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Dahns win Chamber honors

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Volunteers are the backbone of a small community, and this year's Theodore Winters Award winners, Mark and Pinky Dahn, represent a Winters vertebrae each. Since moving to Winters in 1993 with their children, the Dahns wasted no time in getting involved with their new hometown. And, people have noticed.

Gloria Marion, recreation coordinator for the city of Winters, first met the Dahns while co-directing "The Velveteen Rabbit" many years back. The Dahns' daughter, Janette, starred as "The Boy," and Pinky did plenty more than just show up for the performance. She and her friend, Jeannie Cushman, sewed all of the costumes for the play, and it was quite a large cast.

Marion says that was just one example of the Dahns helping out in whatever way they can, whenever they can.

"They are both always there. It doesn't matter if it's Music Boosters or Winters Friends of the Library or the theatre group or the schools, Pinky and Mark are always there," says Marion, adding, "It's a family thing." She says the children have followed their parents' examples well, and also volunteered time for school and community events.

Besides offering a hand, Marion appreciates the Dahns' enthusiasm.

"They always have a good attitude about things they're doing. They do it for the good of the community and the good of the cause. They enjoy."

As if all those activities weren't enough to keep them busy, Pinky also volunteers time to the 4-H Club and school site councils, while Mark is particularly involved with the Winters Theatre Company, both on and off the stage. Most recently, he memorized an astonishing amount of dialogue in the WTC production of "A



The Winters Chamber of Commerce has named Mark and Pinky Dahn the recipients of this year's Theodore Winters Award for their active volunteerism in the community.

Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Christmas Story," appearing as the narrator, who appears in every scene — the second time he has tackled that difficult role.

WTC board member Howard Hupe is impressed not only with Mark's acting abilities, but with his creativity in designing props. He notes that both Mark and Pinky are very involved behind the scenes.

"Mark is absolutely ingenious," says Hupe. "He's always there, and his imagination is just amazing at times."

Noting Pinky's hard work in the kitchen during performances, Hupe says she also jumps right in when there's a need.

"Whenever we need anything, she'll say, 'I'll get it' and runs out in the car and it appears miraculously." And, he points out that this isn't true just of theater activities.

"She does that with a lot of groups."

Hupe, who also serves on the Winters Chamber of Commerce board of directors, says he is "very, very pleased" to learn that the Theodore Winters Award, which honors local citizens for their active volunteer work in the community, had gone to the Dahns.

"I've noticed them all over town over the years."

Also impressed with the effort the Dahns dedicate to local activities is Winters School District music teacher Lynne Secrist, who notes that all three of the Dahn children have been music students. As a teacher, she says Pinky also served as the volunteer coordinator at the middle school, doing everything from photocopying for teachers to calling other parents when vol-

unteers were needed for a variety of school activities. Secrist says she appreciates the Dahns' reliability.

"If you need something done, you call the Dahns," says Secrist. "They're both perfectionists. They will get the job done right, without a lot of explanation."

"Their spirit of giving is beyond anything I've seen in Winters. Everything you go to, there they are," says Secrist, noting Pinky's familiar hearty laugh. "Pinky is the first one there and the last one to go, and Mark's the same way."

While others seem to readily understand how deserving the Dahns are of the award, the honorees themselves remain humble.

"It's really honorable, but I'm surprised," says

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Top ten Winters stories of 2005

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Although growth was the topic of many heated conversations around town in 2005, the kind of growth that actually occurred in Winters last year wasn't what generated all the buzz. With several large housing developments looming on the local horizon, such as the Winters Highlands, Callahan, Creekside Estates, Hudson Ogando and Winters Apartments II projects, none of them actually broke ground. All but Winters Highlands, which packed City Hall with disgruntled citizens nearly every time it appeared on the agenda, were approved in 2005 and are in various stages of development.

The growth that did actually take place was of the commercial variety, as businesses sprung up in the downtown area like oxalis in February. With The Palms and Steady Eddy's Coffeehouse breaking new business ground in prior years, several local entrepreneurs were encouraged by this success and hung out shingles of their own. Of course, a new era in Winters business couldn't take place without some purging of the old, and in preparation for yet more changes to come in the local business community, the Valley Farmer's Co-Op building that stood next to the Community Center for decades was torn down to make way for a new park-

ing lot. Another out-with-the-old, in-with-the-new change was initiated by Dr. Edward Andersen, who is refurbishing a historic house at Grant Avenue and Walnut Lane to house his optometry practice.

Other obvious changes to Winters took place last year, including the completion of a widened intersection at Railroad and Grant, the removal of the beloved flashing red stoplight and the installation of big-city, three-color, four-way stoplights. Another local landmark that began a major upgrade in 2005 was the historic trestle bridge over Putah Creek, with the finishing touches still underway. When finished, the bridge will accommodate both pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Winters also saw its water tower painted in 2005, clearly letting travelers know where they are just in case they blink and miss it, and the corner of Railroad and Main Street was graced with an old-fashioned clock, courtesy of the Winters Rotary Club. Behind the Community Center, a wooden stage and amphitheater were completed in 2005, allowing for open-air theater and musical productions.

Even Putah Creek itself got spiffed up in 2005, as volunteer effort continued on the Putah Creek Nature Park, and new walking trails behind the community center were

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Lanette McClure puts the bow on a gift at Regalare, the Main Street gift shop she owns along with business partner Julie Fuller. Regalare was one of several new businesses to open in Winters in 2005.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Dec. 21	.48	59	52
Dec. 22	.33	61	54
Dec. 23	.46	62	53
Dec. 24	.04	67	57
Dec. 25	.05	63	54
Dec. 26	.54	60	51
Dec. 27	.02	62	50

Rain for week: 1.92
Season's Total: 8.54
Last year to date: 9.10
Normal to Dec. 27: 7.23

City council to meet

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Because City Hall was closed for the holi-

days this week, the agenda was not available at press time. The agenda will be posted outside City Hall at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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.

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NEWTON WALLACE

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

Where have all those years gone? This Sunday, January 1, 2006, I will begin my sixtieth year with the Winters Express. When I arrived in January, 1947, rental housing was almost non-existent. Service personnel from World War II with their families were arriving home, adding to the shortage.

The moving van from Upland arrived with our household goods, and I had not found a house to rent. Ida and I, along with 18-month-old Wilson, moved into the print shop (now illegal, but in 1947 Winters had no zoning ordinance).

The sofa bed and crib went into the 100 square foot room now rented to Bijou, the washing machine was placed next to the backstop sink, and stove and refrigerator went to the west end of the print shop. The van truck driver left us the box used for hanging clothes and that served as a closet.

After a month or so, Wayne Ireland found a house south of Winters near the poultry farm, owned by Pat and Mary Cangellic, which rented for \$25 a month, so we moved there.

We didn't own a car, so I caught the 7 a.m. Greyhound bus coming up from Vacaville, and the 7 pm. bus from Winters to Vacaville, but if I worked later, it was a matter of walking home.

In Southern California, I never felt the need for a car, as bus and street car transportation was readily available, but Winters was different. Wilber Riley sold me a 1929 Chevrolet sedan that had been converted to a pickup truck for \$100, which solved the transportation problem.

I kept the job of publisher until 1983 when I promoted myself to paper boy and let my son Charles worry about meeting payrolls and press deadlines.

There were years of hard work and some lean years financially, but looking back, it was all worth it. Among the rewards were twice being named Youth Day Parade Marshal, being named Citizen of the Year in 1972, being invited to the White House for lunch by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, being invited by Secretary of the Navy Fred Korth in 1963 to travel on the aircraft carrier Coral Sea to Hawaii and spending a week there at Pearl Harbor as a guest of the Navy, serving as president of the California Newspaper Publishers Association in 1964, receiving the California Press Association's prestigious Phil N. McCombs Achievement Award in 1990 for lasting contributions to the local community and to the newspaper industry, and being the subject of a U. S. Information Agency documentary film in 1968 entitled "Winters Express" which has been translated into 18 languages and shown in more than 100 countries.

But the greatest reward was in finding a community in which to rear a family; a community where friendships were easily made and long lasting, and where people would overlook shortcomings.

Having purchased the Express at the ages of 27, my plan was to pay off the mortgage and then sell the Express, using the money for a down payment on a larger paper. By the time the mortgage was paid off, I was so fond of Winters that there was no way I would move.

When our children were small, one of the boys was seriously ill. Not only did food and flowers just pour into our house, but the Presbyterian Church even held a special prayer meeting for the youngster.

Our family has been blessed with many awards, but none of these compare with just being a part of the Winters Community.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Borchard

Ruth Borchard, age 78, passed away at her home in Winters, California on Dec. 11, 2005. She was born in Miami, Arizona on Feb. 14, 1927 to Jacob and Marie Hinkle.

Ruth was an elementary school teacher in Arizona and Southern California until her marriage, when she became a homemaker. She married Alan Borchard in Camarillo, on Aug. 5, 1958. Ruth and Alan moved to Winters, in March of 1963.

Ruth was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and was the organist there for many years.

She is survived by her son, Joseph Borchard; daughter, Marie and her husband John Mark Wildenthal; grandchildren, Ruth Carolyn and John Alan Wildenthal; sister, Ann Featherston. She was preceded in death by her husband, an infant son, Alan Edward and a brother, Ed Hinkle.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony Catholic Church Building Fund, 511 Main Street Winters, California 95694 or to the Yolo County Hospice P.O. Box 1014 Davis, California 95617. Those who wish to sign a virtual guest book may do so at www.davisfuneral.com.

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YESTERYEAR



This Eastman post card shows the town of Monticello before the construction of the Monticello Dam. The store pictured is the Cook-McKenzie store. The McKenzies recently purchased Kimes Ace Hardware, which will open after January 1, as Pacific Ace Hardware.

File photo

35
YEARS AGO

January 7, 1971

A successful party of hunters in December bagged a 250 pound wild boar. The boar was ground into sausage. Hunters were Si Godden, Randy Davis, Russell Davis, all of Winters, and Meyer Featherston, of Fairfield and Roy Bayless, of Vacaville. Eight dogs were used in the hunt, and two were gored by the charging boar. One needed 20 stitches and the other one 18, and the vet bill was \$80. Expensive sausage.

The Shell Oil Company closed its bulk plant here on December 31, and work has begun razing the plant. Walter Jorgensen, who has operated the plant for 24 years, said that his future plans are indefinite.

A baby daughter born Sunday morning in the Woodland Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Pedroia was the first 1971 baby for Winters. The daughter, Danielle Lenora, arrived at 6:56 a.m. Runnerup for the prize of first baby of the year went to Jefferson Michael Hatanaka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Hatanaka, born in Mercy Hospital, Sacramento, January 3, 1971 at 3:57 p.m.

Sgt. David Harvey, U. S. Air Force, will arrive here from Vietnam on January 10, to spend 11 days leave here with his wife, Jean and their four children, before returning to Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carner, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born December 30, 1970 in the Woodland Memorial Hospital.

50
YEARS AGO

January 12, 1956

Ed Gardner, owner of the Monticello Stage Lines, announced this week that after transporting passengers to and from Monticello for the past 41 years, the service would be discontinued next week.

A. Teichert and Sons of Sacramento was the low bidder last Thursday for the first leg of the Putah South Canal. Teichert submitted a bid of \$1,147,921.

Airman Delbert D. Mayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mayer, has arrived at Edwards Air Force Base, where he has been assigned to the 6514th Motor Vehicle Squadron.

Jack "Moose" Myers, head football coach of the College of Pacific, will be the speaker at the January meeting of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce. The Winters High School varsity football team, coaches and cheerleaders will be guests of the Chamber Monday night.

Land owners in the area included in the proposed park site west of Winters told the Yolo-Solano recreation committee Tuesday afternoon that they were opposed to park plans now under study by the two-county group.

George Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan, will host a birthday party this evening in honor of his 13th birthday anniversary, having asked young friends to dinner and the theater.

Winters town basketball team downed Dixon 44 to 39 Thursday night. Sam Fernandez led Winters with 16 points while the Snow brothers, Dick, Ken and Phil, potted 12, 7 and 6 points respectively.

65
YEARS AGO

January 10, 1941

The recommendations of the State Highway Commission for road construction during the next two years includes \$224,610 for the Vacaville through Winters to Dunnigan Highway.

The elementary school opened Monday and despite the stormy day, the enrollment was 217.

The rainfall up to Thursday morning measures 16.24 inches, according to the gauge at the California Fruit Exchange.

Mrs. E. R. Crum was hostess Friday to the members and guests of the book section of the Fortnightly Club.

Yosolano Chapter 218, O.E. S. and Buckeye Lodge 195, F. and A.M., are holding their 14th annual joint installation Saturday night. Arthur Graham and Charlotte Carando are acting host and hostess for the evening.

The journalism class at the high school has again elected Dorothy Hopkins as "Warrior" editor.

Norman Irving, son of Mrs. Harry Brandt has enlisted in the U.S. Navy, according to word received from the Sacramento recruiting office.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Elliot of San Anselmo visited briefly with relatives here Sunday.

"Boots" Erb, holiday guest here and in Reno, entrained in Sacramento, Sunday morning to return to school in Los Angeles. Mrs. H.R. Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dalton accompanied him to Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franke and family were weekend guests of friends in Orlando.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO

BECAUSE I SAY SO

MORE HAPPY HOLIDAYS

reader feedback... This one an email from Diane, with volumes of information on Jesus' birth and historical tidbits, the tastiest of which were details about the Three Wise Men, a.k.a. the Three Kings of Orient and the Magi. Sure, I'm familiar with the song, know it by heart, as does everyone who grew up in the days when we could sing "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells" in class without it erupting into religious/civil rights chaos, and I know they're famed for presenting Jesus with gifts of frankincense and myrrh (I'll bet Mary was thrilled... hello... how about a baby blanket or two, and some diapers?). But I hadn't spent much time and energy thinking about the Three Kings until Diane sparked my curiosity.

Some of Diane's Thinking Points (how's that for a twist on Talking Points... if we spent more time thinking than talking, we'd be much further ahead... but I digress...) included noting that these men read signs in the stars for knowing when the Jewish king was born, which means they believed in astrology. Diane emphasizes that these astrologers were called "magi," the base word for "magician."

She points out that it's intriguing God chose an astrological sign, revealed to magicians, to announce his son's birth. Is this not an endorsement of astrology, magic and mysticism? Yet these things are denounced in several places in the Bible, and considered demonic by many Christian extremists. Curiouser and curiouser.

Diane raised another interesting point: since the Magi hailed from Babylon, this means it was ancient Arabs, not Jews, who first recognized the birth of the Jewish king. Arabs reached out in peace and friendship. Whatever happened to all that goodwill.

Not only did the Magi personally present precious gifts, as incense and oils were extremely precious commodities 2006 or so years ago, they did so at incredible effort. Diane went to the trouble of calculating how long it took for the Magi to travel by camel from Babylon to Bethlehem, and based on historical information and factoring in that camels aren't exactly the speediest creatures on earth, estimated the trek to take about six months.

Besides Diane's fascinating tidbits, consider that the Epiphany, celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox churches as the night the Magi arrived at that manger in Bethlehem, is traditionally celebrated on January 6. So, if the ancients named January 6 as the date the Magi arrived, and it took six months to get there, then things aren't looking too good for Jesus' December 25 birthdate.

That could make for interesting conversation over Christmas dinner, no? Thanks Diane, for giving us something to talk about this year instead of wallowing in family holiday dysfunction.

Then there was Carol, who agreed with me that, regardless of when Christ was actually born and even if the date is arbitrary, all the frenzied Christmas commercialism isn't a befitting way to honor the son of God. Carol asked the key questions, "What can we do? Any ideas?"

Absolutely! Here's one: Yes, take Christ out of Christmas once and for all, and move all observances of his birth to the Epiphany. Sing the beautiful songs, spend time considering his message of love, kindness and charity, and give to those less fortunate on that day. And an absolute moratorium on any sort of commercialism connected to it in any form — no cards, no shopping, nothing. Just one special day to express appreciation and love for humankind. All humankind.

Here's another idea: Leave Christmas alone, just the way it is (or was, before the Radical Religious Right tried to claim it this year), and enjoy its lovely blend of Christian, Pagan and secular festivities, and let that be a tribute to tolerance. We cannot all agree on everything, but in this country, we are free to choose for ourselves what to celebrate and how. Rather than a tug of war over who's right and who's wrong, how about letting Christmas be the time of year when every culture and religion brings forth the best it has to offer, in a spirit of peace and cooperation. For just one day, could we all just get along?

Hope everyone had a Merry Little Whatever — Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Kooldest Kwanzaa, Yowza Yule or even a Best of Bah Humbugs. Let's hope we all muddle through somehow.



LETTERS

Time to learn from mistakes

Dear Editor,

The 2006 New Year is almost here. It's time to learn from our 2005 mistakes by taking notice of some of last year's disconnects in the US and abroad.

A big-time disconnect from reality was the Pope pushing for sainthood for a woman on the basis of her birthing a huge number of children. This in a world currently being maimed, devalued and crushed by the pressures of overpopulation.

Another "D." The scientifically ignorant creationists with their well-funded, anti-civilization claims. Apparently they believe that evolution precludes their religious beliefs and thus all of science teaching should be subverted and stopped.

Another "D." The anti-globalists, who protest by destroying. Stop the world now, or freeze it in place.

Another "D." The anti-corporationists, who don't realize that the goodies and advances they surround themselves with would all be gone or unaffordable.

Finally, the biggest booby of all. Why do so many otherwise capable people believe that governments around the world are engines for good, rather than necessary evils.

This letter doesn't deny the need for big time changes in our present circumstance. But let's be realistic and use rational truth, not irrational myth. Back to the 17th century? Now that would be depressing.

ED DAWKINS

Thanks for supporting program

Dear Editor,

I want to thank all those who helped make the community Christmas baskets such a success. We helped feed 885 people this season. The Ministerial Association has been working since July coordinating this effort. People from various churches in town have put in many hours on this project.

Local merchants like First Northern Bank, Chuy's, Kimes Ace Hardware, Eagle Drug, Winters Express, Town & Country

Market, Mariani's, Button and Turkovich, and Albertson's, contributed money and goods, as did a number of individuals in our community. We couldn't have done it without them.

Finally, I would like to thank the First Baptist Church, whose money and efforts were a very large part of the total project.

I hope that you will join with us in 2006 in contributing time and money on this great effort.

LES TILDEN

Democratic Club to honor King

Dear Editor,

The Winters Democratic Club will be hosting a "Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr." in January (Martin Luther King Day is Jan. 16).

We will be meeting from 2-4p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8, to hear Dick Holdstock and Terry Turner talk about their participation in the 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, as well as the

civil rights work they've done since then. The event will take place in the Winters Library meeting room; light refreshments will be served and the event is free.

We hope to see you there. After all, how often do you get to talk with folks who've participated in such a momentous event?

NANCY PATTERSON

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

BRIDGE TO OUR FUTURE? The train bridge (to nowhere) is almost complete. Several people have commented to me about the cost (approaching \$800,000) and the fact that the bridge doesn't go anywhere. Well, from the Solano County side it takes you to the barbecue pit behind the Community Center, and from our side, it takes you out of town. That's something.

I like the bridge, and I like what the reopening will do for Winters. The bridge will accomplish several things that we should all appreciate. It will get pedestrians and bicycles off the car bridge and it will open up the creek for recreational development.

Our side of the creek isn't that people friendly, but the Solano side has a nice slope to it. Walking across the train bridge will expand the uses for the creek and in years to come, we should see picnic and fishing areas where we now see weeds and garbage all the way to the 505 overpass.

The creek is unbelievably beautiful most of the time. Walking along the creek should be the highlight for visitors to Winters. There is only so much to see in downtown Winters, and after eating, a little shopping and a cup of coffee, a stroll along the creek should complete anyone's stay. When people get back home, they will remember walking along the creek long after they forget about tripping on the sidewalk or the meal they enjoyed.

The development of a pedestrian walkway along Putah Creek isn't that far off. The Putah Creek Council is working on grants to improve the creek's banks and are working on replacing the perk dam. City Hall staff are working on finding grant money, to match redevelopment money, to help develop the creek.

In a few years the car bridge is scheduled to be replaced and we'll either need a park and walk lot on the Solano County side of the creek or allow cars to use the train bridge. If it takes nine months to put in a light that changes color, how long will it take to build a new bridge over sensitive habitat? When they tear down the car bridge, I'll start a pool for the completion date. The prize can be huge because I'll have years to come up with the money or merchandise. How about a free Harley or a free Express subscription, or something in between. I'm open for suggestions.

NOTHING EVER HAPPENS? Debra always does a story on the top ten stories of the year, and she always complains that nothing happened in Winters over the last 12 months. There are plenty of stories, but most of them affected people personally or just touched their lives in a small way.

Businesses opened and closed, we had a few births and too many funerals. We didn't build any homes this year, which made some people happy, school and city administrators sad and many residents realized that they just don't care that much, one way or the other.

When talking about residential growth, a few people always speak up and don't want to grow at all, a few people demand that we supply homes for everyone working in Winters, and like I wrote earlier, most people just don't care as long as it doesn't cost them any more in city fees and we get something from the developers. Most argue that new residents should pay their own way, or their fair share, and almost everyone agrees to that concept.

We are now asking developers to fix some, if not all of our infrastructure problems. Like 100 year old water and sewer lines, a new pool and a new fire and police station. Expecting new residents to build a new school to hold new residents children is one thing, but to ask them to fix our existing problems is gutsy, if not just extortion. Take our swimming pool. It is probably approaching 50 years old, and needs to be replaced, at a cost of \$1.5 million. We can either A: tax ourselves \$250 per person living in the City of Winters (\$1,000 for a family of four), B: try to pass a bond issue that would include everyone in the school district, or C: we can just ask the developers to build us a new pool. C works for most of us and we aren't just asking for a new pool.

The developers know how much money they expect to make building homes in Winters, and they know how much they are willing to pay the city and school district for the right to build. What we don't know is how much they are willing to pay. So far, everything the city and school district have asked for the developers have gone along with. They may hem and haw, but in the end they have come to an agreement with the city and school district. City and district officials are proud of the agreement they reached with the developers, but I worry about that. We don't build houses, they do. We don't know how much money they make, but they do. We don't negotiate very often, they negotiate with cities for a living.

It is true that if the economy tanks, developers are left holding the bag, and we go about life, just like we always do. You may laugh, but more than a couple of developers have met their Waterloo in Winters.

So if you hear someone say that new homes don't pay for themselves, ask them how much they are willing to pay to stay small. If we want to stay a small town, let us start by paying for our own pool, new fire and police station, and for the repair of our sewer and water lines. The no growthers will never agree with me, but a little growth is a plus for Winters, not just in the extortion money we receive from developers, but from the type of people that are moving to Winters.

I hope Winters and our subscribers have a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The Winters Express encourages readers to submit letters of general interest to the Winters community. We will accept letters of thanks naming individuals and local Winters businesses.

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

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

We will also accept letters by e-mail. Our e-mail address is news@wintersexpress.com

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

We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

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

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Pinky, “I think there’s a lot of people out there who do as much if not more.”

Mark tops even his wife’s humility, and says he was surprised that he was included in the award.

“I thought it was just for her,” he says. “The fact that functions (we work on) come together is a reward. To receive an award (for it) is awesome.”

Pinky says she doesn’t think it’s unusual to be so involved with one’s community.

“After awhile it becomes habit.”

Mark points out that so many local groups need help with so many things that it’s easy to get involved.

“Show up once, you’re committed. Show up twice, you’re in charge.”

Pinky says her children were a motivating factor in getting involved with local activities, because she grew up out in the country, which made it difficult to be active in local events.

“I wanted to do that differently when we moved to Winters,” she says.

The Dahns did just that and got involved in all sorts of activities right after moving here, and both believe that volunteering and supporting community activities are what keeps a town alive, particularly a small one.

“It sustains the community,” says Mark. “Look at other communities. They’re bedroom communities. There’s no real community there, it’s just a long tract of houses. Winters is a real community. It’s such a unique community. It’s all those little things that make Winters different than any other town this size.”

Pinky says volunteering is what makes you feel connected to your community, particularly when you’re new to town.

“Somehow, at some point, you get caught up in it.”

And she points out, volunteers play a key part in a small community. Citing the Music Boosters as an example, Pinky says “that organization is the thing that keeps music in the high school.” Another example is the Winters Participation Gallery.

“Without volunteers, it wouldn’t exist.”

In fact, she notes, there are so many organizations in Winters that rely on volunteer support, there’s something to interest anyone.

“You can pick and choose what to get involved with.”

Mark notes that the Winters Theatre Company is always in need of help, and there’s a wide variety of things to do, from serving food at performances to building sets to cleaning up after shows.”

“There’s always something to do.”

As for anyone who still feels timid about getting out and joining a group, Pinky says, “give me their phone number so I can call and break them in.” She adds it doesn’t have to be a big project, volunteers can start small, with something as simple as serving coffee at a function. Once you get there, she says, it starts to feel comfortable.

“Take that first step,” says Pinky, and Mark agrees wholeheartedly.

“Come on in — it’s Winters!” he says, adding, “There’s nothing in this town that wouldn’t welcome a volunteer.”

When they aren’t busy helping out nearly every local group under the sun, and encouraging others to do likewise, Pinky works for Sodexo Food Services at Alza in Vacaville, and Mark works for RH Phillips winery. They have three children, Janette, 20, Kevin, 18 and Austin, 15.

Although Mark and Pinky will be formally honored for their service to the community at the annual Chamber of Commerce Year in Review celebration, planned for Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Community Center, they will unfortunately not be present because they’d already planned a trip to Hawaii. Pinky says they are “sending Janette as our proxy.” So, anyone who wants to congratulate the Dahns will have to do so at some other time. But don’t be surprised if you get signed up to serve coffee at the next community event.

For more information or reservations for the Year in Review party, call the Chamber, 795-2329. Tickets are \$35 per person.

TOP TEN

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completed. And the improvements didn’t stop there. Even the ramshackle tennis courts at Winters High School were completely renovated in 2005, thanks to the hard work and dedication of a group of local tennis lovers.

One change that was supposed to take place in the local business world was the introduction of Winters-grown Rominger West wines, set to debut in October. However, those plans went up in smoke, literally, when the entire vintage was destroyed while the wine was being stored in a warehouse on Mare Island on Oct. 12. Rominger West is expected to bounce back, and will have wine to pour in the summer of 2006.

Names in the news in 2005 included Winters High School art teacher Sally Paul, who retired from the Winters School District after 34 years, and another Winters icon, Gloria Marion, was honored as last year’s Youth Day Grand Marshal for her contributions to local youth over the years. Harold Anderson was named the 2005 Citizen of the Year, Steady Eddy’s Coffee House was the Business of the Year, Mark and Pinky Dahn were given the Theodore Winters Award, Jessie Gill was the Senior Citizen of the Year, and officer Jose Ramirez, was named Winters Police Officer of the Year.

Alyssa Younin and Jordan Shugart were the 2005 Homecoming Queen and King, Leticia Rodriguez and Piedad Junez were the Youth Day Sweetheart and Sweethunk, and Andrew Fridae was named Winters Youth of the Year. Robert Nickelson was elected to the Winters School Board along with incumbents Jay Shepherd and Mary Jo Rodolfa, and Pierre Neu was appointed to the Winters Planning Commission. Another Winters name made the news last year, but it wasn’t a happy occasion — Mayor Emeritus and City Council Member Robert Chapman, passed away too soon in August, and will be missed for years to come. Former Winters Police Chief Steve Godden was appointed to Chapman’s seat.

Top ten stories

1. Business is booming. The downtown area experienced a commercial Renaissance in 2005, following on the heels of some big business improvements in years prior, including the relocation of The Palms to the Winters Opera House, the renovation of the old Waggoner library into business spaces at 5 East Main Street and the opening of Steady

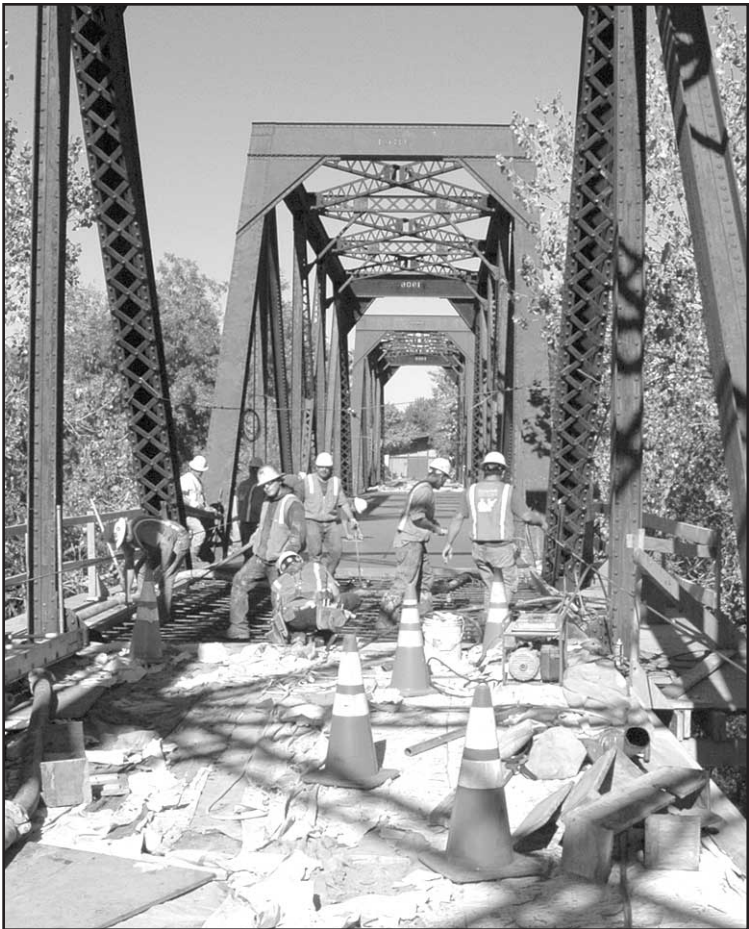


Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Reconstruction of the railroad trestle bridge began in 2005. The project will be finished early in 2006, and will allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross Putah Creek. The bridge was one of several landmarks to undergo changes in 2005.

Eddy’s Coffee House there, as well as the transformation of the old Winters Winery building into the Berryessa Gap Vineyards tasting room.

The immediate success of these three businesses surely inspired other budding entrepreneurs to try sailing in their wake, and 2005 saw gift shops Regalare and Textures open their doors, and Briggs & Co down Railroad Avenue. Bijou — A Shabby Chic Boutique offered a selection of gently loved and refurbished household items and antiques, and Winters once again had a bike shop, as Velo City set up shop with its high-end bicycles and cycling supplies. Winters residents had two more places to widen their girths, with Ficelle opening behind Steady Eddy’s and becoming an immediate lunchtime and Friday night tapas hit, and El Pueblo Meat Market offering not only authentic Mexican food, but a variety of fresh meat ready to take home and cook. Another art gallery never hurts, and Arte Junction became a lovely addition to the local art scene, and even the Buckhorn hopped onto the business boom bandwagon in 2005, renovating part of what

was once Smith’s Colonial Chapel into a posh new banquet hall called the DeVilbiss Room.

2. FFAbulous. The Winters High School FFA Livestock Judging Team put Winters on the world-wide map in 2005, traveling to Scotland in June to compete in the world livestock judging championships. Team members Jesse Beckett, Brenden Benson, Jacob Thorne and Matt Hayes, and alternate

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Belly dance classes to begin

Any adults or teenagers interested in learning to belly dance are invited to sign up for the next round of classes, which begin on Thursday, Jan. 5. The classes are held from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Winters Library.

Jane “Jenia” Ingroff, leader of the Sacred Fire belly dance group that has performed at several Earthquake Street Festivals, is the instructor. The class is geared for beginners, and costs \$44 per month (\$11 per class).

To sign up, call Jenia, (707) 446-0825.



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OBITUARIES

John Raymond Downey

John Raymond Downey passed away on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at Cottonwood Healthcare in Woodland at the age of 77.

Born in Brooklyn, New York on July 18, 1928 to John and Elizabeth (Sorg) Downey, he attended area schools including Brooklyn Preparatory High School. Upon graduation he joined the Merchant Marines where he served from 1945 to 1947. Mr. Downey was a conductor for the New York subway system, prior to employment on Long Island where he joined the Hemstead Police Department. After working in law enforcement for several years, the family moved to Deltona, Florida where he worked in newspaper distribution for over 15 years. After moving to Vacaville in 1995, he eventually made Dunnigan home, where he resided for the past five years.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Florence Downey, of Dunnigan; daughter, Patricia Helms, of Orlando, Florida; sons William Downey, of Winters and Gerald Downey, of Atlanta, Georgia, and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Edward Downey. Interment services will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 17, 2006, at the Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice in his memory.

Evergreen Funeral Services of Woodland is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gertrude “Gertie” May Walker

Gertrude “Gertie” May Walker, passed away on Dec. 24, 2005 at Sutter Davis Hospital in Davis, California. She was born on July 6, 1936 in Ventura County California.

Gertie will be greatly missed by her friends and acquaintances.

She is survived by her partner, Adelaido Rodriguez; children, Tracie and Bob Dore, Terry Walker, Clint and Marie Walker, Craig and Debby Walker, Clayton and Juanita Walker, Tammy and Dan Grabenhorst, Tinna Walker, Trudy and Joel Collins, adopted son, Steven Collette; 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; brothers, Thomas Hand and Frank Hand.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy “Russ” Walker.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Welcome to Winters



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Krissi Fortey was among the crew of people transforming Kimes Ace Hardware into Pacific Hardware this week. Both sides of the building are being remodeled and restocked. The new owners, Scott and David McKenzie, also operate Pacific Hardware in Vacaville. The new store will open for business on Monday, Jan. 2.

Archives open for appointments

The Yolo County Archives will reopen for public use on an appointment basis beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Appointment slots will be available on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on

Thursdays from noon until 4 p.m.

To make an appointment, call 666-8010.

Questions should be directed to Mel Russell, Archives/Record Center Manager, at 666-8010.-

Food, clothing closet hours

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

For more information or to make a monetary or other donation, call Dawn at the St. Anthony office, 795-2230. The closet does not accept large furniture or appliances.

The First Baptist Church also operates a food closet, which is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The church is located at First and Baker streets.

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

New rules for wood burning stoves

A new air quality rule regarding wood burning appliances goes into effect on Jan. 1, according to the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (Y-S AQMD). Rule 2.4 was adopted by the board of directors in December 2004 with the purpose of managing the emissions of particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and other air contaminants from wood burning appliances.

Any new development (residential or commercial, single or multi-building units) installing wood burning appliances must use either pellet-fueled heaters, U.S. EPA Phase II certified wood burning

heaters or gas fireplaces. Installation of open hearth wood burning fireplaces is prohibited within the jurisdiction of the Yolo-Solano AQMD.

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District offers a free brochure “Light It Right” with additional tips on wood burning. The District is dedicated to protecting human health and property from the effects of air pollution.

For an update on “Don’t Light Tonight,” call the burn information line at 757-3660 or 800-246-3660.

For information on the District’s programs and rules call 757-3650 or visit www.ysaqmd.org.

Schools

Yolo County Homeschoolers to meet

The Yolo County Homeschoolers, a loose-knit group of inclusive Yolo County homeschooling parents, invites all homeschoolers and those interested in learning more about homeschooling to our monthly park day, Thursday, Jan. 5, from noon - 2 p.m. at Rainbow City in Community Park at the corners of F Street and Covell Boulevard in Davis, CA. Several homeschoolers will be available to answer your questions about the wide variety of homeschooling options, opportunities,

and experiences. A short informal presentation will be offered from noon - 12:30.

We will discuss different homeschooling philosophies, understanding your legal options, networking, parkdays, college opportunities, conferences, and local and statewide resources. Find out how to begin and where to find the tools to navigate your personal family homeschooling adventure.

We offer a Yahoo-based email list, the monthly newsletter (the Flash, call Heather Smith at 756-4514 for a

copy of the latest issue), an annual Homeschool Information Night each August, weekly parkdays for younger families, periodic coffee nights, and a monthly park day on the first Thursday of every month, where families play and network.

To join the email lists, visit us at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YoHoAnnounce>.

For more information contact Eve Dunaway at 753-6464, Linda Jensen at 756-9256, Heather Smith at 756-4514, Katje Sabin at 758-6459, or Betty Bringham at 668-6546.

Gymnastics classes offered for kids of all ages

Parents, are you looking for something fun and active that your children can participate in this winter? Come to the city of Davis Civic Center Gym located at 23 Russell Blvd. We offer all levels of gymnastics classes for boys and girls 12 months-18 years.

For our pre-school age group, we focus on developing coordination through motor skills in a playful yet structured environment using colorful beams, mats, slides, bars, parachutes and more. Our school age gymnastics program provides gymnastics instruction on the beam, floor, bars, vault, tumble

track and more. Participants will be placed in an age and skill appropriate group. They will have a chance to make new friends, gain increased body awareness and increase self-esteem as well as improve over all fitness and strength. Come also check out our dance and cheerleading classes.

If you are interested in enrolling for classes that begin the week of Jan. 4, please visit our website at: www.cityofdavis.org/pcs/w ebreg or come by the Parks and Community Services Department at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis.

Call 757-5626 for further information.

Scholarship available

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

**Have a safe
and happy 2006.**

Educators invited to water workshop

The Yolo Basin Foundation is offering a Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) workshop on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006 in Davis. This 6.5 hour training introduces educators (from classroom teachers to youth group leaders) to an internationally acclaimed interactive water science program. At the end of the day participants can take home the 500 page Curriculum and Activity Guide, along with other resources.

The goal of Project WET is to promote the awareness, appreciation, and knowledge of California's water resources. WET is for anyone interested in natural resources and environmental education and is especially useful for public and private school teachers in grades K-12.

The Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the CA Department of Fish and Game Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 County Rd 32B (Chiles Rd), Davis. The cost of the workshop, which includes breakfast, lunch, and materials is \$30 per person. Contact Teri Engbring at 757-4828 for more information and to register.

Winters

Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

December's mixer, hosted by Dave Mills, Sandy Vickrey and Rochelle Akoni at Realty World was the "too much fun" mixer it always is. We had seven different chili entries, with the executive director's "Best of Show" Chili Award going to Julie Maguire of Regalare for her "Healthiest Chili" entry. Even if there were more deserving recipients, I know where my bread is buttered.

December's Chamber column is a good forum for recapping the year. As we look back at 2005, I believe there were a number of noteworthy events. The plethora of new business openings in Winters is exciting. The Arte Junction. Bijou, Textures, Briggs & Company, Ficelle and Regalare all opened as new businesses this year. Relatively new businesses such as Velo City and Steady Eddy's Coffee House built on their first-year success in this, their second year of business. It's hard to fathom how much progress Winters has made in becoming a shopping destination in such a short time. I am amazed by the number of people who have told me they have done the majority of their holiday shopping in Winters this year.

We have a new Downtown Master Plan that has been evolving to a soon to be completed Final Draft. I can tell you a lot of thought and hard work by the Downtown Master Plan Committee over the last six months has resulted in identifying themes and visions that I believe will provide an excellent roadmap for the future development of the downtown business district. If the plan is approved by the planning com-



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CHAMBER DOINGS

mission and the city council, many major capital projects identified as priorities will get done.

Examples of targeted actions include a major streetscape project on Railroad Avenue, as well as an "entrance sign" in proximity to the Grant Avenue and Railroad Avenue intersection. It has long been a goal of the business community to expand the business district out from the core of Main Street, with expansion flowing from the core. This plan will absolutely accomplish that. If approved, the city of Winters will use redevelopment funds for these and other major capital projects to create an even more dynamic business district.

As we look back on 2005's Year in Review dinner, I would like to once again pay tribute to our 2004 honorees: Citizen of the Year Dr. Davis; Chamber Business of the Year, The Palms, Theodore Winters Award recipient, Valerie Whitworth, and Senior Citizen of the Year Dorothy Becker. These people spend their lives making Winters a better place to live. As a testimony to the affection Winters has for these honorees, we had record attendance at the dinner banquet.

I believe the 2005 Earthquake Festival saw marked improvement in the quality and diversity of the entertainment, and the addition of a kids' zone made the

event a even better family event. Our 2nd annual Harvest Market this past October grew the event from the previous year and should become a mainstay activity promoting our local art and agricultural communities.

One of the Chamber's collaborative efforts with the education community resulted in a much improved website for the Chamber. The Chamber donated the licensing for Dreamweaver software to Molly Goldbar's Advanced Computer Science class. They in turn did a major redo of the Chamber Website, with spectacular results. I am proud of the Chamber's efforts on this project as well as vital projects such as Career Day, Job Club, and the Work Ready Certificate Program.

One of the best ways for us to start the 2006 new year is to join together in honoring those people who will be recognized at this year's Year in Review dinner. Harold Anderson. Diane and Edmund Lis of Steady Eddy's Coffee House, Mark and Pinky Dahn, and Jessie Gill have all made Winters a better place, and the opportunity to gather with friends to acknowledge their efforts is a fantastic way to start 2006. Plan on joining us on Saturday, Jan. 21 at what is always our best event of the year.

JJ's Saloon to host next mixer

January's Chamber Mixer will be hosted by Jennifer and the gang at J.J.'s Saloon at 318 Railroad Avenue. For those of you who attended the mixer the last time J.J.'s hosted, you probably don't

need to be reminded what a great food spread Jennifer put out. Mark your calendar to join us on Monday, Jan. 9 from 5:30-7 p.m. for a fun night at Charley Wallace's favorite "fern bar."

Chamber of Commerce meetings open to public

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

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings. The Chamber is involved in

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

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

Support available for debtors

A new meeting for those with debt problems has been started in Woodland, at 418-B Main Street behind Timothy's Bakery in the Alano Club behind the bakery. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Debtor's Anonymous (DA) is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from compulsive debting. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop incurring unsecured debt.

There are no dues or fees for DA membership. The group is self-supporting through contributions from members. DA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution. It does not wish to engage in any controversy, and neither endorses nor opposes any causes. The group's primary purpose is to stay solvent and help compulsive debtors to achieve solvency.

For more information, call Larry, 662 9678.

Entertainment



Courtesy photo
Children of Uganda bring their message of hope to the Mondavi Center at U.C. Davis this January.

Children of Uganda perform at Mondavi Center

In Uganda, where millions have died in the AIDS pandemic and millions more suffer in the ongoing political strife, life is often difficult for children. Yet there is still joy and hope, as evidenced by the Children of Uganda. The troupe, which features 21 orphans aged 6-20, all of whom has lost a parent to AIDS, performs traditional Ugandan music and dance with enough exuberance to bring hope not only to their nation, but to the world at large. The group, which played to enthusiastic local audiences in 2004, will return to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis next month to rehearse for their new tour of the United States, and provide a special series of performances. There will be two events, one at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, and one at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29, in Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 754-2787 or online at

MondaviArts.org. The Jan. 28 event is presented as part of Mondavi Center's Java City Global Beat series; the Jan. 29 event is part of the Family Series. There will be a Pre-performance Lecture with Cynthia Brantley, professor, UC Davis Department of History, on Jan. 28 in Mondavi Center's Studio Theatre at 7 pm. There will also be a post-performance artist encounter following each event. The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program will also present Children of Uganda as part of the 2005-06 Wells Fargo School Matinee Series at Mondavi Center on Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. and Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards. Teachers, educators, and others interested in purchasing tickets may call the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 754-4689. Children of Uganda's upbeat performances are the epitome of youthful energy and optimism, and a showcase for high-spirit-

ed Ugandan song, dance, drumming, and stories. Artistic Director Peter Kasule acts as master of ceremonies and storyteller, introducing the various pieces, which range from traditional songs and dances to original folk songs and drum performances. Formed amidst the dual crisis of AIDS and civil war, Children of Uganda was originally founded to teach orphaned children the songs, dances, and stories that were in danger of being lost. Its young performers live in several homes and boarding schools supported by the Uganda Children's Charity Foundation (UCCF), and through their performances, educational programs, and community exchanges, serve as goodwill ambassadors for the 2.4 million orphans living in the Uganda today. Admission is \$34/\$29/\$34/adults and \$17/\$14.50/\$12/students and children. For more information, call 754-2787. Or visit <http://www.MondaviArts.org> <<http://www.mondaviarts.org/>>

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre presents 'Desperate Husbands'

The new comedy 'Desperate Husbands' makes its West Coast premier at Garbeau's Dinner Theatre starting Jan. 6. Three couples all raised their kids on the same street and have found a way to keep in touch after they move to new cities. Each year, on Labor Day weekend, the friends, now in their fifties, vacation together. This year, the ladies have planned a little surprise: a healthy, all-natural weekend at a trendy resort, complete with organic food and exercise. The men, who really come for the beer and snacks, are not pleased when they find out. Tensions escalate into an all-out battle of the sexes, and the cabin is divided, literally, into the men against the women. They battle over health food, exercise, pizza, The Godfather, rock and roll, hot tubs, hot flashes, tummy tucks and their refusal to become middle-aged. Desperate Husbands has been hailed as "chick-

en soup for the boomer soul". The Garbeau's production features the direction of Neil Thorson, the 2005 Elly Award winning director of a comedy. Your evening includes the delightful seasonal menu. You can add appetizers, main course upgrades and dessert with matched wines to make your night out truly memorable. See why readers of Sacramento Magazine have voted Garbeau's Dinner Theatre "Best Dining Entertainment" for the last three years. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings 6 p.m. dinner / 8 p.m. show. Sundays 1 p.m. brunch / 2:30 show. Ticket prices are Thursday through Sunday, Adults \$33, Kids \$15; Friday and Saturday, Adults \$38, Kids \$15. Show Only: Adults \$17, W/Student ID \$8. For more information and reservations call the box office at 916-985-6361 or on the web at www.garbeaus.com.

Things to do

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, call 916-985-6361 or visit www.garbeaus.com.

Next Winters Art Walk is January 7

The next Winters Art Walk takes place on Saturday, Jan. 7 in downtown Winters. Official Art Walk hours are 12 noon to 6 p.m., but some participants are open earlier, as noted below. The complete listing and map is available and printable on line at www.PorFinPottery.com <<http://www.porfinpottery.com/>>.

~ Diana Jahns Childress, 9-B East Main Street, 756-6826 or in studio at 979-1611, djc@dcn.org, www.dianaartist.com <<http://www.dianaartist.com/>> See current work, primarily in pastels, but also including oil and acrylic paintings. Reproduction prints and greeting cards available. Art Walk hours: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

~ The Palms, 13 Main Street, First Floor hallway, 902-0705, <<http://www.palmsplayhouse.com/>> www.palmsplayhouse.com. Winters Tales: Oral History Project by photographer Jamie Chomas, ongoing. Art Walk hours: noon-6 p.m.

~ The Arte Junction, 308 Railroad Avenue, 795-3297. "Urban and Ruralscapes?" Deborah Cushman is a Sonoma County plein air painter. She can be found painting from rooftops or in fields alongside cows. For a preview of Deborah's work, go to www.deborahcushman.com <<http://www.deborahcushman.com/>> Opens Saturday, Jan. 7 and continues through Friday, Feb. 3. Art Walk hours: noon-6 p.m. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., seven days a week

~ Briggs & Co., 820 Railroad Avenue, 795-9505, <<mailto:sbriggs@rustology.com>> sbriggs@rustology.com. "Feathered Friends Group Show"

(bird-related art, all media). Opening Jan. 6 and continuing though Jan. 31. Art walk hours: noon-8 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, noon-6 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m. Artist reception: Saturday, Jan. 7, 6-8 p.m.

~ Berryessa Gap Vineyards, 15 Main Street, 795-3207, "Variations" - Woody Fridae's photographic depiction of the people of Winters and abstract art will be on display for the month of January. This show is a change of pace from his previous "Available Light" show at Steady Eddy's and will focus on diversity. Opening Jan. 7 and continuing through Jan. 31. Art walk hours: noon-6 p.m. Regular hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 4- 8 p.m. and by appointment 795-3207. Artist reception: Saturday, Jan. 7, 6-8 p.m. There is no charge to participate in the Art Walk. For more information call or e-mail Rebecca Bresnick Holmes at 795-0692 or Rebecca@PorFinPottery.com. Visit www.PorFinPottery.com <<http://www.porfinpottery.com/>> to download an Art Walk Map and Participant Listing and www.WintersCA.org <<http://www.wintersca.org>> for information about Winters.

Concert to benefit gallery

The Palms will host a benefit concert by Patrick Ball on Friday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. to raise funds for the Winters Center for the Arts.(formerly Winters Participation Gallery for the Arts). Ball is internationally known as a Celtic harpist and Irish storyteller who "weaves together song and story in a seamless performance." Tickets are \$20 in advance at Pacific Ace Hardware (formerly Kimes Ace Hardware).

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and happy
New Year.



TOP TEN

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John Avellar showed their reasoning skills and livestock knowledge at the event, bringing home silver medal honors. The judging team raised the bar at Winters High School, showing all Winters students what can be accomplished with enough dedication and practice. The international placing followed national first place honors for the judging team in 2004.

3. The houses are coming, the houses are coming. Nothing in recent memory packed City Hall with concerned residents like the proposed Winters Highlands housing development, with its more than 400 homes planned for the northwest corner of town. Residents objected to nearly every aspect of the project, from blocking the view of the hills to its effect on burrowing owls, successfully slowing down the wheels for awhile. Although not officially approved by the city council, the project is in the process of finishing its environmental impact studies. Other housing developments were approved in 2005, but have yet to break ground. Portions of the Callahan Estates and Ogando-Hudson projects are expected to break ground late next year, bringing 120 and 74 new homes with them respectively. Also approved in 2005 was the Creekside Estates development, featuring 38 upscale homes, and Winters Apartments II, meeting the needs of those at the other end of the income scale, with 37 low-income apartments to be built on East Baker Street sometime in 2007.

4. Final flash. That old flashing red stoplight that stood sentinel over the Grant and Railroad intersection for 34 years flashed its last flash on Oct. 13, and many community members turned out to say goodbye to Winters "heartbeat." A KCRA news crew filmed the event, and members of the high school choir sang as the old light was turned off, and four new tri-color stoplights were turned on, creating a real four-way intersection, complete with turning lanes. The old light got its final revenge, however, when the new lights didn't function properly for weeks, and continued to flash red in all four directions.

5. Goodbye, Bob. Winters lost one of its icons in 2005, as it saw the passing of Mayor Emeritus J. Robert Chapman. A former Rotary Club president and Citizen of the Year, Chapman served for 19 years on the Winters City Council in two stints, 14 of which were served as mayor. Chapman represented Winters at a variety of regional groups and committees, was visible at nearly every community function and event, and was an active member of the city council until he died on Aug. 9. The Community Center swelled to capacity as a standing room only crowd turned out to pay their last respects, and follow the funeral procession to the Winters Cemetery, where Chapman was laid to rest.

6. Love that lake. The other issue to pack bodies into public meetings surrounded proposed recreational usage changes at Lake Berryessa. The Bureau of Reclamation

sought to remove all the residential trailers along the lake shore, limit motorized watercraft use on the lake, and give all commercial business to one proprietor rather than continue to allow several concessionaires to run marina and camping businesses of their own. Although the Bureau appeared to be within its legal rights, as the contracts of those concessionaires were set to expire, massive public outcry once again slowed down the machinery. Although much of the outcry came from residents of other towns, in the end, the city of Winters proved to be a key player in the decision making process, with the city likening the proposed changes to a military base closure — something that can devastate a town financially. City staff are still discussing the proposed changes with the Bureau, the Department of the Interior and federal representatives. A final decision has not yet been reached.

7. Tennis anyone? After decades of deterioration and neglect until they were nothing more than an embarrassing eyesore, the Winters High School tennis courts were completely renovated in 2005, thanks to the dedication of a group of local tennis lovers. The Winters Tennis Association got off the ground in February, and with much time and energy put in by this group, particularly Dave Baxter and Cecelia Curry, grant money and volunteers were pulled together. Over the next few months, work progressed steadily, and the spiffed up courts were officially dedicated on June 7. The city, school district and private donors all helped make this project happen.

8. Dollar dilemma. Faced with declining enrollment and shrinking income, the Winters School District and the school board wrangled with tough issues all year in an attempt to hammer out a trimmed-down budget for the 2006-07 school year. Everything from campus closures to employee layoffs were discussed to offset a \$300,000 shortfall in next year's budget. A wide-ranging restructuring and expenditure proposal was presented to the school board on Dec. 15 that could save the district nearly \$422,000. The proposal suggests budget cuts throughout the system, affecting all employee groups and schools. The budget cuts will be discussed again at the upcoming Jan. 19 and Feb. 2 school board meetings. A decision is expected at the Feb. 2, 2006 meeting.

9. Green River. The ongoing dedication of local volunteers and the Putah Creek Council, saw the continuing development of the Putah Creek Nature Park in 2005, as about a mile of walking paths were built from the railroad bridge and extending east last spring. Other creek developments in 2005 included a \$345,000 grant that funded restoration work on portions of Dry Creek and Putah Creek on the southwestern boundary of Winters. The grant was the largest piece of a comprehensive \$550,000 project aimed at restoring about a mile of Dry Creek and several thousand feet of Putah Creek. In November, work began on



Photo by Charles Wallace
The Winters Rotary Club funded the purchase and installation of this old-fashioned street clock in 2005, which now stands at the southeast corner of Railroad Avenue and Main Street. Pictured are Rotary Club members.

the reconstruction of a section of Putah Creek's bank, where erosion threatened to damage Putah Creek Road.

10. Hold your nose. A punctured sewer force main resulted in the

release of 1,400 gallons of untreated "gray water" or sewage into the city of Winters storm water system on Aug. 29. The storm drain empties into Putah Creek, which was where the sewage ultimately

ended up. A contractor punctured the main on Dutton Street, disrupting the city's overall sewer system for an entire day while city staff scrambled to clean the mess up. A stretch of Putah Creek

was closed to all recreation and fishing just below the East Street pump station, and remained so for several weeks until the water was determined to be free of contamination.

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Sports

Boys soccer team off to slow start

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School boys' soccer team is off to a slow start this year with a 1-3-1 overall record, but is starting to come around. Under the direction of new head coach Alfredo Rodriguez, Winters has played some close games but had only one victory over Williams with a 5-4 win.

The Warriors' first game ended in a 5-5 tie with Live Oak on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Winters then lost big to Rio Vista 7-0 on Wednesday, Nov. 30. On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the Warriors were back on the field and picked up their first win over Williams 5-4.

Both teams scored two goals in the first half then Winters outscored their opponent 3-2 in the second half. The Warriors' next game ended in a 4-0 loss to Pierce on Thursday, Dec. 8, and their last game was a close one, as the Warriors scored 3 goals in the second half but lost 4-3 to Esparto.

The Warriors next game will be on Thursday, Jan. 5, in Gridley. Winters will then return home for their first home league game against Wheatland.

Higgins, Carelock make all tournament team

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

Zach Higgins and Myles Carelock were selected to the all tournament team at the C.A. Jacobs Middle School Invitational Basketball Tournament held on Dec. 15-17, in Dixon. Higgins and Carelock helped lead the Winters Middle School with just five other players — Kevin Hyde, Jacob Lucero, Niko Doyle, Sam Newman and Tony Brevor — to the championship game through the toughest bracket in the tournament.

Winters beat Harper, then Dixon before falling to Sutter of Sacramento in the title game. The Cardinals were down by just four points with two minutes remaining before losing by 10. Sutter, a school of over 1,500 students has won the tournament the last three years.

2005-2006 WHS boys basketball schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME
12/28 30	W,TH,F	Tournament	Lindhurst	JV/V	TBA
3-Jan	Wednesday	Pierce	Pierce	JV/V	5:30/7
4-Jan	Tuesday	St. Helena	St. Helena	JV/V	5:30/7
6-Jan	Friday	Rio Vista	Winters	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7
10-Jan	Tuesday	East Nicolaus	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7
13-Jan	Friday	* Gridley	Gridley	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7
17-Jan	Tuesday	* Wheatland	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7
20-Jan	Friday	* Sutter	Winters	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7
24-Jan	Tuesday	* Orland	Orland	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7
27-Jan	Friday	* Oroville	Winters	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7
3-Feb	Friday	* Gridley	Winters	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7
7-Feb	Tuesday	* Wheatland	Wheatland	JV/V	5:30/7
10-Feb	Friday	* Sutter	Sutter	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7
14-Feb	Tuesday	* Orland	Winters	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7
16-Feb	Thursday	* Oroville	Oroville	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7
22-Feb	Wednesday	Playoffs - 1st	TBA	V	TBA
24-Feb	Friday	Playoffs - 2nd	TBA	V	TBA
1-Mar	Wednesday	Playoffs - Semi.	TBA	V	TBA
4-Mar	Saturday	Playoffs - Finals	TBA	V	TBA

* = Butte View League Game
Varsity Asst. Coach: Ben Geerts
Frosh Head Coach: Matt Baker
Principal: George Griffin
Colors: Red and White

Varsity Coach: Jason Davis
JV Head Coach: Jaime Valadez
Athletic Director: Tom Crisp
Mascot: Warriors

2005-2006 WHS soccer schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION
5-Jan	Thursday	*Gridley	Gridley
10-Jan	Tuesday	*Wheatland	Winters
12-Jan	Thursday	*Sutter	Winters
17-Jan	Tuesday	*Orland	Orland
19-Jan	Thursday	*Oroville	Winters
26-Jan	Thursday	*Gridley	Winters
31-Jan	Tuesday	*Wheatland	Wheatland
2-Feb	Thursday	*Sutter	Sutter
7-Feb	Tuesday	*Orland	Winters
9-Feb	Thursday	*Oroville	Oroville
16-Feb	Thursday	Playoffs 1st.	TBA
21-Feb	Tuesday	Playoffs-2nd	TBA
25-Feb	Saturday	Championships	TBA

* = Butte View League Match
***All home games are played at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School
***** All games begin at 3:15
Boys' Varsity Coach:
Girls' Varsity Coach: Donna Burnette

2005-2006 WHS girls basketball schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME
12/28-30	W/Th/F	Jamboree	Antioch	V	TBA
3-Jan	Tuesday	Pierce	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7
5-Jan	Thursday	St. Helena	St. Helena	JV/V	5/6:30
6-Jan	Friday	Rio Vista	Rio Vista	JV/V	5:30/7
10-Jan	Tuesday	East Nicolaus	East Nicolaus	JV/V	5:30/7
13-Jan	Friday	*Gridley	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7
17-Jan	Tuesday	*Wheatland	Wheatland	JV/V	5:30/7
20-Jan	Friday	*Sutter	Sutter	JV/V	5:30/7
24-Jan	Tuesday	*Orland	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7
27-Jan	Friday	*Oroville	Oroville	JV/V	5:30/7
3-Feb	Friday	*Gridley	Gridley	JV/V	5:30/7
7-Feb	Tuesday	*Wheatland	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7
9-Feb	Thursday	*Sutter	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7
14-Feb	Tuesday	*Orland	Orland	JV/V	5:30/7
16-Feb	Thursday	*Oroville	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7
21-Feb	Tuesday	Playoffs, 1st	TBA	V	TBA
23-Feb	Thursday	Playoffs, 2nd	TBA	V	TBA
28-Feb	Tuesday	Semi-Finals	TBA	V	TBA
4-Mar	Saturday	Finals	Chico	V	TBA

* = Butte View League Game
Varsity Coach: Matt Cooley
JV Head Coach: Ada Lake
Principal: George Griffin
Colors: Red andWhite

Varsity Asst. Coach: Jeff Sims
Athletic Director: Tom Crisp
Mascot: Warriors

WHS Wrestling schedule

Dec. 10 — Tournaments: Varsity at Natomas, JV at Woodland, Girls at San Leandro

Dec. 17 — Tournaments: Varsity at Casa Robles, JV at Will. C. Wood

Jan 7 — Tournaments: Varsity at Anderson, Girls at Sacramento Open

Jan 11 — Dual meet: at Gridley

Jan 13 — Tournament: Girls at Vintage Napa

Jan 14 — Tournaments: Varsity at Lincoln, Girls at Vintage Napa

Jan 18 — Dual meet: Wheatland at Winters

Jan. 21 — Tournaments: Varsity at Maria Carrillo Sant Rosa, JV at Sutter

Jan 25 — Dual meet: Sutter at Winters

Shirley Rominger Intermediate School

Jan 28 — Tournaments: Varsity at Corning, Girls at Vallejo

Feb. 1 — Dual meet: at Orland

Feb. 3 — Tournament: Girls at Hanford

Feb. 4 — Tournament: JV at Orland, Girls at Hanford

Feb. 8 — Dual meet: Oroville at Winters Middle School

Where are they now?

Do you know the whereabouts of former Winters residents who still consider Winters their hometown?

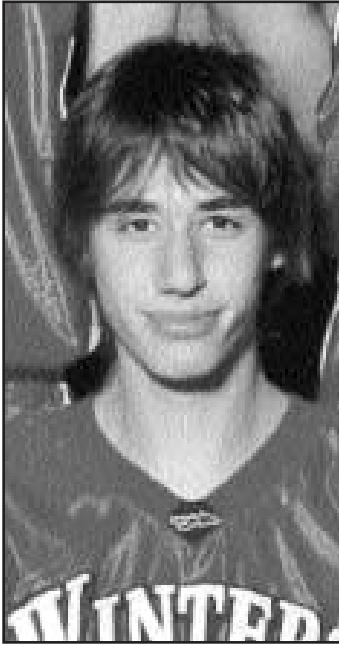
The Express would like to feature regular updates on these people and are asking for your help.

Please send brief updates of two to four

sentences including where they are now, what they are doing and how long it has been since they left home.

Information may be mailed to 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA. 95694, or emailed to new@wintersexpress.com.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Austin Crabtree

Austin Crabtree, a senior on the Winters High School varsity boys' basketball team is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week. In the Warriors last basketball game on Monday, Dec. 12, against St. Patrick's in Vallejo Crabtree led the Warriors from a 17-point first half deficit to a 10-point Warrior victory. Crabtree scored 17 of his team high 19 points in the second half.

“What I was more impressed with was his defense,” said coach Jason Davis. “He shut down their top scorer, who put up 23 points in the first half but had zero in the second.”

Happy
New Year.

Features

Emphysema, bronchitis often coexist

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have been told I have COPD, and I have also been told I have chronic bronchitis. Are they the same? Someone once said I have emphysema. Where does that fit in? — Confused

ANSWER: COPD — chronic obstructive pulmonary disease — is a term for the two main lung illnesses: emphysema and chronic bronchitis. They aren't the same, but they are frequently found together and often result from cigarette-smoking.

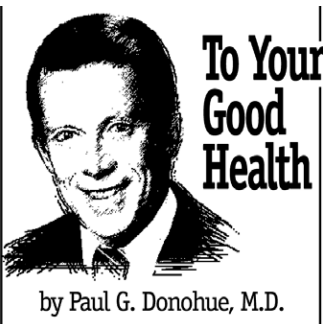
Emphysema is a destruction of the millions of tiny air sacs within the lungs. Oxygen from inhaled air diffuses into the blood through those air sacs, and carbon dioxide, a waste product of body metabolism, flows into the air sacs to be exhaled. A person with emphysema can't ever get enough air. That person is constantly short of breath and pants while doing the slightest physical activity.

Chronic bronchitis is an inflammation of airways — the bronchi. Irritated, inflamed airways fill with thick mucus and then narrow. The primary symptom of chronic bronchitis is a cough with the production of thick phlegm.

The distinction is important, for if a person predominately has chronic bronchitis, then treatment is directed toward cleaning out the airways and dilating them. Bronchodilators — medicines often used for asthma — are also used to dilate bronchitic airways. Sometimes, as in asthma, bronchodilators are combined with cortisone drugs, which reduce airway irritation and mucus production.

When bronchitis worsens, as it often does throughout the year, an aggressive program of antibiotics is begun. Mucus-filled airways are the ideal breeding ground for bacteria.

Pulmonary-rehabilitation programs are sponsored by many hospitals, and they can demonstrate the techniques



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

used to drain airways of mucus. Ask your doctor if there are any obstructive local programs.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What can you tell me and other women about their husbands who had mumps and the mumps went "down there"? Old wives' tales claim these men cannot father children, but I know for a fact they can. Some believe otherwise. Please set them straight. — Anon.

ANSWER: By "went down there," the letter-writer means the mumps virus can infect the testicles. It happens to about 20 percent of males who contract mumps after puberty, rarely before. Most of the time only one testicle is infected, and that affects neither future fertility nor sexual performance.

Even when both testicles have been infected, the ability to perform sexually is not affected, and the inability to have children is a rare complication.

Since 1967, when the mumps vaccine came into general use, there has been a 99 percent decline in the number of mumps cases. This question is rarely asked these days.

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.

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Springtime for Hitler recalls chilling facts

"The Producers," Mel Brooks' movie, then musical, now movie musical is hitting the big screens. The story line is: a sleazy producer wants to find the world's worst play, get gullible investors to put beaucoup bucks into it, have it fail after one night, and, presto! he is off to the bank with the loot. He picks a play celebrating Hitler's rise to power, figuring the topic is so despicable that everyone will run from the theater, gagging. Wrong! It becomes an enormous hit.

I feel like a supposed audience member watching the musical within the musical, "Springtime for Hitler" — applauding the story onstage and ignoring the real world outside the theater's doors.

The Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. has displays picturing the horrors of the concentration camps. But the most chilling exhibit is a simple factual recitation of the chronology of events in the 1930s after Hitler came to power.

In 1933 in Germany, Jews were 0.872 percent of the total population. One might think this small population was not a danger to the German state. Hitler used measures to eliminate all "non-Aryans" using public propaganda and misinformation along the way.

The sequence of events was:

~ 1/30/33: Paul von Hindenburg, president of the Weimar Republic, appoints Adolph Hitler chancellor, thinking that he can unify the nation and quell the growing social and economic unrest.

~ 2/1/33: Adolph Hitler, in a proclamation to the German Nation in Berlin, says: "The National Government will regard it as its first and foremost duty to revive in the nation the spirit of unity and cooperation. It will preserve and defend those basic principles on which our nation has been built. It regards Christianity as the foundation of our national morality, and the family as the basis of national life."

~ 2/27/33: The Reichstag, equivalent of our Capitol Building, burns. The fire is blamed on the Communists. An Emergency Act against such terrorist activities crushes the political opposition and is the basis of the Nazi state.

~ 3/23/33: Nazi parliament



MARGARET BURNS

MIDNIGHT OIL

transfers all powers to Hitler's cabinet.

~ 7/14/33: All political parties except Nazis banned.

Within six months, a single political party controls the legislature and the parliament has turned over all powers to the executive branch. How was so much action taken so quickly? The basic ideas had been formulated years before in Hitler's book, "Mein Kampf."

At first, measures against Jews were not massive. A series of laws were passed over time that limited the actions of Jews and gradually isolated them from the daily life of the rest of the population.

~ 3/22/1933: Animals cannot be slaughtered by Jewish customs.

~ 4/1/1933: Cologne — no Jews allowed to hold municipal offices.

~ 5/7/1933: All Jewish workers and civilian employees dismissed from Army.

~ 11/27/1933: No listing of Jewish holidays on office calendars.

~ 12/1/1933: Frankfurt — Jewish shops may not use Christian symbols during Christmas sales.

~ 4/17/1934: No Jews may operate pharmacies.

~ 11/26/1935: Every non-Aryan is a Jew.

~ 6/18/1936: Jewish medical students cannot examine non-Jewish women patients.

~ 4/15/1937: Jewish university students not admitted to doctoral exams.

~ 6/14/1938: Elimination of Jews from industry or commerce.

~ 11/12/1938: No Jews can attend theaters or concerts.

~ 11/15/1938: All Jews expelled from schools.

~ 12/5/1938: All property assets held by Jews frozen.

~ 7/4/1940: Berlin — purchase of food by and for Jews has to take place between 4-5 p.m.

~ 8/2/1941: Jews banned from all public libraries.

~ 10/24/1941: Public displays of friendship between Germans and Jews banned.

~ 3/16/1942: Dresden — Jews cannot buy flowers.

~ 9/1/1942: Estate of deceased concentration camp inmates belongs to German government.

This is a partial list of the laws that were passed. It doesn't take very many steps to go from seemingly innocuous prohibitions to out and out deprivation of civil rights. It is particularly easy if there is existing prejudice against a class of people.

This is why the manipulation of the media by the government, concern over provisions of the Patriot Act, spying on domestic civilians, lack of open discourse with dissenters, torture centers in foreign countries, and resistance to passing Senator John McCain's anti-torture bill are all issues that make the current administration policies look like today's version of fascism. Fascism, as we saw in Germany and Italy and Spain 70 years ago, is "A system of government marked by centralization of authority under a dictator, stringent socioeconomic controls, suppression of the opposition through terror and censorship, and typically a policy of belligerent nationalism and racism." (American Heritage Dictionary)

In order that we go no further down this slippery slope we need fearless politicians, fearless media and a fearless citizenry.

"The true danger is when liberty is nibbled away, for expedients, and by parts." Burke.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Crystal Enriquez
Occupation: Nursing student at Solano Junior College and waitress at On The Border
Hobby: Hanging out with family
What's best about living in Winters: "I can't get lost."
Fun fact: Could spill anything

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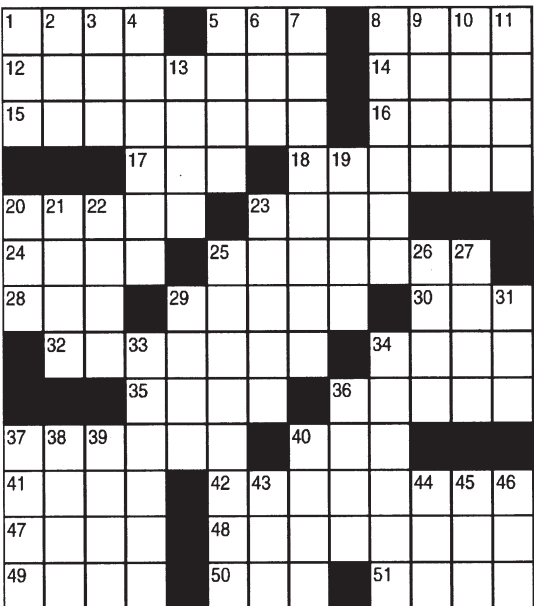
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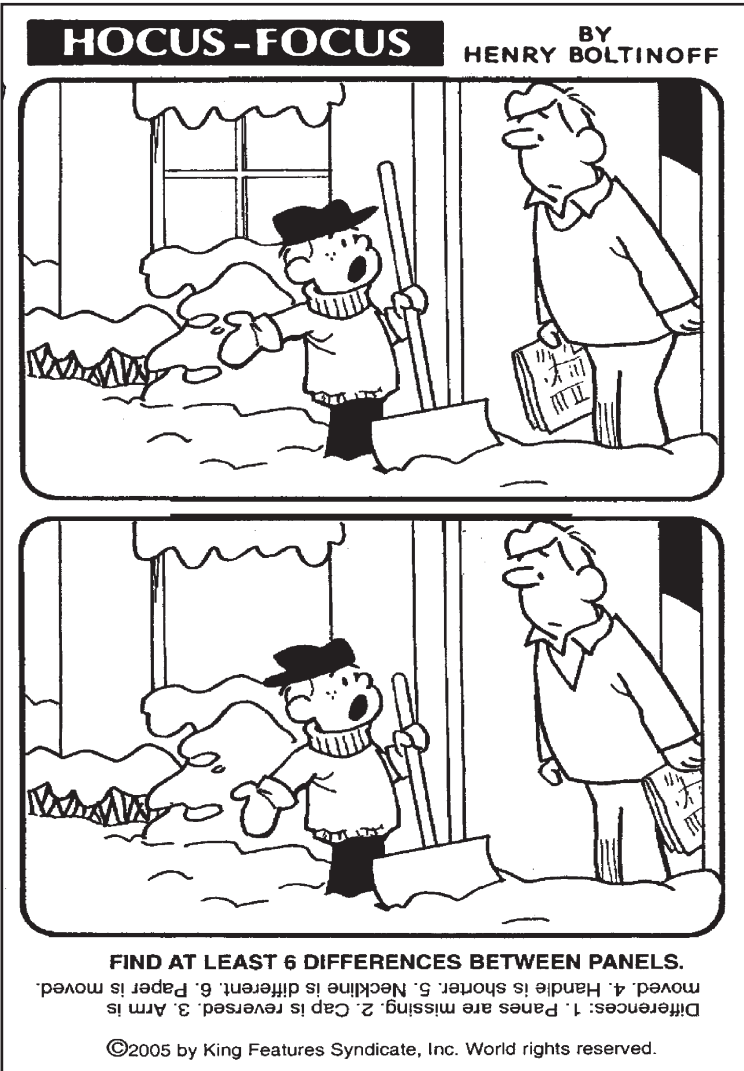
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- Mrs. Bob Hope
- Chang's brother
- Succeeds in business
- Anonymous John
- Wheeled platforms
- Be worthy of
- Early sitcom heroine
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- Math course (Abbr.)
- Egg
- Miami team
- "Queen - Day"
- Apportioned
- Evokes idolatry



DOWN

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- Formal document
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- Bullring bravo
- Call - day
- Fresh
- Campus protest grp.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Handle that potentially awkward situation by warming up your confidence reserves and letting it radiate freely. Also, expect an old friend to contact you. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not too early for the practical Bovine to begin planning possible workplace changes for 2006. A recent contact can offer some interesting insights.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A request for an unusual favor should be carefully checked out. Also check the motives behind it. Your generosity should be respected, not exploited.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Party time beckons, but for some Moon Children, so do some workplace challenges. Deal with the second first, then you'll be free to enjoy the fun time.

LEO (July 23-August 22) A warm response to an earlier request might be a positive indicator of what's ahead. Meanwhile, Cupid could pay a surprise visit to single Leos looking for love.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) How you respond to a proposed change in a project could affect your situation. Be prepared to show how well you would be able to deal with it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The revelation of a secret could cause some changes in how to deal with a workplace matter. It very likely also validates a position you have long held.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An attempt to get too personal could upset the very private Scorpio. Make it clear that there's a line no one crosses without your permission.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The savvy Sagittarian might be able to keep a family disagreement from spilling over by getting everyone involved to talk things out.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be careful not to push people too hard to meet your ideas of what the holiday weekend's preparations should be. Best to make it a cooperative, not a coerced, effort.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected request could make you rethink a position you've had for a long time. Meanwhile, plan a family get-together for the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone might find that it was a fluke to try to use your sympathetic nature to get you to accept a situation you're not comfortable with. Good for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like challenges that are both mental and physical, and you enjoy always beating your personal best.

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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Año nuevo, vida nueva

Empezar como si fuera cualquier cosa, es una enorme torpeza. Un año de vida es un regalo demasiado grande para echarlo a perder. ¿Alguna vez te has sentido en lo más hondo de tu ser ese deseo profundo y enorme de mejorar o de cambiar? Si es así, no dejes que el deseo se escape, porque no todos los días lo sentirás. Si hoy sientes esa llamada a querer ser otro, a ser distinto, atrápala con fuerza y hazla realidad.

El inicio de un nuevo año es el momento para reunir las fuerzas y toda la ilusión para comenzar el mejor año de la vida, porque el que se proponga convertir éste en su mejor año, lo puede lograr.

El año nuevo es una oportunidad más para convertir la vida, el hogar, el trabajo en algo distinto. “Quiero algo diferente, voy a comenzar bien, así será más fácil seguir bien y terminar bien. Quizá el año pasado no fue mi mejor año, me dejó un mal sabor de boca; éste va a ser distinto, quiero que así sea, es un deseo, es un propósito, y no lo voy a echar a perder. Tengo otra oportunidad que no voy a desperdiciar, porque la vida es demasiado breve”.

¿Quién es capaz de decir: “Desde hoy, desde este primer día, todo será distinto. ? En mi hogar, me voy a arrancar ese egoísmo que tantos males provoca, voy a estrenar un nuevo amor a mi pareja y a mi familia, seré mejor padre o madre. Seré también distinto en mi trabajo, no porque vaya a cambiar de trabajo, sino de humor. Incluso voy a desempolvar mi fe, esa fe arrumbada y llena de polvo, voy a poner un poco más de oración, de cielo azul, de aire puro en mi jornada diaria. Ya me harté de vivir como he vivido, de ser egoísta, tracalero, injusto. Otro estilo de vida, otra forma de ser, ¿por qué no intentarlo?”

En los ratos más negros y amargos, llenos de culpa, piensas: ¿Por qué no acabar con todo? Pero en esos mismos momentos se puede pensar otra cosa: ¿Por qué no comenzar de nuevo?. Algunos ven que su vida pasada fue gris, vulgar y mediocre, y su gran argumento y razón para desesperarse es: “He sido un don nadie, ¿qué puedo hacer ya?”.

Pero otros sacan de ahí mismo el gran argumento, la gran razón para el cambio radical positivo: “No me resigno a ser vulgar, quiero resucitar a una vida mejor, quiero luchar, voy a trabajar, quiero volver a empezar”. Un año recién salido de las manos del autor de la vida, es un año que aún no estrenas. ¿Qué vas a hacer con él?, ¿El año pasado no te gustó?, ¿No diste la medida?, ¿Con éste qué vas a hacer?

Un nuevo año recién iniciado: Todo comienza si tú quieres, todo vuelve a empezar...

Yo me uno a los grandes insatisfechos, a los que reniegan de la mediocridad, a los que aún conscientes de sus debilidades confían y luchan por una vida mejor. Todos desean a los demás y a sí mismos un buen año, pero pocos luchan por obtenerlo. Prefiero ser de los segundos. Comienza un nuevo año y con el un mundo de oportunidades se abre ante nosotros. El momento es propicio para reflexionar internamente sobre experiencias pasadas, situaciones presentes y el porvenir. Para aprender del pasado, disfrutar el presente y construir un futuro mejor.

Si nos detenemos por un momento y hacemos una pausa para mirar hacia atrás, podremos darnos cuenta que nos encontramos exactamente donde nos han traído nuestras acciones pasadas. El ser humano construye su futuro día a día mediante sus pensamientos, palabras y acciones, y estas a su vez van moldeando el presente. Siempre podemos escoger entre vivir el mundo cual lo conocemos o cambiarlo en el que deseamos, la decisión al final es de cada uno según decida ejercitar su libre albedrío. Que este nuevo año nos brinde paz, amor, salud, armonía, unión, felicidad y prosperidad.

El Muro Inútil

La decisión de 260 congresistas norteamericanos de construir un muro entre México y Estados Unidos es mucho más que una soberana tontería. Es el triunfo del prejuicio sobre la razón. Es tirar el dinero. Es echarle la culpa a inmigrantes inocentes de los ataques terroristas a Estados Unidos. Es la explotación del miedo al terrorismo con fines políticos. Es producto de una terriblemente ineficaz política exterior del gobierno mexicano. Es algo que no sirve para nada y que, al final de cuentas, mata.

La construcción de este muro tiene que ser la peor idea del 2005, cortesía del congreso norteamericano. Es difícil pensar en otra manera en que se puedan desperdiciar 8,000 millones de dólares tan rápidamente. No hay que ser un físico nuclear, ni un neurocirujano, y ni siquiera un tipo brillante para entender que si construyes un muro de 1,116 kilómetros en una frontera de 3,141 kilómetros, aún te quedan otros 2,025 kilómetros sin muro para cruzar sin visa.

Increíblemente, sin embargo, 260 congresistas estadounidenses –que se supone forman parte de uno de los grupos mejor informados del mundo– votaron a favor de una enmienda para construir ese muro. ¿Por qué? Primero porque no quieren perder su puesto; aunque sepan que ese muro no va a parar la inmigración de indocumentados, pocos congre-

sistas se atreven a verse débiles en la guerra contra el terrorismo. Eso es puro populismo: dicen y hacen lo que la gente quiere oír, no lo que funciona. Y segundo, votaron por el muro porque parecen creerle más a la actual propaganda antiinmigrante que a los datos concretos.

Aunque resulte obvio es preciso repetirlo: ninguno de los 19 terroristas que asesinaron a casi 3,000 norteamericanos el 11 de septiembre del 2001 entraron a Estados Unidos por la frontera con México. Ninguno. Y ese muro no va a evitar otro ataque terrorista. Es una falsa ilusión de seguridad.

Cada minuto, en promedio, se cuela un inmigrante ilegalmente a Estados Unidos. Cada minuto. Y esto no lo va a detener un muro. El hambre es más fuerte que cualquier muro. Un latinoamericano puede ganar en Estados Unidos 10 o 20 veces más que en su país de origen. Por eso vienen. Pero deberían ser bienvenidos, no rechazados.

La mayoría del medio millón de inmigrantes indocumentados, que según cálculos del Pew Hispanic Center, entra cada año no es criminal ni terrorista. Estos inmigrantes hacen de Estados Unidos un país mejor: toman los trabajos que los estadounidenses no quieren, pagan impuestos, crean empleos, controlan la inflación, aportan al retiro de los ancianos y son la columna vertebral de muchas in-

dustrias (entre ellas la agricultura, hotelería y construcción, por mencionar solo tres). Hasta los mismos 260 congresistas que votaron a favor del muro se benefician de su trabajo directa o indirectamente.

El año pasado, según la Patrulla Fronteriza, murieron 464 inmigrantes tratando de cruzar ilegalmente a Estados Unidos. Un nuevo muro, construido en partes de Texas, Nuevo México, Arizona y California, provocaría muchas muertes al obligar a los inmigrantes a tomar rutas cada vez más peligrosas a través de desiertos y montañas.

La culpa del muro, y hay que decirlo, no es nada más de congresistas populistas, mal informados o que explotan el miedo de los votantes estadounidenses. La culpa también es del gobierno mexicano.

La política exterior de México destinada a negociar un acuerdo migratorio con Estados Unidos ha sido un absoluto fracaso. No ha logrado nada. Por el contrario, ha permitido que la idea más abominable en la relación entre dos países aliados –la construcción física de una pared divisoria– avance en Washington.

¿De qué sirve que en la cancillería mexicana allá en Tlaltelolco tengan un salón para saber qué dicen los congresistas norteamericanos sobre el tema migratorio si, después, no hacen un intensivo seguimiento con visi-

tas, llamadas, comunicados y presión personal? ¿Visitó algún representante del gobierno mexicano a todos y cada uno de los 260 congresistas estadounidenses que votaron a favor del muro?

La política no es un juego de buenas intenciones. En la política las cosas se tienen que pedir, presionar, empujar, exigir. Y si el gobierno de México se dio cuenta que no podía negociar un acuerdo migratorio con el presidente George W. Bush, al menos se debió asegurar que el muro no fuera una idea viable. No hicieron bien su tarea.

La propuesta de “ley de protección fronteriza, antiterrorismo y control de la inmigración ilegal”, aprobada ya por la Cámara de Representantes y que será estudiada por el senado a principios del próximo año, no resuelve el problema migratorio. Lo retrasa y lo complica. Además, no enfrenta al elefante blanco: ¿qué piensan hacer, más allá de criminalizar su presencia, con los 11 millones de indocumentados que ya viven en Estados Unidos? Es imposible e impráctico deportarlos a todos.

La gran ironía es que si el muro acaba por construirse, se hará sin duda con la mano de obra de muchos trabajadores indocumentados. ¿Quién más en Estados Unidos está dispuesto a trabajar por un poquito más de 5 dólares la hora para hacer barditas inútiles en el desierto?

Cínica Iniciativa Migratoria

La iniciativa migratoria que aprobó la Cámara de Representantes estadounidense es una “cínica pariente de la Proposición 187” de California, que eliminaba salud y educación a los inmigrantes, opinó el periódico Los Angeles Times. En su principal editorial, “Realidad fronteriza”, el diario lamentó que sólo tres de los 19 miembros de la delegación legislativa de California en la Cámara Baja votaron contra la propuesta de endurecimiento migratorio de los republicanos.

“Sólo tres de los 19 miembros Republicanos del Congreso exhibieron un entendimiento realista de las complicadas relaciones del estado (de California) con los indocumentados”, indicó. Los otros 16 republicanos “tuvieron una caída libre hacia el más vociferante nativismo”.

Los tres congresistas opuestos a la medida, aprobada el pasado 16 de diciembre, fueron Devin Nuñez, de la ciudad de Visalia; Bill Thomas, de Bakersfield, y Geroqe Radanovich, de Mariposa. Los tres representan áreas del Valle Central de California que cada año requiere más de cien mil campesinos para mantener la agricultura, la principal fuente de riqueza del estado, que equivale a unos 36 mil millones de dólares anuales.

La Cámara de Representantes de Estados Unidos aprobó la iniciativa republicana de Protección Fronteriza, Antiterrorismo y Control de la Inmigración Ilegal (HR 4437) que endurece la seguridad fronteriza. Esta medida, presentada por el republicano James Sensenbrenner, criminaliza la migración ilegal, endurece la seguridad fronteriza, crea nuevos muros en la frontera con México y refuerza las sanciones a empleadores. Los Angeles Times no sólo encontró similitudes entre el contenido de la Proposición 187 de California y la HR 4437, sino también en la retórica para explotar los temores de los estadounidenses y dirigirlos contra la inmigración.

La medida “es una cínica pariente de la Proposición 187, la iniciativa antiinmigrantes que apoyó el ex gobernador (de California) Pete Wilson en 1994. Wilson se enfocó en los temores de un electorado mayoritario de raza blanca y nativo”, destacó. El diario subrayó que la propuesta HR 4437 “es similarmente contraproducente, al imponer sanciones criminales e involucrar a las policías locales a aplicar leyes (federales) de migración”.

“Es comprensible que muchos estadounidenses estén inconformes con la inhabilidad nacional de

controlar las fronteras y la tolerancia legal hacia un mercado negro de mano de obra que hace que millones de personas estén aquí ilegalmente”, señaló. “Pero la respuesta a esta situación inaceptable no es pretender que toda esta gente es demoníaca o que no se necesita su trabajo”, agregó.

El periódico recordó a sus lectores que el Congreso tiene suficientes propuestas de reforma a las leyes de migración que podrían crear un programa de legalización al flujo de fuerza laboral. Opinó que la HR 4437, que deberá analizar el Senado estadounidense en febrero próximo, pudo aprobarse por inercia

política, porque la mayoría republicana en la Cámara Baja ya estaba de acuerdo en varias iniciativas y “esta tenía que ganar”.

Pero también dijo que pudo aprobarse “porque ofrece un tema de buen peso para el próximo año electoral”, ya que en noviembre de 2006 los estadounidenses llevarán a cabo sus comicios generales. El Senado tiene planeado debatir una reforma migratoria más amplia a partir de febrero próximo, incluida una propuesta de los senadores John McCain y Ted Kennedy para legalizar a cientos de miles de indocumentados.

Extienden la “Ley Patriota” por un período de seis meses

El Senado aprobó la polémica Ley Patriota por un periodo de seis meses, pero aún resta que la iniciativa pase a la Cámara de Representantes, que planea llevar a cabo una sesión especial este viernes. La extensión, que coronó un intenso debate entre legisladores demócratas, republicanos y la Casa Blanca, fue aprobada por voto oral luego que su renovación definitiva había sido bloqueada por un grupo de senadores de ambos partidos.

Antes del voto, el presidente de Estados Unidos George W. Bush –quien de-

seaba que la extensión no fuera temporal sino permanente– lanzó una campaña de último momento para evitar que fuera objeto de un nuevo bloqueo parlamentario.

En disputa estaba un conjunto de 16 disposiciones temporales que expirarían el 31 de diciembre. La Ley Patriota, promulgada tras los atentados del 11 de septiembre de 2001, concede amplios poderes al gobierno estadounidense para garantizar la seguridad nacional, a cambio de sacrificar libertades individuales, lo que ha provocado divisiones en el Senado.

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City of Winters Notice of EIR Availability

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of the RESPONSES TO COMMENTS on the DRAFT FOCUSED EIR for the WINTERS HIGHLANDS PROJECT

DATE: December 29, 2005

TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals

FROM: City of Winters Community Development Department

Copies of the Responses to Comments on the Draft Focused Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Winters Highlands project will be available on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 for review. More information on the public hearing process is provided below.

The project site is located north of Grant Avenue along Moody Slough Road (County Road 33) in the northwestern portion of the City of Winters. The project site totals 102.6 acres comprised of APNs 030-220-17 (48.1 acres), 030-220-19 (21.0 acres), and 030-220-33 (33.5 acres) located south of Moody Slough Road, east of the western City limits, and north of the existing Dry Creek subdivision.

The project is a proposed residential subdivision of 102.6 acres to create 413 single-family lots (including 36 "duplex" lots) on 49.49 acres, a 2.01 acre multifamily lot on which 30 apartments will be developed, a 10.63 acre park site (plus a proposed 10,000 square foot well site), and a 7.43 acre wetlands/open space area, an exchange parcel of 0.04 acres to the Callahan property to the south; and 32.81 acres in public roads.

The following approvals are needed from the City: 1) CEQA clearance; 2) Exclusion from the West Central Master Plan; 3) Approval of the Winters Highlands Development Agreement; 4) Approval of various General Plan Amendments; 5) Approval of various Rezonings; 6) Approval of the Tentative Subdivision Map; 7) Approval of a Lot Line Adjustment; 8) Amendment of the Rancho Arroyo Storm Drain District Master Plan; 9) Amendment of the Circulation Master Plan; and 10) Amendment of the Bikeway System Master Plan.

The City and its consultant, Ted Winfield & Associates, have prepared a Responses to Comments document that addresses comments received on the Draft Focused EIR during the formal comment period. The Responses to Comments document and the Draft EIR together comprise the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project. The City must consider the information contained in the Final EIR when deliberating the project. Following certification of the Final EIR, the City may take final action on the project.

The Responses to Comments document will be available on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 for public review at the public counter of the Community Development Department at City Hall located at 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694. The document will also be made available online at the City's website (www.cityofwinters.org) under the Community Development Department tab (Reports & Publications option).

A public workshop for the Winters Highlands project is scheduled before the Planning Commission and City Council on January 11, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Community Center located at 201 Railroad Avenue, Winters, California 95694.

A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for February 9, 2006 at 7:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located at 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694. At this hearing it is anticipated that the Commission will make their final recommendation to Council regarding the project.

A public hearing before the City Council is scheduled for February 21, 2006 at 7:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located at 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694. At this hearing it is anticipated that the Council will take a final action on the project.

There will be no transcription of comments at these meetings. Should this be desired separate arrangements must be made. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in these hearings, please contact the City Community Development Department at (530) 795-4910 x114. Please make your request as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

For more specific questions about the project please Heidi Tschudin, Contract Planner, at (916) 447-1809; or Dan Sokolow, Community Development Director, (530) 795-4910 x 114.

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Prop. 63 Hearing

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Yolo County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services ("ADMHS") is pleased to announce that the proposed

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (PROPOSITION 63) COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS 3-YEAR PROGRAM AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

is now available for public review and comment. The plan can be viewed at www.yolocounty.org (see "Hot Topics"), at www.namiyolo.org, at all local libraries and at all ADMHS offices. You may request a copy by calling ADMHS at (530) 666-8630, Extension 9183.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mental Health Board of the County of Yolo, State of California, will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports 3-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. The public hearing will commence on:

Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.
Supervisors' Chambers,
Yolo County Administration Building
625 Court Street, Room 206, Woodland, California

Until the time fixed for the hearing, any interested person may request a copy of the proposed plan. All comments must be submitted in writing, either before or at the hearing. At the time and place fixed for the public hearing, individuals and organizations are invited to present comments on the MHSA Plan (time limit 5 minutes or less). To be included in the record, these comments must also be provided in written form.


Additional information regarding this hearing may be obtained by contacting Yolo County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services at (530) 666-8630, Extension 9183, or by written request to: Yolo County ADMHS, Attn: MHSA Coordinator, 14 North Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695.


The proposed Community Services and Supports Plan may be viewed at www.yolocounty.org (see "Hot Topics," then "Mental Health Services Act"), or www.namiyolo.org, or you may request a copy by calling the Yolo County MHSA Coordinator at (530) 666-8630, Extension 9183.


Anyone may ask for help with writing and/or submitting comments about the plan by calling the Yolo County MHSA Coordinator at (530) 666-8630, Extension 9183.


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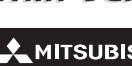
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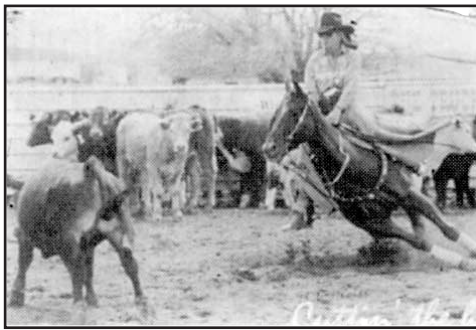
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