente de preparatoria y sólo 5.3% tiene un grado universitario.

El siguiente grupo más numeroso es el de originarios del este de Asia (China, Japón, Corea), que suman 6.25 millones, y de Europa, 4.59 millones. Los inmigrantes legales o ilegales de Centroamérica, Sudamérica y el Caribe sumaron a su vez 8.09 millones. El texto puntualizó sin embargo que 31% de los inmigrantes no terminó el equivalente de escuela preparatoria y su nivel de pobreza es de 18%, Estados

Unidos, lo que implica el mayor porcentaje de 12% de la población estadounidense.

Los hijos de inmigrantes en edad escolar fueron estimados en 10.3 millones en general, y de acuerdo con el CIS representaron de hecho todo el incremento en la demanda de servicios escolares en EU. De acuerdo con una estimación, entre la tercera parte y la mitad de los actuales niños en edad escolar son indocumentados o hijos de indocumentados.

Pero el CIS indicó que el reporte plantea de hecho la interrogante en torno a la conveniencia o no de permitir que inmigrantes con poca educación y en estado de pobreza se convirtan en competencia para los estadounidenses más pobres, así como en una carga para el gobierno.

## Help CASA be a voice for children in the community

### What is CASA?

The Court Appointed Special Advocate program is an informed and powerful voice in the court for the children in Yolo County who have been abused or neglected. CASA advocates are trained volunteers who act as the eyes and ears of the judge, research the past and present circumstances of a child's life and make recommendations about that child's future.

~ In 2002, CASA volunteers donated over 13,000 hours to advocating for and mentoring abused and at-risk children.

~ Since Yolo County CASA was founded in 1995, almost 300 children have benefited from having a consistent, caring, outspoken adult in their lives.

~ Research shows that having a caring adult involved in a child's life, even if that adult is not the child's parent, is the single most consistent factor in a child's surviving adversity. CASA is here to make it happen.

### Why do we need CASA in our community?

Since 2000, child abuse and neglect has increased 20 percent in Yolo County. In 2001 alone, almost 3,000 reports of abuse and neglect were made, and nearly 600 children, babies to teens, were removed from their homes and placed in foster care.

Roughly 80 percent of these children will end up in the juvenile delinquency system. Foster children are at great risk

of dropping out of school, turning to alcohol and drugs or becoming pregnant or causing pregnancy. A large segment of the adult who are now incarcerated were once in foster care.

Children who have an advocate are more likely to improve school performance and less likely to enter the juvenile delinquency system. Unfortunately, only 11 percent of the children in Yolo County have CASA advocates. The CASA mission is to provide an advocate to every child who needs one. But help is needed.

### What can you do?

There are many ways to help the kids CASA serves. Here are just a few:

~ Support CASA with a thoughtful contribution or

## EL muro una vergüenza

El presidente Vicente Fox Quesada manifestó el pasado Domingo en el Día Internacional del Migrante, su molestia al no entender la decisión tomada en el Congreso de Estados Unidos, de levantar un muro en la frontera, lo que consideró como una acción que viola los derechos de libertad de los migrantes. “Es una pésima señal que no habla bien de un país que se precia de ser democrático, que se precia de ser un país de migrantes. Nos parece una vergüenza ese muro, nos parece que no debiera de existir en la relación entre México y Estados unido un muro de esa magnitud”, expresó.

## Es delito penal la presencia ilegal de cualquier persona en Estados Unidos

El proyecto de ley permitiría la detención obligatoria de los indocumentados con menos de 14 días en Estados Unidos, en un área de 160 kilómetros de la frontera. La Cámara de Representantes culminó el pasado viernes un penoso y largo debate con la aprobación de un proyecto que refuerza la seguridad fronteriza y convierte en delito penal la presencia ilegal de cualquier persona en Estados Unidos.

El documento se aprobó por 239 votos a favor y 182 en contra. La iniciativa de Protección Fronteriza, Antiterrorismo y Control de la Inmigración Ilegal (HR4437) fue aprobada la semana pasada luego de dos días de debate e incluyó una enmienda para edificar cinco nuevos muros en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México.

México y grupos activistas hispanos consideraron que la llamada “Ley de protección fronteriza, antiterrorismo y control de la inmigración ilegal” no representa una solución al problema y más bien, según los grupos civiles, ha criminalizado a 11 millones de indocumentados que viven y trabajan en el país. El proyecto, excluye el programa de empleo temporal previsto por George Bush, una maniobra que disgustó a legisladores tanto demócratas como republicanos que al final constituyeron la fuerte oposición reflejada en la votación final. Una medida que no pasó a votación por oposición de los líderes republicanos, que controlan la cámara baja, fue una propuesta para negar ciudadanía estadounidense a los hijos nacidos en Estados Unidos de padres indocumentados.

El plenario votó para poner fin al popular programa de “lotería de visas”, que abre a los países con pocos emigrantes a Estados Unidos una oportunidad de vida y trabajo en el país. El alegato que motivó la caída de este programa fue que se prestaba

Fox Quesada dijo que los muros quedaron en el siglo pasado, mismos que fueron derribados por la búsqueda de la libertad y la democracia. “No es posible que en el siglo XXI estemos construyendo muros entre dos naciones que somos vecinas, hermanas, dos naciones que somos socias”, señaló.

El Presidente reiteró que no comprende el porqué de la construcción de muros adicionales, además de mandar gran número de policías y soldados a la frontera, y la actitud de esos grupos xenofóbicos que quieren imponer la ley con su propia voluntad, contraria al ejercicio mismo de

la ley.

Destacó, sin embargo, que hay formas de pensar en algunos políticos, quienes de forma práctica tratan el tema de migración, con una actitud constructiva, de manera legal y de pleno respeto por los derechos laborales legales de los mexicanos. Sostuvo que la diferencia de pensamientos entre mexicanos y estadounidenses es muy grande, ya que cada año llegan a México más de 250 mil centroamericanos que cruzan la frontera, quienes son tratados con todo respeto, ofreciéndoles una mejor estancia y nuevas oportunidades.

para la infiltración de terroristas.

El embajador de México en Washington, Carlos de Icaza, señaló que es importante que cualquier reforma migratoria sea integral a fin de asegurar una migración segura, ordenada y digna. “Es indispensable que se dé en el legislativo de Estados Unidos un debate de carácter amplio y no como estamos viendo como en el caso de la Cámara de Representantes, donde algunos legisladores impulsan medidas parciales y regresivas”, dijo el embajador.

Bajo esa iniciativa se autorizaría la contratación de ocho mil agentes adicionales de la Patrulla Fronteriza y mil nuevos inspectores en los puertos de entrada en cuatro años. Además, se agregarían 32 mil camas para ser ubicadas en los centros de detención de indocumentados y la construcción de más barreras físicas.

La Cámara de Representantes había pasado el jueves una primera ronda de 15 enmiendas y aprobó una que obliga a la Casa Blanca a la construcción de varios muros en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México. Asimismo aprobó una propuesta que obliga al gobierno federal a ordenar la manufactura de los uniformes de la Patrulla Fronteriza en Estados Unidos, luego de reportes de que eran elaborados en México.

En la segunda ronda de enmiendas, la Cámara de Representantes refrendó la posibilidad de que policías locales apoyen a agentes de inmigración en la aplicación de leyes migratorias. En la secuela de los ataques del 11 de septiembre de 2001, el presidente George W. Bush y su gobierno recibieron lo que prácticamente fue un “cheque en blanco” de los estadounidenses. Pero ese “permiso para matar” político parece estar ya en proceso de agotamiento, en gran medida como resultado de excesos en su aplicación.

Ciertamente la creciente reacción contra intrusivas medidas de seguridad, contra el uso y el abuso del argumento de seguridad nacional para justificarlas, está todavía en sus inicios y como el movimiento antibélico de los 60 contra la guerra de Vietnam, tardará en cristalizar. Pero las señales son de que ya esta aquí.

Por un lado, puede afirmarse que la indignada reacción pública y aun legislativa que saludó inicialmente los reportes sobre vigilancia subrepticia e ilegal de llamadas telefónicas y mensajes de correo electrónico se une al resentimiento de una vigilancia en la que la autoridad del “señor policía” parece crecer más y más a costa de los ciudadanos.

Los estadounidenses gustan de afirmar que su sistema de gobierno es uno básicamente en proceso constante de evolución, que puede llegar a excesos y luego se autocorriga. Los abusos de la era de Joseph McCarthy y su “comité de Actividades anti-estadounidenses”, que llevó literalmente al equivalente estadounidense de “purgas” anticomunistas fueron terminados cuando chocó con el aparato militar y fueron el antecedente a la reacción que llevó a las campañas antibélicas y antisistema de los 60.

En ese marco general, las acciones del gobierno Bush son tal vez comprensibles como respuesta a un tipo de amenaza externa que jamás se había sentido tanto en Estados Unidos. Pero las crecientes protestas y revelaciones de abusos apuntan también a que el momento más extremo ya pasó y que la sociedad estadounidense comienza a buscar el retorno del péndulo hacia el centro político. Lo malo es que en una potencia hegemónica como Estados Unidos, donde hay grupos con pretensiones imperiales, ese centro político está a la derecha del resto del mundo.



# Classified Ads - The Market Place for Winters

**Help Wanted**

**Winters Joint Unified School District**  
**Asst. Mtce./Mechanic**  
Reg, F/T, M-F, 40 hrs/wk. w/paid health-welfare & sick leave benefits. \$11.68-\$12.88/hr  
**Instructional Aide**  
**Special Ed (DIS Aide)**  
Reg, P/T, 6 hrs/day, M-F. \$10.86-11.94/hr. Must be 18 yrs of age; high school diploma or equiv. District Proficiency Test req'd. Paid sick lv. & holidays  
Deadline: 1/13/06  
**Instructional Aide, Bilingual (Eng/Spanish)**  
5 hours per week in AM. Bilingual test required. \$10.57-\$11.68/hr w/paid sick leave & holidays.  
**Crossing Guard**  
Reg, P/T, M-F, 45 min in AM & PM. \$10.10/hr w/paid sick lv. & holidays.  
Student Supv. Aide  
Reg, P/T, M-F at lunch Middle Schl. 30 min/day. \$10.10/hr w/paid sick lv. & holidays.  
**Coaches Needed:**  
Varsity girls' softball JV girls softball  
Asst. Track (distance) 1st Aid/CPR cert. req'd. Stipend paid for season.  
**Application/Info @ School District Office 909 W. Grant Ave. 795-6103.**

Wanted: H.S. Student for indoor/outdoor work, must have organizational ability. 795-4812.

Dental Assistant  
F/T Asst. needed in progressive GP office. Includes front office duties + evening hours. Spanish speaking required. Fax resume: 795-2221 or call 795-2222.

Driver w/exp. needed for transfer truck in Dixon. Class A lic. req'd. Call Vicente: 707/249-9692

**Fictitious Business Name**

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER  
Nov. 29, 2005  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Kimberly Barklow, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2005-1240  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: M and J Transport, 29069 Quincy St. Madison, Ca 95653. mailing address: P.O. Box 264, Madison, Ca. 95653  
Agustin L. Gonzalez, P.O. Box 264, Madison, Ca. 95653  
This business classification is: An individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on Nov. 29, 2005.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California, County of Yolo  
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder  
s/Kimberly Barklow, Deputy Clerk  
Dec. 22, 29, Jan. 5, 12

**Fictitious Business Name**

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Nov. 17, 2005  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Ava Woodard, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2005-1215  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Armstrong, Bonn & Feeney, LLP dba Butler & Furrier, Inc. 100 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694.  
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Holly Armstrong, 426 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
Gregory M. Bonn, 426 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
Patrick F. Feeney, 426 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
Craig Watkins, 426 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
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**Help Wanted**

Medical Receptionist/  
Scheduler  
  
Community health clinic in Winters is seeking a full time bilingual Medical Receptionist. The Receptionist effectively triages phone calls to determine patient problems. Also responsible for managing provider schedules. \$11-15/ hour. Medical reception experience preferred. E-mail resume to jordan@wintershealth.org or fax 795-5300.

Donut fryer. Dependable, hardworking person needed. Midnight to 4:30 a.m. Sunday and Monday. Apply at 606 Railroad Avenue.

Experienced welder needed at local factory. For more information, call 795-0720. Se solicita soldador con experiencia para mas informacion llame al 795-0720.

Round Table Pizza in Winters is now accepting applications for all positions full and part time hours. Available including day and night shifts. We are also interviewing for qualified delivery drivers. Must be over 18 and have a current California Drivers License. We will work around other employment and school schedules. Please apply at 196 East Grant Ave., Winters, CA 95694.

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

**Help Wanted**

DENTAL HYGENTIST for Davis practice. FT/PT positions for highly motivated professionals. Looking for team players with positive attitude, excellent clinical skills, and a commitment to patient education. Competitive pay and benefits. Fax resumes to (530)758-1344.

Janitorial Day Porter position, M-F, 10am-2pm shift. Experience a plus. Call Brian, 916-869-5730.

Get paid to play! This job is not for the ordinary person, it's for people who are kids at heart! If your interests include any of the following & you have knowledge & skills to share with children than this is for you! Fairfield Community Services Dept. is seeking PT Recreational Instructors with the following background:

- Cooking/Health & Nutrition
- Science
- Theatre
- Magician
- Cultural Dance

Please fax your resume & cvr. ltr. to Anna Eaton, 707/428-7437  
Deadline: 12/30/05

TEACHERS: Credentialed, Subs, Retired or Students. Bilingual Spanish a plus. Flex hrs. & days. Best Job! Best Pay! (800) 538-7323

Nursing IMMEDIATE CONTRACT OPENINGS for Critical Care Nurses (RNs) Where: Travis AFB Work Hours: 0630-1900 or 1830-0700 (expect rotations) Please call Charlene @ OMV Medical, Inc. 800.773.3105 charlene@omvmedical.com

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Auto Motorcycle & Boating Enthusiasts  
Vacaville Motorsports & Marine currently seeks PT/FT Salesmen, Sales Manager, Service Advisor & Technician. Exp. pref'd., but not req'd. Fax resume: 707/469-7695 or apply in person 1385 E. Monte Vista Ave. Vacaville

Warehouse IMMEDIATE OPENING  
WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS MGR. Distributor seeks reliable individual to manage & oversee 15-25 employees. Problem solve, comfortable w/computers, RF guns, driver logistics, shipping/ receiving & inventory control. Warehouse mgmt. exp. a must. Salary + bnfts., fax resume to 707-426-0102 or e-mail to linda@snsnet.com

Warehouse Supervisor  
Gymboree Distribution is seeking qualified supervisors with 3-5 yrs. exp. in distribution to join their team. Bilingual/Spanish a+, but not req'd. Exc. benefits pkg. Apply in person: 2299 Kids Way Dixon, 95620 or fax resume 707-693-0134

**Legal Notice of Public Hearing**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 beginning at 10:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 625 Court Street, Room 206, Woodland, California. The purpose of this hearing is to consider adoption of 2005-06 Final Budgets and Appropriation Limits of the Special Districts Governed by the Board of Supervisors.

All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting and provide any comments that they believe are appropriate. Written comments may be mailed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 625 Court St., Room 204, Woodland, CA 95695. Written comments should be mailed so that they are received by January 5, 2006.

Dated: December 16, 2005  
ANA MORALES, Interim Clerk,  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors  
Julie Dachtler, Deputy Clerk  
Published Dec. 22, 2005

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COOL JOB  
NEW YORK! CHICA-GO!  
TAMPA!  
18-25 immed. openings for sharp, witty, \$ motivated Guys & Gals 18 & older to travel in a lg. co-ed group. Must be free to start today. We offer 2 wks. pd. training, transp. fum'd., return guaranteed For info on how to start Call Carrie 1-866-762-1037

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Receptionist, F/T Exc. people & communication skills. Knowledge of dentistry a must. Teamplayer that is punctual, dependable & organized. We offer exc. benefits. Please fax resume to 707/427-3243

Pest Control Route Tech wanted for California's fastest growing pest control co. We are looking for a motivated, self-directed person to represent a co. dedicated to excellence. Must have good DMV. Apply: Clark Pest Control 811 Eubanks Dr. Vacaville or 707/446-9748

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

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Gift yourself! 2002 Cadillac Escalade, white. Great, reliable, 81,000 freeway miles. \$29,975. Motivated seller (530)758-9876

1992 Honda Accord LX wagon. Burgundy, 184,000 miles. AC. Very good condition. \$2500. Call (530)756-3986

1999 V70 Wagon with traction control, auto, A/C, CD, leather, airbags, all power. \$8000/obo (530)400-7772

1996 Sentra GXE. Reliable car, good mpg, 101K miles, AC, AT, PS, PW. \$3,900. (530)792-1930

1998 Nissan Sentra GXE, 119k miles, original owner. Good condition. Dual front airbags. \$4,100 (916)838-2431

2003 Focus SE. Full.40K. Like new. Cruise, keyless entry. Alloy wheels,new tires. MP3/CD. Warranty! (530)750-5137

'97 GEO METRO. 4 cyl., 5 spd., 4 dr. CD. Runs great. Smogged. Great mpg. \$2000 obo. 384-2429

'01 Dodge 2500 4x4 diesel. Ext. cab. Shell. excellent condition. Must see. \$18K obo. (707)208-5612

'00 Prelude SH, Vtec 5 spd., 69K mi. Loaded. Exc. cond. Illness forces sale. \$13,995. (707)421-1433

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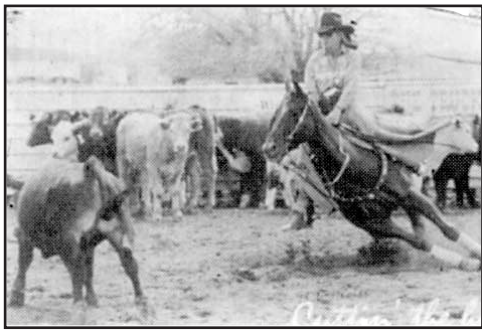


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