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Developer
agreements
approved

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Nearly \$2.3 million will eventually flow into Winters Joint Unified School District coffers as result of developer agreements ratified by district trustees on Jan. 12.

Trustees unanimously approved two agreements with Winters Investors, LLC that will fix fees at \$3.10 per square foot when building permits are pulled and another \$3.10 per square foot upon closing of escrow. The agreements cover the 72-home Hudson-Ogando housing development and the 120-home Callahan development. Both are proposed for the west side of West Main Street north of Grant Ave. Homes designated for low or very low income persons in each development will be exempt from the \$3.10 fee charged at the close of escrow.

The total of \$6.20 per square foot is twice the amount the school district can currently charge for new residential development and represents a “Level III” fee that the district is authorized to charge only when there is no state funding available to match the lower fee. Trustees echoed the district superintendent’s declaration that the agreements are “a very good thing for the district.”

The fees are intended to

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Come on across



Photo by Woody Fridae

A crowd turned out on Saturday, Jan. 7, to witness the official opening of the trestle bridge over Putah Creek, allowing for pedestrian and bicycle traffic over the creek. The original bridge was built by the Southern Pacific railroad in 1906. The renovation project cost \$800,000.

Highlands workshop
sparsely attended

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Only a handful of Winters residents attended the joint city council and planning commission workshop at the Community Center on Wednesday, Jan. 11. The purpose of the meeting was to accept input and answer questions about the proposed Winters Highlands subdivision. The project is located on 102.6 acres north of Grant Avenue along Moody Slough Road in the northwestern portion of the city of Winters. The site includes 413 single-family lots including 36 duplex lots, a multi-family lot including 30 apartments, a 10.63-acre park site and a 7.43-acre wetlands/open space area. The developer is Granite Bay Holdings, owned by

partners Rick Cheney and Larry John.

Cheney opened the discussion, describing the “long journey” that has occurred since the project began in June, 2000. Since that time, he said, 20 or more plans have been submitted, ending with the current plan that “connects to the existing landscape.” He told the audience the developers and consultants involved with the plan have tried to fit in the community’s priorities.

“I think Winters Highlands is an infill project,” he said, because of its location.

He called the planned build-out of six years “slow” and described the improvements that would be brought to the commu-

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Public hearings on agenda

The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

~ Public hearing regarding the Downtown Master Plan.

~ Public hearing regarding the Habitat Mitigation Policy.

~ Public hearing regarding a Zoning Ordinance Interpretation application submitted by Glenn and Jeanette DeVries for 112 Main Street on whether a structure located in the C-2 (Central Business Dis-

trict) zone that has been destroyed by a fire or other catastrophe can be rebuilt and used as a single-family residence if it had not been used as a single-family residence at the time of its destruction but has a history of use as a single-family residence.

~ Public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to drop the conditional use permit requirement for multi-family projects in the R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) and R-4 (High Density Multi-Family) Zones.

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PEYTON DEVIN SCOTT HUMPHREY and LANDON MATTHEW STEVEN HUMPHREY were born on Sept. 29, 2005 at 9:24 a.m. and 9:25 a.m. respectively, at Woodland Memorial Hospital, the firstborn children of Devin and Shawn Humphrey of Williams. Peyton weighed 4 pounds, 13.5 ounces and was 17.25 inches long. Landon weighed 4 pounds, 13 ounces and was 17.5 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Scott and Judy Humphrey of Cornelius, Oregon. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Bobbie McMahon of Colusa. Paternal

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Kenneth Matheson is first baby of year

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

The first Winters baby of 2006 is Kenneth George Matheson, born Wednesday, Jan. 4, to Tracey and Jeffrey Matheson at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento. Kenneth weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21.5 inches long, and joins brothers Alec, 5, and Garrett, 3. The Mathesons moved to Winters from Vacaville two and a half years ago. Tracey is a full-time mother and Jeffrey is the Director of Recreation and Community Services for the city of Dixon.

For being the firstborn Winters resident this year, Kenneth and his parents will receive a \$20 gift certificate from Pacific Ace Hardware, a \$15 gift certificate from Putah Creek Café, a \$25 gift certificate from the Buckhorn, a dozen donuts from Lester Farms Bakery, a baby hat from Regalare, a flower arrangement from Chris’ Florist, a framed photo from Jeff’s Studio 9, a free lub/oil/filter from Ron DuPratt Ford, Sunday brunch for two at Tomat’s, a one-year subscription to the Winters Express, a \$50 savings account from First Northern Bank and baby’s first prescription from Eagle Drug.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

The first Winters baby of 2006 is Kenneth George Matheson, seated on his mother’s lap. From left are Kenneth’s family, Garrett, mother Tracey, Alec and father Jeffrey Matheson.

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Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Jan. 11	.02	58	41
Jan. 12	T	64	41
Jan. 13	T	60	43
Jan. 14	.28	54	48
Jan. 15	.07	57	36
Jan. 16		59	36
Jan. 17		54	41

Rain for week: ..37

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OBITUARIES

Isaac M. Macias

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

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

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

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anto-nio and Patricia (Mendoza) Macias and his sister Paulba Rodarte.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, Dec. 2 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, following a vigil service on Dec. 1. Father Chuck officiated. Burial was held at the Winters cemetery.

The Macias and Rosales families are thankful for the prayers, support and contributions they have received. De parte de familia Macias y Ros-ales, damos gracias a todos por su ayuda y su oraciones.

Evelyn Cooling

Evelyn Cooling died at her home in Woodland on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at age 97.

She was born in South Wales, England, to the late James and Sarah Elizabeth Williams on July 19, 1908. She was a long-time Yolo County farmer, a 60-year member of Farmers Rice Cooperative and a 70-year member of Eastern Star. She was also a past member of White Nile and the Yolo County Farm Bureau.

Survivors include Mrs. Cooling's daughter, Mari-lyn Kaupke, of Davis; her granddaughter, Deirdre Cross and her husband Brian; her great-grandchil-dren, Tyler and Amy Cross, all of Winters, and her sister, Penelope Thompson of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, John C. Cooling; her granddaughter, Diane Kaupke; brothers, Henry and Rayden Williams and her son-in-law, Charles Rominger Kaupke.

The family requests that memorials be made in Mrs. Coolings name to Yolo County Hospice, P.O. Box 1014, Davis, CA 95617.

Visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. on Jan. 18, at Mc-Nary's Chapel, 458 College Street, Woodland. A fu-neral is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at St. John's United Church of Christ, 434 Cleveland Avenue, Woodland. Interment will follow at Monu-ment Hill Memorial Park, 35036 County Road 22, Woodland.

McNary's Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Phyllis Jean Clarke

Phyllis Jean Clarke passed away peacefully at home in Winters on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, fol-lowing a two year battle with cancer. She was 61 years old.

Phyllis was born on Sept. 25, 1944 in San Antonio, Texas at the U. S. Air Force Base known as Ran-dolph Field.

Phyllis moved to Winters in 1976. She was the proud daughter of the late Phil and Judy Mont-gomery, both of whom were very active in the com-munity. Phil organized the Boys Club of America and was sports editor for the Winters Express. Judy had the Winters Dance Studio where many grateful students gained their poise and structured a solid foundation towards their future.

Phyllis was a devoted mom, loyal wife, loving daughter and generous grandmother. She was a true friend forever to many, and a genuine humani-tarian. Phyllis believed in honesty, hardwork, fam-ily, respect, and good people.

Phyllis is survived by her family, David Lane, Darrell and Jill Lane, Richard and Laura Clarke, Mary Mackey, Steve Evans and Carol Goodrich; grandchildren, Megan, Hannah, Caleb, Eli and Corey Lane, Micaiah Clarke and Natasha Young.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Phil and Judy Montgomery; her husband, Peter T. Clarke; her mom Verdell Burnett; grandson Matthew (Lane) Hayes and the sunshine of her life, daughter Donna Marie Lane.

All friends and acquaintances are cordially invited to help "Celebrate the Life" of P.J. Clarke on Monday, Jan. 23, at 4 p.m. at the Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Wesley Hall, 205 Russell Street, Winters. A Phyllis Clarke Mem-orial Fund has been set up at First Northern Bank of Dixon. Donations in her name may be made there.

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YESTERYEAR



File photo

Pictured above is the late Alan Furth, a former local res-ident who, as President of the Southern Pacific Rail-road, turned over the old railroad bridge and adjacent property north of the bridge, to the city of Winters.

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YEARS AGO

January 28, 1971

The Winters School Board, meeting Monday evening, in-structed James Bernardy, the districtsuperintendent, to draw up a preliminary draft of a mas-ter plan for future building needs for the district.

The annual Mothers March of Dimes will be conducted in Winters Monday evening Feb-ruary 1 with Mrs. Joe Franke serving as chairman and Mrs. Rex Mayes as co-chairman.

Today is the deadline for mak-ing reservations for the dinner next Monday evening in the Winters Fire Hall, honoring Wilburn Bishop, who is retiring after 20 years with the city pub-lic works department.

Bary Hopkins, Primary School principal, has asked that all people interested in becoming volunteer classroom aides to meet at the pri-mary school Auditorium on Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

A spokesman for the Univer-sity of California indicated this week that the University will not apply for acquisition of the for-mer Army communications sta-tion east of Winters.

Water a foot over spillway at lake

Tuesday morning water was still pouring over the spillway at Lake Berryessa with the lake still more than a foot above the "glory hole" spillway, according to Mickey Faulkner, of the Solano Irrigation District.

The lake had an eleva-tion of 441.08, with storage computed at 1,623,172 acre feet of water, down 14,382

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YEARS AGO

February 2, 1956

Mayor A.R. Gale said yester-day that after 24 years on the Winters City Council, he will not be a candidate for reelec-tion at the city election April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sat-tazahn have sold their interest in the Winters Fountain to Mrs. Pearl Phelps, who took over the managements of the firm Wednesday morning.

Tony Gonzales, an employee of the Southern Pacific Compa-ny, was bitten by a rattlesnake Monday while cleaning brush from across the railroad bridge. He was treated by Dr. Young.

Mrs. Joe Diaz, city park chairman, said yesterday that her committee plans to plant the rose garden at the city park in about two weeks.

Informal announcement of the engagement of Miss Car-men Cuberos and Mr. Joe Ru-bio was made on Sunday evening, December 24, when the betrothed girl received the gift of her engagement ring from her fiancé. The wedding will take place in late Spring.

Fire department reports

The Winters Fire De-partment made the follow-ing calls:

Jan. 3

~ State Highway 128 at Interstate 505, for a vehi-cle accident.

Jan. 4

~ 1000 block of Kennedy Drive, medical aid for an unresponsive person.

Jan. 5

~ 800 block of Taylor Street, medical aid for a foot injury.
~ Old Winters Road, mu-

tual aid to Solano County for a vehicle accident.

~ 300 block of Grant Av-enue, medical aid for a person with difficulty breathing.

~ 9000 block of Johnson Road, mutual aid to Solano County for a med-ical aid.

Jan. 7

~ First block of Abbey Street, public assistance for a vehicle lock-out.

~ 400 block of Edwards Street, medical aid for a person with an unknown medical problem.

Weekly police department report

Jan. 4

~ On the 400 block of Main Street, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

~ On the 600 block of Snapdragon Court, an offi-cer responded to an audi-ble residential alarm. The residence was found se-cure.

~ On the 400 block of An-derson Avenue, an officer re-sponded to an audible resi-dential alarm. The residence was found secure.

Jan. 5

~ On the 700 block of Apricot Avenue, A suspect tres-passed into a residence sometime between Dec. 8-15.

~ On the 1000 block of Adams Lane, an officer re-sponded to an audible res-

idential alarm. The resi-dence was found secure.

~ A 15-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a no-tice to appear for possess-ing tobacco products.

Jan. 7

~ Manuel Delgado, 48, of Winters was arrested for driv-ing under the influence of alcohol. Blood alcohol con-tent results: .15/.14. Delgado was booked at the Winters Po-lice Department and re-leased to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ On the 200 block of Niemann Street, a suspect vandalized the inside of a residence. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

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YEARS AGO

January 31, 1941

Among local men who have passed tests and obtained em-ployment at Mare Island Navy Yard are Fred Lee, Herman Meyer; Lee Conaster; C. Leemons, Joe Carando, Chester Tracey, Mark Pleasants, Charles and Wesley McCullough, Jack Ryan, S. Dillman and G. Gustafson.

Yolo County's assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey voted against continuing the "Little Dies" com-mittee, a proposal to go into sub-versive activities in various insti-tutions of the state, including the University of California, the vote was 47 for and 25 against.

Those from Winters attending the annual meeting of the Califor-nia Fruit Exchange, held Tues-day in Sacramento, were Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Brinck, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Sackett, P.W. Thornberry, Mrs. Mary Brinck, Mrs. Josephine Brinck, Mrs. August Brinck, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Brinck, Mrs. Lundquist, Miss May Elzey, and Mr. and Mrs. H.H. McGarr. Dr. W.P. Tufts was named among the directors. He succeeds Ned Thurber for this district.

In Yolo County, one out of every 14 persons was on state or county relief in Novembers, according to the California Taxpayer's As-sociation.

The Winters High School War-riors walked away with the "A" basketball game last Friday night, with the score, Winters 36 and Clarksburg 16. Elmer Scott was high point man with 10 points.

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YEARS AGO

February 2, 1906

At a meeting held in the post of-fice building Wednesday an or-ganization of the Highland Ditch Company was effected. The di-rectors are A.B. Ish, I.J. Elliott, E.A. Cheetham, W.H. Robinson and A.H. Anderson. The capital stock is 2000 shares at \$10 each.

The first match game of bas-ketball ever played at Winters will be contested on the high school court tomorrow after-noon at 2:30 when the local team plays Dixon. The Solano girls think they can play basketball pretty well, so a good game is ex-pected. The Winters players are: Forwards, Shelby Brock, Jessie Hemenway; centers, Erna Wyatt, Edna Stark (touch), Mamie Nash; guards, Emma Johnson, Kate Johnson substitutes, Estelle Cook, Myrtle Stark. An admis-sion fee of 25 cents will be charged.

District Attorney Huston made a successful raid on the Ce-lestial gamblers Tuesday night, and gathered six of them with their paraphernalia belonging to their occupation. A degraded woman who has been living in the house some time was also found. She begged not to be ar-rested and promised to leave town if given the opportunity, which was granted.

At the regular weekly meeting of the town trustees, Mrs. E. Ire-land, Mrs. H. Craner and Mrs. Frank H. Owen appeared before the board as a committee from the Women's Improve Club in the interests of a town hall.



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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO
BECAUSE I SAY SO

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, I won't have children anymore. Only adults. At exactly 12:20 a.m. on Sunday, my youngest turned 18. That makes me about 784 in dog years. It feels that way, anyway. I was primed to feel this ancient when it occurred to me recently that The Boy, at 22, is nearly the same age I was when I had him. I'm teetering on the brink of grandparenthood. Yikes. I'm so not ready for Son of Boy.

As for the girl, whose childhood antics never earned her any capital letters, I don't have to worry about her turning me into a Gramma anytime soon. In fact, she's informed me she's never having children. Ever. I don't like that scenario much either. I want to be a Gramma. Some day. Some very faraway day. Like when I reach that magical post-menopausal stage where I no longer recognize blue hair as a fashion don't and the scent of Ben Gay on a man's skin makes me feel frisky.

I haven't and it doesn't, so I'll fret about that stage when it arrives. Right now, I'm focusing my fretting on the imminent next stage — the "empty nest." No kids in the house at all. What a bizarre thought. Every time I think it, my head cocks to the right and I look puzzled, like the RCA Victor dog. And if you don't know what the RCA Victor dog is, you're too far away from the empty nest stage to share my pain. Go put your toddlers in their strollers and take a walk. You aren't here yet. But you will be. And a lot sooner than you realize, because I was just changing this girl's diapers last week and soon she'll be flipping a tassle over a mortarboard and waving goodbye.

Gulp.
I'm not ready. Not for "Pomp and Circumstance" or empty nests or even 18th birthdays. Yet, time marches on whether I like it or not, and the tempo quickens with each passing year. Could we just put all this growing up stuff on hold for a little while longer? Maybe a year or two or ten?

If I have one bit of advice for parents with young'uns, it's "don't waste time." Go to every single Little League game, every Open House, every school play; throw every big, messy, noisy birthday party you can, read every bedtime book on the shelf and don't leave out a single line, because blink and it'll be over. And when it is, then what? Imagine. A house without children. I can barely remember what that's like. Did I like it? Maybe I did. Of course, I liked the BeeGees back then too. What did I know.

Suddenly I feel compelled to cut someone's meat or wipe a nose or read "Stellaluna" out loud. Help.

I realize I'm fretting prematurely. The nest hasn't actually emptied yet. I have a small cushion of time to either come to terms with it or thwart the plan. I've suggested to my daughter that I could simply enroll in college with her, and we could be students together and have all the same classes and hang out on the quad every day at lunch! We could even be roommates!!!

Her reaction never mirrors those three exclamation points. Usually, she just says, "No." Or reminds me that this is what Witness Protection programs are for.

Yes, she's snipping at those apron strings. And I'm trying to tie knots in them just as fast. I think she's winning. Over-attached? Just a tad. Just today after lunch, I reminded her to look both ways before she crossed the street. And then I watched to make sure she did.

I know, I know, I have to knock it off. And an 18th birthday is probably a good time to start. From this day on, I'll button my lip when she crosses the street, and limit myself to three cell phone calls per evening when she goes out and resist the temptation to peek into her room at night to make sure she's still breathing, like I did when she was three months old. (Which, by the way, was only last month.)

18. My baby is 18. I'm amazed and astonished that we've arrived here so quickly. And even more amazed and astonished by this bright, beautiful young woman who looks just like my little girl. Happy Birthday, Baby.

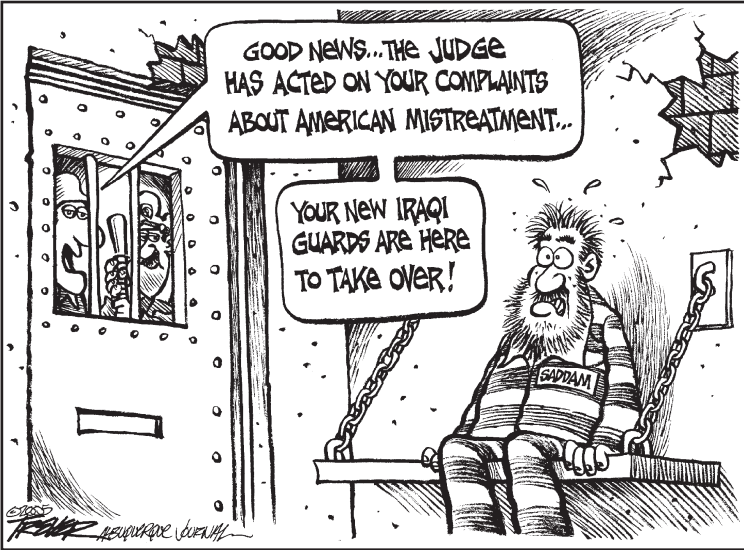
City should control noise levels

Dear Editor,

I am worried that the city of Winters may lack the ability to control new levels of unacceptable noise because I have consistently complained of existing unacceptable noise levels for several months toward the end of 2005. I personally (physically) pointed to the source of the noise in the presence of several representatives of the city. One city official did contact the owners of the building, which the noise originates from, but as far as I know there was little or no effort made to control or limit the noise. I know that the source of the noise is necessary and that it will continue indefinitely; this is common sense for I know that business operation has good and bad points. New construction or development should be un-

dertaken if the city is unable to control existing noise levels or lacks the will to even make an attempt to control it. I will quote an existing city document on this subject; "If construction or development does proceed, noise mitigation measures should be required to upgrade the acoustic environment to approach the "Normally Acceptable" category with respect to exterior noise, and to insure that interior noise levels comply with the state noise insulation standards." To continue, "Normally Acceptable - Noise will create substantial interference with both outdoor and indoor activities. Noise intrusion on indoor activities can be mitigated with special noise insulating construction.

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LETTERS

Objects to Bush-bashing ban

Dear Editor,

It's hard to know where to begin to comment on the new "policy" at the Winters Express regarding the cessation of "Bush bashing." The policy raises numerous unanswered questions. For instance, is the new policy meant to censor all guest columns pertaining to the President or only those that present the President in an unfavorable light? Is bashing those who write in praise of the President banned or only bashing those who bash the President? Does this new policy pertain to all Presidents from this day forward, or only to President Bush?

In the column announcing the new policy, Mr. Wallace states that he has "had it with those who want to quiet the people who are bashing the President and his policies." And yet his solution is to "put an end to the guest columnists who continue to write about President Bush." It sounds as if Mr. Wallace has decided to bring to fruition the hopes of those seeking to silence the Bush critics.

Mr. Wallace continued that he "didn't like the way things have changed in Winters, if not the whole nation" and that he "didn't enjoy reading the Express" a few weeks ago. I would point out that there are many people who do not like how things

have changed in the nation, but it is not the function of a newspaper in a democracy to take paternalistic actions in an effort to ensure that everyone feels good while reading it. A newspaper should reflect the realities of our community and leave the escapism to home entertainment units.

Mr. Wallace, although it would truly be a loss to the city of Winters, if you want to eliminate the guest column feature of the Express, by all means do so. But if it is to remain, please don't dictate what the guests can or cannot write about. Our country needs more forums that present non-homogenized political debate, not fewer. Implementing a solution that eliminates personal attacks (on private citizens) can be done in a way that does not restrict the rights of legitimate political dissent.

If you insist that a ban on the topic of the President is necessary, I would hope that it would be a ban on the all columns regarding the President and not only those critical of him, for this would truly be an appalling decision for a publisher to make. I can only wonder how America's founding fathers would have reacted to a colonial town paper refusing to publish personal attacks on the King of England.

TIM HOLMES

Disappointed by weak turnout

Dear Editor,

I was disappointed to see that so few citizens came to listen and voice their opinions on the Winters Highlands project last week at the Community Center. There was a group of "regulars" who came to hear the presentation on the "virtues" of the project, but most of those in the audience were part of the project or other developers waiting to get their chance at building homes in our wonderful community.

Winters Highlands proposes to build 413 new homes and 30 apartments in addition to the 232 homes in other projects already approved in 2005. Seems like this is a lot of growth, pretty darn fast. By my calculations that is 675 new residences with an increase in population of about 2,190 people, and even if you space that out over the next five years it will be a growth rate of over six percent. The average in California is 1.5 percent. It seems to me that our citizens should care about this growth happening so fast and bringing so many changes to our community.

Where was the spirit of the Greyhawk days when the Community Center was filled with folks who wanted to help determine how our town should grow? Has everyone given up and decided that 4,000

additional vehicle trips per day at Grant and Railroad are acceptable? Have they considered how long it will take to get through town, or drop off their children at school? Will they be happy waiting at six or seven traffic lights from the freeway through town? Will they wonder what happened to our small town feel, our safety and security?

Our future and our town is about to change forever. Isn't it worth it to have a say in how we will move forward as a community? While we respect the school fees, swimming pool and other amenities that Highlands is proposing, I can't see how this project will meet the needs of those who want their children to be able to own a house here, and I still wonder where are the jobs in Winters which will help balance out all the houses being built.

I urge the citizens of Winters to get more information, talk with members of the City Council, Planning Commission and City staff, but most importantly come to the Winters Planning Commission meeting on February 9th and urge your city to slow down this growth. Why does it all have to happen at once? We can make it work, if we all work together.

MARCIA GIBBS



CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK OPINION

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE. Who would have thought... The bridge walk crowd took me by surprise. Maybe it was the cloudy Saturday afternoon that attracted so many people, but I suspect it was the idea of being one of the first to walk across the old train bridge.

It may seem hokey to have a ceremony for an old bridge, but it was a blast. Everyone had a smile on their face as they strolled across the new concrete deck, and the view of the creek is one you didn't have before. I'm not sure how deep the water is behind the bridge pylon, but if you have a pool started for when the first kid jumps off, I'm picking June 18th.

I'm open for suggestions for a date to have a party on the bridge. Maybe a nice barbecue behind the Community Center (when they finish the patio cover) with picnic tables set up on the bridge. I'm not the only one with suggestions on how to use the new bridge, not counting using it to move people and bicycles to "nowhere in particular," which should be the name of the bike path crossing the creek. Janet Kimes always wanted to place old train cars on the bridge and open up a restaurant. First car for waiting and a bar, second and third cars for dining, and the fifth car being the kitchen. You get the idea. Maybe in the bridge's next reincarnation.

There isn't a no fishing sign, but the one about "no motorized vehicles" almost hit my highway pegs as I crossed the bridge on Sunday. Some kid on a skateboard gave me some space, so I didn't have to worry about making the police report on Page 2. I didn't try parking on the bridge, but holding a bike show during the Equinox motorcycle run may not be a bad idea. A few hundred bikes on the bridge would make a great picture. And if you're worried about adding a 100,000 pounds of motorcycles to the bridge, don't worry, trains are heavier than they look.

Speaking of pictures; Woody Fridae took a great picture on Saturday of everyone crossing the bridge, including himself. He had a ladder with a tri-pod attached, hit the delayed shutter and made it back to the group just in time. If you want prints, talk to Woody, 795-4600, or leave your deposit at the Express office and I'll make sure he gets his cut. Really.

A READER ASKED... Several people have noticed an almost, if not new, white pickup stuck in the creek. It is sitting on the island in the middle of the creek, part of the old sewer ponds, just east of the perk dam. It was there just before the December 30 rains caused the Glory Hole to spill, raising the creek level by about 10 feet, or about the hood level. So far I haven't been able to find out who owns the truck or if he/she will receive some kind of parking ticket or environmental citation. The owner has paid a price. That much Putah Creek mud isn't going to make the truck run any better.

A GREAT DAY FOR A RIDE. Is everyone over the holiday blues? Not only do I get the holiday and birthday blues, but my Harley was in the shop since before Thanksgiving and record rainfall hasn't helped my mood, either. I tried to spread a little Christmas spirit by calling a time-out on name calling by our columnist, but all I got was, "it's about time," or "how can you restrict free speech?"

Somewhere my message about taking a break from nastiness got mixed up with limiting peoples ability to complain about the Bush administration. It isn't the complaining about President Bush that bothers me, it's the mud slinging and the lack of decorum. I'm not just talking about the Express, but nationwide, we all seem to be divided.

If I say the sky is blue, someone will argue about the hue. If I think the train bridge opens up opportunities for Winters, someone will talk about what a waste of money it was. At least those topics bring about a civil discussion. Bring up President Bush and the name calling begins, followed by name calling of the name callers.

In the words of that great orator Rodney King: "Can't we all just get along?"

Don't forget about the Citizen of the Year Dinner this Saturday night. It is usually a little long, but well worth the price of admission. Ride safe, and have a good week.

George, Teddy would've objected

Dear Editor,

Great letters and commentary (January 11th Express) about "Bush bashing" and publication policy change.

Our country has had a history of spirited political discourse, and I think we need to heed the wise words of President George Washington when he said, "If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

Even more directly, President Theodore Roosevelt stated, "To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public."

More food for thought for your disgruntled readers.

NANCY PATTERSON

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WORKSHOP

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nity in return for development entitlements. Improvements include “connectivity” between schools, better traffic flow, a “dynamic and unusual” linear park and plans for wetlands preservation education.

Cheney described the project as having a diversity of lot sizes and housing products, including single-family residential with granny flats, apartments and duplexes. He acknowledged that the city is requiring 50 percent photovoltaic in the subdivision, but said they plan to exceed that standard.

Because Granite Bay Holdings is “not a public company, not a big company,” Cheney said, “we have the flexibility to look outside of the box.”

Cheney said Granite Bay Holdings “creates artistic projects” and takes the high road. He welcomed community input.

The city’s contract planner Heidi Tschudin introduced the staff members who have worked on the project. She said the first Winters Highlands application was filed in March, 2001, but that the site itself has a history of being planned for development. A tract map was filed in 1919, which included 18 parcels. A second application was filed in 1994, which included 390 single-family homes and apartments. That application eventually expired.

Tschudin also described the recent history of Winters Highlands, beginning with the first project hearing in front of the planning commission. A staff report listed each meeting up until June, 2004, when the planning commission voted to reject the prepared Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact (Neg. Dec.) and ask for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The developer appealed that decision to the city council, which narrowed the scope of the EIR to look only at biological impacts. The Draft EIR was released in late 2005. The Response to Comments on the Draft EIR was released in January, which Tschudin said completes the EIR process.

She said a total of 13 workshops and hearings have been held and four environmental documents reviewed.

The California Environmental Quality Act alternatives to the proposed project include no project, development based on the current General Plan (which would result in 617 units), or a wetlands avoidance alternative, which avoids the wetland located in the northwest corner of the project in addition to the wetland located the northeast corner of the project.

City Engineer Nick Ponticello described the infrastructure improvements including a Class I bikeway system, improvements along Moody Slough Road, traffic-calming features, West Main Street extension, at least one new water well, \$100,000 for pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Morgan Street and Grant Avenue and \$500,000 for improvements to the Walnut/Dutton/East street access corridor onto Grant Avenue.

In addition, the project will fund construction of two traffic signals, one at the intersection of Grant Avenue (State Highway 128) and the northbound off-ramp of Interstate 505, and the second at the intersection of West Main Street and Grant Avenue.

The project will include two sewer pump stations and a storm drain pump station at the Rancho Arroyo detention site. Funding toward a flood solution for the city’s Flood Over-

lay Area will also be provided.

To offset the fiscal impact of the project, which was calculated to be a \$100,000 annual deficit, \$5,600 per unit will be paid into an annuity.

The city’s biologist, Ted Winfield of Ted Winfield & Associates outlined the biological impacts. He described approximately 100 acres of the site as being non-native grasses, which provides habitat for a number of species including mammals, snakes, lizards and birds. In addition, the site provides habitat for California ground squirrels, which are a prey species for large mammals and raptors and whose burrows are captured and used by burrowing owls.

On the occasions when Winfield observed the site during the winter, he observed one pair and two individual burrowing owls. In the spring he observed two nesting pairs.

Winfield said the remaining acreage, on which the wetlands are located, provide habitat for native plant species. The vernal pools provide habitat for two different types of crustaceans: fairy shrimp and tadpole shrimp. He said during the summer when the pools are dry, the crustaceans summer-over as “cysts” then come alive in the winter when the pools are wet.

The entire site provides foraging habitat for Swainson’s hawk and for a species of bird known as a Northern Harrier. Although Winfield did not see any nests on the site, he noted that mitigation would have to be made for the foraging impact.

City Manager John Donlevy expanded on what he called the “net gain” items negotiated in the Development Agreement. They include Level II and Level III impact fees, set at \$3.10 per square foot, which could ultimately result in about \$5 million for the school district; funding for the city’s new public safety facility, which will be located adjacent to the Hudson-Ogando Subdivision at Grant Avenue and West Main Street; \$150,000 for the new library; \$1.25 million for a new pool facility; \$100,000 for a wetlands education fund; \$50,000 for a new high school cafeteria; \$3 million for a new linear park on the site and grading for the Regional Sports Park to be located at the old landfill site; \$100,000 for replacement of the Percolation Dam at Putah Creek with a W-weir; funding for improvements to the intersections of Grant Avenue and East Main Street, Dutton Street and Walnut Lane; expansion of energy requirements and phasing of the project over six years.

Mayor Pro Tem Woody

Fridae then opened the floor to public comment. He asked what information was gathered on impacts to Dry Creek from increased flows due to runoff from the project.

Ponticello said analysis showed there were no additional impacts from the project.

Fridae asked about flooding issues on Apricot Avenue and in the Almond Orchard subdivision. Ponticello said none of the runoff from the project would impact the Almond Orchard subdivision and it shouldn’t impact Apricot Avenue.

“It’s all being directed into Rancho Arroyo and into Dry Creek,” said Ponticello.

Planning commissioner Joe Tramontana asked if a study had been done regarding ground water. Ponticello said analysis was required and an assessment study was prepared. That assessment showed that there was sufficient water supply, he said.

He also noted that the developer is providing funding for an Urban Water Management Plan and said the city is participating in a ground water monitoring project with the county.

Sally Brown questioned the amount of funding being donated toward the new library project. She noted that about 20 members of the Winters Friends of the Library have raised \$50,000, and asked why a project of that size couldn’t donate more than \$150,000.

In addition, she called the W-weir a “complete waste of money.” She said the Percolation Dam provides the only access for the community to swim and fish at Putah Creek and that the W-weir would eliminate that. She suggested moving the \$100,000 from the W-weir to the library.

She supported the funding for the pool, but was concerned that the pool be open year-round and more available to the public.

Brown did have a word of caution for the planners and council members

“We have to stop perpetuating the myth that development is going to pay for the level of service that we currently need.”

Charlie Rominger favored the wetlands avoidance alternative as shown in the EIR. He asked if the build out would start at the same time as the Callahan Estates, Creek-side Estates and Hudson-Ogando project, all of which were recently approved.

He asked if the city has calculated the growth rate if they all build at the same time.

He also questioned the payment of an annuity to balance out fiscal impacts

for 20 years.

“After 20 years, then what?” he asked.

He said the city needs to improve its tax base in order to stay fiscally sound, rather than continually build more houses. To that end, he suggested rezoning the industrial zone of the city, which is currently in the Flood Overlay Zone. He suggested moving it to the high ground north of the Winters Highlands project, thereby enabling the city to increase its revenue and keep up levels of service without depending on development.

Donlevy told the audience that the city plans to put the annuity funding into a service reserve fund, which would earn interest. That way, the city would have a reserve and not be dependent on development.

In addition, Donlevy said all new development is required to meet General Plan service levels, not current service levels.

Marcia Gibbs echoed Rominger’s concern about growth rate. She told the council members and planners that the city is facing a big change, from zero traffic lights to three by the time all the projects on the board are constructed. She noted that 170 units have been approved in the last six months and asked them to “be mindful of the fact that residential growth does not pay for itself.”

She questioned why there has been no discussion of the loss of open space and view scape.

“All the beautiful projects and fancy designs will never make up for the change in the community that we know.”

Larry Justus spoke on behalf of the Winters Cemetery District, asking the planners and council members to keep in mind that the Winters Cemetery has become landlocked. He said the cemetery has enough spaces for 25 years, at current population levels. However, with the proposed growth, needs could change.

“Keep in mind that we’re out there. We’re little guys without much of a voice.”

Following a bit more discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Dan Martinez attended the meeting, but did not participate in the discussion due to a possible conflict of interest.

The Winters Planning Commission will consider recommendation of the project at a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9. The Winters City Council will consider approval of the project at its Tuesday, Feb. 21, meeting. Both meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

LETTERS

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Please support our grads

Dear Editor,

Since 1992 Winters High School has proudly sponsored a safe and sober graduation celebration for its senior class. The event this year will be held on June 2, and we are again asking for the help of our community. We have a very large class of graduates this year and are relying on public support more than ever!

As you can imagine, this requires many hours of planning and contributions

from high school parents, community volunteers and businesses to ensure a safe and memorable event for the group. We rely heavily on monetary donations and items for the graduates to win by way of raffles throughout the evening. This year, again, we are consolidating our fund-raising efforts into one large event to benefit and host Grad Nite and that is “Senior Spirit Nite”. This fund-raiser is going to be held in Winters at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall on Saturday, March 11. We are planning to award cash prizes to three lucky ticket holders that evening. Tickets cost \$100 for two to attend with one chance to win the prizes; \$75 for one to attend with one chance to win the prizes; we are also offering a limited number of “chance only” tickets for \$50 each (no attendance). A total of 400 tickets will be

sold for the chance to win the cash prizes and you need not be present to win. As last year, the top two tickets will be awarded cash prizes (\$7,500 for the final ticket left on the board and \$1,500 to the runner-up). A consolation prize will be drawn from all the other names pulled off prior to the final two, and that ticket holder will win a prize of \$1,000. An enjoyable evening of dinner, dancing and a silent auction will be offered for all who attend. The goal of this fund-raiser is to generate much of the cash needed (combined with monetary donations) to cover the expenses of the Grad Nite party that include entertainment, food, and facilities, as well as raffle prizes.

All cash donations received will go directly to fund the Grad Nite festivities. Auction and raffle items are needed for both events and will be distributed to whichever event is most suitable. Popular items would be gift certificates, event tickets, cameras, portable stereos, bicycles and televisions. Any type of donation would be greatly appreciated and will contribute immensely to a successful and meaningful Grad Nite.

Checks may be made payable to “WHS Grad Nite Parent Group” and mailed to WHS Grad Nite Parent Group, PO Box 377, Winters, CA, 95694. For your convenience, you may call a parent volunteer (Wendy Smaystrla at 795-1028 or Susie Stocking 795-0128) to pick up your donation or to make any special arrangements.

SUSIE STOCKING

Community

It's official



Photo by Charles Wallace

Mayor Dan Martinez cuts the ribbon at the opening of the railroad trestle bridge on Saturday, Jan. 14. Assisting in the ceremonies are, from left, Newt Wallace, city council member Harold Anderson and longtime resident David Hoobyar, who worked on the local railways that crossed the bridge in 1936.

Winters Lions Club news

BY JUANITA RAMOS
Special to the Express

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, the Winters Lions Club held their meeting at Tomat's. The meeting was called to order by President Frank A. Ramos.

Winters Lions will observe Flag Day on Feb. 3. Flags will be distributed to the 4th grade students.

A donation was made to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) for Katrina.

Lion Ray Massei will be the Scholarship Chair for this year.

The club's Blood Drive will be on Monday, Jan. 30 at the Community Center. They hope to see all those who make donations for this year's great cause. Members will supply the "goodies."

Davis on exhibit at Hattie Weber Museum

On Jan. 22, the Yolo County Historical Society will present "Causeway to Carquinez - Putting Davis on the Road Map" by Miriam Hull who has a special interest in California roadways and will focus on that interest in her presentation. In addition to this presentation, Phyllis Haig, Curator of the Museum, has completed a new exhibit "Historic Hotels of Davis." Ms. Haig's grandmother, Mrs. William H. Marden, collected books in the upper floor of her home to lend to residents of her community which eventually became the former library of Davisville. Several docents will be available to answer questions.

The January General Meeting will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hattie Weber Museum, 5th and C Streets, in Davis.

All Yolo County Historical Society general meetings are open to the public. Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the program.

Thomases celebrate 50 years

Jack and Barbara Thomas observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 18, 2005. They celebrated the occasion with a gathering of family and friends for a dinner held in their honor.

Married in Reno, Nevada in 1955, the couple has made Winters their home for the past 50 years to raise their six children. As a gift to their parents, all the children created a handmade family photo heirloom quilt to present to them at the celebration. They collected an assortment of pictures ranging from wedding photos to family vacations to piece together the quilt. Daughter Patty wrote a poem about the couple with clues as to what the gift was and read it to the group as the quilt was presented.

In attendance were all their children and grandchildren: Susie and Curtis Stocking, Melanie, Chad, Courtney, and Jackie; Sally Ivory, Stephanie, Kate, and Jake; Nancy and Jerry Mc Laughlin, Amanda and TJ Browne, and Mallory; Debbie and Ben Geerts, Keith, Aaron, and Skyler; Patty and David Cox, Zachary and Casey; John and Barb Thomas, Sierra and Kyle all from Winters.

Out of town guests included Jim and Kay Thomas, Shannon and Larry Tucker, Arnaud and Marie Mendicso, Jean Irisarry, and Ron and Denise Fry.

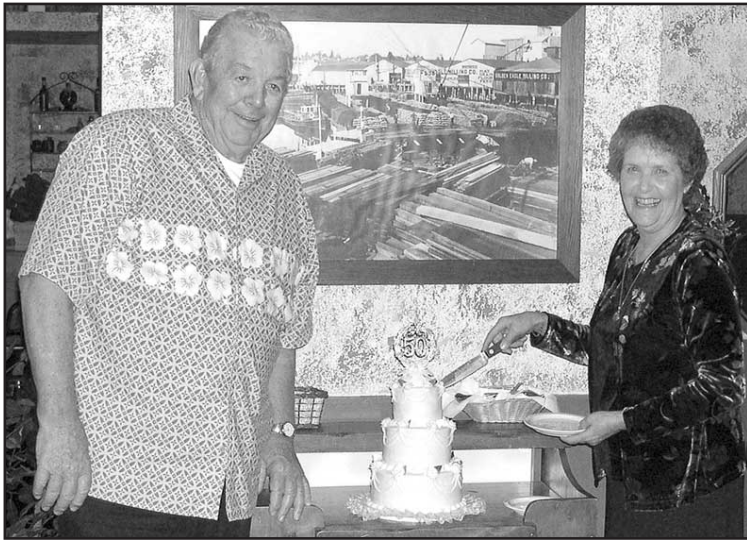
Weight Watchers to meet Monday

The Winters School District is offering a Weight Watchers Program for employees and members of the community. The meetings take place in the Waggoner School Library at 4:30 p.m., and begin on Monday, Jan. 23.

For more information, call Linda Delbar, RN, at Waggoner Elementary School, 795-6121.



JACK and BARBARA THOMAS



Al-Anon holds weekly meetings for relatives of alcoholics

Al-Anon meets weekly every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 205 Russell Street.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. Their philosophy is that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

Fortnightly Club news

BY AUDREY THURMOND
Special to the Express

The Winters Fortnightly Club met on Tuesday, Jan. 10, with first vice president Betty Frisbee presiding.

The group was treated to the perfect January topic: organization. Professional organizer Claudia Smith, of "Clear Your Clutter Consulting" in Davis, tackled the popular New Year's resolution of closet organization. Her enthusiastic and non-judgmental approach was very encouraging for those with problem spaces, and she left the group with clear ideas on analyzing and resolving clutter. Club members very much enjoyed

this thoroughly engaging and useful presentation.

The business meeting covered plans for the club's upcoming fashion show and luncheon scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25.

The hostesses for the January meeting were Barbara Thomas, Joan Gates, and Jacqueline Avellar. Even after all the goodies of the holiday season, the refreshments were impressive.

Thanks are extended to Gayle Andersen and Maxine Sloper for creating the beautiful setting for the club's holiday luncheon held on Dec. 13 and to club president Darlene Benson for handling the gift exchange with good humor.

Free food will be offered

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible Winters residents on Friday, Jan. 20, at the Yolo Housing at the Child Development Center, 8:30-9:30 a.m., and on Friday, Jan. 27, at the First Baptist Church, 512 First Street, 12-1:30 p.m. Commodities to be dis-

tributed include, Pinto beans, beef stew, cranberry juice, peas, and dehydrated potatoes.

All commodities may not be available at both sites. Participants may Receive food at only one site.

For information call the Food Bank at 758-6821.

OBITUARY

Philip Gray Ritchie

Philip Gray Ritchie was born in Winters in the home he lived in much of his life on Jan. 6, 1918. He died at Anderson's Convalescent Home in Woodland on Jan. 14, 2006, after a long battle with esophageal cancer.

Mr. Ritchie attended Winters schools and was recognized as an outstanding athlete, participating in every sport, excelling in all of them, especially diving, track and football. He set the Winters High School track record of 9.8 seconds for the 100-yard dash in 1935, a record which still stands and equaled the world record of 9.5 seconds in the 1938 Fresno Relays. He was voted Best All-Around Athlete all four years in high school, graduating with the Winters High School Class of 1936. He was also an accomplished musician, and played the drums.

Mr. Ritchie was awarded a scholarship to the University of the Pacific, where he played on the football team that almost beat Notre Dame to play at the 1934 Olympics. He served in the U.S. Army in 1941, receiving an honorable discharge, and was employed as an insurance investigator for 30 years.

On Sept. 17, 1967, Mr. Ritchie married Linda Lockhart and they had one son, Phil Jr., who shared his father's love of sports. After separating, Mr. Ritchie raised his son as a single parent. He married Jeannie Ritchie, on July 25, 1998 in a garden ceremony at his home on Russell Street, followed by a large reception at the Pizza Factory.

Mr. Ritchie served the Winters community as a Little League coach, karate teacher and helping to maintain the baseball fields. For his accomplishments as a Winters athlete and community volunteer, he was named Honorary Youth Day Grand Marshal in 2004, and was affectionately known as "Flip."

Phil leaves behind son Phil Jr. of Stockton, and stepsons Douglas Ritchie of Branson, Missouri, Raymond Ritchie of Blythe, George Ritchie of Layton, Utah, Edward Ritchie of Loma Rica, Donna Durnen of Las Vegas, Nevada, 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Philip Gray Ritchie, an accomplished contractor of residential and commercial buildings, and his mother, Wanda Mary Baker.

Mr. Ritchie will be interred in the Winters Cemetery family plot on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 11 a.m. in a private ceremony. A Christian memorial service celebrating Mr. Ritchie's life will be held at the Winters Community Center on Friday, Jan. 20, at noon, followed by a potluck luncheon at the Winters Community Center. Contributions to the Phil Ritchie Memorial Fund may be made at the First Northern Bank in Winters.

SCHOOLS

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offset the impact on school facilities from increased student numbers generated as a result of development.

Goals reviewed

School district administrators continue to worry about an "achievement gap" between white/not Hispanic students and Hispanic and socio-economically disadvantaged students. Superintendent Dale Mitchell acknowledged that academic growth results in Winters schools have been mixed. English learners, Hispanic/Latino, and socio-economically disadvantaged student subgroups are failing to meet federal No Child Left Behind Act criteria, although proficiency rates are increasing from year to year for all groups.

Mitchell said that the district is doing the things it should do to improve student achievement.

"How well we are doing it is a question," he said.

Trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa said that the district needs to reinforce and expand on what is working well, such as ongoing intervention programs. Trustee Rodney Orosco said that the district also needs to keep a focus on its high-achieving students.

"We can't lose sight of kids that need to be challenged," he said.

With respect to future goals, trustee Robert Nickelson said he wanted to see a seamless sharing of information between

schools and parents on a daily or "as soon as possible" basis. Rodolfa suggested that the district look at the possibility of creating K-8 schools when looking at facility needs.

Trustees will talk more about goals at their Feb. 2 meeting and are expected to take action on goals and directions for the 2006-07 school year at their Feb. 16 meeting.

New salary scales

Trustees approved a three percent pay increase, retroactive to July 1, 2005 for preschool staff, supervisory/confidential employees and management employees. New hourly pay scales for preschool employees range from \$13.39 to \$20.31 for lead teachers, \$10.92 to \$16.56 for teachers and \$8.60 to \$13.05 for instructional aides.

The district director of maintenance operations and facilities has the highest salary range in the supervisory/confidential employee group, with a starting salary range from \$65,521 to \$84,543 and a 3.5 percent increase in base salary for each of the next four years. The manager of information and technology starts at \$62,765 and tops out at \$72,022 in the fifth year. The controller starts at \$50,404 and tops out at \$65,723 in the fifth year. Salary scales range for other supervisory/confidential employees range from \$2,195 to \$3,410 a month (after 20 years) for administrative technician to \$3,580 to \$5,567 a month (after 20 years) for administrative assistant to the district su-

perintendent.

Management employees include school principals; the chief business officer; the director of curriculum, instruction and assessment; and the director of projects (a combined

position with the continuation school principal). A high school principal with a 210-day work year earns \$79,671 the first year and \$91,786 the fifth year. The

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BIRTHS

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great-grandmother is Jean Smart of Yucaipa. Maternal great-grandparents are Nola Pittman of Colusa and Alex and Esma Estrada of Winters.

ALAYA CECILIA BOLINSKI is the new daughter of Shannon Maureen O'Brien Bolinski and Dave Bolinski of Lewisville, Texas. Born December 8, 2005 at 6:47 a.m. in Lewisville. She weighed 10 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Venita "Dixie" O'Brien, of Winters and Lewis "Doc" O'Brien, of Willis, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Marianne and John Bolinski of Grafton, Wisconsin. Shannon was a graduate of Winters High School in 1987.

EMILY KAY NEGRI was born on December 29, 2005 at 9:22 p.m. at Sutter Davis Hospital to Glenn and Stephanie Negri of Winters. She weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Max and Ana Negri, of Rancho Palos Verdes. Maternal grandparents are Warren and Barbara Sawyers, of Willits.

Yoga bereavement classes planned

Yolo Hospice Bereavement Services is offering a free eight-week support group, "Body/Mind Care Through Yoga & Breathing Techniques," on Thursdays, Feb. 2 through March 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central Valley Yoga, 1340 E. Covell in Davis. Yolo Hospice bereave-

ment counselor and certified yoga teacher Colleen McDonald will lead the group.

The group is open to those who have experienced a recent death of a loved one. Pre-registration is required. For more information, or to register, call Yolo Hospice at 758-5566.

Entertainment

Timeless struggles with life, death focus of play

Why do good people die young? What explanation is there for the suffering and grief death causes? Questions like these have been part of the dramatic arts since at least 1401, when Johannes von Saaz wrote *Death* and the *Ploughman*, and they remain as much a part of human experience today as they were 600 years ago, as evidenced by Director Anne Bogart and SITI Company's production of "Death and the Ploughman," coming to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis.

There will be a series of performances, from Feb. 8-11, each beginning at 8 p.m. in the Main Theatre on the UC Davis campus. There will also be a matinee performance on Feb. 12, beginning at 2 p.m. in the same venue. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 754-2787 or online at mondaviarts.org. The event is presented as part of Mondavi Center's New Stages series with support from Hallmark Inn and the National Endowment for the Arts. There will be a Pre-performance Lecture with Peter Lichtenfels, chair, UC Davis Department of Theatre and Dance, at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 in Room 115 of the UC Davis Music Building. There will also be a Post-performance Q&A on Feb. 8 following the performance in Main Theatre.

Death and the Ploughman examines some of life's most difficult issues in ways that are both illuminating and surprisingly modern, especially given that the text was written at a time when the Renaissance was just dawning in northern Europe. Translated from the original German by Irish playwright Michael West, the play addresses potent questions about life and death, religion in public life, the nature of political authority, and class inequalities, even as it focuses on the most basic issues of mortality and grieving.

Through the text's 34 chapters, the *Ploughman* begs, interrogates, and insults *Death*, struggling to

cope with his grief. *Death* responds with a humbling implacability, until the *Ploughman* finally offers to God a prayer for peace and tranquility. Bogart's production is both minimal and over-the-top theatrical, mixing a stark but arresting set with dance-inspired movements and staging-elements which beg to be seen by everyone with an interest in cutting-edge theatre.

Bogert is the Artistic Director of SITI Company, which she founded with Japanese director Tadashi Suzuki in 1992. She is widely recognized for her innovative and engaging work, and as one of the most talented directors in theatre today. She is a recipient of two Obie Awards, a Bessie Award, a Guggenheim as well as a Rockefeller Fellowship and is an associate professor at Columbia University where she runs the Graduate Directing Program.

Bogert and Suzuki began SITI Company as an attempt to redefine and revitalize contemporary theater in the United States through an emphasis on international cultural exchange and collaboration. Originally envisioned as a summer institute in Saratoga Springs, New York, SITI expanded to encompass a year-round company based in New York City with as a summer season in Saratoga. The company is known nationally and internationally as a top-level artistic collective that generates groundbreaking theater while training artists from around the world. In addition to Bogart, SITI Company is comprised of nine actors, four designers, a playwright, stage manager, and managing director. The Mondavi Center presentation will feature Will Bond as the *Ploughman*, Ellen Lauren as his wife, and Stephen Webber as *Death*.

"It's remarkable to consider how the themes of this play, written 600 years ago, remain vitally relevant for our time," said Barbara Sellers-Young, Mondavi Center's interim executive director.

Joan Garcia will perform in Davis

Village Homes Performers Circle will meet on Monday, Jan. 23 from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Davis. This free event is for performers of all levels and listeners. It is held the 4th Monday of each month except December. Performances by signer-uppers are from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. followed by a short break. Featured acts perform from 8:30 - 9 p.m.. The emcee will be Jean Jackman.

The featured act for January will be Dr. Joan Garcia - usually known as Granny, or The Frog Lady. She produces songs and stories from the heart, music for children 2 to 102. She draws upon the richness of her experience to create a bubbling fountain of "silly songs," stories that allow the child in all of us to take joy in the simple things in life.

She has been featured at poetry venues in San Francisco and Walnut Creek, done performances in Davis, Concord, Rio Vista, Sacramento, and other local communities, spreading her tales beyond the local community through her perfor-

mances, through CDs available on her website, www.grannyspearls.com, and through videos for public access television.

This is a free event. It is held at the Village Homes Community Center 2661 Portage Bay, Davis.

For information call 756-3484 or 756-8232.

In harmony



Courtesy photo

West Valley Chorale, the regional chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA to the old timers) will present its 36th annual show on Feb. 3-4. "Reflections in Harmony" features headliners and chapter quartets. Winters residents Jerry Slagal(above, right) and Roy Bellhorn (above, left), are members of the chorale. The show features songs from the "old days," Western and contemporary tunes, including two Beatle renditions. For the evening shows at 7:30 p.m., adult tickets are \$12, seniors and students are \$10 and children under 5 years are free. For the Saturday matinee show at 2 p.m., adults are \$10 and seniors and students are \$8. Group discounts are available. For more information or to order tickets, call 758-8058 or (707) 449-

Screening shows 'Real Dirt'

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers and Happy Farms are hosting an opportunity for their members and the community to get a sneak preview of the award-winning documentary, *The Real Dirt on Farmer John*. The show will begin at 7 p.m., Jan. 19 at the Presidio Theatre, 2340 Chestnut Street, San Francisco. Tickets will be distributed on a first come-first serve basis.

The Real Dirt on Farmer John is the true story of John Peterson, a third generation Northern Illinois farmer. Using 50 years of richly textured footage, filmmaker Taggart Siegel weaves together Farmer John's haunting and humorous hero's journey of struggle, hippie days, vicious rumors and violence, the farming crisis of the 80s, death and resurrection. By melding farming with free expression, Farmer John's powerful story of transformation heralds a renewal of local agriculture in America.

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers is building a movement of rural and urban people to foster family-scale agriculture that cares for the land, sus-

tains local economies and promotes social justice.

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers and Happy Farms are offering its members the opportunity to see, free of charge, *The Real Dirt on Farmer John*. This documentary, winner of over 15 Audience and Grand Jury awards - including the top prize at the Slamdance and the San Francisco International Film Festival, both entertains and educates. Through John's intensely personal story, audiences are connected to the increasingly salient issues of organic farming, community supported agriculture, and the survival of family farms.

Immediately following the film, the Community Alliance with Family Farmers will host a question and answer session. Audience members will be able to discuss the emotions evoked by the film as well as find out more about locally grown organic produce in this community.

For more information about *The Real Dirt on Farmer John* please visit www.therealdirt.net. For more information about Community Alliance with Family Farmers please visit www.caff.org or contact anya@caff.org.

Hollywood featured

On Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m., audience members will be transported back in time to the Golden Age of the 1940's with a special performance by "Gloria Heidi - Hollywood's Fabulous 40's!" Who can forget those alluring dream girls, such as Rita Hayworth, Lana Turner, Dorothy Lamour, and of course, the most famous pin-up queen, Betty Grable. The stories and real life drama of these ladies, who graced so many walls above the bunks of the American GIs of World War II, are sure to entertain both men and women alike. This fabulous show, spotlighting those larger-than-life cinematic goddesses, is a rollicking trip behind the scenes of the Classic Hollywood sound stages, the costume closets and the dressing rooms of Movietown's leading ladies.

This unique and popu-

lar event showcases memorabilia from the private collection of Gloria Heidi, protégé of the legendary Hollywood Academy Award designer Edith Head, and herself a movie and fashion historian. Additionally, she is a professional entertainer, and has appeared on such shows as Oprah! and Regis. Gloria is the author of five books including *HANG-UPS! The Secret Life of Clothes*, and a writer/producer of several documentaries on PBS.

Tickets are on sale for \$5 for SCD members and \$8 for non-members. This event will also launch the registration for the new Red Hat Society for women, and the Men's Society Group forming here at the Senior Center in February.

Call 757-5696 for more information. Space is limited.



Out with the old



Photo by Dave Fleming
Winters Chamber of Commerce volunteers Cecil Padilla (left) and Charles Wallace took down the old “Welcome to Winters” sign last week, in preparation for a new one to be erected in its place.

NOISE

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New construction or development should be generally discouraged. “Deviations from City noise standards may be approved in extreme and/or unusual circumstances. Deviations from the California State Noise Insulations Standards shall not be permitted.” Unacceptable noise intrusion upon land use activates will occur. Adequate structural noise insulation may not be practical in many cases, or may involve high noise barriers visually

incompatible with a suburban area; therefore new construction or development should generally not be undertaken.” (I even offered to pay for an insulated barrier.) I believe that these statements are directly quoted from the city of Winters General Plan Policy Document. I also believe that it won't be long before every citizen of Winters will have to try to sleep as my wife and I do now; with earplugs. I hope that this problem will be discussed at the upcoming planning commission meeting on Jan. 24.

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First crossing



Photo by Charles Wallace
DJ Tice was the first person to cross the newly renovated trestle bridge when it was opened to the public on Saturday, Jan. 14. An official grand opening and dedication will take place in the spring.

SCHOOLS

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range for elementary and middle school principals and the combined continuation school/director of projects position, all with 210-day work years is \$76,235 to \$87,992. The range for elementary principal II and high school assistant principal is \$69,501 to \$79,224 for a 205-day work year. The middle school and elementary school assistant principals earn from \$63,016 to \$72,740 for 200-

day work years.

The chief business offer earns from \$83,927 to \$96,043 for a 246-day work year and the director of curriculum, instruction and assessment earns from \$76,235 to \$87,992.

Stipends ranging from \$1,114 to \$3,243 for bilingual ability, master's and doctorate degrees, and additional responsibilities are in addition to the base salaries.

Trustees unanimously approved the new salary scales for preschool and supervisory/confidential employees. Trustee

Rodney Orosco cast the lone dissenting vote for the management employee salaries.

In other employee-related business, trustees accepted the resignations of part-time district psychologist Adriana Echandia, district payroll technician Michele Sorensen, and Rominger Intermediate School aide Patricia Martinez.

Recognitions

Trustees recognized Winters Middle School sixth grade student Eric Oates with a certificate of

appreciation for his leadership on student council and in starting a student newspaper. Randy Oates, Eric's father, also was recognized for his volunteer work at the school, including service as school site council president and weekly tutoring of students in math.

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan 19, at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Ave.



Sports

Varsity girls lose to Gridley in overtime

By ERIC
and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters Warriors girls' varsity basketball team won their first game of the week on Tuesday, Jan. 10, against East Nicolaus but lost the one that mattered on Friday, Jan. 13 against league opponent the Gridley Bulldogs in overtime.

The Warriors came out strong against East Nicolaus and never let up as they defeated their opponent 73-34. Jenny Campos led the warriors in scoring with 18 points, four rebounds and a steal. Lauren Yehle scored 13 points, had six rebounds, two assists and five steals. Courtney Stocking scored 11 points and pulled down nine rebounds had five assists and three steals. Chelsea Corrales scored 11 points, had two rebounds two assists and a steal. Natalie Cooley scored 10 points, had six rebounds, nine assists, a steal and a block. Jaclyn Stocking scored five points had three rebounds, two assits a steal and a block, while Rebeca Salas scored five points, had two rebounds, five assists and four steals.

On Friday, Jan. 13, the Warriors played host to

Gridley in their first league game of the season and lost 71-67 in overtime.

"I told them there's not going to be one easy game in this league," Winters coach Matt Cooley said. "It's always this way — our league's very tough." Cooley said it was a game his team should have won. "It was stupid little mistakes," Cooley said.

With the score tied at 59-59 at the end of regulation, the game went into overtime. Unfortunately the Warriors were outscored 12-8 in overtime and lost their first league game.

"In a game like that you can't make mistakes. We knew Gridley would be tough."

Yehle led the Warriors with 21 points, five rebounds, three assists and four steals. Salas scored 13 points, six rebounds, two assists and four steals. Courtney Stocking scored 11 points, dominated the boards with 15, and had four assists, two steals and a block. Campos scored nine points, had five rebounds and one assist. Jaclyn Stocking scored seven points, seven rebounds and a steal. Cooley scored six points, had eight rebounds, seven assists and three steals. Corrales had two rebounds, while Brittny Allen had three rebounds for the Warriors.

Boys soccer team tiring, loses two

By ERIC
and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School boys' soccer team played two tough games last week but lost both due to a shortage of players on the field.

"We had two guys down in both games," said coach Alfredo Rodriguez. "We just ran out of gas in the second half."

The Warriors played Wheatland at home on Tuesday, Jan. 10, and lost 6-3 after leading 2-1 at the half.

"It was a game we felt we could win," Rodriguez said. David Borges scored the Warriors' first goal early in the game then scored again off a pass

from Joe Fiori. Wheatland scored one before the half to make it 2-1.

The Warriors gave up five goals in the second half but it could have been worse if not for the defense of Anian Gamino and goal keeper Raymundo Carrillo. Late in the game Eduardo Molina scored the Warriors' final goal to make it a 6-3 game.

On Thursday, Jan. 12, the Warriors hosted the Sutter Huskies in another Butte View League game but suffered a 5-1 loss.

"We started out just like we did against Wheatland," said Rodriguez. With less than a minute into the game, Molina dribbled past the Sutter

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Competition fierce at tourney

BY RORY LINTON
Special to the Express

The Warriors recently wrestled in the Northern California Championships held at Anderson High. The competition was fierce and after the smoke cleared, Winters High School had one Warrior standing on the podium receiving his sixth place medal. Jesse Hellinger ended the two-day event with a record of 4 wins and 2 losses. He competed in the 145-pound class, which was definitely the tough-

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Thomson leads as Warriors win two

By ERIC
and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School boys' varsity basketball team won both their games last week after playing East Nicolaus at home and traveling to Gridley to beat the Bulldogs in their league opener. On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the Warriors beat East Nicolaus 68-35.

The Warriors spread the wealth with the scoring, with Alex Thomson leading the team. Thomson scored 15 points, had five rebounds, three steals and four assists. Sebastian Salas scored 13, six rebounds, three steals, four assists and a block. Nathanael Lucero scored 11 points, had three steals, two assists and a rebound. Austin Crabtree scored eight points, had four rebounds, seven steals, and an assist. Alexio Jurado scored five points, had six steals, three assists, a block and a rebound. Brock Neil scored four points, had five rebounds and a steal. Jacob Thorne scored four points, three rebounds, a block and a steal. Matt Cata-

lan scored four points had a block, a steal and an assist. Dominic Mandolfo scored three points and two assists. Damon Miles scored two points, had two steals and two assists, while Colton Crabtree scored two points as well for the Warriors.

The Warriors traveled to Gridley to take on the Bulldogs in their league opener and outscored the Bulldogs in every period. Thomson once again had a big night, scoring a career high 26 points to lead the Warriors. Crabtree also had a high scoring night with 18 points. Lucero followed with seven points, Salas had six, Mandolfo scored five, Jurado and Miles each put in four, Neil scored two and Jacob Thorne scored a point for the Warriors.

"Thomson hit a couple outside shots early and then kept getting to the basket," Davis said.

The win was also the first at Gridley in Winters' coach Davis' nine years.

"It's just one of those places where it's tough to play," Davis added. "Right now, our team is on an upswing."

The Warriors will host Sutter on Friday, Jan. 20.

Girls soccer team ties Pirates

The Winters High School girls' soccer team played the Wheatland Pirates at home on Tuesday, Jan. 10, and came out of a tough game with a 1-1 tie. Danielle Murphy scored the Warriors only goal in the first half. The Warriors allowed the Pirates to score in the second half to tie the game. On Thursday, Jan. 12, the Warriors hosted the Sutter Huskies and suffered a 6-0 loss.

Spinetti, Rubio dominate

BY RORY LINTON
Special to the Express

The Lady Warrior Wrestlers traveled to Sacramento to compete in the Sac-Olea Tournament. Both Victoria Spinetti and Jessica Rubio dominated their opponents. Victoria

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Photo by Eric Lucero

Defenders surround Kaplan Smith (second from left) during a recent J.V. basketball game.

Geerts has big games for JV boys

By ERIC
AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School JV boys basketball team played Rio Vista on Friday, Jan. 6, and despite a close 69-64 loss, had a big game from freshman Aaron Geerts. Geerts sank four three-pointers and scored a career high 21 points to lead the Warriors.

"Geerts had a great night shooting for us, and Davis Adams had a good game defensively," said coach Jaime Valadez.

Kelven Leverett scored 15 points, Donnie Garcia scored 14, Kaplan Smith scored five, Kevin Rowell scored four, Cody Shafer scored three and TJ Johnson scored two points for the Warriors.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the

Warriors hosted East Nicolaus and picked up a 57-47 victory. Leverett stayed consistent with 18 points to lead the Warriors. Geerts had another big night with 16 points. Garcia scored in double figures with 12 points; Rowell scored nine and Shafer scored two points for the Warriors.

"It was a good win," Valadez said. "But we need to play with more energy."

The Warriors traveled to Gridley on Friday, Jan. 13, and suffered a big loss to the Bulldogs in their first league game by a score of 68-31. Leverett led the Warriors with 12 points, Geerts and Rowell each scored five points, Eric Hernandez scored four, Smith scored three and Johnson scored two points for the Warriors.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

David Borges

David Borges, a sophomore on the Winters High School boys' soccer team is this weeks' athlete of the week.

Borges has scored five goals in the last three games for the Warriors.

"David has really been doing a great job for us," said coach Alfredo Rodriguez.



Promoted



Courtesy photo
At last week's belt testing at Javier Martial Arts, Elizabeth Harris (right) and Trevor Ray, two of Sifu Louie's top students were promoted to the rank of brown belt in the Kajukenbo system.

Season tickets now available for fans of Thunderbird baseball

Season tickets are now available for the 2006 Solano Thunderbird baseball season.

The home opener is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 with the Thirlds taking on Sacramento Scorch at 7:05 p.m. The last game of the season will be played on Saturday, Aug. 5.

The Solano Thunderbirds are a collegiate "wood bat" baseball team comprised of top players from all over the United States. Home games are played at Travis Credit Union Park behind the newly developed Nut Tree Village in Vacaville.

With 45 home games and 5 away games, the 2006 season looks to be very exciting for home town fans. Special pre-game activities, rewarding sponsor pro-

motions, fun-filled on-field events and fireworks are just a few of the festivities awaiting fans. The Solano Thunderbirds are dedicated to providing excitement for all ages and particularly for families at affordable prices and safe surroundings.

Season ticket packages begin at \$96 for 20 mid-week games and for a full season (45 games) prices start at \$216.

Tickets for individual games will be available for sale on May 1.

Please contact the Solano Thunderbird office at (707) 455-4444 or on the website www.solanothunderbirds.com for reservations or additional information.

TOURNEY

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est in the tournament. His losses came to the number one seeded wrestler in California and the number three seeded wrestler in Oregon.

Other Warrior wrestlers competing in the event were 112 pounder Mat Talaugan, 119 Wesley Kranitz, 145 Steve Pine, 152 Julian Fischer, and 171 Brandon White.

The Warriors will be competing at the Lincoln Invitational this Saturday.

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defenders and made a pass to Borges, who kicked in the goal to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead. Once again, the Warriors just got tired and couldn't stop the Huskies from scoring. Coach Rodriguez

was impressed with the play of Carrillo at goal keeper.

"Raymundo played an outstanding game and saved many shots," Rodriguez added.

The Warriors will host Oroville on Thursday, Jan. 19, at Shirley Rominger School.

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placed 1st with a 5-0 record, while Jessica placed 2nd with a round of 4-1. Victoria started the season on the #6 seed in the state of California, but with performances like

this, she should be moving her way up the ladder. Jessica is a newcomer to wrestling but is quickly showing that she is a force to be reckoned with.

The Lady Warriors will be competing in the Vintage Open held in Napa, Jan. 20 and 21.

Cardinals face tough competition

The Winters Middle School Cardinals wrestling team started the New Year off by traveling to El Dorado Hills to face some of the best competition they will see all year.

The day belonged to Junior Reyes. Wrestling at 235 pounds, Junior put on a show bringing home the team's first Tournament of Champions qualifier by placing second.

"In our minds Junior was the champion," said coach Will Hausler.

For some reason the tournament director allowed a 317-pound student to wrestle in the 235-pound weight class.

Other wrestlers who had great days were Chris Hurst and Cody Linton who were one win away from wrestling for a medal with three wins each.

On the Junior Varsity side Thomas Damon has shown some great improvements as he too took home a second place medal. Austin Calvert, Jared Ney, and Darian Clark wrestled well with two wins each.

The Cardinals have a long week as they looked to take on Vaca Pena on Wednesday, then attend

the Springtowne Invitational on Thursday and the Bella Vista Winter Classic on Saturday.

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Cardinal wrestlers win seven at Winter Classic

This past weekend, the Winters Middle School wrestling team wrestled in the Bella Vista Winter Classic and brought home seven placers, giving the Cardinals their best outing of the year so far.

Heavy weight Junior Reyes was outstanding once again as he swept through his competition bringing home the first place trophy. Cody Linton (142) placed a very impressive second and earned a trip with Reyes to the Tournament Of Champions. Other outstanding performances include Chris Hurst (100) and Jackson Waldron (112) finishing third, and Chris Calderon (135) finishing 4th.

In JV action, Thomas Damon (185) and Darian Clark (142) showed great improvement as they brought home second place medals.

Kids of all ages can do gymnastics

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

Call 757-5626 for further information.

Freshmen take loss

By ERIC and LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School freshman boys' basketball team finally got back on the court last Friday, Jan. 13, as they traveled to Gridley to take on the Bulldogs in a Butte View League game. The Warriors found out how hard it is to win a basketball game in Gridley as they fell to a 54-26 loss.

Cody Shafer led the Warriors with 12 points. Woody DeVries and Patrick Leslie each scored four points, Jewles Damey scored three, Dillon Miles put in two and Max Mariani scored one point for the Warriors.

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Winters Little League Crab Feed

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Schools

Trustees to meet Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. at the school district office, located at the corner of Grant Avenue and Taylor Street. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Recognition of John Clayton Kinder student Anthony Serratos and parent Guillermina Cuervas.
- ~ Communication and reports.

Action items

- ~ Acceptance of Title I, Part A Program Improvement District Intervention Grant — Jan. 3 through Dec. 29, 2006.
- ~ 2005-06 consolidated application, part II.
- ~ First period report of attendance (July 1 through Dec. 31, 2005.)
- ~ Facilities projects and financing options update.
- ~ Restructuring and expenditure reductions.
- ~ 2006 board committee assignments.
- ~ Instrumental music maintenance donation.
- ~ Winters High School swimming pool; architect selection.
- ~ Consent agenda (approved as one item, includes warrants, minutes, etc.)
- ~ Adjournment to closed session to discuss student readmission cases; to discuss negotiations with the California School Employees Association Chapter #694; public employee(s) discipline/dismissal/release.
- ~ Reconvene to open session to discuss any action taken in closed session.

Students can get financial aid

Spring classes started Jan. 18 at Solano College and students are eligible for grants which will pay for their education, but many are not aware of this. A recent survey by the American College on Education shows that 67 percent of California students who are eligible do not file the required FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form.

For help in obtaining financial aid for Solano College classes, contact the financial aid office. Late registration is available from Jan. 18-27. For information call 707-864-7171 or visit solano.edu.

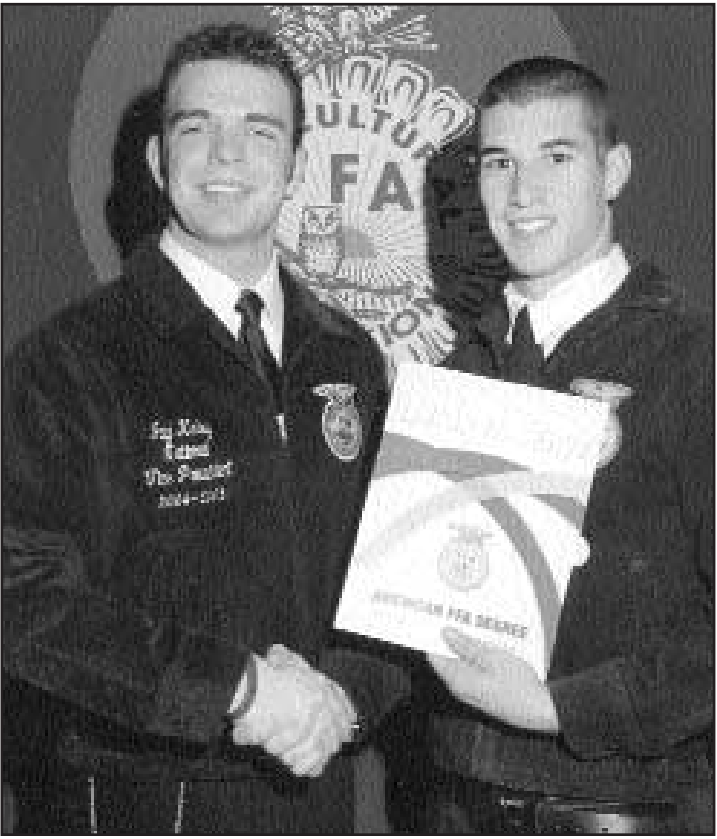
Armstrong receives FFA degree

BY: BRENDEN BENSON
Winters FFA Reporter
Special to the Express

At the 2005 National FFA convention held in Louisville, Kentucky, Joe Armstrong, a member of the Winters FFA program, was presented the American degree, the highest degree which an FFA member can earn.

Armstrong traveled to Louisville on Oct. 26 to be presented with this outstanding honor. Armstrong received the degree in the presence of his parents Steve and Carol Armstrong and 50,000 FFA members attending the convention.

It is because of Armstrong's dedicated efforts in the FFA program that he attained all requirements of the degree. Armstrong earned over \$7500.00 dollars from his FFA projects, participated in FFA leadership activities and is furthering his agriculture education after high school graduation.



Courtesy photo
Joe Armstrong receives his degree from National FFA Vice President, Jay Kelley of Illinois.

Armstrong joins a esteemed list of Winters High School FFA members who have reached this level.

Neil and Smaystrla earn FFA honors

BY: BRENDEN BENSON
Winters FFA Reporter
Special to the Express

At the December FFA chapter meeting, Donnie Whitworth, FFA advisor and Mechanics instructor, announced that junior Brock Neil and senior Mike Smaystrla were selected FFA members of the month for their hard work.

Both Neil and Smaystrla are members of the Advanced Mechanics class. Together they grew pumpkins for the FFA Fall Harvest Festival. They are both members of the Agriculture Mechanics team and will each earn their State FFA degrees this year.

Whitworth said, "They are hard working and give many hours after school to work on their FFA projects. They both have a lot of shop skills and can work on projects independently and help other students."

Besides mechanic projects, Neil raises market hogs and Smaystrla raises market lambs to exhibit at the county fair.

Waggoner Elementary library news

BY RITA HOLDER
Librarian, Waggoner Elem. School
Special to the Express

The Winters P.T.A. Reading Incentive Program "Be a Royal Reader" will come to an end on Friday, Feb. 3. Students must have all Reading Response Forms turned in to the library by that date. Teachers will fill out their class list of students who have improved reading skills this school year and return it to the library by Thursday, Feb. 16. Every student on their Teacher's 2005-2006 Reading Club List will receive a "One Free Admission Ticket" to a participating Six Flags Theme Park to be used between June 16 and Aug. 6 only. Tickets cannot be re-

placed if lost, stolen, or damaged.

Please don't miss out and keep returning your reading response forms every Wednesday to Waggoner School Library for the next 4 weeks. See you at the Queen's Treasure Chest!

Welcome to the Kingdom of Reading Book Fair. Every class will attend the book fair during their scheduled library time. The Book Fair proceeds will help purchase new book shelves for Jessica's Corner. Jessica's Corner is a reading corner at Waggoner Library dedicated to Jessica Ortiz Mendoza in her memory. The Book Fair will begin on Thursday, Feb. 9. Parents are in-

vited to attend Parent's Night on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. We will have a special Read Aloud presentation just for parents to learn how to help improve literacy at home. The book fair will end on Tuesday, Feb. 14. The Book Fair will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Feb. 9, 10 and 14, with Parent Night (for parents only) on Feb. 9, from 7-8 p.m. Thank you for always supporting literature at Waggoner School.

Judges sought for Decathlon

The Yolo County Office of Education is seeking volunteers to participate in the Yolo County Academic Decathlon. This year's Academic Decathlon will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Woodland Community College and features teams from five Yolo County district high schools.

The Academic Decathlon competition is comprised of ten events. Most volunteers

are needed from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., to judge either the written essay, speech competition or conduct oral interviews. There are other volunteer opportunities and time slots available as well.

For more information, go the web site at www.ycoe.org or contact volunteer coordinator Gayle McLevich at mclevich@ycoe.org or competition manager Linda Miles at miles@ycoe.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF WINTERS STUDENT OF THE MONTH Veronica Melendez



Mr. Jim Stark introduced the Rotary student of the month at a recent meeting. Veronica Melendez, along with her parents, were the guests of the club, and while introducing Veronica Mr. Stark said, "She is a dedicated student doing the best job she can, always working hard and setting an example to other students." He added, "Her work ethic is the best." Veronica was recognized for her skills in science.



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In The Spotlight

Skyler Geerts and Shawnee Halbach attend Winters Community Christian School. Skyler is in the sixth grade. He loves sports, has great leadership skills and is good at organizing. Shawnee is in the seventh grade. She is attentive to others needs, works well with younger children and is very musical.



Skyler Geerts (L) and Shawnee Halbach (R)



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Features

Taking body temperature

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My friend has an 11-month-old daughter who had an E. coli blood infection. The child shuddered once, was a bit lethargic, but felt cool to the touch. The digital ear thermometer registered normal. My friend's instinct was to go to the hospital. The baby had a temp of 105. Are digital thermometers ineffective? — G.W.

ANSWER: "Digital" refers to the way information is displayed — in digits (numbers). A digital watch shows time as 10:02, for example, not with the large hand pointing to the minute and the small hand to the hour. The issue with thermometers is not how they display body temperature — digitally or not — but which body site gives the most accurate reading.

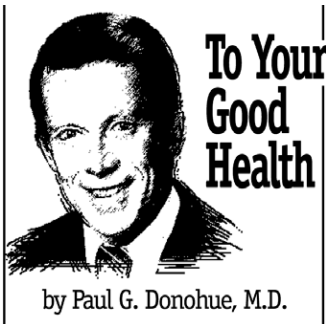
Rectal temperatures are subject to fewer vagaries than temperatures taken at other body sites, and the Canadian Pediatric Society recommends rectal-temperature-taking for children up to 5 years of age. It doesn't matter if the temperature is displayed digitally or on a gauge with degrees.

Ear thermometers are accurate to within 0.2 F (0.1 C). They use infrared sensors to measure the heat given off by the eardrum and surrounding tissues. Placement can be a problem, especially with young children.

Plastic strips with liquid crystals are applied to the forehead to give a rough idea of body temperature. Their readings are affected by sweat, the surrounding air temperature and the finger temperature of the one applying and removing the strip. They should be used only for rough estimates.

For older children and adults, oral temperatures are reliable. Hospitals routinely take them, and the reading can be displayed digitally.

Your friend is blessed with common sense. Severity of illness should not be based on one finding — temperature, for example. A blood infection with E. coli can cause a drop in body temperature, and look-



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

ing for a high temperature could be misleading. The baby's temperature might have risen en route to the hospital.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have two painful corns. How can I treat this on my own? I don't have any medical insurance. — J.S.

ANSWER: Soak your feet in warm water for 15 minutes. Then gently file the corns with a pumice stone, obtainable in all drugstores. File only until you arrive at normal skin. It usually takes more than one attempt before you reach that level.

Your toes are rubbing against your shoes or against each other. Corns are protection against friction. You have to remove the friction to stay corn-free.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please tell me what you know about viral infections. — E.S.

ANSWER: Viruses are about the smallest infecting germs, much smaller than bacteria. The number of infections they cause is in the thousands. They can infect just about every body organ — heart, lungs, brain, eyes, liver, pancreas. I can't begin to tell you about all viruses. If you can limit your request to a couple of them, then I can oblige you.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2006 North America Syndicate All Rights Reserved

A humbling experience for an American

Last month, driving down a flooded dirt road at about 7 p.m. in the evening, we came upon a group of men who flagged the car down. Do you have any water they asked — water for drinking? "Of course," Tim said and got out of the car to find some. Nobody can refuse anyone water in Tanzania and cattle herders deep in the western part of the country still had eight miles to walk with their 200 cows before they could find a source of water clean enough from which to drink. Since it was so late now, they would have to camp out in the open by the side of the road, with no tents, lighting two or three campfires to keep lions and hyenas from their cattle, and from themselves.

As Tim was getting a water can out of the back of the Landrover, his graduate student greeted one of the Sukuma men in broken KiSwahili, the language of East Africa. "How are you this evening?" He replied, "Fine" and he then asked where she came from. She replied, somewhat naively perhaps, "from the United States." "Where is that?" he asked. "The United States of America" she repeated. "Oh," he said, "Is that one of those small villages between Kibaoni and Usevya?" (10 miles away). Of all the amazing things that a 24-year-old student saw and heard in five weeks in Africa, more than the earthquake and sheet lightning storm, that seemed to top the charts. She had met someone who had no idea where or what the USA was.

We could make excuses: He was a Sukuma who are all nomadic herders, moving cattle long distances between one grazing area and another. He wore just a blanket tied around his waist, sandals made out of old tire tread, wore many bright colored beads and carried a



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flashlight around his neck as a necklace. Aside from a stout stick with which to beat his cows — that is all he carried. Nonetheless, on offering him a ride, he climbed into the vehicle, carrying a small calf on his lap, and drove off with us, so he was not entirely unexposed to western influence in this remote part of Central Africa.

Likely as not, most, that is more than 50 percent, of the people in the world probably do not have any idea of what the United States of America is, or where it is. Most of the world's population lives in Asia, and most of it is rural. Millions upon millions of people living in small villages: in China, in India, in Pakistan, in Indonesia. Maybe they have heard something on the radio, but most don't have radios. No newspapers in remote areas. No television outside urban centers. They just don't know, and so there is no reason they should care.

Humbling isn't it? But there is a sort of symmetry to it. Most people in the USA don't know where Kyrgyzstan is, where Uruguay is, or even where Slovenia is. We don't know how people live in those countries, we don't know about their health and education systems, their industry, what they grow, what they eat, about their standard of living. After all, we haven't gone to war with them yet, and the US learns its geography in times of war. We all know where Basra and Fallujah are now.

So does it really matter what the US says, or does? Unfortu-

nately, it does. It matters because the US is changing the global climate — not single-handedly of course — but it does contribute disproportionately more per capita carbon dioxide emissions than any other country. Carbon dioxide is the most important greenhouse gas. Warming the planet will change where the Sukuma grazes his cows, even how many of his cows survive the drought each year.

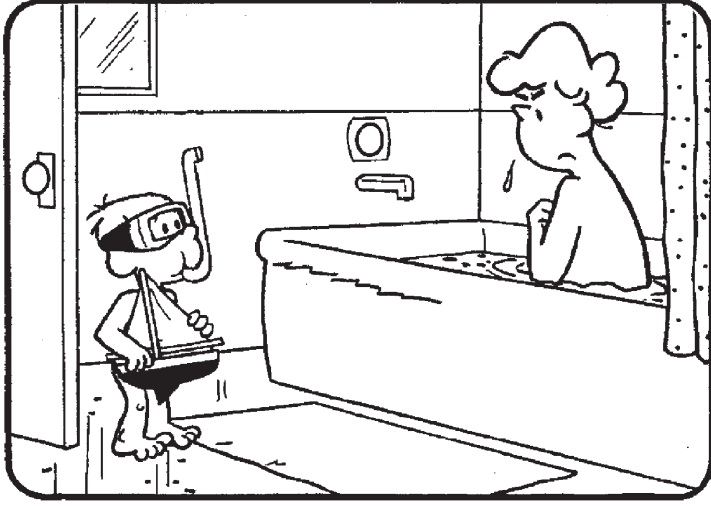
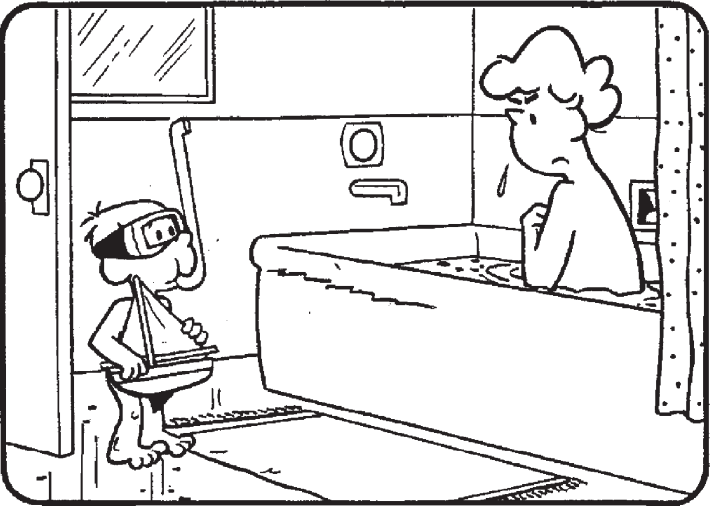
It matters because the US Government has the means to combat HIV/AIDS but it is trying to do it without promoting safe sex. It has favored abstinence over condoms. Abstinence doesn't work well anywhere, and without protection, HIV will spread from the urban centers of developing countries to the rural areas. No anti-retrovirals that are affordable to poor people in the Third world.

And it matters because the global economy — the opening up of free trade areas in particular — puts the rural third world farmer or cattle owner at a disadvantage because he has to compete in the marketplace with sophisticated technology thousands of miles away. Developing countries are big losers in the open market.

So maybe the student should have told our Sukuma friend that the United States was not a small village 10 miles away but was a huge and influential country — but just like so many Americans, her skills at communicating with people from other cultures still have a way to go.

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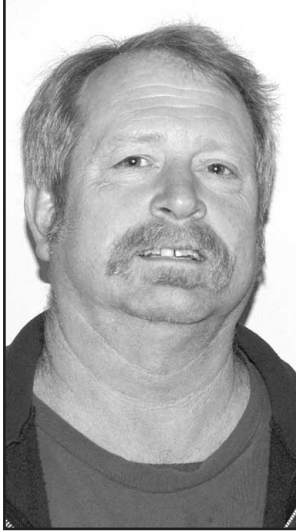
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
4. Boat is different. 5. Soap dish is missing. 6. Curtain is shorter. Differences: 1. Mirror is smaller. 2. Tube is shorter. 3. Mat is different.

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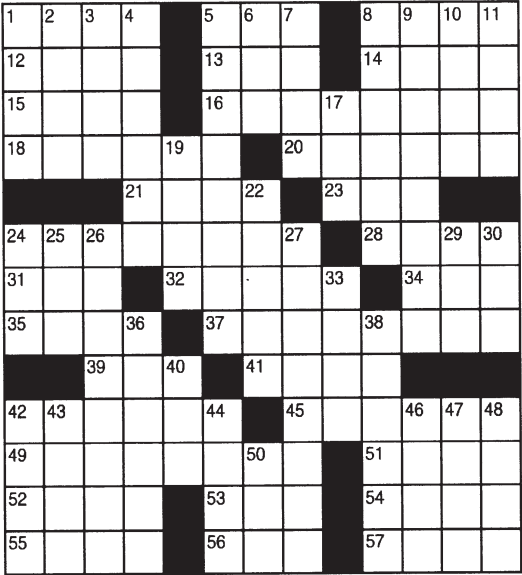


Name: Dan Coman
Occupation: Works for Barker Electric
Hobby: Collecting firewood
What's best about living in Winters: "Winters is a city of opportunity."
Fun fact: Often goes to homes of elderly shut-ins and reads the Winters Express to them.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Verve
- 5 Undergo recession
- 8 Amorphous sci-fi beast
- 12 Diner's card
- 13 Noon, on a sundial
- 14 Green land
- 15 Damon or Dillon
- 16 Gallup employee
- 18 With hands on hips
- 20 Sunscreen, e.g.
- 21 Deserve
- 23 Cranberry territory
- 24 Auto racer of a sort



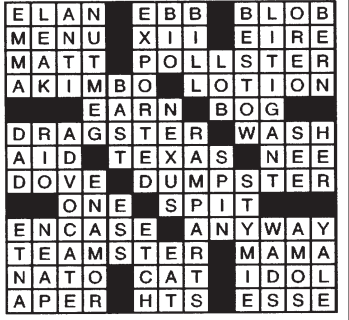
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| 28 Cleanse | Heathcliff | 9 Lawsuit | Fortune" action |
| 31 Succor | 54 "American -" | 10 Sandwich cookie | 36 Inflammation |
| 32 Largest of the 48 | 55 Mimic | 11 Swiss city | 38 Stand in the way of |
| 34 Born (Abbr.) | 56 Altitudes | 17 High, arcing toss | 40 Curvy character |
| 35 Peace symbol | 57 Existence (Lat.) | 19 Rope-making fiber | 42 Sicilian spouter |
| 37 Trash receptacle | | 22 Link | 43 Tide type |
| 39 Inseparable | DOWN | 24 Pop | 44 Leave a lasting impression |
| 41 Skewer | 1 Austen novel | 25 Carnival center | 46 Bankroll |
| 42 Put in a box | 2 Plumbing problem | 27 Protective barriers | 47 Andy's pal |
| 45 Be that as it may | 3 Con | 29 Witness | 48 Harvard's rival |
| 49 Truck driver | 5 Mace producer | 30 That lady | 50 Nosh |
| 51 One of the Three Bears | 6 Story of a lifetime? | 33 "Wheel of | |
| 52 Peace-keeping org. | 7 Check | | |
| 53 Garfield or | 8 Give | | |

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"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."
~ Mark Twain

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects call for care in preparing material for submission. Although you might find it bothersome to go over what you've done, the fact is, rechecking could be worth your time and effort.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The week is favorable for Bovines who welcome change. New career opportunities wait to be checked out. You might also want to get started on that home makeover you've been considering.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might have to be extra careful to protect that surprise you have planned, thanks to a certain snoopy someone who wants to know more about your plans than you're willing to share.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Family ties are strong this week, although an old and still-unresolved problem might create some unpleasant moments. If so, look to straighten the situation out once and for all.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although the Lion might see it as an act of loyalty and courage to hold on to an increasingly shaky position, it might be wiser to make changes now to prevent a possible meltdown later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your gift for adding new people to your circle of friends works overtime this week, thanks largely to contacts you made during the holidays. A surprise awaits you at the week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't hide your talents. It's a good time to show what you can do to impress people who can do a lot for you. A dispute with a family member might still need some smoothing over.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be open with your colleagues about your plan to bring a workplace matter out into the open. You'll want their support, and they'll want to know how you'll pull it off.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Trying to patch up an unraveling relationship is often easier said than done. But it helps to discuss and work out any problems that arise along the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While your creative aspect remains high this week, you might want to call on your practical side to help work out the why and wherefore of an upcoming decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with someone's disappointment can be difficult for Aquarians, who always try to avoid giving pain. But a full explanation and a show of sympathy can work wonders.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting a job-related matter past some major obstacles should be easier this week. A personal situation might take a surprising but not necessarily unwelcome turn by the week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be both a dreamer and a doer. You consider helping others to be an important part of your life.

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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Relaciones complicadas

Las relaciones entre Estados Unidos y México atraviesan ahora por un momento en que el ruido “mata” el ambiente. Siempre complicadas, siempre difíciles, la solidez de las relaciones entre los dos países enfrenta la prueba y las tribulaciones del “molino de viento político” que en ambos lados de la frontera busca exacerbar sentimientos nacionalistas a costa del otro país.

Aquí en Estados Unidos, una derecha que generosamente podría calificarse como racista y que tal vez no está muy alejada de los sentimientos xenofóbicos que dice rechazar, denuncia la “invasión” mexicana en Estados Unidos y excluye toda posibilidad de una solución migratoria que no implique una multiplicación de la vigilancia en la frontera y una negativa absoluta a un programa de regularización para residentes indocumentados.

En México, los políticos parecen desgastarse con exigencias de acuerdos migratorios que incluyen la amnistía, aun a sabiendas de que no es ni siquiera el momento político para plantearlo en Estados Unidos.

Para políticos estadounidenses como los diputados James Sensenbrenner, Tom Tancredo y J.D. Hayworth, es redituable montarse en el caballo del nacionalismo y denunciar a un grupo que no sólo está prácticamente indefenso sino que, en alguna medida, por sus propias características de clandestinidad, provoca miedo y desconfianza.

Que una parte considerable de los indocumentados no sean latinoamericanos no parece ser un tema de importancia para los políticos, que tratan ahora de centrar en México los sentimientos de hostilidad de una parte de la sociedad estadounidense que, de

hecho, ya está predispuesta en ese sentido.

En el lado mexicano, no faltan diputados o senadores que para “picarle el ojo” al gobierno del presidente Vicente Fox y a EU demandan un arreglo migratorio sin tener ni la capacidad ni la voluntad necesarias para siquiera acercarse a la mesa de negociación, mientras el mandatario se siente obligado a hacer declaraciones que no ayudan a su causa.

Y en medio de todo esto se encuentran los millones de mexicanos que residen aquí ilegalmente y centenares o millares que han tratado, tratan y tratarán, de entrar a este país de cualquier manera, en busca de las oportunidades que su propia sociedad les niega.

Lo que sí parece seguro es que el próximo gobierno de México y su contraparte de EU van a enfrentar un trabajo muy difícil, por no decir imposible, para tratar de hacer lo que el embajador Carlos de Icaza califica como “predominio de la razón”, en un tema donde, sin embargo, el sentido común siempre ha sido el menos común de los sentidos.

En todo caso, tal como están las cosas en Estados Unidos y a pesar de las protestas y las demandas de los políticos mexicanos, que sólo parecen soliviantar los ánimos de la muy influyente derecha republicana, tal vez lo mejor que podría pasar este año en el tema migratorio sería que no hubiera leyes en el lado estadounidense y la situación permanezca tal como está ahora, con la esperanza de que los ánimos y el ambiente mejoren en el futuro cercano. Esperando que salgan algunos políticos o dirigentes con mejores con mejores ideas para solucionar el problema migratorio.

El gobernador sin licencia

Quienes hemos criticado al gobernador Arnold Schwarzenegger por negarse a otorgar licencia de conducir a los indocumentados le debemos una disculpa. Luego de su lamentable accidente en motocicleta quedó muy claro que la negativa del ejecutivo estatal no tiene ninguna razón ulterior en contra de quienes carecen de documentos legales, simplemente don Arnold considera que no es necesario tener dicho documento para poder conducir un vehículo motorizado.

Hace dos semanas el gobernador conducía su motocicleta por la costa californiana acompañado de su hijo de 12 años, quien viajaba en un asiento lateral adherido al vehículo, cuando chocó contra una camioneta. Pero si el accidente fue noticia, lo que nos ha dejado perplejos a muchos es que el ejecutivo estatal no tiene un permiso legal para conducir motocicletas, y además la manera en que se ha interpretado la ley para evitar que Schwarzenegger sea procesado por conducir una motocicleta sin estar autorizado.

De acuerdo a la ley de California para conducir una motocicleta se requiere un permiso especial denominado M-1 y los requisitos para obtenerlo son pasar un examen escrito y un examen práctico. El primer despropósito jurídico del que se valieron para exonerar al gobernador de responsabilidad consistió en afirmar que al tener el vehículo en el que viajaban Arnold y su hijo un asiento lateral y, por lo tanto, una rueda más, dejaba de ser una motocicleta y no

era necesario el permiso M-1.

Sin embargo, y como este absurdo argumento no tiene base alguna en qué sostenerse, ahora se dice que el gobernador no fue citado porque a los agentes de policía que investigaron el accidente no les consta que Schwarzenegger iba conduciendo la motocicleta. Increíblemente, la fiscalía, a cuyo conocimiento llegó el caso, determinó que este era argumento suficiente para desestimar cualquier acción legal en contra del ejecutivo estatal.

Pero para no perder la capacidad de asombro sobre este asunto, resulta que este no es un caso aislado en la vida del gobernador; de acuerdo a informaciones periodísticas, en 1983 fue citado por manejar un auto sin tener un permiso de conducir válido, y en 2001 estuvo involucrado en otro accidente en motocicleta en el que se rompió varias costillas. Como es lógico suponer, en aquel entonces tampoco tenía un permiso M-1.

En referencia a la falta de dicho documento, el gobernador dijo: “Que no se había molestado en obtener la licencia para conducir motocicletas porque nunca lo había pensado”. ¡Bingo!

Senador Cedillo, olvídense de su proyecto de ley que otorgaría licencia a los indocumentados. La solución está en introducir en la ley una provisión que diga que quien conduzca un vehículo motorizado sin el permiso correspondiente no podrá ser citado ni procesado si alega a su favor no haber pensado nunca en la necesidad de obtener un per-

miso de conducir.

Descabellado, verdad. Tan descabellado como pretender que una motocicleta deja de ser tal por llevar un asiento lateral, o que no procede una acción legal si el policía que elabora el informe no vió el accidente, a pesar de la evidencia y del expreso reconocimiento de quienes se vieron involucrados en este.

Lo ocurrido y la forma en que se ha manejado el caso nos deja varias lecciones:

Definitivamente, la ley no es igual para todos. Hay indiscutiblemente un doble estándar en el valor que el gobernador Schwarzenegger le concede al respeto irrestricto de la ley. Condena a los indocumentados a tener que conducir sin un permiso de manejo, por carecer de un estatus legal en el país, y al mismo tiempo va mucho mas allá, ya que decide libremente que puede conducir su motocicleta sin el permiso que ordena la ley.

Y lo más importante, la licencia de conducir no tiene nada que ver con la seguridad nacional, ni con las leyes migratorias, sino con la seguridad vial.

Si oportunamente el señor gobernador hubiera presentado sus exámenes y obtenido el permiso M-1 que lo habilita para conducir una motocicleta, probablemente podría haber evitado verse involucrado en dos accidentes en los últimos cuatro años. Esto, sin mencionar que puso en riesgo la vida de su hijo menor de edad, por lo cual también podría ser procesado de acuerdo a las leyes de California.

Entre inmigración y muros

Dijo la Guardia Fronteriza que el joven levantó su brazo con una piedra y el guardia se sintió amenazado y con un disparo mortal terminó con la vida del adolescente mexicano. Decir hoy que un joven con una piedra en las manos enfrente de un entrenado guardia, armado con un rifle de poder, es una amenaza, es algo que causa risa por no decir indignación. Como el motivo de la piedra fue tan flojo para justificar la muerte, le añadieron al joven el sambenito de “coyote”. La pobre familia, como todas las que quieren cruzar hacia el Norte, cuando velaba el cadáver del joven, dijo entre lagrimas y sollozos, que su hijo no era ni una cosa ni la otra, es decir, ni coyote, ni delincuente.

Este caso sucedió en los alrededores de Tijuana, donde ya hay un muro o muralla, entre la frontera de México y Estados Unidos. Lo mismo sucedió en otro paso de frontera, donde se recibió a otro inmigrante con la muerte.

En otro artículo sobre el tema de los vigilantes fronterizos o “minutemen”, dije que en el área fronteriza se iban a producir actos violentos, debido al giro que estaban tomando los asuntos migratorios. Las dos muertes y otros incidentes violentos en ambos lados de la frontera, son los indicios de problemas peores en el futuro, ya que, falta un deseo serio de resolver el problema de la inmigración, tanto en los estados que generan la migración como en el que la recibe.

Cuando digo que falta un deseo serio, es porque las soluciones que se presentan en ambos lados, son de medias tintas y ajenas a las raíces del problema.

En primer lugar, los gobiernos de los países que generan la migración no quieren admitir que ésta es un producto del fracaso de sus políticas

económicas y del sistema político que las ampara. Dicen que las cosas andan bien, pero sin embargo, la mayoría de la población pobre huye desesperada a otros países buscando cómo resolver sus necesidades básicas. Cientos mueren en el trayecto y otros tantos, sufren la humillación y maltratos de manos de inescrupulosos traficantes, que aprovechándose de la desesperación, manipulan a sus víctimas a su antojo, así el tráfico del hambre se convierte en lucro y beneficios para otros, lo mismo que en tiempo de la esclavitud.

Al mismo tiempo, la migración se ha convertido para los países que la generan, en el principal productor de divisas extranjeras en la forma de lo que le llaman remesas. Sin esas remesas muchos de esos países se hubiesen ido a la bancarrota. Los mexicanos enviaron a su país el año pasado 20 billones de dólares.

Esa realidad y no otra, es la que ha movido a los gobiernos de México, Centroamérica, el Caribe y algunos de Sudamérica para unirse y trazar una estrategia política contra la anunciada iniciativa del gobierno norteamericano de construir un muro en la frontera mexicana y además, establecer medidas restrictivas contra la inmigración ilegal.

De manera que las protestas de dichos gobiernos contra la construcción del muro, no es tanto por lo oprobioso y denigrante que eso conlleva, sino por la amenaza económica que el muro representaría para sus países. El sello de la frontera y la imposición de otras medidas restrictivas para evitar la penetración de inmigrantes ilegales, constituiría una amenaza al aumento de las remesas que los inmigrantes envían. México sería en este caso el país más afectado ya que, centenares de miles de sus ciudadanos intentan penetrar territorio

americano cada año, para sumarse a unos diez millones de sus compatriotas que residen aquí.

La preocupación del gobierno norteamericano y muchos de sus ciudadanos por el aumento de la inmigración ilegal, es legítima. Lo malo son las medidas radicales y abusivas que ponen en peligro el ejercicio del derecho, como son: el acoso y los ataques físicos a indocumentados.

La construcción del mencionado muro es también un sinsentido y una manera errada de solucionar el problema. ¿Acaso no fue este mismo país, me refiero a Estados Unidos, el que hasta las agallas denunció y clamó por la destrucción del oprobioso muro de Berlín? ¿Qué diferencia hay entre el hoy y el ayer? ¿Acaso fue malo el muro de Berlín porque lo construyeron los comunistas? No. Los muros y las murallas son malos porque son símbolos de la separación y aislamiento de los pueblos. El muro es un símbolo de rechazo que es inadmisible, precisamente hoy en un mundo donde se promueve la integración y la globalización económicas.

Mientras no se curen los graves males que afectan las economías de los países vecinos, el flujo migratorio continuará. Por eso, sólo con la implementación de medidas bilaterales, es decir, que contemplen el mejoramiento de las economías de los países vecinos en combinación con convenios mutuos para detener la migración, se podrá llegar a contener el flujo masivo migratorio que hoy se produce. Claro, para lograr esto se necesitan medidas y esfuerzos que desborden los acuerdos que suelen llevarse en cuartos fríos bajo cockteles y buenas comidas. Además, ladrándose unos a otros y haciéndose acusaciones mutuas tampoco se llega a ningún lado.

para un permiso de construcción antes del 30 de Junio, 2006. El trabajo se puede completar como Dueño Constructor o por un Contratista Con Licencia.

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Toma fuerza el consumo hispano en línea

Quizás no sea una sorpresa detectar que son cada vez más las compras en internet hechas por los hispanos que vivimos aquí en Estados Unidos. Lo interesante es la razón por la cual este grupo demográfico está acudiendo a internet a gastar sus dólares.

“Para atender al mercado hispano, la industria publicitaria estadounidense sólo destina alrededor de tres centavos por cada dólar invertido en mercadotecnia”, dice un estudio de Santiago Solutions Group, empresa de medios hispana. Esto hace suponer que aún no existe la suficiente atención, en el mercado tradicional de consumo, para satisfacer a este grupo.

“No creo que sea desinterés. Quizás sea falta de experiencia: además de que esta comunidad crece en número más de lo esperado todos los años, también representa un sector muy variado, por lo que es difícil hablarle de forma global”, opina Mandy Mladenoff, analista de Feedback Research, una división de estudios de mercado de la empresa estadounidense

Claria Corporation.

Efectivamente: no se trata de desinterés. Actualmente, el poder adquisitivo de la comunidad hispana en dicho país, de acuerdo con cálculos del US Hispanic Report, realizado por la empresa Synovate, alcanza los 600 mil millones de dólares anuales.

En términos numéricos tampoco se trata de una cifra despreciable: a finales de 2004 sumaron alrededor de 40 millones de hispano parlantes en el país vecino, 79% de los cuales sí tiene acceso a internet.

Pero también existe una segunda razón, quizás aún más poderosa: internet llena el vacío de la nostalgia que tienen los hispanos al vivir en tierra ajena. “Además de que el comercio electrónico les permite adquirir cosas que no encuentran en Estados Unidos, sobre todo comida, y les ayuda a mandar regalos a sus familiares y amigos que aún están en Latinoamérica”, explica Mladenoff.

Se desconoce la cifra exacta del monto económico que los hispanos compran vía electrónica, aunque Feedback

Research estima que 54% sí han comprado algo de forma remota, 69% de ellos lo hace con frecuencia y 60% prefiere hacerlo en sitios originarios del país de donde nacieron.

Mejor aún: calcula que en el último año, las compras en internet hispanas aumentaron 56% y espera que para finales de 2006, hayan incrementado hasta 75%. Como es de suponerse, las regiones en donde más comercio electrónico se hace por parte de hispanos es en Los Angeles, Nueva York, Chicago, Miami y Houston (en dicho orden), sobre todo por parte de consumidores de origen mexicano, venezolano, argentino y colombiano.

Asimismo, la firma de análisis Roper Public Affairs señala que los hispanos compradores oscilan entre los 18 y 35 años, que la mayoría de ellos adquieren cosas para sus hijos y que en 69% de los casos prefieren hacer transacciones en español (aunque dominen el inglés).

“Con esto, ¿aún habrá quien siga dudando del poder que los hispanos tienen sobre el comercio electrónico?”, dijo Mladenoff.

Amnistía 2005

Los Códigos de Construcción de California requieren un honorario de investigación, el cual se cobrará aparte del permiso, cuando un trabajo que requiere permiso se ha comenzado sin primero haber obtenido el permiso requerido. Si Ud. or alguien conocido a hecho algún trabajo sin obtener el permiso

de construcción apropiado, esta es la ultima oportunidad de ahorrarse estos costos de investigación. Después del 30 de Junio 2006, el honorario de investigación se impondrá estrictamente al doble del costo del permiso de construcción requerido.

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Help Wanted

Career Services Director

About Us: Trinity College, a private post-secondary college, is currently accepting applications for a Career Services Director for our Fairfield, CA campus. Our organization has multiple campuses located in CA, Washington, NV, Idaho & TX. To learn more about our organization, visit our web site at www.trinitycollege.com

Qualifications: To qualify, the applicant must have exc. communications & organizational skills. Self-starter with sales/healthcare/massage bkgrd. pref'd. 3-5 yrs. exp. in career development &/or coaching req'd.

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CONTACT INFO: Robert Nodolf School Director E-mail: rnodolf@trinitycollege.com Fax: (707) 425-2288

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Autos for Sale

'98 Dodge Dakota Sport. 60k mi. with toolbox, good condition, \$4500. (707)310-5899

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'02 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport. PW, PL, keyless entry, removeable seats, CD/cass., alarm. \$11,000. (707)437-2127

'88 Chevrolet 3500 series w/utility bed, new transmission. \$3250. (707)451-9278

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'04 Toyota Tacoma, ext. cab, 5 spd., a/c, sunroof, bedliner, under 8000 mi. KKB \$15,345, asking Kelly Bluebook. 428-6243

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Boats

'94 28' Bayliner Classic 7.5L eng., boat & eng. only 198 hrs., kept in covered berth, \$30,000. 425-1629

RVs

'93 Itasca. 21', Class C, generator, awning, good cond., 68K mi., \$9500 obo. (707) 429-1379

Misc. for Sale

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FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 6, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-21
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a, 305 First Street, Winters, CA 95694.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Michele Drumright, 620 Snapdragon St. Winters, CA 95694.
This business classification is: An individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on Jan. 5, 2006.

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER December 2, 2005
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2005-1260
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Mount Olympus Publishing Company, 2815 Belhaven Place, Davis, CA 95616, P.O. Box 4323, Davis, CA 95617.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Dennis D. Chamberlain, 2815 Belhaven Pl., Davis, CA 95616.
This business classification is: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on Dec. 2, 2005.

Notice of Public Hearing

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF YOLO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Yolo County Housing Authority will conduct a public hearing on the following item at a meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on March 7, 2006, at Yolo County Housing Authority, 147 W. Main St., Woodland, CA.
Item: Yolo County Housing Authority Five-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 – 2009 & Annual Agency Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2006.
Public Comments: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing or send written communication to David Serena, Yolo County Housing Authority, P.O. Box 1867, Woodland, CA 95776 no later than the hearing date.
Documents: The binders of the plans are available for review at the following locations throughout Yolo County:
WOODLAND: Yolo County Housing Authority, 147 W. Main St., Woodland, CA
Legal Services of Northern California, 619 North St., Woodland, CA
Woodland Public Library, 625 Court St., Woodland, CA
Yolo County Planning & Public Works Dept., 292 West Beamer St., Woodland, CA
WEST SACRAMENTO: Yolo County Housing Authority, 685 Lighthouse Dr., #16, West Sacramento, CA
City of West Sacramento, Grants and Community Investment, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA
West Sacramento Public Library, 1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento, CA
DAVIS: Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street, Davis, CA
Davis Public Library, 315 E 14th St., Davis, CA
City of Davis Planning and Building Dept., City Hall, 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, CA
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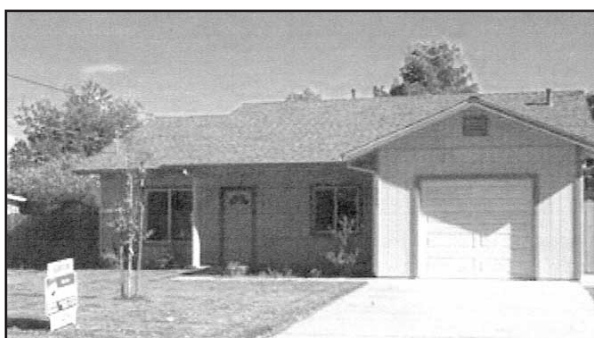
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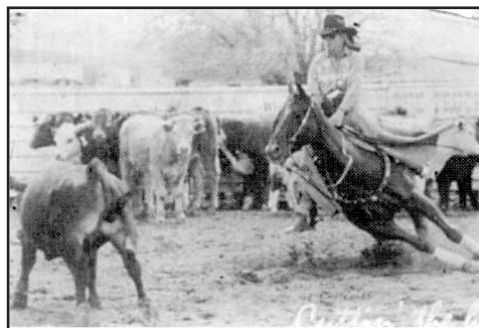
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