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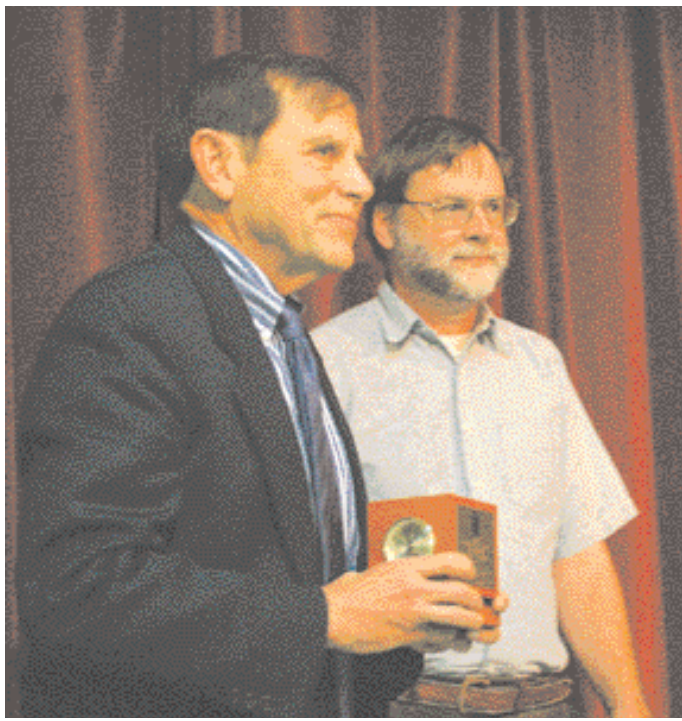


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Citizen of the Year Harold Anderson (left), accepts the Winters Chamber of Commerce's gift of a clock from last year's Citizen of the Year, Dr. William Davis at the annual Year in Review celebration, held at the Community Center on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Meeting introduces proposed development

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

An informal meeting has been organized by Centex Homes on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 6-8 p.m. at the Winters Community Center to introduce a proposed housing development and allow the public to make comments.

Developer representative Gunther Boccia of Centex Homes emphasizes that this is a preliminary

meeting to meet the requirements for a proposed development, and was initially intended only for residents within 500 feet, who all received notice of the meeting, which is the city's requirement. However, news of the meeting spread fast around town, and Boccia says anyone interested can attend, even though there will be more meetings.

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Two businesses close doors

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Anyone passing by the Pizza Factory recently may have noticed the "closed" signs posted on the window. The owner of the franchise closed the doors recently without notice or explanation. Landlord David Lorenzo was unable to offer any information about the closure nor provide a contact telephone number for the new owners, but said that the Pizza Factory corporation plans to reopen the franchise at some time in the future.

Also out of business is the Main Street Gallery, which has been closed for a couple months, but officially pulled up roots about three weeks ago. Proprietor Thelma Weather

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No consensus on proposed changes

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Staff, parents and board members found little to agree on during the Jan. 19 school board meeting about how to cut the budget and make other changes in Winters schools to offset the financial impact of declining enrollments.

At stake are major proposed changes that include relocating the district's kindergarten program from John Clayton School to Waggoner Elementary School, moving the Wolfskill Continuation High School program to the John Clayton site, increasing class sizes, eliminating pay increases for the 2006-07 school year, ending block scheduling at Winters High School, reducing teacher time devoted to senior projects to one full time employee or less, reducing the number of teacher preparation periods at Winters High School, and numerous specific staffing changes. Structural changes also include planning for two K-5 elementary schools in the district by the 2009-10 school year.

Although the school district's estimated spending deficits over the next three years have been revised to reflect a \$60,000 increase in income based on better than expected enrollment during the first enrollment reporting period for 2005-06, a financial forecast prepared by the district still shows a projected \$438,000 deficit over the next three years. Public discussion at the board meeting included pleas to keep the kindergarten school at John Clayton and preserve the unique facilities and collaboration with the preschool program at the site,

parent threats to take their children out of the district if the kindergarten program is moved, and several comments suggesting that, if the kindergarten program has to be moved, the preschool program also should be moved. Other discussion covered pros and cons of high school senior projects, the advantages of block scheduling, the appropriateness of having Wolfskill and preschool students on the same campus, and the lack of a plan and timetable for

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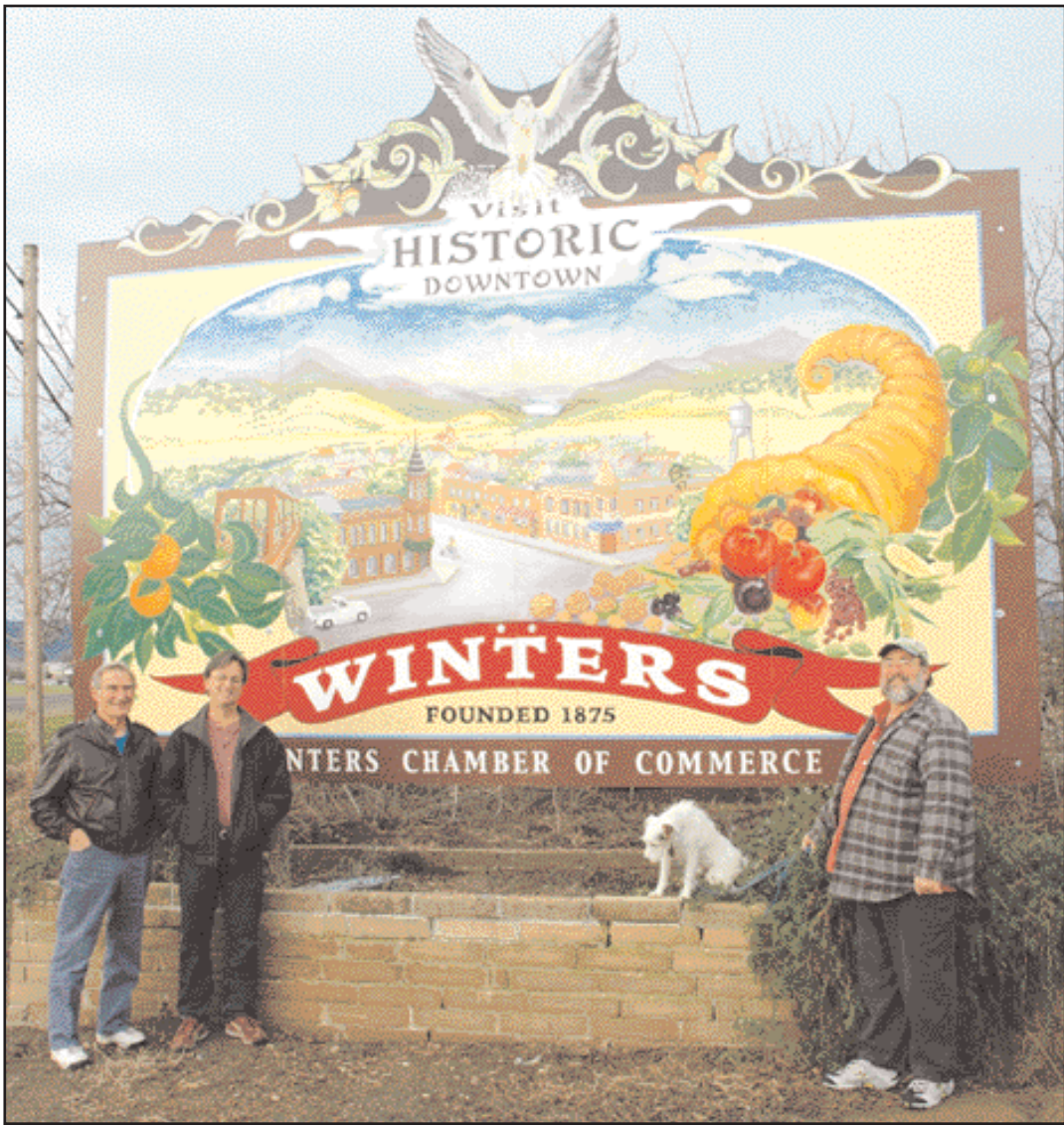


Photo by Charles Wallace

Winters artist Jeff Hesemeyer (far right) created the new Winters sign, which replaced the old one on the east entrance to town on Grant Avenue last week. The Winters Chamber of Commerce sponsored the project. At left are Howard Hupe (left), former Chamber president, and Dave Fleming, the new Chamber president.

Sign of our times

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

The old, battered sign welcoming everyone to Winters on Grant Avenue was replaced last week with a bright, shiny new version, courtesy of Winters artist Jeff Hesemeyer. The replacement of the sign was funded by the Winters Chamber of Commerce, after years of weather and wind finally wore the old one down into an eyesore.

Hesemeyer did some research on Winters, including local crops and the architecture of the downtown area in the early 1900s, and wove these details into the sign. Some, such as the cornucopia of fruits and nuts, and the citrus branches laden with oranges and the historic

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Hula studio opens downtown

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Anyone who has watched Polynesian dancers perform probably knows that what they are seeing is more than just a dance routine. Hula is a method of storytelling; expressing emotion and drawing a picture through movement. Michele Drumright, Winters resident and Hula instructor since 1993, is bringing her love of Hula, Hawaiian and Polynesian culture, and family, to her new Halau (studio) at 305 First Street. The proper name is Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a (Hula School of Fond Memories), and it's the culmination of years of

teaching and involvement in the community. Drumright, who is a native Hawaiian, grew up on Oahu, and moved to Winters in 1993. She began giving Hula lessons to members of her church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Winters. When the church had a luau, she and her dancers performed, and like the flowers in their songs, hula in Winters bloomed.

Drumright began giving lessons in both her own and her mother-in-law's home, then later moved to the Community Center. When scheduling became difficult because so many

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Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Sisters Rochelle Akoni (left) and Michele Drumright perform one of the many traditional Hawaiian dances taught by Drumright in her new studio, Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a.

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OBITUARIES

Carmen Rodarte

Carmen Rodarte passed away in her sleep from unknown causes on Jan. 19, 2006 in Vacaville. Born in Woodland on Jan. 26, 1972, she was 33 years old. Ms. Rodarte was a lifelong resident of Winters and graduated with the Winters High School Class of 1990. She was a graduate of Western Career College and worked as an optical technician in Vacaville. She served as “soccer mom” for the Vacaville Thunderbirds.

She is survived by her daughter Ylianna Rodarte, father Jose Rodarte of Winters, sister Rosa Rodarte of Winters, and brothers Alex, Jose and Sergio of Sacramento and Carlos of Winters, several nieces and nephews, and a friend, Patrick Rothacker and his daughter River Rothacker.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Paula Rodarte.

A Rosary was planned for Ms. Rodarte on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Church in Winters. Funeral services will take place on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Church. Burial will follow at the Winters Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a trust fund has been set up for Ylianna Rodarte. Memorial donations may be made to the Carmen Rodarte Memorial Fund, Travis Credit Union, P.O. Box 2069, Vacaville, CA, 95696, attn: MSA Dept. McCune Garden Chapel is in charge of the services.

Lem Bledsoe

Lem Bledsoe, age 86, passed away on Jan. 20, 2006. He was born on Sept. 25, 1919 in Oklahoma to William and Minnie Edmonston Bledsoe. He married Dicie E. Constant on March 7, 1947 in Reno, Nevada.

Mr. Bledsoe joined the U.S. Army at age 21 where he served his country from 1941 to 1945 as a member of the 232nd Infantry, during this time he received the Bronze Star for Bravery. Lem was a strong man, he was extremely kind and very courageous, he took upon himself the responsibility of ensuring that all of his family members were well cared for. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, he was also a member of the V.F.W. in Winters and the American Legion in Vacaville. In 1983 Lem retired from P.G. & E. where he had been employed for 34 years. He always enjoyed a good hunting or fishing trip, he loved to camp and spent some very memorable times with family traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Dicie of Winters; children, Larry Gene Bledsoe (Carol) of Eden, Utah; Laura Diane Ford (William) of Clear Lake, and Douglas Jay Bledsoe of Winters, California; grandchildren, Larry Jr.; Douglas; Cheryl; Christine; Ronald Lem and Daniel Jay; Great Grandson, Matthew and a Great-Great Granddaughter, Hannah; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Edward Bledsoe; his parents; brothers, Clint Bledsoe; Jeff Bledsoe; Melvin Bledsoe; sisters, Eula Bledsoe; Mae Bledsoe; Eules Bledsoe; Mamie Baughman and Ruby Redmill.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church located at 512 First Street Winters, California. A viewing was held at the church one hour prior to services. Interment followed in the Winters Cemetery under the direction of Wiscombe’s Davis Funeral Chapel. Those who wish to sign a guest book on line may do so by visiting www.davisfuneral.com.

Mary Louise (Schneider) McGuire

Mary Louise (Schneider) McGuire entered into eternal life on Jan. 22, 2006 at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Sept. 15, 1931, in Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Mary’s greatest joy was taking care of her family and home. She felt that raising her family was the most important job bestowed upon her. She and her husband, Audie, lived in Winters from 1950 to 1973.

She was a longtime member of the Assemblies of God Church and her last several years attended Woodland Christian Center.

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Audie; daughters, Janis Berry, Margie Washabaugh and her husband, Randy, of Winters, Sheila Carbahal and her husband, Edward, of Winters, and her son Audie Michael McGuire. She will be deeply missed by her seven grandchildren, Jonathan Berry, Natalie and Nathan Washabaugh, Sean and Brandi Carrion, and John and Ryan Carbahal.

She is also survived by her four sisters, Lorene Wright, Marie Moore, Myrna Drake, and Carol Bailey, and by her brother, Ellis Schneider, and

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YESTERYEAR



File photo
In 1969, Thelma Russell, left, and Mrs. L.D. Wright, at right, combined their efforts to come up with a \$500 winner in Shell’s Mr. President Coin Game. The prize was won at Louis Campos Shell Service. Campos, in the center, is awarding the women the prize.

35
YEARS AGO

February 4, 1971

Two seats of the Winters School Board, both from trustees area no. 4, will be filled in the April 20 election. Incumbent Sebastian Lopez is the first to file, and Miss Janet Johnston has also filed for a seat on the board.

Principal Don Lund this week announced the winners of this year’s Bank of America Awards. General field winner in science and mathematics is Richard Rominger. Certificate winners are: Agriculture, Stan Tufts; business, Cindy Morgan; English, Lucinda Payton; foreign language, Jose Lopez; Home economics, Danette Pede, and social science, John Jones.

Marc Faye, Winters rancher, was honored recently by the Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America, when he was presented with a Silver Beaver Award, Scouting’s highest honor for adult volunteers.

The Winters School Board, meeting in special session Tuesday evening, postponed action of amendment to the by-laws providing for regular monthly executive sessions after Newton Wallace, publisher of the Winters Express, pointed out that such executive sessions violated the state law (Brown Act).

Mr. and Mrs. James Barker and Mrs. Fred Barker attended commencement exercises for Sacramento State College on Friday, January 29, when Jill Barker James was one of the graduates recognized for honors.

A Winters man, Lee Keely, has been awarded a “Certificate of Superior Accomplishment for Notable Performance” by the United States Post Office Department.

David Lane celebrated his ninth birthday anniversary Saturday with a party in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Montgomery.

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YEARS AGO

February 9, 1956

Three men have filed for the two seats on the city council to be filled in the April 10 election. They are James Martino, incumbent councilman; Dr. J.R. Sellers and E.C. Upp.

The historic Monticello Hotel Monday was purchased by the Federal government as part of the Monticello Dam project. The government paid \$20,000 to the four owners, Mr. and Mrs. Nugent V. Hillbun and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Aielo.

The Winters City Council, at the regular meeting Tuesday evening, voted to buy a new 1956 Plymouth car for the police department, at a cost of \$1,835.46, from Frisbee Motor Sales. R.A. Frisbee offered to pay \$1,200.46 for the old police car.

A.N. Murray, regional project development engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation told members of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce Monday evening that the water rights of the people in this area are adequately protected by the law.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rominger, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born at the Woodland Clinic Hospital February 7, 1956.

R.A. Frisbee, president of the Chamber, has named Carl Holmes and Manuel Tortosa to the Yolo County Fair booth committee.

Judge William R. Beener officiated Friday afternoon, February 3, when Patricia Johnson, of Vacaville, became the bride of Mariano M. Munoz Jr. (Lute) in a ceremony performed at the court house in Reno, Nevada.

Louis Invernon has enrolled in the second semester at Sacramento State College.

Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Dockery and family have been in Berkeley this week, where Rev. Dockery attended a conference at the Pacific School of Religion.

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YEARS AGO

February 7, 1941

J.M. Clayton, Russell Perry and Donald Barnes, of the elementary school force were in attendance Saturday at the Woodland meeting of the county teachers’ group.

Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Johnston and Mrs. R.C. Snodgrass were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chulick in Vallejo.

Rufus Thurber has been ill this week at his home in Olive District.

The Town Council met Tuesday night in regular business session. The new dog ordinance had its first reading.

Mrs. E. Bruhn was hostess Saturday evening entertaining a small group honoring two birthdays. Honorees were Otto Siefert and Mrs. Fred Barker whose milestones both fell Saturday.

Sarshel Culton returned to Sacramento Sunday after a few days vacation from Junior College.

Miss Edith Thornberry of the Woodland Clinic staff spent a few days at her home here the first of the week.

Bob Crum of U.C. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Crum, during the weekends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadjew left first of the week for a few weeks visit in New York and other Eastern cities.

Mrs. And Mrs. Elwood Jones of Salem, Oregon, and Mr., and Mrs. John Lamb and Jimmie Fallon of Vallejo were week end guests with the ladies’ parents, Rev. and Mrs. Lee Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Crowder visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haven last week in Oakland, the occasion, observance of host and Crowder’s birthdays.

Lake Berryessa still above spillway

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .32 of a foot during the past week, but is still above the spillway, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 440.76 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,616,976 acre feet of water. The lake level dropped by .32 of a foot during the week with a reduction in storage of 15,196 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 60 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 1,151 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 32 acre feet of water per day during the week.

100
YEARS AGO

February 9, 1906

Winters has had her first match game of basketball and the honors are with the team put up by the Joint Union High School. Saturday’s match was won by the Winters girls, 13-12 over Dixon, with a large audience present to see it.

A reception to Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Manning of Chicago was given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinck at Rosedale ranch, their Pleasants Valley home, Thursday evening.

Following the line of progress the town trustees will soon call a special election to vote bonds for the new town hall. The amount required will probably be \$3000.

The Winters Current Topics Club program for Thursday evening, February 15, includes quotations from “How Woman’s Suffrage Works in Colorado,” by Miss Smith; and “Important Bills Before Congress,” by H.G. Boyce.

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Winters Canning Co. is announced for tomorrow at the cannery. The cannery ended the year with a profit of \$2403.10 with sales of \$43,598.46.

N.Major drove to Davisville last Saturday, and while there his horse became very sick. Mr. Major could not get the animal home, and it died Monday.

G.B. Hoag’s daughter, who came over from Davisville to see the basketball game last Saturday, lost her gold watch on the high school grounds. It was found and returned to her by Lillian Cooper.

Some of the drummers who come to Winters do their best to boycott the town because the saloons were closed. They make it a point never to stay all night here if they can avoid it, though the hotel is a good one.



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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO
BECAUSE I SAY SO

AS HER FIRST OFFICIAL ACT of adulthood, my daughter asserted her independence before the clock struck midnight on her 18th birthday. Her demonstration of this newfound grownup status left me shocked and horrified. And sad. What could generate this reaction? Leave me staring at the ceiling in despair in the wee hours of the morning? Register as a Republican, maybe? Yes, that'd do it too, but no, it's worse. She had her lip pierced.

Oh big deal, you say, all the kids are doing it. Get with the times, sister. Nope. I'm not "down" with the piercings, as the kids say. I don't find it remotely attractive to look like you've flung yourself face-first into a fishing tackle box. Jewelry shouldn't be dangling from your face. I'll admit, nose piercings are cute if they're tiny, dainty jewels on the side of the nostril. But that's as "down" as I get when it comes to facial piercings.

Sure, every generation of parents since time began has churned with angst over their teenagers' fashion statements, but yesteryear's disagreements revolved mostly around clothing – too sloppy, too suggestive, too sexy – rather than today's adventures in self-mutilation. Of course, the more parents protest, the more teens stubbornly dig in.

So, you're thinking I must've forbidden any holes on my daughter's body that she wasn't born with while she was growing up and now she's getting even. Hardly. In fact, she has one of those dainty jewels on her nostril, which I begrudgingly allowed after entering into a bargain with her: she could have her nose pierced if she got straight A's. That deal struck, she promptly aced all her classes last year. I wasn't exactly pleased to be held to my promise, but a deal's a deal.

It wasn't the first time she finagled her way into getting needles stuck through her flesh. Back in our Little League days, she refused to play another year unless she got pierced ears. Apparently I was enjoying coaching the team a lot more than she was enjoying playing on it. But if she quit playing, my coaching days were over. And she knew it. So, I reluctantly submitted.

She seized upon this little victory and wheedled a second piercing in her ears in exchange for another softball season the following year. After that, I gave up coaching and Little League, lest she be the first student to enter middle school with a pierced bellybutton. That, fortunately, didn't come until she turned 16, after she finally wore me down, angling and nagging incessantly like a cat that keeps meowing to be fed. At some point, you finally yield just to retain your sanity.

She was thrilled, but I wasn't. I don't even like my bellybutton touched. It nauseates me. The thought of sticking a needle into it triggers dry heaves. But, that was my issue, not hers. Nonetheless, I cowered and cringed outside the building until she appeared, bubbling with delight over the inch-long steel shard sticking through her flesh.

Gag. The bellybutton ring was nauseating, but the lip piercing is downright disturbing – a stark metal bar thrust through her lip, a silver ball in the cleft of her chin and another sitting atop her lower lip, bobbing up and down when she eats or talks. It's unsettling. Hypnotic. I can't stop staring at it, like some sort of miniature car wreck.

All I see is mutilation. My daughter however, sees creative expression. Her pierced lip says "rejection" to me. Of me. But it says "independence" to her. Of me. Surely this'll be the first in a long succession of decisions she'll make in the next few years that'll twist my gut in half. But, just like bellybutton nausea, I guess that's my problem, isn't it.

It's as if I'm standing beside myself, watching myself trying desperately to hang on. But I can't stop myself. Not even as I realize that my daughter's peeling my fingers away, slowly but surely, one at a time. And she'll succeed, over the next few months, until she's free of my grasp.

Once upon a time, she did this when she was learning to walk. I realized I had to let go so she'd learn, even if it meant bumps and bruises. Now, she's ready to run. I know what I need to do. I just wish I were as ready to do it as she is.

EPILOGUE: Between the time I wrote this column (last week) and now, my daughter's lip piercing has become a moot point. On Sunday, as I sat and stared at her lip over dinner, and watched her sipping soda through a straw because she could no longer drink out of a cup normally, I snapped.

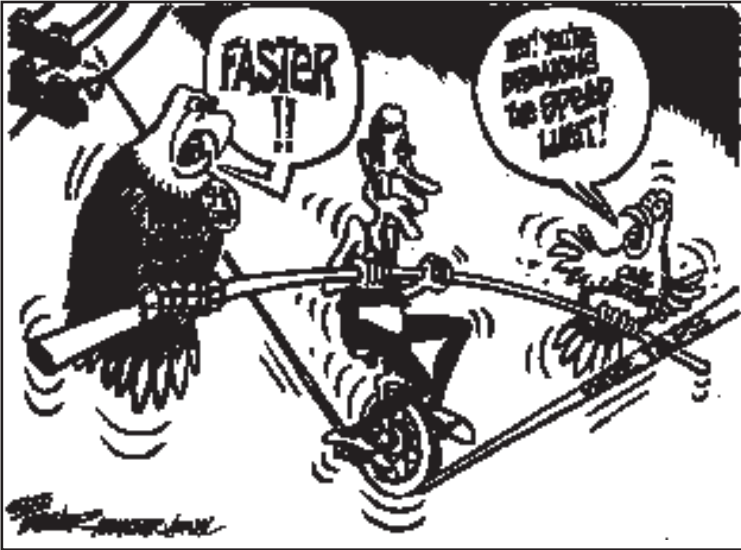
"I'll give you \$100 to take that thing out," I told her.

She scowled, but said she'd think about it. She retired to her room for a bit, then returned with a counter offer: Make it \$150 and it's a deal.

Hmm. Not without upping the ante. "OK, I'll make it \$150. But you must swear never, ever to put any type of piercing on any part of your face for as long as you live. No more holes than the ones you have now."

She balked for a moment, then held out her hand. The deal was sealed on a handshake. I gave her a \$50 down payment on the spot, and she promptly extracted that noxious bar from her lip.

Some may say this was manipulative or controlling. Others will just say I'm nuts. Still others will point out that I've failed at learning to let go. Say what you will, all I know is that for \$150, I'll never have to wince when I look at my daughter's face again. As my friend summarized, "It's the best \$150 you ever spent." I couldn't agree more.



LETTERS

Where was citizen input?

Dear Editor,

Two weeks ago, the combined Winters City Council and Winters Planning Commission members met in the Community Center to discuss the Winters Highlands development plan. In front of them were row upon row of empty seats with virtually no members of the public, save a few die-hards. There were almost as many Highlands "suits" as people from Winters.

The meeting was meant to be informal and we were encouraged to interrupt and ask questions to get more information. But hardly a squeak was heard from public or council members. As one "suit" commented to me as we left the meeting "Gosh, I couldn't believe that there were virtually no questions from the council members — after all, this is the biggest development that Winters has ever seen. It should be a breeze in February at the planning and city council meetings". Yes indeed.

Highlands proposes funding many things in this city and perhaps no one wants to rock the boat when the Big Boys are in town. After all, they pretty much run Winters now, with their donations to schools, public library, new streets, beefing up the police and fire departments, and a swimming pool; just what the city has always wanted. But the

price of these donations will be high, with traffic congestion, loss of open space and habitat, poor air quality and an even greater jobs/housing imbalance, and all in record time: 413 new homes in just five years. Why so fast? Profits of course! It is not economical for developers to go slower.

So it looks like a done deal. Did the council members let us down? Were they too weak to say no for fear of lawsuits or losing developers' business? Or was it the citizens of Winters who let the commissioners down, with so little interest in whether Winters grows or the rate at which it grows. How could council members step up to the plate with so little backing?

Now, then, is when the rubber meets the road. If you want to change the speed at which Highlands proposes to develop Winters, you have just two weeks to convince council members and commissioners to ask Highlands to prolong their phased build out from 5 to say 10 years so that Winters can take the necessary steps to accommodate the traffic, people, demands, strains and everything else that goes with runaway growth. Otherwise, without our input, the council members and commissioners will just roll over and wag their tails.

TIM CARO

Opposed to information control

Dear Editor,

I can only wonder why the publisher of our local newspaper has resorted to information control as an attempt to curb bashing here in our hometown paper. But then again, why shouldn't he? He's just following that example set forth by the White House on Iraq and our local City Hall on growth issues. It seems to be working for them, ignoring those outside of chosen inner circles and cliques since "they know what's best for us." But are not we on the outside just as important and have valid opinions about how we feel our local area and country should eventually become? I say don't just sweep our First Amendment rights under the rug because you publish a paper or are in charge of a government.

In the Greyhawk days, local growth information was shared more and was easier to obtain for the average person from City Hall. But now you have to pay for it, and attend meetings that conflict with important school events such as back-to-school night, etc. The unspoken message is that if you're not for "their" type of growth, your opinions about how you as a simple resident envision your town to be are not relevant.

For example, I think a bike path should be a landscaped greenbelt

with a meandering all weather surface path vs. a wide sidewalk in front of future homes per Callahan's proposal. Plus, when developers constantly remind our decision makers how much time and money they've spent pleading their proposals, how do Mr./Mrs. Citizen compete against that when sacrificed family time/energy to be involved with the future growth of our community is not respected as priceless? Add to that foul disrespect from developers in meetings while publicly speaking up on growth, and it's easy to see why the community involvement that initially started strong with the Callahan project has now dwindled off to almost nothing.

Being reactive to developer proposals is the easy way out for our local government because having proactive planning with community involvement that produces the best overall results for a growing community is notably harder and more expensive, not to mention more responsible and accountable. And if our city and school district are truly going broke, then why push residential development instead of commercial and industrial development that earns so much more tax money for us?

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CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK OPINION

FIGHTING THE TIDE OF DEVELOPMENT.

Just when I was thinking it was safe to go out at night, along comes another developer wanting to build in Winters. This isn't a new development, or even a new developer. Centex Homes has been knocking on our door for a couple of years, and most of the property is what we used to call Greyhawk.

Our city planners and council have approved, or soon will be approving, over 700 homes. That's a lot of homes for a town that only has about 2,200 homes and apartments. Centex won't say how many homes they want to build, but Greyhawk developers were trying to get 1,200 homes approved for the land just north of Winters.

What brings this up? I received an email from a concerned citizen about a meeting taking place Thursday, Jan. 26. Since I hadn't read it in the Express, I told him he must be mistaken. Then I was handed a flyer that someone had emailed to City Hall. Sure enough, there was a "Neighborhood Meeting" planned for Thursday at the Community Center, 6-8 p.m.

My first thought was, here we go again. Do developers ignore the Express on purpose, or are they afraid people will find out what they are trying to do before they get their steamroller moving? The reason jokes about lawyers, minorities and developers are funny is they are based, somewhat, on true stereotypes. An old example. How can you tell if a developers is lying? His lips are moving. What do you have when you find a group of developers buried up to their necks in concrete? Not enough concrete.

If developers, and city staff, would pace themselves I don't think I would be so worried about Winters. We build houses in bunches. We haven't built very many in the last three years, and I don't think we will see any built in 2006. We may see some dirt pushed around, but people moving in? I don't think so.

In the past the developers were smaller, and we needed the infill projects to keep financially sound. Now we have huge developers and we have become addicts to the money and goodies developers offer, or we demand — a vicious cycle that has caused havoc in our school system. The school board is being squeezed between the lack of students and the lack of development fees being collected. Houses are so expensive that no one with small children can afford them. I'm still trying to figure out how anyone can afford to move to Winters.

I'm not sure if anyone but the immediate neighbors, those living behind Town & Country Market, are invited to this meeting, but get ready to sit through another five or six years of meetings. There will come a day when we need to develop between the new light and the highway, but I was hoping Centex would show up around 2010 or maybe even 2015 to propose building houses on their property.

Building 75 homes a year for the next 10 years should be all that we need to keep Winters a vibrant community and the school functioning. Do we have to talk to Centex? Probably. Do we have to allow them to build? Probably. Will they have to fix the flooding and do environmental studies? Absolutely. Can we put them off until 2015 or 2020? We'll see.

Have a good week.

Letters are our local public forum

Dear Editor,

Not all, but some of the best and most interesting writing in any newspaper can be found on the pages of the "Letters to the Editor." It's a public forum for a community, a billboard filled with a broad range of ideas, opinions and fervent beliefs.

In an information page of bloggers, zines and CNN, a small community newspaper is the link to

neighbors with busy lifestyles, diverse occupations, and wide ranging attitudes.

And though the framers of our Constitution did not limit the First Amendment to speech that was profound, productive or pithy, they instead gave us wide latitude to freely express all we hold important, whether we agree or disagree with the speech.

DIANA MORRIS

Don't miss our barbershop show

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Jerry Slagal and myself, thank you for the boost you gave to the annual Barbershop Show. Unfortunately the ticket information was incomplete. May I offer the complete information at this time:

"Reflections in Harmony" will be performed in Davis, Friday evening, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Davis High Performing Arts Theatre. Tickets are

available from Armadillo Music, 206 "F" Street, Davis, 758-8058.

The show will be repeated Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theater. Tickets are available from the VPA Theater, 707-449-6217.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this information.

ROY BELLHORN
West Valley Chorale

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on page A-5

Write to us: news@wintersexpress.com

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Only Assyrian left in town

Dear Editor,

I want to thank this great Winters community for the way they have accepted one of the “greatest minority acts in America.” I suppose there are other communities where there is one and only one foreigner in a community of 6,000 plus or so. I have the rare distinction of being the only “Assyrian” American descendent in Northern California. I don’t call myself a foreigner, because I was born in Merced County in California. But I am a full-blooded Assyrian.

History shows that Assyrians ruled the world for 700 years, now I’m one of the few left. I was born on January 15, the same day as Martin Luther King, so now my birthday is a national holiday.

Maybe that has helped so many of our friends remembering my birthday. I really appreciate the many phone calls and birthday greeting cards I have received from this wonderful Winters community. Plus, the invitation dinners, I’m a poor cook and I really miss “Gorda.” Thank you for giving me a 90-plus birthday greeting that I will never forget. Also, how pleased I am that the ES-PEE Railroad Bridge was opened so close to my birthday. Maybe? The fact that the name “Hoobyar” in the Old Country means “Friend of Man,” to my knowledge I have never had an enemy in my life? That holds true for my whole family. I’m the youngest of six boys, and the only member of my family of nine still running around “above ground.”

I have told you I have railroaded through here in 1937 up to 1940, hauling fruit and grapes. But buying Harvey Hemingway’s 20 acres on the corner of Highway 128 and Road 86,

in 1973, was the best thing David Baxter could have done for us Hoobyars. I soon learned that this area had one of the best weather conditions in Yolo County, so I named our place Pardehsa Acres, “paradise” in Assyrian. I told my family this is the nearest I will ever get to heaven, so I named it “Pardehsa Acres,” and 16 years later in 1989, I named our little convenience store “The Pardehsa Store.”

Just one beautiful community. Thank you Winters for welcoming us Hoobyars “Friend of Man” in your Winters Community. I could go on and on and on telling you how much I appreciate all of you. I hope you got the picture of my feelings!

In 1995, our friend Fred Geiser called to tell me that I had lost the distinction of being the only Assyrian in the Winters community. His new neighbor had just purchased the home next door to him and his name was Rouel Younan, and Fred told me that he was an Assyrian,

and I invited him to please bring Rouel to our place for a visit and I would soon know if we spoke the same Assyrian language. Well, I was one happy fellow to meet Rouel, and his wife Ann and his children.

Yes, this was in 1995 and we had some good visits and Rouel had come to America when he was 16 years old, and could read and write Assyrian and offered to help me relearn what I had forgotten. I left home in 1934 and had very little chance of speaking Assyrian, especially being the only one in the whole Yolo County.

I’m very sorry to report that our plans didn’t materialize, Rouel had a heart attack in May of 2001 and is now in “Pardehsa.” He was only here in Winters six years, 1995-2001. His dear family is still here and we miss Rouel very much.

So now, I am sorry to say, I’m the lone minority again and once again, I want to thank you.

DAVID HOOBYAR
and FAMILY

OPPOSED

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This easy way out, this reactive mode of thinking, also applies to governments at all levels, from city to county, state, and federal too. And I think that is why people are truly upset. The everyday unsung hardworking heroes of our community and country, average people like you and me, truly want more accountability and responsibility from our local government all

the way up to the White House and our local paper, not patronization.

But then again, maybe our local officials (and paper publisher) have learned something from the Callahan project process and are trying to do better, only time will tell. In the meantime, if you need something to blame or bash, blame it all on Mars, the planet of war and chaos. It’s been the closest it’s ever been to the Earth for the past couple of years.

JON TICE

Getting married? Just had a baby?
Earned a college degree?
Announce it in the Express — it’s free!
Call 795-4551 for assistance or email
information to news@wintersexpress.com

Hazardous waste cannot be thrown in household garbage

In compliance with California state law, Yolo County announced that effective Feb. 9, residents are prohibited from disposing hazardous wastes (HW) items in their everyday garbage. Yolo County’s Central Landfill offers recycling of HW items to county residents.

Types of HW materials falling under the ban include: electronic devices with a circuit board (VCRs, cell phones, mi-

crowaves, telephones, printers, radios, computers, monitors, TVs), batteries, motor oil, latex or oil based paints, solvents, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, electrical switches/relays, pilot light sensors, and mercury thermostats.

A calendar of household HW drop-off event dates with a listing of acceptable items is available at

www.yolocounty.org/recycle. Residents may also call and request information at 666-8856.

Motor oil, cell phones, batteries, and electronics are accepted, in designated containers, daily at the landfill, phone 666-8729 or visit the website for hours, free of cost Business hazardous waste from small quantity generators is accepted for a fee by appointment only. Call 800-433-5060 to schedule a

business drop-off date.

Residential drop-off event days for 2006 are: Jan. 28, March 25, May 20, July 15, Sept. 9 and Nov. 18 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Yolo County Central Landfill located at the intersection of County Roads 28H and 104 northeast of Davis.

For specific information about the state law, that prohibits improper disposal of HW, call 800-728-6942.

CHANGES

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making any of the proposed changes.

“It doesn’t seem like there are very good options right now,” teacher Woody Fridae commented. He also reiterated comments made at a previous board meeting suggesting that the district should be looking at photovoltaics to reduce energy costs. “We could save \$5,000 to \$10,000 a month. Why aren’t we looking into that,” he said.

High school principal George Griffin said that eliminating block scheduling “would set us back in terms of achievement” and reminded the board that block scheduling was implemented several years ago without any additional staffing. Analysis by the district suggests that elimination of block scheduling would reduce staffing needs by three full time employees.

Trustee opinions of the suggested cost-cutting moves were as varied as those from the public, and board chair Rick Romney suggested that the board may not be ready to make a decision on the changes

by Feb. 2, the date the district administration wants board action so recommendations can be implemented for the 2006-07 school year.

“We don’t have the staff time at the moment to go on a fishing expedition without knowing the direction the board wants to go,” district superintendent Dale Mitchell said, when asked for details about implementation plans for various options. He said district staff would work to the best of their ability to implement whatever the board decides to do and encouraged trustees to stick to the Feb. 2 timetable for making a decision.

Recognitions

~ Trustees recognized John Clayton School kindergarten student Anthony Seratos for his academic progress and helpful attitude at the school. They also recognized Anthony’s mother Guillermina Cuervas for her role in developing a partnership with the school to help her son improve.

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Ave.

Community

Youth Day Committee to meet

The Winters Youth Day Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year on Sunday, Jan. 29, at 4 p.m. at Round Table. Plans for the 70th Anniversary Youth Day will be discussed and chairpersons will be named.

Volunteers are needed to help serve on some of the sub committees involved with Youth Day, primarily the Kid's Faire and Parade. Anyone interested in helping is invited to attend the meeting.

Hazardous waste collection day planned

The Yolo County Planning, Resources and Public Works Department, Division of Integrated Waste Management is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day at the Yolo County Central Landfill on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Yolo County Central Landfill is located at the intersection of County Roads 28H and 104, Northeast of Davis.

Materials that will be accepted are: cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, paint, antifreeze, aerosol cans (no empties), garden pesticides and herbicides, automotive batteries, used motor oil and used oil filters. Up to 125 pounds or 15 gallons of household hazardous waste per vehicle will be accepted.

Household hazardous waste will be accepted from Yolo County residents only. No agricultural, medical or infectious waste will be accepted. Household hazardous waste collection events are held every other month.

Reusable Items Days take place on Saturdays following HHW drop-off events. The next reuse pick-up date is Feb. 4, from 9-11 a.m. Reusable items received at the HHW event (paint, cleaners, garden and pool supplies, etc.) are available free of cost.

Business hazardous waste from small quantity generators is accepted for a fee by appointment only. Dial (800) 433-5060 to schedule an appointment.

Call 666-8729 or visit www.yolocounty.org/recycle for directions or more event information.

Sebastian appointed city treasurer

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

At a brief city council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, lifelong Winters resident and volunteer Michael Sebastian was appointed to fill the remainder of outgoing City Treasurer Peg Dozier's term.

Council member Steve Godden and Mayor Pro Tem Woody Fridae formed the committee to interview applicants for the seat. After interviewing two candidates, they recommended Sebastian; qualities that were most sought after were reliability, commitment and the ability to be available. Though both candidates

were good, Fridae said Sebastian was most able to fulfill the requirements.

The motion, made by Fridae, was unanimously approved.

Election called

After determining by a four-fifths majority that the need to take action arose after the evening's agenda was posted, the city council approved a consent agenda item calling for a General Election on June 6. The terms of council members Steve Godden (who was appointed to fill the remainder of the late Robert Chapman's term), Harold Anderson and Mayor Dan Martinez will end on June

30. Also on the ballot will be the City Clerk and City Treasurer's seats. All terms are four years long.

Other items

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

~ Approved the consent agenda including an amendment to the EIR Consultant Services Agreement with Ted Winfield Associates for the Winters Highlands EIR, in the amount of \$7,300.

~ Warrants ending 01-17-2006.

~ As the Community Development Agency, held an executive session regarding real estate negotiations.

Winters Lions Club to host Blood Drive

The Winters Lions Club will host a BloodSource community blood drive on Monday, Jan. 30, from 3-7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue. Everyone is welcome.

To give blood, you must be in generally good health, free from cold symptoms for at least 48 hours; be at least 17 years old (16 with parental con-

sent); and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit for donating blood.

Prospective donors must bring a photo ID. The entire process takes about an hour.

All participants will receive a coupon for a free pint of ice cream from Baskin-Robbins.

For more information about this blood drive,

please call: 800.995.4420 x 11007.

Established in 1948 as a not-for-profit community blood bank, BloodSource provides life-saving services to millions of people in 25 counties throughout Northern and Central California.

To learn more about BloodSource, please visit their web site at www.bloodsource.org.

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groups use the Community Center, she started looking for a real Halau, a space dedicated to the art of Hula. She found what she was looking for at 305 First Street, a space owned by John Pickerel, who was more than supportive of her goal.

With mirrors lining the brightly painted walls, along with traditional furniture and art, the space is inviting and warm. Drumright explains that in Hawaii, a Halau is traditionally a building dedicated solely to Hula. A teacher is formally called a "Kumu," and a Hula dancer must first ask the Kumu's permission to enter. If a dancer is late, he or she cannot participate in the day's dancing.

Drumright doesn't ask to be called a Kumu (which translated means "source") quite yet.

"You have to have a lot of knowledge," she says. "It's too heavy of a weight to carry."

For now, her students address her as "'Anake," (aunt).

Hula tells a story. Sometimes the story is about a place, sometimes it's about a Hawaiian chief or member of the royalty, sometimes it's about nature. Drumright explains

that she often has to do research before she teaches a particular dance, just to make sure she knows what she's teaching her students. For example, she says, a song might talk about a flower, but it's really about a person who has grown and blossomed.

"Hawaiian words have a lot of poetic meaning," says Drumright.

The expression and emotion in a Hula dance has been known to move people to tears.

"You watch them do a dance and you cry because you know they are talking about a loved one," she says. "They have a spirit, the 'Aloha' spirit."

Drumright likes the grace expressed through Polynesian dance, and the way dancers are transported to the place they are describing with their movements.

Her students don't just learn to dance, they learn about the language and the culture of Hawaii. Students are only permitted to move up a level through testing. They must master basic steps before they learn the more difficult moves. They learn Hawaiian words, colors and numbers.

In addition to Hawaiian dance and culture, Drumright tries to incorporate dances from other cultures, including Tahitian

and Maori "so the kids will know that all cultures have some beauty in them."

She hopes that carries over.

"In the hope that they will find some beauty in their own culture. Maybe they'll ask their mom about their culture, about their traditions and language."

Her elite group of dancers, the "Tiare," are those who have mastered the first three levels. Dancers may join the Tiare group only by invitation of the instructor, and are expected to be committed to both practice and performance. The group is currently preparing for a trip to Tahiti to perform in a dance competition in June. It is a great honor for the dancers, as participation is by invitation only. However, at a cost of about \$2,500 per dancer, they are looking for ways to raise funds. They have sold calendars and will be working on other fund-raisers to help defray the cost of the trip. They welcome community support.

Drumright is excited about her new space and welcomes new students. Classes fill up fast and are limited to 20 students per class per session. Classes include: Ki'ele, introduc-

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Martin completes training

Navy Seaman Daniel J. Martin, son of Mary F. Ramos of Winters, and John H. Martin of Winters, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Martin completed a variety of training, including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire-fighting, water safety and survival, and ship-board and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of

boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Martin is a 2004 graduate of Winters High School.

Sacramento law firm joins YCF Founder’s Circle

Desmond, Nolan, Livaich and Cunningham, the sixty-five year old law firm based in Sacramento, has become the newest member of Yolo Community Foundation's (YCF) Founders' Circle according to Margaret Burns, president of the YCF board of directors.

“We are very pleased to have Desmond, Nolan, Livaich and Cunningham join Casson and Son Carpet Care and First Northern Bank as corporate sponsors,” said Burns. “This gift from a business that operates locally is very important in fulfilling the mission of YCF: To match the philanthropic interests of donors with the needs and opportunities of the Yolo County community.”

Gary Livaich, partner in the firm, attended University of California Hastings College of the Law and has practiced in the region for nearly 30 years. “We feel it is incumbent upon us to give back to the communities where we do business. YCF presents an opportunity to give regionally in a general way to local philanthropic causes.”

The Founders' Circle was created to provide working capital for operating expenses until the Community Foundation's endowment becomes

large enough to be self-sustaining. Businesses and individuals are invited to become part of this special 20 member group by committing \$5,000 annually for three years. Current Founders' Circle members, in addition to the ones mentioned above, are Mohini Jain, Joan Q. Hogan, founding president of YCF, Paul Harder, Cliva Mee, Mort Schwartz and Giovanna Oettinger, and Margaret Burns and Roy Bellhorn.

YCF was established in 2002 to advance charitable giving in Yolo County and strengthen the capacity of the county's nonprofit sector. YCF assists individual donors to design funds that reflect their personal charitable intent. Contributions can also be made to YCF's field of interest funds to meet a range of community needs.

One of more than 600 community foundations in the United States, Yolo Commu-

nity Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization. It is a vehicle for community philanthropy that enables individuals of both modest means and significant wealth to contribute to a permanent endowment for the people of Yolo County.

For more information about Yolo Community Foundation, or about becoming a member of the Founder' Circle, go to www.yolocf.org or call 312-0593.

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tory Hawaiian dance, ages 5-12 and 13 and up; Pua Melia, intermediate Hawaiian and Tahitian dance, aged 5-6 and 7-9; Pua Kenikeni, second level intermediate Hawaiian and Tahitian, ages 10-13 and 14 and up; 'Okika, advanced class, 12 years and up; Lehua, a fun class focused on low to moderate exercise for women ages 21 and up; 'Ikaika, which incorporates Hawaiian and Tahitian dance and then Maori at the upper level, ages 7-11 and 12 years and up, 'Eleu, drumming, ages 7 years and up; Gracious Ladies, for ages 50 and older, and finally, the Tiare group.

Drumright lives in Winters with her husband, Aaron, and their four children, sons La'akea, Ka'imipono and Ka'eo, and daughter, Lalea.

Classes are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information about classes, class times or tuition, call 795-3133, or stop by the Halau at 305 First Street.

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their families.

A celebration of her life will be held on Friday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m. at Woodland Christian Center, 441 California Street, in Woodland.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to: Yolo Hospice, P.O. Box 1014, Davis, CA 95617; Pulmonary Fibrosis Fund, 1332, N. Halsted Street, Ste. 201, Chicago, Illinois, 60622, or the Woodland Christian Center, 441 California Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

Winters

Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

January's mixer, hosted by Jennifer at J.J.'s Saloon, was a great mixer by any standard. Jennifer always goes way overboard on the food spread, and this year was no exception. It



DAN MAGUIRE
CHAMBER DOINGS

was impossible to leave the mixer hungry.

Last weekend, we celebrated the 2005 Year in Review with the annual Citizen of the Year dinner. We had a wonderful evening together honoring Citizen of the Year Harold Anderson; Chamber Business Award recipient Steady Eddy's Coffee House, Theodore Winters Award honorees Mark and Pinky Dahn, and Senior Citizen of the Year Jesse Gill. Tomat's did a great job catering the event and we were fortunate to be joined by Senator Mike Machado, Assemblyperson Lois Wolk and Yolo County Supervisor Duane Chamberlain, as well as Mayor Dan Martinez and City Manager John Donlevy in recognizing the vast contributions these people make.

The evening included a very successful silent auction and raffle, with much money raised for the Chamber thanks to generous donations from area businesses First Northern Bank, Arte Junction, Berryessa Gap Winery, the Buckhorn, Bijou Shabby Chic , Steady Eddy's, Chris' Florist, Regalare, Briggs & Company, Realty World, Carrion Properties, Gateway Realty, Town & Country Market, and Berryessa Sporting Goods. The Chamber would also like to thank Woody Fridae, Isabel Snow, Nanci Mills, the Donlevy family and anonymous donor Howard Hupe for their generous contributions. The Chamber also appreciates the hard work of Don and Sheryl Rheuby, who served as bartenders for the Year in Review event.

Another great part of the evening was the installation of the 2006 Chamber Board of Directors. The 2006 Board is headed up by new Chamber President Dave Fleming of the Palms, assisted by Vice President Linn Myer, Secretary/Treasurer Chris Jones , and board members Howard Hupe, Gloria Marion, Dianne Grimard, Charley Wallace, Nancy Meyer, Edmund Lis, Eric Doud, Pam Aguilera and Salli Becker. Please make it a point to seek out the board members and tell them what this Chamber can do to better promote the Winters business community.

I hope by now you've noticed the new "Welcome to Winters" sign as you come into town from the east on Grant Avenue. Local artist Jeff Hesemeyer's colorful work of art does a spot on job of welcoming visitors with a beautiful vision of many of the things that define life in Winters.

Chamber welcomes new board



Photo by Woody Fridae
The new board members for the Winters Chamber of Commerce were sworn in at the Year in Review celebration held at the Community Center on Jan. 21. Members include, from left, Sally Becker, Nancy Meyer, Dianne Grimard, Chris Jones, Dave Fleming, Pam Aguilera, Charles Wallace, Gloria Marion, Howard Hupe, Linn Myer and Edmund Lis.

Chamber meetings open to public

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

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings. The Chamber is involved in

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

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

“As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do.”
-Andrew Carnegie

Next Chamber mixer to be held at dance studio

February's Chamber mixer will be co-hosted by new Chamber members Matt and Stephanie Archibeque of Warrior Video, and Michelle Drumwright of Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a Polynesian Dance Studio. The mixer will be held on Monday, Feb. 13 at Michelle's new dance studio, located at 305 First Street.

“The studio is an awesome addition

to the downtown area,” says Chamber executive director Dan Maguire.

In addition to serving as the dance studio for dance, classes will be held at the premises by Hatha Yoga and Javier Martial Arts, as Louie Javier will be hosting an evening class for adults. The entire community is invited to join the Chamber at the mixer and check out this new facility.

Bad check writers ordered to pay restitution

Businesses or persons who have received NSF or closed account checks in Yolo County and have been unable to get cooperation from the check writers can contact the Yolo County District Attorney's Check Prosecution Program for help. While stolen or forged checks must be reported to the local law enforcement agencies, NSF and closed account checks can be submitted to the Check Program for investigation.

For more information about the program, call 666-8200. Anyone needing check forms can pick them up at their local Chamber of Commerce office, located in Winters inside the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue.

Entertainment

Dance collage features original choreography

Applegate Dance Company's 13th Annual Dance Collage will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Theater Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. All seats are \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the box office 45 minutes prior to each performance or at the Applegate Dance Studio.

This year's Collage will feature works by Choreographers Lisa Applegate, Cathy Roe, Amy Taylor, Erin Carpenter, Holly Newell, Kathryn Cook, and DiArcy Wright.

The 24-member company will perform 18 short dance pieces, demonstrating ballet, lyrical, character, and ethnic dance styles. Artistic lighting and lavish costuming add to create a highly entertaining fast paced show. Included in the program are "Siamsa" an Irish step dance, "La Bomba" a ballet pas de deux, "Space Mountain" a glow in the dark acrobatic dance, "Mumbo Yum Yum" a comedic spoof on clothes shopping, and "Storm" an



Courtesy photo

The Applegate Dance Company will perform at the Veterans Memorial Center in Davis on Feb. 11 and 12. Tickets are \$10.

energetic allegro ballet.

Applegate Dance Company is a 24-member company consisting of junior high school through adult aged dancers.

The company presents two performances a year: a collage of mixed dance styles in early February and a ballet in late June. Annual season auditions

are held early each September.

For more information about performances or dance classes, call 753-1849.

February Art Walk planned

The next Winters Art Walk takes place on Saturday, Feb. 4 in downtown Winters. Official Art Walk hours are 12-6 p.m., but some participants are open earlier, as noted.

~ JGlenn Gallery, 9-J East Main Street, 795-9535, www.jeffsstudio9.com. New work by Diana Jahns Childress, Jeff Childress, and other gallery artists. Ongoing through Feb. 26.

~ Diana Jahns Childress Studio, 9-B East Main Street 979-1611, www.dianaartist.com. Current work is primarily in pastels, but also includes oil and acrylic paintings. Reproduction prints and greeting cards available. Art Walk hours: 1p.m.-4 p.m.

~ Steady Eddy's Coffee House, 5 E. Main Street 795-3588. Ongoing exhibit of Eclectic Mixed Medium Art & Quilted Art from the private collection of Diane Graves-Lis. Also Pottery by Rebecca Bresnick Holmes. Continues thru Feb. 28. Art Walk hours: 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

~ The Palms, 13 Main Street, 1st Floor hallway, 902-0705, www.palmsplayhouse.com. Winters Tales: Oral History Project by photographer Jamie Chomas, ongoing. Art Walk hours: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

~ Ficelle, 5C E. Main St (behind Steady Eddy's Coffee House), 795-9593, www.wintersca.org/ficelle.htm. Continued ongoing display of local artists.

~ The Arte Junction, 308 Railroad Ave., 795-3297 www.theartejunction.com. Features work by Lynn Cunningham, Landscape Paintings- Local and Distant Inspirations, Feb. 4 (with artist reception), through Feb. 26. Art Walk hours: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

~ Briggs & Co., 820 Railroad Ave., 795-9505. "Home is Where the Heart Is" Ceramic works by Marsha Rafter. Artist reception: Saturday, Feb 4, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

~ Berryessa Gap Vineyards, 15 Main Street, 795-3207. Paintings by Leslie Dupratt.

~ Winters Center for the Arts: Etchings and Silkscreening by Teresa Zepeda. Artist reception: Saturday, Feb. 4 6-9 p.m.

There is no charge to participate in the Art Walk.

For more information call or e-mail Shaunie Briggs, 795-9505 or sbriggs@rustology.com.

Go online to www.porfinpottery.com to download an Art Walk Map and Participant Listing.

They really care



Photo by Todd & Barbara Photography.

Citizens Who Care presents its 14th annual benefit concert, "Getting to Know You - Songs of Hammerstein and Sondheim" on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Theatre, 203 Fourteenth Street, Davis. Cast members include (clockwise from top left) Peter Shack, Bob Bowen, Martha Dickman, Gwyneth Bruch, Stephen Peithman, Leonore Sebastian, and Christopher Lee.

Barbershop quartets return

The West Valley Chorale barbershop chorus presents its annual show in Davis at 7:30 p.m, Friday, Feb. 3, at the new Davis High Performing Arts Theater, 14th and B Streets. On Saturday, Feb. 4, the show will be performed at the Vacaville Performance Arts Theatre at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Davis performance are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students, and are free for children under five. Tickets are available at Armadillo Music, 205 F Street, 758-8058, and at the door. For tickets to the Vacaville shows, call the Vacaville Performing Arts Theater Box Office. (707) 449-6217.



MEETING

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ings to be scheduled. He added that press releases about those meetings will be submitted to the Express.

The proposed development is called “Mountain View” and involves 61 acres located on East Grant Avenue between Town & Country Market and Winters Courtesy Chevron. Centex Homes purchased the land from Covell Development/Greg McNece. Boccius says the proposed plan involves developing 20 acres of the parcel for homes, which amounts to approximately 100 homes. He says the

land is already zoned R-1 (residential, single family).

Mountain View has not been presented to the Winters Planning Commission or the Winters City Council, and city officials will not be involved with the Jan. 26 meeting.

Boccius says Centex Homes purchased the property because it is adjacent to the 400-acre piece of property just to the north that it is considering for development. He added that the McNece property “might allow for development in the near future.” However, he stresses the development “is not a done deal.”

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erford says she just couldn't make a go of it financially, so she decided to close up shop and move back to Davis.

Weatherford says that interest in the gallery was strong when she opened in October 2003, but the it tapered off.

“People came for the openings, but they never bought anything.”

As for her normal business days, she says, “I can count the days on one hand that I had people come in on Thursday and Friday.”

She notes that most of the people who came to the gallery were from out

of town, and often came to openings because they knew the artist. She says bringing in customers from out of town is good for Winters, but says the local support was weak.

Nonetheless, Weatherford says she enjoyed her time running a gallery and living in Winters.

“It was really fun. I loved Winters,” says Weatherford.

She adds that she may find a way to remain involved with the local art community by doing “phantom galleries” on Art Walk days, where she displays the work of area artists at host businesses, but says nothing specific is in the works yet.

SIGN

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downtown Main Street scene, are quite obvious. However, upon closer inspection, Hesemeyer has added all sorts of details to the mural, such as the inclusion of the trestle bridge and water tower. In the background are the Vaca Mountains and Lake Berryessa, and upon even further examination, there are several little personal touches to the mural as well, such as Hesemeyer's Jack Russell terrier trotting along in front of the Putah Creek Café and Hesemeyer's '54 Ford coming into town.

The top of the mural also features unique Winters details. The scrollwork, called a pediment, was inspired by that along the top of the First Northern Bank building, but rather than featuring an eagle, as the bank's does, Hesemeyer placed a local bird called a kite in its place.

Hesemeyer estimates that it took about 200 hours to create the 12x16 foot sign, which he did all by himself, and cost “a couple thousand.” A 20-year resident of Winters, Hesemeyer holds a masters degree in art from the California College of Arts and Crafts (now known as the California College of Arts) in Oakland. He is married to Diane Beaton, and they have two grown children, Paloma and Wyatt. Hesemeyer's favorite media are watercolor, sculpture and woodcarving, and he runs the Arts in Corrections program at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville. He plans to retire this year, and will focus on his artwork full time.



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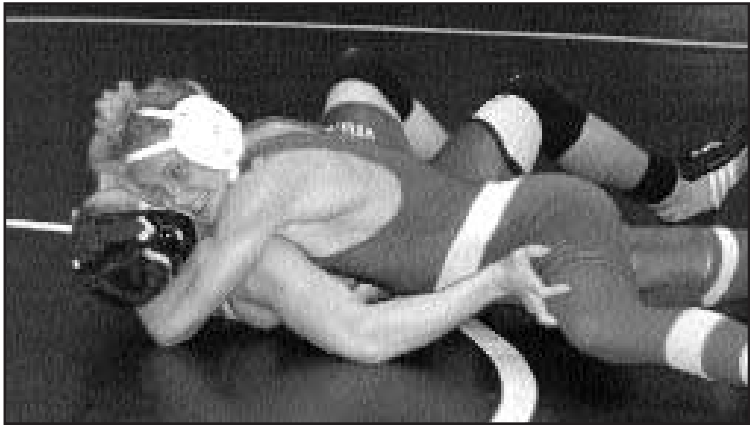
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Sports



Photos by Eric Lucero

Several of the Winters High School Wrestling team's members have proven to be fierce competitors at recent matches, including the Warriors' first home match on Jan. 18.

Warrior wrestlers competing hard on the mat

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School wrestling team has shown first year coach Tim Hausler that they are ready to compete. The Warriors are small in numbers and experience but big at heart. Last Wednesday, Jan. 18, the Warriors hosted their first match in Winters this season against Wheatland and had some impressive performances. Freshman, Jesse Hellinger won his match with a 12-6 deci-

sion over his opponent. Branden White also won by points with a 13-7 decision, while Danny Campos won his match by pinning his opponent in the first minute and a half. Last weekend at the Maria Carillo Invitational Tournament Hellinger went 2-2 against some very tough competition. The week before that Hellinger placed second in another big tournament in Lincoln where he lost 10-6 in the finals. At the Maria Carillo Tournament, Campos impressed his coach with a

second place finish as he lost 2-5 in the finals against the sixth ranked wrestler in the state. "The impressive thing was that Danny only lost because of inexperience," Hausler said. "He made a wrong move and the kid capitalized on it. Normally he would have pinned his opponent but Danny just stood up and got out of it." Victoria Spinetti has also been doing well for the Warriors. Last weekend at the Vintage girl's invitational Spinetti placed third with a 5-1 record. Spinetti also

placed third at the Nor Cal State tournament in Rocklin two weeks ago. Along with Spinetti, Megan Vi-ray, Jessica Rubio and Ashley Vice have all qualified for the girls' state championships in two weeks in Hanford. "We are doing good," said Hausler. "We just need more matches under our belt." The Warriors hosted a dual meet against Sutter at Shirley Rominger School on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 28, the Warriors travel to Corning to compete in the Cardinals Tournament.

Varsity girls win two on the road

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity girls' basketball team played two league games on the road last week and came home with two victories. On Tuesday, Jan. 17, the Warriors traveled to Wheatland and picked up an easy 62-29 victory over the Pirates. Natalie Cooley had a big night scoring 18 points to lead the Warriors. Lauren Yehle scored 13 points and had five assists. Jaclyn Stocking scored 11 points. Rebecca Salas scored eight points and had eight rebounds. Chelsea Corrales had five points, Courtney Stocking scored four

and Jenny Campos scored three for the Warriors. On Thursday, Jan. 19, the Warriors traveled to Sutter and came home with another big win over the Huskies. The Warriors beat the Huskies 44-22 while out scoring the Huskies in every period. Courtney Stocking and Campos each had a double-double for the Warriors scoring 12 points and grabbing eight rebounds and 10 points and eight rebounds respectively. Salas scored nine points, Yehle scored five, Cooley scored four points and had six assists, Jaclyn Stocking scored three points and Brittney Allen scored one point for the Warriors.

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Crabtree steps up his game for the Warriors

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity boys basketball team lost one and won one last week, improving their league record to 2-1. On Tuesday, Jan. 17, the Warriors played host to the Wheatland Pirates and suffered a disappointing 81-63 loss. "We played a good team," said coach Jason Davis. Senior Austin Crabtree had a big night for the Warriors on both

sides of the ball. Crabtree scored 24 points and was in double digits in rebounds and steals. "Crabtree played really well for us and gave us a lot of second chances," Davis said. "He was all over the place. Sebastian Salas also shot the ball well. We just got out played." Salas scored 17 points, Alexio Jurado scored six points, Nathanael Lucero had five, Brock Neil and Alex Thomson each had four and Dominic Mandolfo had three points for the Warriors. On Friday, Jan. 20, the

Warriors redeemed themselves with a 61-34 blow out over the visiting Sutter Huskies. The Warriors jumped out to a 36-13 lead with a balanced offense and a smothering defense and never looked back. Thomson led the Warriors with 13 points, followed by Crabtree with 12. Mandolfo scored 11, Neil scored seven, Salas had six, Lucero five, Matt Catalan, Jacob Thorne each scored two, while Jurado, Justin Valenzuela and Stephen Hudson each scored one point for the Warriors.

Girls beat Oroville 1-0

The Winters Warriors girls' soccer team played host to the visiting Oroville Tigers on Jan. 19 and sent them home with a 1-0 Butte View League loss. Teresita Curnicita scored the games only goal to give the Warriors the victory, while Maribel Escobedo helped the Warriors with their shutout as she stopped every ball kicked to her.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jesse James Hellinger

Jesse James Hellinger, a freshman on the Winters High School varsity wrestling team is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week. Hellinger has compiled a 20-7 overall record against some of the top wrestlers in the north section and was ranked sixth in the 145lb class in Maxpreps.com.

"Jesse is a very good wrestler," said coach Tim Hausler. "But what impresses me the most about him is that he is just a tough kid. Win or lose, he wrestles hard until the end in every match."



JV loses two

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters Warriors JV boys basketball team lost both of their league games at home last week as they took on Wheatland and Sutter. The Warriors hosted the Wheatland Pirates on Tuesday, Jan. 17, and

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Herrera scores two versus Oroville

Express correspondents

The Winters Warriors boys' soccer team lost to Oroville on Thursday, Jan. 19, at Shirley Rominger

School in Butte View League action. The Warriors held a 3-1 lead at the half but once again tired

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City of Winters weekly police department reports

Jan. 3-7
~ On the 300 block of Abbey Street, property was stolen from a residence. Loss: \$350.

Jan. 5
~ On the 400 block of Railroad Avenue, forcible entry was made to a business. Property was stolen from a vehicle that was stored on a lot at the business. Loss: \$3,700.

Jan. 6
~ Rigoberto Santana Bracamontes, 20, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, having audible music heard over 50 feet from the vehicle and no proof of insurance.

Jan. 10
~ Corianne Elizabeth Tunstall, 21, of Vacaville was picked up from Solano County Jail, transported to Yolo County Jail, and booked on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging her with failure to appear on previous charges of transporting/selling a controlled substance, possessing a controlled substance, being under the influence of a controlled substance, possessing a switchblade knife, riding a bicycle while under the influence

and failing to have a light illuminated on a bicycle during darkness.

Jan. 11
~ Kyle Jeffrey Welter, 19, of Winters was traveling westbound on Grant Avenue. Jesse Lee Adams, 18, of Winters was slowing to a stop facing westbound on Grant Avenue to allow pedestrians to walk in a clearly marked crosswalk directly in front of his vehicle. Welter applied his brakes and swerved to the left but was unable to avoid colliding with Adams' vehicle.

Jan. 12
~ On State Route 128 and County Road 87E, an officer assisted the California Highway Patrol with a single vehicle traffic collision.

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

Jan. 13
~ On the 100 block of Broadview Lane, a vehicle was egged.

Jan. 14
~ On the first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm at a business. The business was found secure.

Jan. 15
~ Martin Villagomez Jr., 22, a transient, was arrested on an outstanding Yolo County Sheriff warrant of arrest charging him with hit and run resulting in death or injury and hit and run resulting in property damage. Villagomez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, three Winters juveniles, ages 12, 12 and 16, trespassed into a building.

~ Martin Sanchez, 22, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and speeding.

~ Rogelio Alvarado Jr., 20, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana and driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license. Alvarado was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Jan. 17
~ On the 700 block of Main Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute that escalated to a physical altercation.
~ On the 700 block of

Main Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

~ On the 500 block of Abbey Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

Jan. 18
~ Richard Eric Miller, 31, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charge of inflicting corporal injury on his cohabitant. Miller was also arrested on an outstanding Davis Police Department warrant of arrest charging him with failure to appear on a felony charge and a bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on a previous charge of possessing a controlled substance. Miller was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Angel Victoria Mursako, 19, of Dixon was booked and released on a District Attorney Letter charging her with battery against an ex-spouse/cohabitant.

Jan. 19
~ On the 1000 block of Mermod Place, a brown paper bag containing straw and feces was placed on a front porch and set on fire.

~ On the 500 block of Railroad Avenue, a mail drop box was vandalized.

Jan. 20
~ Suspect contributes to the delinquency of a minor by taking victim out of the county and having sexual relations with victim.

~ Carlos Alberto Castellan, 20, of Vacaville was issued a notice to appear for failing to stop at a stop sign and possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for possessing tobacco products.

~ Julian Antonio Rivera Terrazas, 20, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being a minor inside a vehicle with an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

Jan. 21
~ Miguel Romo, 23, of Esparto was issued a notice

to appear for failing to have headlights illuminated during darkness and driving while unlicensed.

~ Gustavo Sanchez Ramirez, 19, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, giving false information to a police officer, driving while unlicensed, failing to stop at a stop sign, and possessing an open container of an alcoholic beverage inside a vehicle. Ramirez was also arrested on an outstanding Woodland Police Department bench warrant charging him with failing to appear for jail time on a previous charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. Ramirez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

SOCCER

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out in the second half and lost 6-5.
Jose Herrera scored two goals for the Warriors in his return from vacation.
"With Jose back it will take a lot of pressure off other players," said coach Alfredo Rodriguez.
David Borges who scored one of the Warriors goals is one of those players.
"David has put a lot of pressure on himself and has really stepped up. But now he can relax and play his game," Rodriguez added.
Edwardo Molina scored the Warriors other goal. The fifth goal was actually scored by the opposing team while trying to avoid Borges from kicking it in. The game was tied a 5-5 until the last minute of the game when Oroville scored for the win.

JV

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lost 39-76.
"They were an athletic team," said coach Jamie Valadez. "They got up and down the floor really well."
Kelven Leverett led the Warriors in scoring with 21 points. Aaron Geerts scored 11 points; Kaplan Smith scored four, while Kevin Rowell and Francisco Martinez each scored two points for the Warriors.
On Friday, Jan. 20, the Warriors hosted Sutter and lost a close 55-66 contest.
"We played much better tonight," said Valadez. "We just run out of gas in the fourth period."
Leverett once again led the Warriors with 18 points, Geerts followed with 12, Smith and Rowell each had 10, Donnie Garcia scored three and D.J. Johnson scored two for the Warriors.

Good job, girls



Courtesy photo
Victoria Spinetti (left) and Jessica Rubio dominated their opponents during the recent Sac-Olea Tournament. Victoria placed first, Jessica placed second.

ROTARY CLUB OF WINTERS STUDENT OF THE MONTH Amy Purvis



Amy Purvis was presented her Rotary Student of the Month plaque by physics teacher Evan Barnes at a recent Rotary Club of Winters meeting. Mr. Barnes commented that "Amy is a fabulous student and is deserving of this award in every subject." Barnes went on to say how he had looked forward to teaching Amy and was a little disappointed that he only got to teach her for one semester, as Amy is heading for Chile. Amy's parents, Rick Purvis and Mary Kay Korn also attended the luncheon.



Rotary Club of Winters
Meets every Thursday, 12:15 p.m.
Buckhorn Restaurant
2 Main Street, Winters

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Schools

WPNS celebrates 30 years

Winters Parent Nursery School (WPNS) is celebrating its 30th anniversary in Winters this year. A non-profit, parent cooperative preschool, WPNS provides a place for children and their families to learn and play together, where children bridge the gap between home and future education.

The school is hosting its annual Family Spaghetti Dinner, with sauce prepared by Tomat's, on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall, at the corner of Grant Avenue and Main Street. Included in the evenings activities are: performances by the students, free kids room with children's activities, cotton candy, a live and silent

auction, and a magic show.

Auction items include tickets to Disneyland, Legoland, Marine World, Fairytale Town, The Sacramento Zoo, gift baskets and restaurant gift cards. For sports fans there are tickets to 49ers, Kings and Rivercats games.

The event is a major fund-raiser for the school.

Admission to the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, ages 3-12. Tickets include dinner, no-host bar, dessert, and a door prize entry.

For tickets and information, call WPNS, 795-4659.

Featured at this year's event is Jon Lopez' Real Magic and Company. A native of Winters, Lopez has been performing

magic since the age of six. He learned magic by reading books at the local library and started performing for local libraries, schools and at birthday parties. In 1992, he became a professional magician and opened his entertainment company "Real Magic and Company."

In 2002, he was named best magician in Sacramento News and Review. He has performed for celebrities including Don Johnson, Joe Montana, Bo Jackson and the cast of Beverly Hills 90210. He has also performed at the Horizon Casino in Lake Tahoe and Thunder Valley Casino in Rocklin.

For more information about Lopez, visit www.sacramentomagic.com/bio.htm.

Writers can get creative at camp

Fairytale Town is kicking off its year of FunCamps with an exciting opportunity for aspiring writers and illustrators. Children will write and illustrate original stories while learning the fundamentals of writing. Lesley Wrightson, a talented writer and artist, is leading this FunCamp for children ages 7-10. She will work on plot and character development with the children so that by the end of the week, they will have a storybook to bring home and share with their families.

Lesley is returning to lead this FunCamp at Fairytale Town and can't wait to see what the children this year come up

with. "Their stories can be fictional or factual, and they really get creative when they feature themselves in their own fairytales," states Lesley.

In honor of all the young authors, she is hosting a reception at the last camp session where the children can read their own story aloud to family and friends.

There is limited space for each camp, so reserve your spot in advance by calling Fairytale Town at 916-264-7462 or by signing up in person when visiting the park.

Registration is open throughout January. The Young Author's Camp costs \$50 for Fairytale Town members and \$80 for nonmembers.

Babysitting classes offered through Red Cross

Anyone interested in learning the skills to become a babysitter can do so in classes offered by the American Red Cross. The Yolo County Chapter is offering two Babysitter's Training classes on Saturday, Feb. 4, and Sunday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Red Cross, Yolo County Chapter, 120 Court Street, Woodland.

Enrollees must be between the ages of 11-15. They will learn the qualities of being a good babysitter, how to make responsible decisions, how to keep kids safe, how to react in an emergency and also how to perform basic childcare first aid skills.

Call the Red Cross for more information, 662-4669, or enroll online at www.yc-arc.org.

Teacher of the Year nominations to be accepted through March 1

Nominations for the California 2005-2006 "Teacher of the Year" award are being accepted through March 1. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Response Insurance Company's Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Last year's state winner was Robert Rhoads, a second grade teacher at

Conejo Valley Unified School in Thousand Oaks.

Teachers, students and parents can nominate any of the state's more than 350,000 accredited teachers.

Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

Winners will be announced at the end of the school year.

Volunteers needed for Academic Decathlon judging

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. It provides a great opportunity for high school students to participate in a rigorous academic testing environment, work in teams and gain confidence through academic excellence. In addition to the challenging core subject-matter assignments, students participate in an essay event, present a prepared

speech and have the opportunity to be interviewed by trained volunteers (especially business and community members).

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 Yolo County Office of Education web site at www.ycoe.org or directly to the volunteer page, <http://www.ycoe.org/depts/cis/decathlon/index.html> or contact volunteer coordinator Gayle McLevich at mclevich@ycoe.org or competition manager Linda Miles at miles@ycoe.org.

www.wintersexpress.com

Fire department weekly reports

The Winters Fire Department made the following calls:

Jan. 3

~ State Highway 128 at Interstate 505, for a vehicle 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, mutual aid to Solano County for a vehicle accident.
~ 300 block of Grant Avenue, medical aid for a person with difficulty breathing.
~ 9000 block of Johnson Road, mutual aid to Solano County for a medical 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.

Jan. 16

~ Medical aid to Solano County, 8000 block of Pheasant Ridge for back pain.
~ Medical aid, 400 block of Baker Street for unknown medical problem.
~ Medical aid, 1st block of East Abbey for unknown medical problems.

Jan. 17

~ Medical aid, 1st block of Main Street for difficulty breathing.
~ Medical aid, 1st block of Shams Way for an ill diabetic.

Cookie time has come again

Girl Scout Cookies are available during the annual sale, which takes place through Jan. 29. To place an order, contact the local Girl Scout troop.

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale provides young girls the opportunity to sharpen their communication, public relations, and decision making skills that will help them lead a productive life in the future, says Nela Reyes Lee, director of marketing and communications for the Girl Scouts of Tierra del Oro.

"Your purchase of Girl

Scout Cookies helps girls develop the values of teamwork, responsibility and leadership," says Reyes Lee.

To place an order with a Girl Scout in this area, call (866)-GSCOOKS or send email to cookies@tdogs.org.

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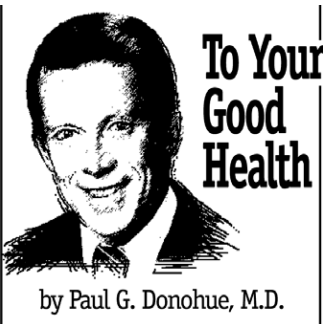
Be still, my restless legs

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I would like to know what to do about restless legs. When I sit for a while, it feels like there is something crawling in them, and at night they drive me crazy. My doctor put me on gabapentin. I asked him why I have this, and he said he didn't know. Can you tell me why I have this condition? Do I have a shortage of something, like vitamins? —M.R.

ANSWER: Somewhere between 10 percent and 20 percent of people older than 60 have restless leg syndrome. Younger people also get it, but in fewer numbers, so age must have something to do with it. Genes have a role, because it runs in families. Sometimes iron deficiency brings it on, and all those with the condition should have their blood iron level tested. Or it might have something to do with a mix-up in the transmission of dopamine, a body chemical important for brain and nerve function. Theories abound. None is proven. A vitamin deficiency is not responsible.

Most people describe it as creepy, crawly sensations in their legs. The sensations arise at rest and intensify in bed. Along with the sensations, there is an irresistible urge to jump up and move around. Walking brings an end to the annoying feeling. Gabapentin is often prescribed for restless legs. If it doesn't work, there are other medicines that can be tried. The newest one is Requip. If you turn on the TV for only a few minutes a day, you'll see at least one advertisement for it.

There's often a companion syndrome that accompanies restless leg syndrome. It's periodic limb movements of sleep. During sleep, the legs, and sometimes the arms, flail about forcefully, pummeling the bed partner. Both conditions make people tired the next day, since they prevent a night of restorative sleep. The booklet on restless leg syndrome and nighttime leg cramps provides further information about these common and annoying conditions.



Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 306W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am writing about my daughter-in-law, 21 years old. She has been married for two years and has a 1- and a 2-year-old. She has trichotillomania. When I first met her, she was wearing a full wig. Her hair grew back, and she was able to get rid of the wig.

Now she has her head plucked just about bald again. What are we to do? —Anon.

ANSWER: Trichotillomania (TRICK-oh-TILL-oh-MAIN-ee-uh) is an irresistible impulse to pull out hair. Before pulling out the hair, the person is overcome with anxiety. Pulling out the hair relieves the anxiety — temporarily.

You wrote a very long letter indicating that this young woman has more serious problems than hair-pulling, as serious as that is. She must see a mental-health professional to get the help she so desperately needs in so many aspects of her life.

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

What happens when the last aunts are gone?

My aunts have always been very important to me. They helped me to grow up in ways different than my parents did. Unlike parents, aunts do not have to correct your mistakes and teach you not to say bad words when the minister is visiting. They don't have to worry about your running off with a drug addicted rap musician. Aunts let you define yourself, instead of trying to define you.

Aunts will tell stories or talk about things that don't get talked about with parents. That was really important in our family because we didn't talk much about emotions — fears or joys. My mom's younger sister, Aunt Mame, was really good at this. She seemed a little "wild" because she would say things that no one else did. There was always the sense of her telling something slightly off-kilter, though true. When I look back, I realize that not only wasn't she "wild" in any way but was quite conventional. However, she always livened up a party. I got the idea from her that sex was a good thing, without ever having a specific conversation.

She and my mother were very close because they were the two youngest children when their mother died at age 48 from hypertension caused by the physiological strain of bearing eight children. Mom and Mame came after a series of four boys, so they were closest companions from childhood to adults. When the Main Man and I got married, it was Mame and Mom who



MARGARET BURNS MIDNIGHT OIL

had an itsy-bit too much champagne and started dancing crazily.

Mame was the last aunt who told me what my Mom was like growing up or what I was like as an infant. Aunts are the repositories of family myth. They have the corroborating evidence for who you were and are. Mame died two years ago.

My Uncle Buzz (really Aunt Elizabeth) influenced our whole family profoundly. Her husband, Cyril, had died when young of tuberculosis. Since there never was a man with her, I renamed her Uncle Elishabuzz. She was left with three young children to raise in 1935. Had she not gone to Normal School and become a teacher, she never would have been able to support her children. Prior to that, my father, her brother, thought there was no use educating women because they were just going to get married and have kids. Uncle Buzz was responsible for my siblings and me having good college educations. She also had the most wonderful sense of humor and irony and an infectious laugh I can hear in my head today. Uncle Buzz passed in 1995.

I had many aunts but they were not equal. A couple of aunts were useful examples within the family because they had

not married particularly well. For example, Grandma said about Chuck, Aunt Betty's husband, "I once had a boyfriend who had the same horsy laugh that Chuck has." I quickly got the idea that marrying a ne'er-do-well like Chuck was not good. Aunt Betty died last year.

Aunts can see things in you that your parents don't pay attention to because they are too busy worrying about whether or not you are getting good grades. I know the Latin words to the Christmas carol, *Adeste Fideles*, because my Aunt Ina sent me a Christmas card when I was in seventh grade with all the verses in Latin. She knew that would appeal to my inquiring mind. Aunt Ina passed more than 30 years ago.

When the last aunts are gone, as mine now are, part of us is also gone. There is a measure of truth taken out of our existence, something lost that we do not know and now can never know. Who is there to tell us if it was a sunny day when we were born? Or if we learned to read at age four?

As Joan Didion says in her recent book about loss of loved ones, "The Year of Magical Thinking," "...when we mourn our losses we also mourn, for better or for worse, ourselves."



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Single Lambs looking for romance could find Cupid especially accommodating this week. Paired partners also find their relationships benefiting from the chubby cherub's attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep your keen Bull's eye focused on your target, and shake off any attempt to turn your attention elsewhere. You should get some news later in the week that might answer some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your early enthusiasm for a project might have been somewhat premature. Although you feel positive about it, you might need more information in order to make an informed decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking on a new responsibility might seem like the politically correct thing to do. But even with the promise of support, was it the wisest? Consider reassessing your upcoming decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Apply yourself to completing your task despite all the distractions that might be interfering with your work. Then reward yourself with a weekend of fun shared with people who are close to you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A business agreement from the past might need to be looked at again. Use this unexpected development to check out other matters related to it. A weekend venture proves to be rewarding.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't ignore that uneasy feeling about making a commitment. It could be a case of understandably cold feet, or a warning that something isn't as right as it should be.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A colleague could be more supporting of one of your efforts. But it's up to you to make the case for it, and that could mean opening up a secret or two, which might be a problem for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect some good news about a relative you've been worried about. But don't expect the full story to be told — at least not yet. A workplace matter might face shifting priorities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Despite some anxious moments, you could have good reason to be pleased with how things are turning out. An end-of-the-week call might hold some interesting information.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A long-overdue expression of appreciation could be offered soon. But admit it: You never really expected it would ever happen, right? Meanwhile, keep your weekend options open.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to dive right into a new challenge, whether it's learning a computer program or how to drive a stick shift, or making a new friend. Whatever it is, good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You see the wisdom in honesty, and you help others appreciate your vision.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Parlor piece

5 Lingerie item

8 Sometimes they say "HELLO"

12 Pick of the leader?

14 Arm bone

15 Satisfactoriness

16 Grand opening day?

17 Ourselves (Ger.)

18 Durum and bulgur

20 Actress Angelina

23 Barak of Israel

24 Monad

25 Pharyngeal tissue

28 X rating

29 On the quiver

30 A chemical company

32 Girl serenaded by barbershop quartets

34 Merriment

35 Rds.

36 "- Jacques"

37 Heavy work shoe

40 Conk out

41 Actor Julia

42 Australian city

47 Shrek is one

48 Truck driver

DOWN

1 Vast expanse

2 On in years

3 Retainer

4 Discharge completely

5 Prejudice

6 Sinbad's bird

7 No specific location

8 Monkey suit

9 Mater preceder

10 Summertime pest

11 Back talk

13 Melody

19 Quest

20 Stick out

21 Draftable

22 "Swedish Nightingale"

23 Paradises

25 Estrange

26 What 27-Down isn't

27 Active one

29 Part of T.A.E.

31 Teensy

33 Philly squad

34 Lubricant

36 Motion picture

37 Sleepy Hollow's Mr. Bones

38 Anger

39 Shared by us

40 Transaction

43 Ruby or Sandra

44 Addams Family cousin

45 Lair

46 Historic period

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Cabinet is moved. 2. Neckline differs. 3. Handle is missing. 4. Gloves are different. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pants are different.

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“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”
~ Mother Teresa

Pleased to meet you

Name: Marty Willard

Occupation: Carpenter and musician

Hobby: Writing songs

What's best about living in Winters: "It's home. My heart's here."

Fun fact: Wanted to be a professional football player.

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

S	O	F	A	B	R	A	T	A	G	S	
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U	N	I	T	A	D	E	N	O	I	D	
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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Prioridades económicas del 2006

El presidente George W. Bush mencionó la semana pasada los recortes de impuestos y medidas contra el aumento en los costos de la energía en un anticipo de su próximo discurso sobre el Estado de la Unión, en el que expondrá su programa de gobierno para este año.

En su discurso radial, Bush mencionó lo que con toda seguridad será el núcleo de sus propuestas de gobierno en cuestiones nacionales: hacer permanentes los recortes impositivos adoptados en su primer mandato, tomar medidas contra los altos precios de la energía y reducir los costos de seguros médicos. El Presidente atribuyó a los recortes impositivos el crecimiento económico que ha registrado Estados Unidos en los últimos tiempos y que alcanzó el 4.1% en el tercer trimestre de 2005.

“Gracias a los recortes de impuestos, el control del gasto y el duro trabajo de los empresarios y trabajadores estadounidenses, nuestra economía hoy es sólida”, mantuvo Bush. El Presidente instó al Congreso a hacer permanentes esas rebajas fiscales, con el argumento de que beneficiarán en particular a las pequeñas empresas.

“Desafortunadamente, ahora que vemos cómo los recortes de impuestos han creado empleos y oportunidades, algunos en Washington quieren abolir esas ventajas fiscales. Otros quieren dejarlos expirar en unos pocos años”, explicó Bush.

Según el Presidente, “para conseguir que nuestra economía siga creciendo y para

mantener la fortaleza de nuestras pequeñas empresas, tenemos que garantizar que ustedes puedan guardarse una mayor parte del dinero que ganan; por eso el Congreso tiene que hacer permanentes los recortes de impuestos”. Los críticos a esos recortes alegan que benefician de manera desproporcionada a los más ricos.

El gobierno estadounidense se ha esforzado en los últimos tiempos en resaltar la buena marcha de la economía, en la creencia de que no se ha informado lo suficiente sobre ello. Recientes encuestas indican que tan sólo 4 de cada 10 estadounidenses aprueban la gestión económica de la Administración republicana, mientras que el 59% la desaprueba. El desencanto sobre la marcha de la economía es uno de los factores que pesan en la baja popularidad del Presidente, en torno al 45%.

Las cifras causan preocupación en el Partido Republicano con vistas a las elecciones en el Congreso el próximo noviembre, cuando se renovará toda la Cámara de Representantes y un tercio del Senado. Ante ello, el Presidente quiere utilizar su discurso sobre el Estado de la Unión, previsto para el 31 de enero, para volver a insuflar ilusión a los ciudadanos sobre su mandato.

“Hemos creado 400 mil empleos en los últimos dos meses y unos 4.6 millones de puestos de trabajo desde mayo de 2003, y nuestro índice de desempleo es ahora del 4.9%, más bajo que la media de los años 60, 80 y 90”, afirmó.

Fracaso

No hay otra forma de decirlo: fue un verdadero fracaso el proceso para registrar a mexicanos en el exterior para las elecciones presidenciales en México. Las cifras son una vergüenza tanto para el congreso mexicano (que autorizó un complicadísimo y restrictivo sistema de votación en el extranjero), como para el Instituto Federal Electoral (el IFE, que organizó el registro por correo) y para las organizaciones de mexicanos en Estados Unidos (que creyeron tener más influencia de la que demostraron). Todos salimos perdiendo.

Ni siquiera el uno por ciento de los cuatro millones de votantes potenciales hicieron su solicitud. Las razones de este fracaso son muchas. Por principio, las enormes restricciones impuestas por el congreso para el voto de los mexicanos en el exterior sugerían que los legisladores solo querían salir del paso. Tuvieron años para implementar un sistema que funcionara. Pero como, para variar, lo dejaron todo hasta el último momento, se aprobó. —el 30 de junio del 2005— una forma de voto con muchos candados. Sí, fue histórico. Pero el simple hecho de votar requería de un esfuerzo extraordinario.

Había que registrarse por correo antes del 15 de enero del 2006, adjuntando varias copias de documentos firmados, y pagar 8 o 9 dólares por la carta certificada. Sin embargo, el verdadero problema es que muchos mexicanos perdieron, destruyeron o dejaron su credencial de elector en México antes de venir a Estados Unidos —donde se encuentra la mayoría de la población mexicana en el exilio— y por lo tanto no podían cumplir con el principal requisito para votar.

Los obstáculos no terminaron ahí. El proceso para poner en marcha el voto de los mexicanos en el extranjero sobrepasó la capacidad organizativa del IFE. La campaña de información fue muy pobre y tardía. Todavía hoy aquí muchos mexicanos en las ciudades grandes de los Estados Unidos no saben quienes son los candidatos en México para la presidencia. Imagínense, entonces, lo que ocurre en otras partes de Estados Unidos donde el porcentaje de mexicanos es mucho menor.

El IFE es muy bueno organizando elecciones legítimas pero su fuerte no es hacer campañas de publicidad en extranjero.

Es cierto que el IFE recibió una enorme responsabilidad con muy poco tiempo. Sin embargo, no pudo con el paquete de la promoción del voto. Pueden decir lo que quieran, pero ahí están los flaquísimos números de electores registrados para demostrar el fracaso del proceso. Y, claro, ahora el IFE y el congreso mexicano se están echando la culpa unos a otros.

Es posible, y esto requiere más análisis, que la desconexión de los mexicanos que viven en Estados Unidos con su país de origen es mucho mayor de lo que nos imaginábamos. La política mexicana no parece ser una de sus preocupaciones principales cuando, por ejemplo, tienen que esconderse constantemente de las autoridades migratorias en Estados Unidos, buscar trabajo, conseguir una buena escuela para sus hijos y enviar dinero a sus familias en México.

Los inmigrantes mexicanos siguen conectados —por las remesas, la internet, el celular...— con sus familias en México, pero no tanto con su país. Además, existe un inevitable resentimiento con México. Es, al final de cuentas, el país que los expulsó.

Sí, hay curiosidad por la campaña electoral en México. Pero no mucho más que por el resultado cuando juegan un partido de fútbol las Chivas del Guadalajara contra el América. Que gane López Obrador, Calderón o Madrazo no afecta en nada su vida en Estados Unidos. Quizás esto explique, en parte, el desinterés.

Si el proceso para votar fuese directo —y no por correo—, con una verdadera campaña de promoción en los medios de comunicación en español en Estados Unidos, con más facilidades para obtener en el extranjero una credencial de elector, y con mucho tiempo (al menos un año) para dar a conocer las reglas del juego, los resultados hubieran sido mucho más alentadores. Ahora hay que pensar en el 2012.

Para las personas que si votaron, solo queda decir que ese voto le salió muy caro al IFE, alrededor de 120 millones de pesos. Hubiera sido más rentable llevarlos con boleto de primera clase a votar a México y alojarnos en un hotel de cinco estrellas.

Noticias de la biblioteca

El programa de la asociación de padres y maestra llamado “Ser un lector real” se acabará el viernes, el 3 de febrero, 2006. Los estudiantes necesitan entregar todos sus formularios llenados a la biblioteca para esta fecha. Las maestras entregará una lista de los estudiantes que han mejorado su nivel de lectura este año para el 16 de febrero. Cada estudiante en esta lista recibirá un boleto de entrada gratis para entrar a los parques de Six Flags. Se puede usar el boleto de entrada entre el 16 de junio, 2006 hasta el 6 de agosto, 2006. No se puede reemplazar los boletos si se pierden. Sigue mandando los formularios de lectura cada miércoles a la biblioteca en la escuela Waggoner para las siguientes 4 semanas. ¡Nos vemos donde está el baúl de tesoros de la reina!

¡Bienvenidos a la feria de libros del Reino de lectura! Cada clase asistirá a la feria de libros durante su tiempo regular de visitar la biblioteca. Los fondos recaudados se usarán para comprar nuevas estanterías para el rincón de Jessica. El rincón de Jessica es un rincón de lectura en la biblioteca de Waggoner dedicado a la memoria de Jessica Ortiz Mendoza. La feria de libros empezará el jueves, el 9 de febrero. Se invitan los padres a asistir la Noche para los padres el 9 de febrero de las 7:00 hasta las 8:00 p.m. Tendremos una presentación especial especialmente para enseñar a los padres a mejorar las destrezas del alfabetismo en la casa. La feria se acabará el martes, el 14 de febrero. La feria estará abierta a las 8:30 hasta las 2:45 el 9, 10 y 14 de febrero. El 9 de febrero estará abierta a las 7 hasta las 8 para la Noche para los padres. Gracias por apoyar la literatura en la escuela Waggoner.

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. o alguien conocido a hecho algún trabajo sin obtener el permiso de construcción apropiado, esta es la última 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.

Todos los dueños que entregan una solicitud para un permiso de construcción antes del 30 de Junio, 2006. El trabajo se puede completar como Dueño Constructor o por un Contratista Con Licencia.

La Ciudad de Winters aprobó este programa para promover activamente vecindarios mejorados, aumentar valores de propiedades, y mejorar las condiciones de vida.

Llame al Departamento de Construcción de la Ciudad de Winters al 795-3586, ext. 117 para asistencia. Gene Ashdown, Jefe de Inspección de Construcción.

La fuerza del formulario FAFSA

Millones de estudiantes de este país desean seguir o completar estudios superiores, pero creen que no pueden lograrlo por carecer de los medios económicos adecuados. A su vez, los inmigrantes, muchos graduados en sus países de origen, a menudo no están familiarizados con la forma de solicitar ayuda para sí mismos o para sus hijos cuando éstos desean seguir estudios postsecundarios. Al no haber estudiado en Estados Unidos, no saben qué hacer cuando sus hijos están a punto de terminar la secundaria o preparatoria y deben decidirse por una carrera o profesión que no pueden costear.

Uno de los medios de conseguir esta ayuda que puede llevarlos a completar una carrera es la Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA). La Oficina de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes, una dependencia del Departamento de Educación de Estados Unidos, es la encargada de crear, distribuir y tramitar los formularios de FAFSA que se utilizan para determinar qué estudiantes pueden beneficiarse.

“FAFSA es la puerta que lleva a la ayuda financiera para el estudiante y su familia. Es la primera cosa de importancia que debe hacer una familia para iniciar el proceso de descubrir para qué tipo de ayuda es elegible”, dice Joanna Acocella, experta en ayuda financiera de College Loan Corporation, uno de los

principales proveedores de préstamos estudiantiles en la nación.

“FAFSA es un formulario con muchas preguntas sobre la persona, sobre sus finanzas y sobre la familia. La utilizan los centros de educación superior para una serie de cosas, no sólo para ver la elegibilidad de recibir ayuda federal, sino que también ayuda a determinar la elegibilidad para programas estatales y de otro tipo”, dice Acocella.

Esta solicitud la puede presentar cualquier persona que esté pensando en inscribirse en un programa de estudios postsecundarios, tanto si va a un colegio de dos años (Junior o Community College) como a una entidad que ofrece cuatro años de estudio.

“Si la persona está en el último año de secundaria o si se trata de un menor estudiante de secundaria que tiene planeado seguir sus estudios, entonces se le recomienda llenar este formulario. Una vez que la familia lo completa —ya sea electrónicamente o en papel—, debe enviarlo y, después de unas semanas, recibirá una carta llamada Student Aid Report (Reporte de Ayuda Estudiantil, SAR), donde se explicará a la familia la ayuda que puede recibir para educación y con cuánto dinero se espera que contribuya, es decir la Expected Family Contribution (Contribución Esperada de la Familia, EFC) o la manera de calcular la capacidad de una familia de pagar por la educación superior”, dice Acocella.

¿Préstamo o beca? “FAFSA no es ni lo uno ni lo otro, pues es sólo el formulario que inicia el proceso para conseguir ayuda. No se concede dinero en el proceso, por lo tanto no se tiene que reembolsar nada por presentar FAFSA. Lo que se necesita es verificar lo que le envían del centro de estudios que acepte al estudiante, pues esto le dará una indicación sobre el tipo de préstamo (loan) para el que es elegible y para qué tipo de subvenciones o subsidios (grants)”. “Hay subsidios federales [dinero que no se tiene que devolver] disponibles para familias según la necesidad. Cuando se llena este formulario, puede que se descubra que uno es elegible para la Pell Grant, que otorga varios miles de dólares en ayuda que no necesita reembolsarse. También se puede descubrir que es elegible para un préstamo —casi todo el mundo puede conseguir préstamos subsidiados federalmente—; es decir, este formulario no es la solicitud en sí, sólo le dice a uno para qué es elegible”, dice Acocella.

“Lo importante es saber que hay ayuda federal disponible para familias en todo tipo de situaciones. Incluso la ayuda puede consistir en un trabajo en el campus que pague un buen salario que pueda usarse para los costos de educación. Toda familia es elegible para un cierto tipo de ayuda”, concluye esta experta.

Suggestions offered for reducing winter air pollution

Woodsmoke from fireplaces and woodstoves can cause significant air quality problems in neighborhoods during the cold winter months. The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (Y-S AQMD), a public health agency, is encouraging residents to help improve winter air quality by using the cleanest mode for heating their homes. If using a wood burning appliance is the only option, it is recommended that they use the cleanest woodburning alternatives and adhere to the “Don’t Light Tonight” advisories by the air district.

Concentrations of carbon monoxide and particulate matter reach their highest levels in winter because low-lying air inversions trap pollutants near the ground in the pocket of air we breathe. As night falls, ground-level

air cools and cold air slides down into the valley areas, hugging the valley floors. When there is little or no wind, the warm air level above acts as a lid on top of the cold air. As a result, wood smoke and other air pollutants can be trapped close to the ground — under a ceiling sometimes as low as 50 feet. These cold weather conditions, coupled with the increased use of fireplaces and woodstoves, can create pollution levels that can lead not only to poor air quality but also to health problems for many residents.

Pellet stoves, EPA-certified woodstoves or fireplace inserts, and natural-gas fireplaces are cleaner burning alternatives over fireplaces. They can reduce woodsmoke by 75 to 99 percent over a traditional fireplace. Residents

are encouraged to take advantage of new, cleaner technologies that have been developed to effectively reduce woodsmoke pollution. In addition to using a cleaner alternative, residents should follow these steps:

(1) Always burn small pieces of aged, dry hardwood. Unseasoned wood has lots of moisture, which causes fire to smoke. Choose pellets over wood when possible as they burn 50 percent cleaner and with less ash clean-up.

(2) When storing wood, stack it under cover in a dry ventilated area. Freshly cut wood needs to be stored for about eight to twelve months.

(3) Never burn household trash or chemically treated or painted wood. It is sure to pollute the air and it can produce poisonous gases.

(4) Stack wood loosely so

plenty of air circulates around it which reduces heavy smoke emissions.

5) Keep the flame active. Your fire should only smoke when you first light it and when you add extra fuel (and then only for a few minutes).

(6) Don’t let your fire smolder overnight — keep enough air in the fire to maintain a flame.

(7) Check your chimney regularly to see how well your fire is burning. If there is excess smoke coming from the chimney, increase the air supply to your fire.

(8) If you are buying a wood stove or insert, make sure it is EPA-certified.

A free brochure with information on “Light it Right” tips and the “Don’t Light Tonight” program is available by contacting the district at 757-3650 or (800) 287-3650, or go to: www.ysaqmd.org.

Classified Ads - The Market Place for Winters

Help Wanted

Winters Joint Unified School District Payroll Technician
Reg, F/T @ District Admin. Office. \$29,664-\$32,712, starting salary w/full benef. Deadline, 2/24/06
Instructional Aides, Special Ed Classes
(2) positions, Reg. P/T 6 hrs+/- Day, M-F \$10.86-\$11.94/hr. Deadline 1/31/06
Crossing Guard
Reg, P/T, M-F, 45 Min/day in AM & PM. \$10.10/hr. Opened until Filled.
Student Supv. Aide I
Reg, P/T, M-F, 2 hrs/day 7:45 a.m. -8:30 a.m. and 11:25 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

Help Wanted

\$10.10-\$11.07/hr
Deadline, 1/31/06
Student Supv. Aide II
(2) Reg, P/T, M-F @ lunch-Middle Schl
(1) Position: 30 min/day
(1) Position: 45 min/day
\$10.57-\$11.68/hr
Deadline: 1/31/06
Coaches needed:
Varsity Girls Softball
JV Girls Softball
1st Aid/CPR certif. req'd.
Stipend Paid for Season.
Application/Info at School District Office 909 W. Grant Ave. HR: 530-795-6103.
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Office Manager for dedicated and lively education clinic in Woodland. Experience with Word, Excel, QuickBooks. Exceptional skills and a college degree required. 32-40 hours/week. E-mail resume as PDF or Word file to learning@cal.net or fax (530)666-6664.
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Help Wanted

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•Restaurant Server
Apply in Person or fax Hilton Garden Inn Sacramento
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Sacramento
Fax: 916-568-5072
NURSING
Licensed Vocational Nurse Office Supervisor FT Days
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: C & F Custom Construction, 1033 Village Circle, Winters, CA 95694.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Herbert F. Caraway, 102 Cozy Way, Napa, CA 94558.
Scott A Floyd, 1033 Village Circle, Winters, CA 95694.
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Nor-Cal Custom Cabinets & Woodworks, 1033 Village Circle, Winters, CA 95694
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Jones Custom Photography, 3314 Seabright Avenue, Davis, CA 95616
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Daniel A. Jones, 3314 Seabright Ave. Davis, CA 95616
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FBN NUMBER 2006-21
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Halau Hula O Lei Hall'a, 305 First Street, Winters, CA 95694.
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Michele Drumright, 620 Snapdragon St. Winters, CA 95694.
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s/Michele K. Drumright
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Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
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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.
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Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Syta Saephan, 939 Zaragoza Street, Davis, CA 95616
Ky Dong, 939 Zaragoza Street, Davis, CA 95616
This business classification is:A Limited Liability Company.
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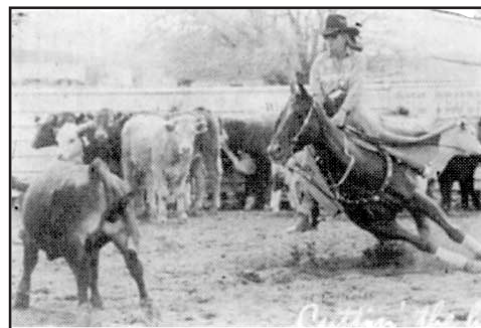
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