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Pit bulls kill family pet

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

It was a warm, sunny February afternoon, and the blossoms on the almond trees in the orchard behind John and Karen Neil's house were pink and puffy against the blue sky. It was a perfect afternoon for taking a leisurely stroll in the orchard with her dogs, which Karen has done many times over the seven years that she and John have lived at the end of Almond Drive.

The dogs, a 9 year old Maltese-Lhasa Apso mix named Bailey and an 11 year old yellow lab named Lady, were "sniffing in the grass and frolicking" about 20 feet in front of Karen when she heard dogs barking from across the open field that lies to the east of her subdivision. Karen was only about 100 feet from her back yard gate when she noticed the barking dogs racing across the field right toward her. Not just any dogs, but two pit bulls that were rumored to have chased neighborhood children in the orchard and killed livestock, says Karen.

Feeling nervous, Karen called her dogs back to her, and noticed that she'd already lost sight of the pit bulls. In that brief moment, the pit bulls had already made it to the drainage ditch that runs alongside the orchard and extends to Grant Avenue next to Town & Country Market.

"They came popping out and came to Bailey first," says Karen. "One got ahold of Bailey, and it

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Karen Neil shows the wounds her Golden Retriever, Lady, suffered following a pit bull attack. John Neil holds a photo of their Lhasa Apso mix, Bailey, that was killed in that attack.

Schools plan for next level of federal sanctions

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Waggoner Elementary School and Winters Middle School will bring in an outside expert to serve as an "academic coach" in response to the next level of sanctions that will be imposed by the state in 2006-07, when the schools are likely to enter their third year as "program improvement schools" for failing to meet all of the achievement standards set by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

Emilie Simmons, director of special education and projects for the Winters Joint Unified School district, told district trustees on March 2 that the individual hired will not be a peer coach or evaluator, but will work directly with teachers to help the district meet the NCLB criteria.

"We have made good progress. We're not there yet, but we're still marching," Simmons said, referring to efforts at the two schools to improve student achievement on standardized tests and meet ever-increasing NCLB standards.

The downfall for the local district, as with many districts throughout Cali-

fornia, has been the achievement scores of students in socio-economically disadvantaged limited English-language speaking subcategories.

Each year, schools that do not meet NCLB standards face increasingly tough sanctions, and by the fifth year they face state or private takeover. The two local schools are in their second year of sanctions and have been required to develop improvement plans and earmark part of their federal Title I monies for staff development. Next year they will hire the outside expert, the most benign of several options from which they had to choose. Other options included either replacing the school staff, implementing a new curriculum, significantly decreasing management authority at the school board level, extending the school year or school day, or reorganizing the two schools.

In 2005, Waggoner Elementary School met the NCLB criteria for 17 of 20 subcategories and Winters Middle School met the criteria for 15 of 20 subcategories. The NCLB standards were increased

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Winters Highlands on special agenda

The Winters Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The commission will hold a continued public hearing on Winters Highlands, the only agenda item, which reads as follows:

Continued Public Hearing and consideration of Winters High-

lands Tentative Subdivision Map. The project is a proposed residential subdivision of 102.6 acres to create 413 single-family lots (including 36 "duplex" lots) on 49.49 acres, a 2.01 acre multifamily lot on which 30 apartments will be developed, a 10.63 acre park site (plus a proposed 10,000

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Preschool program stays put, for now

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Trustees for Winters Joint Unified School District bought some planning time by delaying any move of the district's preschool program from John Clayton School until the 2007-08 school year. They also said that such a move, when it does occur, should be funded by district facilities monies and not by state

funds used to operate the preschool program.

The trustees voted 5-1 on March 2 for the postponement. Trustee Robert Nickelson voted against the delay, and board chair Rick Romney was absent.

The vote was a turn-around from a 3-2 vote on Feb. 16 favoring moving the preschool program to Waggoner Elementary School by the beginning of the 2006-07 school year. That

vote failed because four votes are needed to approve or deny action on the seven-member board, and two members were not at the Feb. 16 meeting.

District superintendent Dale Mitchell furnished the board with new information about the preschool move, indicating that because it involves moving a portable

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Winters Eye Care relocates to historic home

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Many Winters residents have followed the progress as Dr. Edward Andersen renovated the Cole house, located at 101 East Grant Avenue as the new home of Winters Eye Care. According to Andersen, who opened his new office on Feb. 13, the move marks 10 years of practice in Winters. The renovation, which took about nine months, included new electrical work, plumbing, wallboard, lighting, heating a new roof and air conditioning.

The former living room now houses the eyeglass frame area. The waiting room was the original sitting room/bedroom. The kitchen and porch area

have been transformed into a new contact lens training room. In addition, a secondary exam room was added, as well as an ADA bathroom and porch. Wherever possible, Andersen and his wife, Janet, who acted as the general contractor for the project, tried to keep original features of the home, which is listed on Winters' historic resources inventory. They kept the original windows, constructed a back porch and steps out of the original chimney brick, and recreated the lathe and plaster coved ceilings in the front room. The original door, featuring an etched glass window, still stands in the entryway to what is now a children's

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Photo by Dawn Van Dyke
Dr. Edward Andersen and his wife, Janet, are proud of the renovation to the historic home at 101 East Grant that now houses Winters Eye Care.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
March 1	.08	62	57
March 2	.11	63	41
March 3	.13	59	38
March 4	.03	58	35
March 5	.06	56	46
March 6	1.69	53	43
March 7	.29	58	46

Rain for week: 2.39
Season's Total: 24.66
Last year to date: 22.76
Average to March 7: 18.34



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LUNCH WITH OTIS: Otis Chandler, former publisher of the Los Angeles Times, died February 27.

Gary Gentile of the Associated Press wrote “Chandler, who as publisher of the Times during the 1960’s and ‘70’s turned a narrow conservative publication into one of the nation’s most distinguished and influential newspapers died at 78.”

The Times, with Chandler as publisher, won seven Pulitzer Prizes during his tenure. He was named for his great grandfather, Harrison Gray Otis, who founded the Los Angeles Times.

In February, 1964, shortly after I was elected president of the California Newspaper Publisher’s Association, I received a letter from Chandler congratulating me on the election and saying that he wanted to have lunch with me at my convenience.

His letter read: ‘I would like very much to have you meet some of our key people here at luncheon some day when you are in the Los Angeles area.’

The newspaper association’s co-manager Harvey Walters set up the date for the luncheon and I flew into Los Angeles where Walters picked me up at the airport and we drove to the Times skyscraper, where Chandler had a large lunch room in the building.

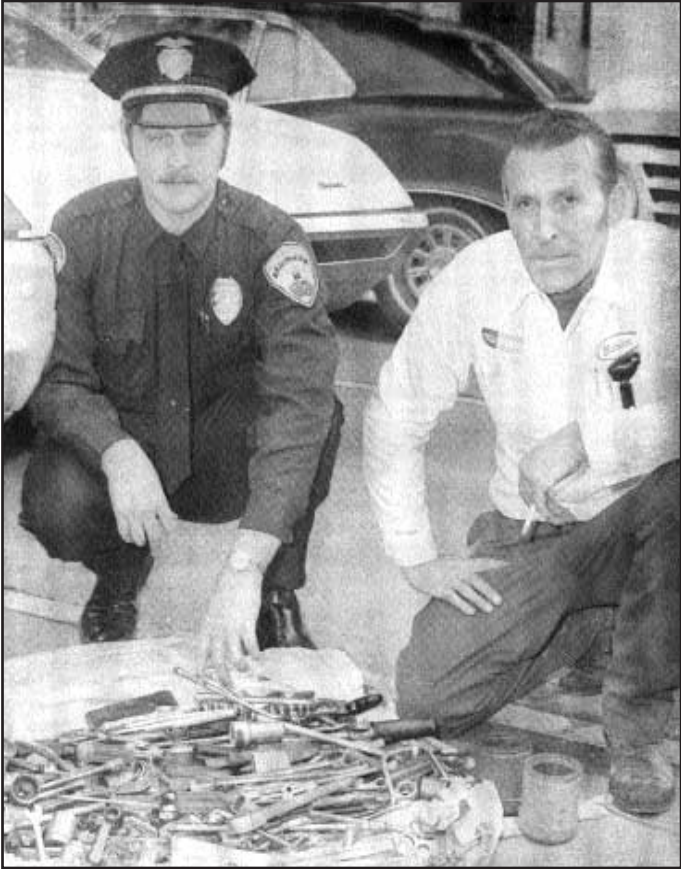
If my memory serves me correctly, Otis was a javelin tosser on the Stanford track team, and appeared to be in the same physical condition as when he competed in track.

Chandler had served on the board of directors of CNPA in former years, and mentioned at the lunch some ideas and suggestions he had. Both Walters and I made certain that his suggestions were given serious consideration. I did notice that, while the dining room was complete, it did not have a pool table.

In Chandler’s obituary last week, Gentile observed that “With his blond hair, weightlifting physique and love of surfing and hot cars, Chandler was a quintessential Californian of his generation, he was an avid hunter as well as a collector of antique cars and motorcycles.”

I don’t know if the newspaper industry benefited from my year as president, but I certainly benefited from knowing people like Otis Chandler.

YESTERYEAR



File photo
In January, 1974, Winters Police Officer Mike Paul, left, and Marion Huntsman are shown looking at a set of tools recovered after the arrest of a local man, who allegedly stole them from the tow truck at the E.J. Graf Ford Garage, and buried them in his backyard.

35
YEARS AGO

March 18, 1971

50
YEARS AGO

March 22, 1956

65
YEARS AGO

March 21, 1941

100
YEARS AGO

March 23, 1906

Weekly police report

Feb. 28

~ On the 700 block of Main Street, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

March 2

~ Matthew William Balogh, 19, of Winters was arrested for possessing a gravity knife. Balogh was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ Christopher Wayne Silva, 21, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, possessing an open container of an alcoholic beverage inside a vehicle and no driver’s license in his possession. Blood alcohol content results: .13/.13. Silva was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

March 3

~ Tony Deweese, 25, of Woodland was arrested for being a parolee at large. Deweese was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ On the 200 block of Baker

Street, a vehicle rear windshield was shattered with an unknown object.

March 4

~ Joseph Anthony Gonzales, 21, of Vacaville was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver’s license, having an obstructed license plate and no proof of insurance.

March 5

~ Jorge Sandoval Mares, 47, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

~ Leonides Garcia, 23, of Winters was heading southbound and driving between two parked vehicles in an alley east of Red Bud Lane and north of Manzanita Way. Natali Campos Solorio, 20, of Winters was standing next to her parked vehicle. Due to speed, Garcia was unable to maneuver around to avoid striking Solorio and her parked vehicle. As a result, Garcia was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

Richard Soto, 1971 Winters Youth Day Mayor, has announced the appointment of Joe Ogando, police chief; Elizabeth Felix, police woman; Ken Galloway, fire chief; Danette Pede, fire woman; Gus Villalobos, dog catcher; and city council: Bob Button, John Carbahal, Bibbie Faircloth, Christine Clark and Sharon Ellis.

Other elected officials are David Hemenway, treasurer; Moisis Barbosa, judge; and Donna Rominger and Karla Timperley, merged as one under the alias of Karma Romperley to win the position of clerk.

Four teachers have notified the school board that they plan to leave the local system at the end of the school year. They are Susan Herthel, Virginia Andelman, Alison Portello and Elmina Reynolds.

A suggestion by the Police Chief Richard Washbaugh at Tuesday night’s meeting of the city council to the effect that the city consider annexation of the city dump property in order to put it under Winters police department jurisdiction was referred to the planning commission for consideration and recommendation.

Congressman Robert L. Leggett reported this week that the property formerly occupied by the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command Facility will be formally deeded to D-Q University April 2, 1971.

The Winters School Board, meeting Monday evening in the High School Library, voted to call for a tax override election for June 8, for the purpose of re-establishing the busing of students and restoring cuts made in the educational program.

Supervisor William Duncan and Mrs. Duncan recently completed moving into their new home in Davis. They have, for the past 24 years, resided in the Buckeye District northeast of Winters.

The list of youth officials, who will take over the administration of government in Winters on Youth Day, April 28, has been completed. Elected officials are Mayor Dale Corbett, Judge Jean Schroeder, City Clerk Bob Kozen and City Treasurer Daphne Constant.

John Ramos, who is in the U.S. Navy, stationed at San Diego, is now home on a 15 day furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ramos.

Mrs. Anna Quinby, sister of Miss Jennie Reasoner, has arrived from Seattle, Washington, to make her home here.

Mrs. James Christie and two grandchildren, who have been visiting with her for the past several weeks, left Monday for the Santa Monica home of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Fox attended a rural mail carrier meeting which was held in Folsom Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Korth and children, Denny, David and Danette, plan to leave for their new home in Sausalito. Their home on Edwards Street has been sold to the Hyers.

Superior Judge Percy King Jr., in Napa last week was awarded \$1,250 damages for injuries suffered by a Monticello girl when a boulder smashed into a Monticello Stage Lines bus. Defendants in the action were Parish Brothers and Peter Kiewit and Sons Co., contractors on the Monticello Dam project.

Four Winters women received training course certificates at the completion of a six-session Den Mothers Training Course, held in Wesley Hall. They are Mesdames Mary Molina, Mary Elizabeth Graf, Dorothy Oclaray and Ida Wallace.

Aid offered to flood victims

All Californians who suffered damage in this winter’s flooding should register for state and federal assistance, disaster recovery officials emphasized today.

“Don’t disqualify yourself from getting the help you’re entitled to,” said Tom Davies, federal coordinating officer for the disaster recovery. “When you call FEMA’s toll-free number, operators will be able to determine what assistance you qualify for.”

While some people who suffered damages may not be eligible for government grants or loans, the only way to know for sure is to register for help by calling 1-800-621-3362 or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585, or register online at www.fema.gov. Registration lines are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

“That phone call, or registering on line, is a key step toward getting help,” said Henry Renteria, director of the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services.

Those who have not contacted their insurance agents about damage from the December-January flooding should do so before

registering for disaster assistance, officials said. Government aid programs cannot duplicate insurance benefits, and help may be delayed if insurance settlements are still pending.

However, individuals who suffered flood damage and were insured may still be eligible for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“If you were uninsured or your insurance policy did not cover some of your disaster-related damages or losses, FEMA may be able to help,” Davies said. “If your insurance company did not fully cover your losses, take the first step and register with FEMA.”

Even if disaster victims have insurance, they may be eligible for disaster assistance. In order to complete the application for assistance, however, FEMA will need the insurance settlement information to avoid duplication of benefits.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thissell last Sunday marked their 62nd marriage milestone. They were married at the bride’s home at Tucker’s crossing, March 16, 1879, by Rev. T.L. Duke, pioneer Methodist divine.

The engagement of Eugene Ireland and Rene Rossi was formally announced this week in University of California campus circles.

Chief of Police G.A. Crowder sounds a warning about the dog menace. He states that he has been obliged to kill several dogs this week that were affected with the disease.

The fire department was called out about 9 o’clock yesterday morning to put out a blaze in the roof of the Main Street building owned by Mrs. Lucy Judy, and occupied by transients.

A committee was appointed by the Service Club to try to attract industry to Winters. On the committee are J.H.D. Bassett, George Moore, Wilbur Riley, Milton Sharp, Buell Ish, R.A. Young and Carl Holmes.

Mrs. Josephine Brinck, Mr. and Mrs. J.H.D. Bassett, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Laycock attended a recent banquet and British Relief meeting in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Covell are this week taking up residence in Sacramento where he has employment. Their sons will finish the school year before joining them.

Misses Elda Button, Marjorie Jean Herron and Mae Holmes, and Lee Sadler, students at San Jose Teachers’ College, arrived at their homes here on the first of the week for a week’s spring vacation.

Tuesday, March 27, the Current Topics Club will give an entertainment at Rummelsburg’s opera house. Ida Root Gordon, well known as a platform entertainer, has been engaged as the chief attraction of the evening.

The Gannon brothers have leased the band dancing floor and will enlarge it for a skating rink.

The local Native Sons have elected Arthur Craner delegate to the Grand Parlor which meets in Ventura on April 28.

E.E. Baker went to San Francisco Tuesday morning to purchase stock for the new store of Anderson Baker Co.

A.B. Ish has added a fine Jersey bull to his cattle herd.

The rainfall from the 12 inst. to the morning of the 23rd has amounted to 1.67 inches, making a total for the season of 22.50.

The Women’s Improvement Club will give their regular spring carnival April 19, 20, and 21. It will be the best yet.

Current Topics Club program Thursday evening, March 29: Life and Character of King Christian, Miss Brokaw; The Chinese Awakening, Miss Pearce; The Children’s Court; Lawrence Wilson; and LaFollette, H.G. Boyce.

The entertainment tomorrow night is for the benefit of the high school piano fund. Seats on sale at Wyatt’s.

The revival services at the Baptist Church are well attended. Mr. Petit is a forceful speaker, and commands close attention.

The Polmatier Sisters are billed for Winters Tuesday, April 10. This is one of the best attractions on the road.

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Winters resident Lanzaro among UC Davis team targeting malaria

Three UC Davis medical entomologists are launching a five-year federally funded project to train scientists at the University of Bamako, Mali, on strategies to combat malaria, one of the leading causes of death in that West African country. Among them is medical entomologist Gregory Lanzaro of Winters, director of the UC Mosquito Research Program and director of the UC Davis Center for Vectorborne Diseases (CVEC). Lanzaro recently received a five-year, \$650,000 training grant from the Fogarty International Center, Bethesda, MD., as part of the National Institutes of Health's Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program.

"Vector control is currently the most effective measure to reduce malaria transmission," said Lanzaro, a UC Davis entomology professor who is partnering with CVEC associate director Anthony Cornel of the Mosquito Control Research Laboratory, Kearney Agricultural Center, Parlier, and associate professor of entomology at UC Davis, and Shirley Luckhart, associate professor of medical microbiology and immunology, UC Davis School of Medicine.

"It is critically important that our UC Davis Malaria Vector Training Program provide Mali trainees with a solid background in insecticide resistance monitoring and other management methodologies," Lanzaro said. "A second, more ambitious strategy in our program involves the release of genetically modified mosquitoes for either population suppression or replacement."

The training will take place on both university campuses. Lanzaro will train the Mali vector biologists in population genetics; Cornel, insecticide resistance, and Luckhart, vector-Plasmodium interactions.

Malaria spreads through the bite of Anopheles gambiae mosquitoes infected with the Plasmodium parasite. More than 800,000 reported cases of malaria occur annually in Mali, population 11 million, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). The malaria mortality rate varies between 16 and 25 percent, with children under 5 and pregnant women the most vulnerable.

The percentage of chil-

dren under five who die from malaria rose from 45.7 percent in 2000 to 50 percent in 2002, according to the Mali Ministry of Health. An estimated 80 to 90 percent of children under five carry Plasmodium parasites during the rainy season.

Intensive efforts to eliminate malaria are largely ineffective, Lanzaro said, because many African countries lack the infrastructures and resources necessary to mount sustainable campaigns against malaria. Traditionally, industrialized countries invest very little in malaria research in Africa.

WHO endorses the use of insecticide-treated bed nets to kill Anopheles vectors. However, insecticide resistance now "presents a serious threat to the success of the program," he noted. Drug resistance also challenges the malaria-eradication program.

"We need more innovative strategies to control the spread of malaria," Lanzaro said. One way is to release genetically modified mosquitoes into wild populations. These mosquitoes would carry genes that resist or kill mosquito vectors. In addition, sterile males could be released to collapse female reproduction activity.

Only female mosquitoes are blood-suckers, Lanzaro noted. The female needs the protein to develop her eggs.

One of the world's oldest and deadliest diseases, malaria kills between 1.5 and 2.5 million people, primarily in Africa, each year. Malaria kills a child in Africa every 10 to 15 seconds, or some 8,000 children per day. WHO estimates that 90 percent of the global incidence of malaria occurs in Africa, and that 35 of the 44 countries with intensive malaria are in Africa. Nine out of 10 deaths due to malaria are among sub-Saharan African children below age 5.

Plasmodium falciparum, the most deadly parasite that the Anopheles mosquito transmits, can kill within hours of noticeable symptoms, which include high fever, severe headache, drowsiness, delirium and confusion.

The UC Davis Center for Vectorborne Diseases has provided training opportunities for scientists from African and Latin American countries over the past decade. The three UC Davis entomologists have all worked closely with the Malaria



Courtesy photo

The UC Davis team setting off to do battle with malaria includes, from left, Anthony Cornel, Gregory Lanzaro and Shirley Luckhart.

Research and Training Center (MRTC) at the University of Bamako.

Lanzaro, who received his doctorate in medical entomology from the University of Florida in 1986, has worked on the biology of Anopheles mosquitoes for 25 years. He has conducted field research in Mali since 1991, and also in Cameroon.

Cornel, a native South African who completed his doctorate at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1993 in mosquito systematics, has conducted field work in South Africa since 1988, and in Mali and Cameroon since 2003.

Luckhart, who completed her doctorate in ento-

mology from Rutgers in 1995, has worked on insect innate immunity for nearly 20 years and is currently focused on Anopheles mosquito-malaria parasite interactions. She conducted field research in Kenya in collaboration with the U.S. Army from 1999-2001.

Further information on mosquito research is available on the UC Mosquito Research Program (UCMRP) Web site at www.ucmrp.ucdavis.edu. UCMRP, established in 1972 and headquartered at 396 Briggs Hall, UC Davis, is a statewide program of the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR).

Thanks for all your help



Photo by Charles Wallace

Winters police officer Jose Ramirez presents Alfredo Rodriguez with a certificate of appreciation at a police/fire department banquet, held in February. Rodriguez has volunteered his time coaching local kids in AYSO soccer for many years, helping to keep kids busy and out of trouble.

Blood drive scheduled

There are several local blood drives scheduled over the month, including a Winters Community Blood Drive, planned for Monday, March 27, 3-7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be at least 17 years old (16 with a parent's consent) and be

generally healthy. There is no upper age limit for blood donations.

For more information about donating blood - or about volunteering for a blood drive - please call Angela Tarricone at (800) 995-4420 ext. 11007.

The Winters blood drive is co-sponsored by the Winters Lions Club.



Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

IF EVER WE NEEDED a third political party, it's now. Is anybody else sick and tired of the whole Red/Blue polemic? Anybody else ashamed of their own political party but not quite ready to join the Dark Side either? Join the club.

Detach from your particular political persuasion for a moment, step back and view the whole grotesque mess with a colorblind eye. Once upon a time, "Republican" meant controlling government spending, embracing Capitalism and conservative personal values, and being pro military and law enforcement. "Democrat" meant accepting liberal government spending to help those less fortunate, defending the working class, and supporting civil liberties and personal freedom. There's honor in both sets of values. It's when they lean to extremes that problems begin.

Be honest. Aren't you really more a shade of Purple than pure Red or Blue? I know I am. And the hue changes with the issue. Despite my liberal leanings, some Republican values really appeal to me.

Controlling unnecessary government spending? Makes my liberal bleeding heart go pitty-pat. There's a huge difference between spending responsibly and blowing it like a drunken sailor. I don't mind spending money. I hate wasting it. How about our borders? I long for a fierce federal crackdown on illegal entry (let's not sugarcoat it by calling it immigration). I cringe as I type this, but I think Right Wingnut Pat Buchanan actually has it right on this issue. Not very Blue of me.

Other issues aren't so clear. Civil liberties? Hell, yes! For violent criminals? Hell no! Bad boys, bad boys, whatcha gonna do when they come for you? Go to jail, do not pass go, do not collect \$200. People who hurt other people no longer have rights, as far as I'm concerned. No rehabilitation, no parole, lock 'em up and throw away the key. Life in prison means life in prison. Period. And may their cellmate be a dimwitted Deliverance extra with questionable hygiene who hasn't seen a woman in a decade.

So, what color am I now? Fuchsia?

On the other hand, I don't mind the government collecting a few pennies from my meager paycheck to invest in delinquency prevention programs for impoverished youth, so they don't end up becoming Bubba's roommate. I'd rather spend a buck keeping someone out of prison than 50 cents funding his life behind bars. I'll gladly cough up some coin to help single mothers get off Welfare or to make sure the elderly don't have to choose between medicine and food.

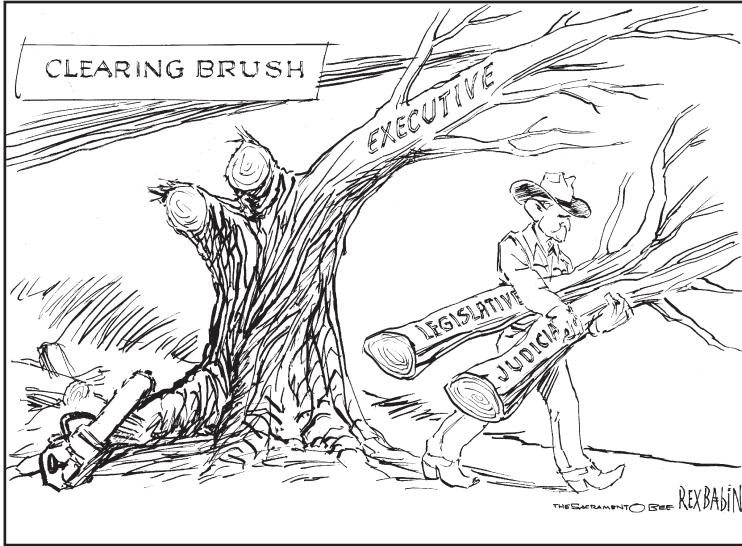
Now I'm leaning towards violet.

With mid-term elections approaching, the old Red/Blue thing will bubble up from the murky depths of our political cesspool very soon. Before it does, let's consider what we really want from our government. Too many Americans view elections like it's the Super Bowl. They want to be on the side of the winning team. We must mature beyond the "Go Raiders!" mentality if our country is to survive.

As the Republican party has become nothing more than the concubine of the Radical Religious Right, liplocked in a big, sloppy French kiss of self-righteousness and pseudo patriotism, and the Democratic party has billowed into a fat, bloated amoeba of meek, clueless impotence, can any of us really get enthusiastic about associating with either? You know what's going to come down in 2008, don't you? A Presidential race between Hillary Clinton and Condoleezza Rice, the two most unlikable women on earth. Oh well, either as President will be only slightly less bad than another megalomaniac wrapping himself in the American flag and launching a modern-day worldwide Crusade, while things on the home front are not only in shambles but being run by people behind the scenes. We need a President, not a Spokesperson.

It's time to take our pieces off the Red/Blue gameboard. It's time for Purple Power. Let's abandon the obsession with controlling people's personal lives, because it's a no-man's land of perpetual disagreement, and focus on picking and choosing the best from both parties. Let's flesh out a collective common ground from which we can cultivate a third party. What might our common ground be? How about "Uphold the Constitution, protect us from mean people (of both criminal and terrorist persuasion), keep jobs inside our borders and illegals out, don't trash the environment, and tax only what you need and don't waste what you collect." Could we agree on that much?

So, what will we Purples call ourselves? "Demublicans"? "Repocrats"? How about "Americans."



LETTERS

Tree sale was totally terrific

Dear Editor,

The Winters Friends of the Library would like to extend thanks to the Winters and surrounding communities for their enthusiastic support of our Bare Root Fruit and Nut Tree and Dwarf Citrus Tree Sale. Your response was overwhelming and we had a very successful sale.

The sale was made possible by the generous donation of 420 trees by the Sierra Gold Nurseries of Yuba City and 25 potted Citrus Trees from the Four Winds Nursery of Winters. The proceeds of the sale are for the purchase of books and materials for our local Winters Library.

The trees were of Grower Quality and we sold them at the incredible price of \$10 each for the apricot, apple, peach, pear, nectarine, almond and walnut trees. The orange and lemon citrus trees sold at \$25 each.

A big thank you goes to the Mariani Nut Company for the generous use of their parking lot on Railroad Avenue and the use of some of their equipment to facilitate the sale.

Tufts Ranch Packing Co. also provided much needed

equipment.

Our friend and local farmer Tom Jacobs generously supplied his bin carrier.

We are also extremely grateful to the Winters Express for their great coverage of this event.

Master Gardener Barbara Lee was on hand to provide instructional materials and advice on successful planting.

As always the dedicated members of the Winters Friends of the Library and their family members were on hand to organize, publicize and conduct the sale.

Even the weather provided the perfect backdrop for this event.

We hope everyone enjoys his or her fruit trees and we look forward to another great sale next year.

Remember, if you are not a member yet, please join the Friends of the Library and get in on all the fun.

Also, we have some BOSC and Comice pear trees left from the sale, free to anyone who wants them.

JACQUELINE AVELLAR
Winters Friends
of the Library

Thank you for all the support

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank the many people who have helped, and continue to help, me and my family throughout my special pregnancy and to let you all know that the babies were finally born (via Caesarian section) on Thursday, Feb. 16, at about 9:20 a.m. Babies Kaya Alena and Nathan William were both pretty huge (7 pounds, 5 ounces, 20 inches long, and 8 pounds, 8 ounces, 21.5 inches long, respectively) and nearly went to 40 weeks. They are happy and healthy, and are now on their way back home to Massachusetts with their thrilled parents, Niki and Tom.

I am so grateful to all of the friends who have supported us and provided us with such generous and caring help, including dinners, transportation, emo-

tional support, and kind words, wishes, and thoughts for us. Thank you all so very much... you have all helped to make this journey extra special and easier for my family.

Niki and Tom are also very thankful and write "No words can describe the love and appreciation we have for Rebecca, Tim, Matthew, Noah and their incredible community of friends and family. We thank them all for helping to bring Kaya and Nathan safely to the world."

I have truly been touched to feel such support and kindness from you all — you have all helped to change the life of someone I love by helping her and her husband have a family of their own. Thank you!

REBECCA BRESNICK HOLMES

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CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

A FULL LAKE BERRYESSA. I had a chance to drive around Lake Berryessa last weekend and I was surprised by the amount of water in the back side of Putah Creek. Every tributary was running and with the lake backing up the water, it was quite a sight.

There is an annual motorcycle ride "Freeze your @\$ off" that has ended up in Winters twice in the last three years. Two years ago the ride ended at Creekside Country Club and everyone had a great time. This year the rain put a damper on the event with only 110 riders signing up in Vacaville. Normally the sponsors ABATE (American Brotherhood Aim Toward Education) have over 500 riders.

When you get caught riding in the rain you have to find an overpass or filling station where you can put on your rain gear. When it is already raining when you start, it is an easier task. Just put your rain gear on in your home, start your bike in the garage and off you go. Starting out dry is a big plus.

The ride lived up to its name especially in the hills of Napa County. Riding the back road from Vacaville to Cordelia was a first for me. I couldn't believe how close the two cities have grown. There might be five farms between their city limits, but that might be a stretch.

When the Vacaville prison was built it was all by itself out there. Now there are homes as far as you can see, right under the towers, it seems. Cruising along the fields and new homes didn't last long. Even on a Sunday morning there was traffic. Part of a poker run is to stop at different locations and pick up a poker card. Whoever has the best (or worst) hand gets a prize. Thompson's Corners is an old bar in Cordelia that never changes. With clothing tacked to the ceiling and an old pool table in the back, it is a place that time forgot.

Traveling by Solano College into the Napa foothills is always a pretty ride. Even with a light drizzle the green hills made the ride enjoyable. It wasn't that cold. You can't ride into the back side of Berryessa and down to Steele Park without stopping at Turtle Rock for an egg roll. The family store still has a plate of hot egg rolls whenever anyone stops by. I rarely see anyone fill the plate, but they are always hot, and the mustard hotter.

With the Glory Hole flowing, take a few hours and drive up and take a look. It isn't every year when the lake is this full.

HIGHLANDS IS ON ITS WAY. Next Tuesday night, in the council chambers, our planning commission will be hearing the first presentation for the Highlands subdivision. Granite Bay Holdings is the developer and they are planning to build over 400 homes and apartment units. The land stretches all the way to the sewer plant and covers most of the land to the northwest that is scheduled to be developed.

This isn't a new plan. The Granite Bay people have been knocking on City Hall for over five years with their plans and ideas. City staff has been negotiating everything from a new police and fire station to a new swimming pool. The school will receive triple the normal impact fees, which is a pretty good trick considering there isn't a negative impact. Without growth our school are in real trouble as our population of both adults and children decline.

For those who think we are growing too fast, remember we haven't built market rate homes in over four years. The biggest developer in Winters this year is our own city councilman Woody Fridae. He's building a home for his family on a beautiful piece of property along Dry Creek. Over the next several years we may see a large number of homes built, but I wouldn't bet on it. The housing market seems to be getting flat and interest rates are rising. Our council and city staff are now asking for higher fees than anyone in our area if not the state, and if the margins get too narrow, you won't see anyone build in Winters.

It is a fine line between charging impact fees and flat extortion. I'm not sure how much developers are willing to pay to build in Winters, but we must be getting close to their limits. They are starting to wince at the meetings.

The option not to build would be expensive and I don't think you could get 75 percent of the people to tax themselves thousands of dollars per year to remain a smaller town. Growth gives us needed services, added school children and additional volunteers to make Winters run. If you don't believe me, just attend a fund-raiser and see how many people you know.

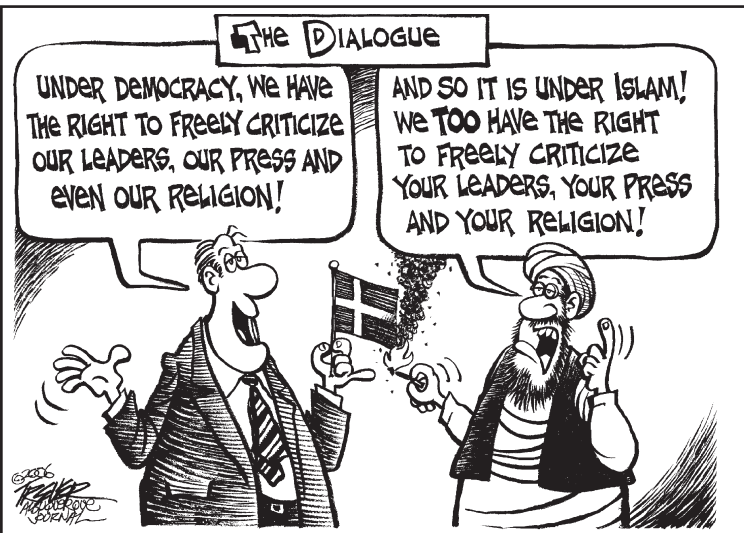
Have a good week.

THANKS . . .

Your outpouring of love and concern — the cards, flowers, food, calls, visits, charitable donations — your heartfelt compassion shown to us during and after the loss of our loved one will never be forgotten. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Roy Hiramatsu Family

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PET

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was like watching one of those nature shows where a lion hunts a gazelle, where it gets hold of its neck and kills it. Those dogs were out for blood. It was an ambush.”

Lady charged to Bailey's defense and jumped on one of the pit bulls, which released Bailey and clamped its jaws into Lady's shoulder as the second pit bull (a mixed breed) attacked her from behind. Karen at first attempted to jump into the fray to save her pets, and even kicked one of the pit bulls (which she says felt like a “concrete block”) then suddenly realized that they could turn on her.

According to Karen, the dogs' owner, Karl Thuman, who rents a house on the property owned by General Holdings (developers for the Greyhawk housing project), came running across the orchard. Karen screamed that the dogs were killing Lady, and says Thuman replied that he was unable to control his dogs and feared being bitten by them. However, Thuman then grabbed one of the dogs and told her to run.

“I started fearing for my life, that those dogs were going to come after me,” says Karen, who ran for her yard, where she discovered Bailey dying in the grass. As she scooped him up, John came outside and took Bailey from Karen.

“Bailey took his last breaths in my arms,” John says, fiercely choking back a tear.

The Neils' attachment to the fluffy little creature is obvious. When Karen ran her own preschool before becoming the director of the Winters Parent Nursery School, Bailey served as the preschool's unofficial mascot and could be seen in every Youth Day and St. Patrick's Day parade, marching in costume right along with the children. Karen, also fighting tears as she recalls Bailey's life, says, “It's just not the way I thought this family pet would go. I thought it would be old age, not this traumatic.”

Although Bailey was clearly not going to survive, and appeared to have a broken neck and punctured lungs, Karen took him and Lady to the vet. While there was no hope for Bailey, fortunately the vet was able to treat Lady's deep bite wounds. Meanwhile, John decided to confront Thuman, and picked up a baseball bat for protection from the dogs. John says Thuman told him that Bailey and Lady shouldn't have been loose in the orchard and insisted that his pit bulls were good dogs, but John wasn't convinced.



Photo courtesy of the Vacaville Reporter

This photo, which appeared in the Vacaville Reporter, shows how many Winters children will remember Bailey — all dressed up and marching with them in the St. Patrick's Day and Youth day parades.

“All I could think about was my wife being attacked by pit bulls and this guy screaming that he can't do anything about it. She would have been dead,” says John. “I felt like killing those dogs.”

The conversation became heated, and John says the owner then ran away from him and went inside his house. About this time, Winters Police Officer Scott Leach arrived on the scene, because the vet who examined the Neils' dogs called to report what had happened with the pit bulls and suspected there might be an ensuing confrontation between the dog owners. Soon after, a Yolo County Animal Control officer arrived as well and took custody of the dogs.

John later went to the Yolo County Animal Control Shelter to find out what was going to happen with the dogs, and spoke with Sergeant Wayne Buckley. John says Buckley told him that because his own dogs weren't on leashes, “those (Thuman's) dogs have more rights than you do,” and informed him that it was entirely possible Thuman may get the dogs back. John became upset over this information, and says he was directed to leave the building by Buckley. John remains concerned not only that the dogs may soon be back on the nearby property, but that he will not be notified if and when they are.

John says Buckley told him that had Bailey and Lady been on leashes, the law may have leaned in their favor when the decision is made about the pit bulls' fates. However, John says the fact that the dogs weren't on leashes may have kept Karen from being attacked because she would have been on the other end of the leashes and would have been dragged into the middle of it. John adds that the leashes would have done nothing to protect Bailey.

“If he was on a leash, I could have buried him with a leash attached to

his neck.”

With the passage of a couple weeks, the Neils have had time to reflect on the ramifications of what happened that day in the orchard, not only in regards to their pet, but to the potential danger lurking just across the orchard.

“Until this happened, I didn't realize how much Bailey was a part of my life. My screen saver on my cell phone is a picture of Bailey,” says Karen. “Bailey was our third child. It just breaks my heart.”

However, she says she now realizes that it could have easily been her or her children that could have been mauled or killed by the dogs, and says her own dogs probably saved her life.

“It could have been so much worse than it was,” says Karen. “It was a bad situation, really quick.”

John and Karen are worried about what may happen if the dogs are returned to Thuman, because Animal Control won't take any action against them until they attack again. The horrific experience has increased the Neils' awareness of the larger problem of loose, vicious dogs throughout town, because many people came to them after learning of Bailey's death and shared their own stories of being confronted with loose, aggressive dogs and pit bulls in particular. Karen says most of these people didn't report the problems to Animal Control.

“These incidents need to be reported every single time,” says John.

In addition, both expressed dismay by the apparent lack of legal recourse against owners of loose dogs, even when they have a history of being vicious.

“You'd hope your own legal system would take care of them,” says John, insisting that owners of vicious dogs are responsible for controlling them. “If dogs are that vicious, get rid of them or keep

them in a cage.”

The Neils also expressed concern for residents in the Almond Orchard neighborhood, including children and seniors, who frequently walk through the orchard not realizing what they may face. John adds that if Yolo County Animal Control is not able to make rules regarding vicious dogs stricter, then local officials should take matters into their own hands and create local ordinances regarding vicious dogs.

“I want to see City Hall take notice of this,” says John, noting that Winters and the outlying areas have a large population of pit bulls.

Must obey law

As of March 7, both of Thuman's dogs remained quarantined at Yolo County Animal Control. The case is still under investigation. Sergeant Buckley says Chief Vicky Fletcher will make the final decision as to their fate, but says “the dogs will probably be returned to the owner, under conditions.” Those conditions are that the dogs must be confined, without any access for leaving the property, and must be on a leash with a person at least 18 years of age at all times when off the property. Essentially, he says, they will be on doggy probation.

Pointing out that all four dogs were in violation of the law because they were all off leashes and none were on their own property, Buckley says the county can only deal with the facts of the case and obey the law. When questioned about rumors that the dogs were suspected for killing livestock in the area as well as chasing children into trees in the orchard, he says Animal Control cannot take rumors into consideration.

“We work off the facts,” says Buckley.

When questioned about whether the county would consider the potential threat to neighbors and their animals if the pit bulls are released to the owner and once again get loose, Buckley says this cannot be a consideration.

“You can't go on what might happen, you have to have a crime that's been committed” says Buckley, likening it to the release of criminals. What they “might” do does not carry any legal weight, only the actual commission of a crime.

As for the leash law in Yolo County, Buckley says it is simple.

“Any dog that is not on a leash when off its owner's property is in violation of the Yolo County code.”

(Editor's note: Numerous attempts were made to contact Karl Thuman by telephone to allow him to tell his side of the story. He did not return any of the phone calls.)

Community invited to park planning meeting

The Winters City Council hired the HLA Group as design consultant for two new parks being planned for the City of Winters: a Sports Park located off Moody Slough Road and a Linear Park that will be part of the Winters Highlands subdivision. An advisory committee is being formed to

gather ideas about possible facilities and equipment for each park. Community meetings will begin this month. All residents and members of local sports organizations are invited to join in the planning process.

For more information or get involved, call Cheryl Rheuby, 795-4910 ext. 111.

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classroom, a state architect would have to be involved and that that the costs and timelines would make it impossible to have the move done by the start of the next school year. He said that a best case scenario would have the preschool opening on Oct. 2, 33 days after the start of instruction.

Trustee Tom Harding said he had talked with the state architect's office and had received a much shorter timeline than that being indicated by Mitchell. However, it was Harding who eventually introduced the motion to have the move delayed.

“It's always better to plan than to just rush into things,” Harding said.

Trustee Kathy McIntire said her concerns with the preschool move were the same as those with the kindergarten move — timelines and costs.

“I keep hearing they are out of line,” she said.

What the trustees did not specify in their preschool action, however, was whether the move from John Clayton would eventually reunite the kindergarten and preschool programs. Both programs are currently at John Clayton School, but trustees voted on Feb. 2 to move the kindergarten program to Waggoner Elementary School as a cost-cutting move beginning with the 2006-07 school year.

The kindergarten move, part of a package of cuts approved by a 4-3 vote on Feb. 2, has sparked con-

troversy in the community and among board members. The four trustees who voted for the move are facing a recall effort, and two of the board members who voted against the move — McIntire and Rodney Orosco — asked, at the March 2 meeting, that the kindergarten decision be separated from the other cuts and reconsidered. Former trustee Russ Lester also asked the board to reconsider the kindergarten move so the kinder and preschool programs could remain together.

“I feel strongly that these two programs are wedded at the hip and should be together,” Lester said.

It is unlikely that the board will reconsider its decision to move the kindergarten program. Mitchell commented that unless one of the trustees voting for the move wants to change his/her vote and requests to have the action reconsidered, it will not happen. The three trustees at the meeting who supported the move — Jay Shepherd, Mary Jo Rodolfa, and Nickelson — reaffirmed that they would not change their votes.

The Feb. 2 board action also moves the district's preschool and Wolfskill School's alternative high school programs to John Clayton School beginning with the 2006-07 school year. Wolfskill School principal and director of special education and projects Emilie Simmons said that staff meetings to plan the move and combine the programs have been positive.

AGENDA

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square foot well site), and a 7.43 acre wetlands/open space area, an exchange parcel of 0.04 acres to the Callahan property to the south; and 32.81 acres in public roads.

The project site is located north of Grant Avenue along Moody Slough Road (County Road 33) in the northwestern portion of the city of Winters. The project site totals 102.6 acres located south of Moody Slough Road, east of the westerly

city limits, and north of the existing Dry Creek subdivision.

The following approvals are needed from the city: 1) CEQA clearance; 2) Exclusion from the West Central Master Plan; 3) Approval of the Winters Highlands Development Agreement; 4) Approval of various General Plan amendments; 5) Approval of various rezonings and Planned Development

Overlay; 6) Approval of Planned Development Permit for Planned Development Overlay, 7) Approval of the Tentative Subdivision Map; 8) Approval of a lot line adjustment; 9) Amendment of the Rancho Arroyo Storm Drain District Master Plan; 10) Amendment of the Circulation Master Plan; and 11) Amendment of the Bikeway System Master Plan.

Community

Winters blood donors honored

On Sunday, Feb. 26, BloodSource awarded nearly 1,200 Capitol Region blood, marrow and blood stem cell donors for their long-term commitment to saving lives at its annual Super Stars Awards luncheon.

Donors were honored for reaching noteworthy milestones in 2005, from the 10-gallon level (80 donations) and up. Among the group honored were Winters residents.

The luncheon was an opportunity to thank donors for giving so many people - including burn victims, heart surgery patients, children with leukemia and accident victims - another chance at life.

“Every one of these donors has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of so many people,” said Debbie Milios, BloodSource Director of Operations. “Because our donors care enough to donate blood and blood components, patients throughout Northern and Central California and across the nation receive the care they need.”

Among the donors recognized were eight BloodSource employees and a BloodSource board member. Additionally, three bone marrow and blood stem cell donors were acknowledged.

This year's event, emceed by radio talk show personalities Armstrong & Getty, was held at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Winters awardees were Jill P. Breshears and Howard D. Clark, 80 donations; Charles Wallace, 100 donations; Barbara D. Laughlin, 160 donations and Charles L. Roberts and Bill R. Ross, 200 donations.

BloodSource was established in 1948 as a not-for-profit community blood bank and provides lifesaving services to millions of people in 25 counties throughout Northern and Central California. BloodSource was created entirely by community members in response to a growing need-the need for a safe and adequate blood supply. Through a network of 15 blood centers and over 40 hospitals in cities from Merced to the Oregon border, the BloodSource mission remains simple: to provide blood and services to those in need.

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

Tickets still available for Senior Spirit Nite fundraiser

Tickets are still available for the Senior Spirit Nite fundraising event to be held Saturday, March 11 at St. Anthony Parish Hall. The fifth annual event is the sole fundraiser held to benefit the WHS Grad Nite party. The party is held in honor of the graduating senior class each year. Along with some cash donations, funds raised from this event pay for the Grad Nite party entirely.

Tickets to attend the fundraiser are \$100 per couple and \$75 single. Each dinner ticket also gives the attendee one chance to win three cash prizes to be given away that night. The cash prizes are \$7,500 grand prize, \$1,500 runner-up, and \$1,000 consolation prize. Tickets are also available for \$50 for those who cannot attend, but they will also have a chance to win the cash. Dinner tickets are only available by advance order.

There will be a special treat this year for the winner of the deck of cards raffle. Those present may purchase playing cards for \$20 each, which are limited to 104 chances to win a most unique prize. The lucky winner and nine guests will enjoy a very special evening at the Buckhorn in their new private dining room with hosts John and Melanie Pickerel. A special menu will be created for this one of a kind prize.

The silent auction for



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Courtney Stocking (left) and Caitlin Jensen fan out some of the many raffle tickets left for Senior Spirit Nite, which takes place on Saturday, March 11, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 6-11 p.m. Tickets for the raffle and dinner are \$75 for singles and \$100 for couples. Raffle-only tickets are \$50. Proceeds from the event will help provide a safe and sober Grad Nite party for the Winters High School Class of 2006.

this year will have some old favorites along with a few new items. The doors open at 6 p.m. to browse through the great variety of goodies. This year, a new twinkle to the auction has been added. If you find something that is a “must have” and you don't want to chance losing it by being outbid, there are “drop dead” prices on all items so each can be purchased outright. Some of the items include dinners, gift baskets, a San Francisco apartment for four for a weekend, and even a stay in a Tahoe home for a weekend.

Those attending will enjoy a silent auction, dinner and dancing. This year an “Exquisite Dessert” table has been added to the silent auction, whereby entire desserts may be purchased. There will be other dessert items provided. Dress for the evening is casual. Checks and cash are welcome, but credit cards cannot be accepted.

To purchase tickets, call Susie at 795-0128 (or email susie@onramp113.org) or Wendy at 795-1028. All tickets must be ordered no later than Friday, March 10.

Three council seats up for grabs

Three Winters City Council seats will be up for election on June 6, as will the offices of city clerk and treasurer. The terms of council members Harold Anderson, Dan Martinez and Steve Godden all expire on June 20, which is when the terms of the newly elected officials will begin.

The newly elected officials will serve terms of four years. There are no term limits in the city of Winters. City council

members receive a stipend of \$150 per month plus \$30 for Community Development meetings. The city clerk's stipend is \$40 per meeting, and the city treasurer receives a stipend of \$25 per month.

City council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Special or adjourned city council meetings may be held as needed. Many other meetings are required of council members, such as those

for committees, commissions, boards and other miscellaneous functions.

Eligible candidates must be United States citizens, registered voters, residents within Winters city limits and at least 18 years of age. The filing period will be open through March 10. The June 6 election is a statewide primary election.

For more information, contact City Clerk Nancy Mills at City Hall, 318 First Street; 795-4910, extension 101.

WFoL planning annual Quiz Show

The third annual Winters Friends of the Library fundraiser, The Quiz Show, takes place on Saturday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Teams of five will pay an entrance fee of \$100 to try to win the prize money of \$300, and get their names on a perpetual trophy, created by Jeff Hesemeyer, proclaiming them the Winters Quiz Show champions. The trophy is on display at the library.

Teams can be sponsored by organizations or businesses, or can be groups of smart friends willing to have fun. The first three teams of high school students will be sponsored by WFOL, so the registration is free.

There will be three rounds of play. Questions will be from a variety of categories ranging from history, literature and science to Winters trivia. In the first round, team mem-

bers will work together to come up with answers to a variety of questions. The top five or six teams will continue on to the next level where teams can use strategy to help them gain points while answering tougher questions. After a break for refreshments, the top two teams will go head to head in the championship round.

Those interested in being at the event, but not participating, are invited to come watch. A \$2 donation for spectators is requested at the door. The

Friends will provide refreshments.

For two years now, the Super Terrific Happy Fun Trivia Team, from Shirley Rominger Intermediate School, has won the title. Teams interested in registering need to do so by Friday, March 24, or for an additional donation of \$10, may register at the door. Registration forms are available at the library, on the corner of First and Russell Streets.

For more information, call Rebecca Fridae at 795-4600.



Courtesy photo

The works of Marjan Kleupfel are on exhibit at Briggs and Company.

Kleupfel's quilts are just 'Sew Colorful'

Marjan Kleupfel's “Sew Colorful” are on display at at Briggs and Company gallery, 820 Railroad Avenue.

Marjan Kluepfel uses thread as her medium instead of paper, and paint and a sewing machine instead of a brush. The texture, color and prints of fabrics fascinate her and often give her inspiration for a new design.

Very seldom does Marjan draw out a quilt plan, but instead lets the fabrics and textures determine the next step. While working towards an idea and trying to avoid any definite image of the completed piece, the complex nature of fabric often reveals surprises that dictate unexpected changes of direction.

Most of Marjan's designs are organic; they are influenced by her love of nature and all its wonders.

The bright colors Marjan uses express her positive outlook on life. The texture of the fabrics is an important design element, many different surface design techniques such as fabric dyeing, painting, printing, pleating and machine quilting and embroidery are implicated to create the dramatic expressions in fabric. It is Marjan's desire to create unique pieces of art and have fun doing it!

Marjan has lived and worked in the Netherlands, Australia, Hawaii, Florida and South Carolina, and now makes her home in Davis. She draws inspiration from all the natural wonders she has encountered in these places, both on land and under water.

For more information on Briggs and Company, visit www.briggsandco.com or call 795-9505.

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Announce it in the Winters Express — it's free!
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SCHOOLS

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in 2005, requiring 23 percent of all students to be proficient at their respective grade levels in English language arts (compared to 12 percent in 2004) and 23.7 percent to be proficient in math (compared to 12.8 percent in 2004). The targets will be increased again in 2008, with the goal of having all students proficient in English language arts and math by 2014.

The district has applied for a state grant which, if received, would contribute \$8,948 toward the cost of the academic coach.

Personnel reductions

Because of continued declining enrollment, there will be at least three fewer teachers in Winters schools in 2006-07. Gloria Hahn, chief business officer for the school district, presented trustees with final staffing projections for the next school year. They show two fewer positions at Waggoner Elementary School and one less in the district's independent study program. Staffing at the remaining schools and for the district's special education program will remain unchanged.

Trustees approved dismissing three probationary teachers at the end of the school year and also approved releasing six full and part time temporary certificated employees, effective June 2. They

also approved hiring Barbara Levin as a part time aide at Rominger Intermediate School and Brandin McMichael as a Workability program student at Winters High School. Mary Lou Moreno, bilingual instructional aide at Winters Middle School was granted extended medical leave through April 1, and Taryn Barrette was granted an extra-duty stipend to coach girls' soccer at Winters Middle School.

Trustees approved a credential waiver allowing Linda Fox to teach 7th grade pre-algebra at Winters Middle School.

They also passed, with a split vote, a resolution designating the first full week of March as the "Week of the School Administrator" to commend school leaders for the contributions they make to student achievement. Trustee Robert Nickelson voted against the resolution, and trustee Rodney Orosco abstained.

Special recognition

Trustees presented a certificate of appreciation to Wolfskill student Erika Quezada for being a positive influence on her peers, and recognized parent Sue Romero for her volunteer work with special needs students in the district.

Next meeting

The next regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on March 16 at Winters Middle School.

Vegetable gardening is focus of meeting

A free public education course for the home gardener, presented by the UC Yolo County Master Gardeners will be held at Norton Hall, Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to noon.

"Vegetable Gardening" is the topic, presented by Master Gardener Treva Valentine. Participants will learn how, when and where to plant vegetable seedlings and how to select the best vegetable varieties for gardens in the area. All questions are welcome.

Norton Hall is located at 70 Cottonwood Street in Woodland. For more information or to register for the class, call the UCCE office at 666-8143.



Hog heaven

Members of the Solano Chapter of ABATE (American Brotherhood Aim Toward Education) held a poker run that ended at the Community Center last Sunday. The run travelled through Solano, Napa and Yolo counties. From left are Marshall Johnson, Tom Watson, Jennifer Wright and Bill McBride. JJ's Club sponsored their stop in Winters with a chicken and tri-tip dinner.

ANDERSEN

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waiting room. A new, ADA compliant entryway replaces the original front window.

Antique furniture and accents complete the "coziness of this great old house." The warm, inviting space also features the original fir floors, which have been refinished.

Outside, a new parking lot, sidewalks and exterior paint complete the transformation. Final landscaping touches will be added in the spring.

"Our new location will give us almost twice the space as our previous location," says Andersen, who says when the house, known as the Griffin house, came on the market he saw it as an opportunity he couldn't pass up. With the added space, Andersen has been able to expand his services, including his frame selection. In addition, Janet who organized the renovation, designed the new space to be family-friendly, especially to families with small children.

Andersen has a special

interest in children's vision, being the father of four children, and he has recently become a provider under the American Optometric Association's new program, InfantSEE. Under this program, infants six to 12 months old can have an eye examination by Dr. Andersen free of charge.

"This is a critical time for eye and vision development and optometrists have the training, instruments and resources to provide the most effective primary eye and vision care to children, as a complement to routine well-care exams given by pediatricians," says Andersen.

The public is welcome to stop by and check out the new office. Winters Eye Care offers a full range of optometric services include eye health and vision exams, contact lens fitting, laser vision consultations, eyeglass fitting and repairs and emergency eye service.

For more information, call 795-3937.

For more information about the InfantSEE program, go online to www.infantsee.org.

Water district manager to speak

Tim O'Halloran, general manager of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, will give a presentation on local water for the Yolo County Historical Society at the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation offices on Sunday, March 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.

His talk, "Yolo County Water: Past, Present, and Future" will feature a slide show that will review many of the questions about Cache Creek and its water delivery system that have evolved over the years.

O'Halloran is an agricul-

tural engineer by training, who worked in the Imperial Valley and served as water-master for the Kings River Water Association prior to moving to Yolo County three years ago. He is known for his broad knowledge of water issues in California and for his excellent PowerPoint presentations. He is also a water history buff and will show some interesting maps of early Yolo County.

The Flood Control District offices are on Highway 16 west of Woodland at the intersection of Road 94B, next to the Woodland airport.

Entertainment

‘Arms and the Man’ opens Friday

By GERMAINE HUPE
Special to the Express

The Winters Theatre Company will open its six performance run of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" on Friday, March 10, with a Gala Opening at 7:30 p.m. in the Winters Community Center. Refreshments will be served prior to curtain time. Subsequent performances will be Saturday, March 11, Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18; curtain time for these shows is at 8 p.m. There will be two matinees on Sundays, March 12 and March 19 at 2 p.m. The Saturday, March 18 event is a dinner/theatre benefit for the Yolo Family Service Agency and tickets should be ordered by calling 662-2211.

"Arms and the Man" is one of Shaw's anti-romantic comedies. Set during the four-month-long Serbo-Bulgarian War that occurred between November 1885 and March 1886, "Arms and the Man" is a satire on the foolishness of glorifying something as terrible as war, as well as a satire on the foolishness of basing your affections on idealistic notions of love.

The story takes place in the home of Major Petkoff, one of Bulgaria's "oldest and finest families." The daughter Raina, played by

Amy Vyvlecka, is a starry-eyed young woman besotted with the idea of being in love with her fairytale fiance who is away fighting in the war. Amy was previously seen in WCT's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the role of Helena. Raina's young soldier Sergius Saranoff is played by Ryan Favorite. This is Ryan's debut with WCT although he has been on local stages in many musical venues. Trent Beeby plays Captain Bluntschli, a pragmatic Swiss professional soldier, who upsets Raina's ideals of heroism as well as the entire Petkoff household when he returns after the war is over. Trent played the beleaguered father in WCT's holiday production of "A Christmas Story."

Tom Rost is cast in the role of blustering Major Petkoff, the patriarch of the family, who boasts of having the best "library" in all of Bulgaria. Tom previously starred in WCT's 2004 production of "Greetings." The Major's wife, Catherine is really the "head of the household," and Germaine Hupe is cast in that role. Germaine has been in many past shows and most recently played the fairy queen Titania in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Making her first appear-



Courtesy photo

Spying on the lovers is the servant girl in "Arms and the Man." From left are Amy Vyvlecka as Raina Petkoff, Helen Dahlberg as Louka, and Ryan Favorite as Sergius Saranoff.

ance with WCT will be Helen Dahlberg, cast as Louka, the fiery and spirited servant girl who dares to aspire to a better life. Helen has been in a number of regional productions. Rodney Orosco, last seen as "a very big elf" in "A Christmas Story" is cast in the dual roles as Nicola, the servant who dreams of opening his own shop when he leaves the Petkoff

household, and as a Russian officer.

Tickets are available locally at Pacific Ace Hardware and the Chamber of Commerce office in the Community Center. Admission for the Gala Opening is \$11. General admission is \$9 and \$6 for Seniors and Students. Reservations may be made by calling 795-4014.

Scottish fiddler, cellist to play Woodland Opera House

The Woodland Opera House Concert Series will present Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas on Saturday, March 18 at 8 p.m. Reserved seat tickets for the concert are \$20 Adult, \$10 students 18 and under. For reservations, call the WOH box office at 666-9617.

Master Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser is a consummate performer. His dynamic fiddling, engaging stage presence, and deep understanding of Scotland's music have created a constant and international demand for his solo appearances and concerts with a variety of ensembles. Alasdair has been a major force behind the resurgence of traditional Scottish fiddling in his homeland and the U.S., inspiring legions of listeners and learners through his recordings, annual fiddle camps, and concerts.

He has represented Scotland internationally through performances sponsored by the British Council, and has been awarded touring support by the California Arts Council, with the ranking of "highest priority for inclusion on the roster; considered 'model' in stature."

Vibrant young cellist Natalie Haas is already a seasoned performer, recording artist, and teacher. Over the past four years, she has joined master Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser for festival and concert appearances in Scotland, Spain, France, and throughout the U.S., including Celtic Connections Festival in Glasgow, Scotland, the Festival Interceltique de Lorient in France, and the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C.



Courtesy photo

Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas will perform at the Woodland Opera House on Saturday, March 18 at 8 p.m.

Show will raise funds

The Discovery Worship Center is hosting its first "Gong Show" style talent show to benefit a South African Missions trip.

The talent show will be held Sunday, March 12, at 6 p.m. at 315 Edwards Street.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children

12 and under. Donations are welcome.

Acts interested in participating in the talent show are encouraged to enter.

More information is available online at www.discoveryworship-center.org or by calling Lyssa Myers at (707) 761-0796.

This week at The Palms



Courtesy photo

Little Charlie and the Nightcats will be on the prowl at The Palms on Friday, March 10, 8:30 p.m. Tickets to see the coolest blues cats around are \$18, and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and at the door if not sold out.



Chick Corea brings Spanish flavor to Mondavi

Throughout his four-decade career, 12-time Grammy Award winner Chick Corea has found inspiration in his Castilian heritage. Whether playing fusion with Miles Davis, testing out his own classical concerto with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, improvising straight-ahead jazz with the likes of Stan Getz and Herbie Hancock, or leading jazz-rock ensembles like Return to Forever, Corea has always had a tinge of Spanish influence in his music. Next month, that influence will be explored to the fullest, as Corea leads Touchstone, a flamenco-jazz quintet featuring members of Paco de Lucia's band, in a concert at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. on March 14, in Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 754-2787 or online at MondaviArts.org. The event is presented as part of Mondavi Center's 88.9 KXJZ Improvisations series.

Touchstone features the core group of Corea's 1982 album of the same name, many of whom are former members of legendary flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucia's band. The group will play selections from the original Touchstone album, as well as material from its recent live recording, Rhumba Flamenco, and brand-new Corea compositions.

Corea was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts in 1941, and began studying piano at age four. Early gigs with the likes of Willie Bobo, Cal Tjader, Herbie Mann, and Mongo Santamaria helped instill a love of Latin music. He worked as a sideman for Blue Mitchell and Sarah Vaughan before being thrust into international stardom when Miles Davis drafted him to play electric piano on the groundbreaking fusion recordings Bitches Brew and In A Silent Way. Around that time, Corea also recorded two classic albums under his own leadership, Tones for Joan's Bones and Now He Sings, Now He Sobs, which firmly established him as a composer and pianist to be reckoned with.

Over the next three decades, Corea went on to launch a stunningly eclectic series of projects, including the avant-garde, free improvisation group Circle (with bassist Dave Holland, drummer Barry Altschul, and saxman Anthony Braxton) and the Latin-influenced jazz-rock group Return to Forever (with bassist Stanley Clarke, vocalist Flora Purim, drummer Airto Morreira, and reedman Joe Farrell), both of which have become legend. He has ventured into classical music, recording works by Mozart with Bobby McFerrin and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and writing his own Piano Concerto no. 1, which he recorded with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. He has played with a long list of contemporary jazz greats, including Joe Henderson, Stan Getz, McCoy Tyner, and Herbie Hancock, and led a series of his own groups, including the elektrik Band and Touchstone.

Touchstone grew out of a 1982 album of the same name in which Corea recorded compositions that fused jazz, classical, and Latin influences with a band that included Paco de Lucia and several musicians who had frequently worked with the guitar master. Corea returned to the concept in 2005, reforming Touchstone with three musicians from the origi-

nal sessions, bass player Carlos Benavent, Jorge Pardo on sax and flute, and percussionist Rubem Dantas—all former de Lucia band members—along with drummer Tom Brechtlein.

Critical response to the tour has been enthusiastic. "Chick Corea and the Touchstone ensemble showered a capacity crowd ... with artistic brilliance Thursday night," wrote the Anchorage Daily News of an early

date on the tour. "Corea ... continues to evolve and reinvent his incomparable art."

"Chick Corea has long been among the most prolific and eclectic of contemporary musicians, and hearing him explore his Latin influences with Touchstone should make for a memorable concert experience," said Barbara Sellers-Young, Mondavi Center's interim executive director.

Infant massage classes offered at Sutter Davis

Sutter Davis Hospital's Birthing Center will be offering Infant Massage classes, with a new series starting each month. The classes are held in the morning or evening each month in a series of three classes.

The class teaches parents how to massage their infant. This practice has been shown to promote bonding, soothe pain and

discomfort, reduce stress, increase circulation and improve sleep.

The cost is \$50 and includes a book, massage oil and instruction by nurses on how to effectively massage an infant. All contact with the infant remains exclusive to the parent(s).

For more information on class dates, times and location, call 758-5981.

ALS support

An ALS patient support meeting will be held Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at Sutter Cancer Center, Classrooms 1 & 2, 2801 L Street in Sacramento.

The mission of the ALS Association of Greater Sacramento is to improve the quality of life for ALS patients, families, and caregiver, and to support the efforts to find a cure.

For more information, visit www.alssac.org.



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Sports

Track squad opens preseason at Rio Vista

By JAY SHUTTLEWORTH
Special to the Express

RIO VISTA: The Winters High School track and field team opened their 2006 pre-season schedule on Wednesday, March 8, with a double-dual meet against St. Helena High School and host Rio Vista High School.

Perhaps spurred on by last year's tremendous team and individual successes, WHS track and field brought its largest contingent (54 athletes) in recent memory to this non-league contest.

The WHS track and field team had an unprecedented nine individual All-Butte View League athletes last year — the most of any BVL team. Those returning to the 2006 squad (all seniors) are Natalie Cooley, Courtney Carner and this year's team captains, Cara McCoy and Robert Warren. All four athletes established one or more school marks — McCoy and Warren: 4x400 relay, Cooley: 800 and 4x400, and Carner: tied for the 400 and 4x400.

The 2005 varsity boys' team made shockwaves through the BVL last year when they won their first league title in 21 years. Two athletes return from that squad, senior thrower Jesse Beckett and sprinter Warren.

Junior Lauren Yehle figures to make a strong impres-

sion for this year's varsity girls squad after a very successful 2005 season. She set JV school marks in the triple jump, 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 100 and 400. Undeclared in the 100 hurdles last year, Yehle was the Northern Section JV champion in that event. Yehle joined Cooley and 2005 graduate Nick Ramos as the only individual Division-II champions.

Other distinguished returning members include last year's Division-II-champion JV 4x400 squad, juniors Mat Catalan, Alvaro Zaragoza, Curtis Holabird and Cory Haraga.

Notable 2005 graduates included WHS' first-ever two-time Northern Section champion, Nick Ramos. While well-known for his success in the 300 hurdles, Ramos' well-rounded legacy will be tough to replace. In his four year varsity career, Ramos was an eight-time BVL champion (100 (twice), 200, 400, 800, 300 hurdles (twice) and the mile relay).

Joining Ramos in the "hard-to-replace" column is 2005 graduate Piedad Junez (1st in the 800, mile relay) and the second-highest WHS scorer at the BVL Championships, Josh Sorvari (2nd, 400, 800 and 1st, mile relay). Junez is currently a member of the CSU-Chico Track and Field team.



Photo by Jay Shuttleworth

Lauren Yehle clears the final hurdle at the Northern Section D-II championship. Yehle won the event.

Notably for the girls team, 2005 graduation claimed two four-year veterans in Sara Bean-Duncan and Sophie Sears (all-league, mile relay).

Following Wednesday's meet at Rio Vista, a select WHS team will travel to CSU-Chico for the North State Relays on March 17.

Warriors give away baseball season opener

By ERIC and
LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School varsity baseball team gave up a 7-2 lead going into the fifth inning to Will C. Wood High School and came home with a

disappointing 8-7 loss in eight innings. On Saturday, March 4, the Warriors traveled to Vacaville to take on the Wildcats but instead were plagued by mental and physical mistakes. Alex Thomson pitched the first four innings for the Warriors, while Nathanael Lucero threw the fifth and

sixth and Brock Neil pitched the seventh and eighth innings.

Campos led the Warriors batting 2 for 3 with three runs scored and three RBI. Brock Neil also batted 2 for 3 with a run scored. Jacob Thorne batted 1 for 2 with a run scored. Nick Medina batted 1

for 3 with a run scored, and Nick Hedrick batted 1 for 5 for the Warriors.

Winters will host their next four games, weather permitting starting with Colusa on Tuesday, March 7, Woodland Christian on Thursday, March 9, and Esparto on Saturday, March 11.

Lady Warriors wrestle in tournament

On Feb 3 and 4, the girls on the Winters Warriors Wrestling Team traveled to Hanford for the California Girls High School Championships.

On the first day, Maygen Viray had one of the toughest brackets in the tournament, she went 2 and 0, losing only by points. Jessica Rubio had a tough first match, but came back and beat her next two opponents by pins. Ashley Vice won her first match by a pin and was pinned in her second match. Victoria Spinetti started out the first day with two byes and lost her first match by points.

On the second day, Jessica

and Ashley lost their first matches, putting them out of the tournament. Victoria bounced back to win her first two matches by points, then lost her last two matches by points. Victoria finished 6th in the state in her bracket.

On Sunday, March 5, Jessica Rubio, Maygen Veray and Victoria Spinetti traveled to Springtowne Middle School in Vallejo to compete in the United State Girls Wrestling Association Northern California State Championships, sponsored by the California Women's Wrestling Association.

Jessica and Victoria competed in the 128 lb. bracket

and Maygen competed in the 108 lb. bracket. The tournament was round robin style, which means the girls wrestle every other girl in their weight bracket. Victoria had an outstanding day, wrestling 4 matches and pinning her opponents in three out of four matches, beating her fourth opponent on points. Jessica pinned one opponent and beat two on points, losing only to teammate, Victoria.

Maygen had an extremely tough bracket, having to battle against one All-American Team wrestler and three previous state placers. She didn't let it get her down, and improved each match.

JV baseball falls to Wood

By ERIC and
LAURA LUCERO
Express sports
correspondents

The Winters High School JV baseball team played their season opener in Vacaville on Saturday, March 4, against Will C. Wood High School and lost 16-2 to the Wildcats. New head coach Daniel Ward was pleased with some aspects of his teams' performance but disappointed in others.

"I know we have a good defensive team," said Ward. "But we played horrible defensively. Rafael Martinez and Patrick Kuehn did a good job on the mound. We just didn't back them up."

The Warriors scored their two points in the first inning when Ray McIntire and Kevin Rowell crossed the plate for Winters. Rowell had the Warriors' only hit.

"Ray and Kevin played well for us," said Ward.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cindy Houck



Cindy Houck, a sophomore on the Winters High School girls soccer team is this week's Winters Express athlete of the week. Houck has been a solid player week in and week out for the Warriors and was rewarded for her efforts last week when she was named to the Butte View All league team.

"Cindy has done a great job all year for us," said coach Donna Burnette.

Winters Jr. Warriors Football and Cheerleading sign-ups

Cody's Marketplace
from noon to 4 p.m.
on Saturday March 11,
April 8, May 13, June 10
and July 8.

Questions? Call Jenny at 795-3036 or Susan at 787-3526

Recieve ten free white flowering dogwood trees

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

“White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood,” John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. “Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter.”

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed

planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's monthly publication and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$12 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31. Or join online at www.arborday.org.

Mental illness recovery education course offered

NAMI-Yolo, a chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, has announced the Spring 2006 Peer-to-Peer course, a free nine-week recovery education course for people with a serious mental illness.

The course is taught by a team of trained mentors who are experienced at

living with mental illness and follows the model of NAMI's popular Family-to-Family course.

The program's philosophy embraces individual empowerment, family and peer support, relapse prevention, communication skills, and enhancement of personal activity and functioning.

An orientation meeting for the Peer-to-Peer program is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8 at 2 p.m. Weekly meetings continue on Wednesdays, March 15 though May 10 from 2-4 p.m. Registration for the course is required as class size is limited.

For information about the Peer-to-Peer recovery

course or to register, phone Troy Blackburn at 371-7373; leave a voice-mail at 756-8181; send an email to friends@namiyolo.org or visit the two National Alliance on Mental Illness, Yolo websites at namiyolo.org/peer or yolopeers.com.

Schools



DALE MITCHELL, Ed.D

EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

SOME ARE TEN YEARS OLD when they enter the sixth grade. Some are fourteen when they are promoted to ninth grade. Some are short; others are tall. Some are slender; others are not. Some are significantly along in their physical maturation; others are just beginning. Some are mature for their age; some are not. These are illustrations of the extremes, knowing that a middle school student may be anywhere in the spectrum for each of these descriptors. These elements also don't include information about their academic and social progress, which have just as much variation as the items above.

A recent middle school band and choir concert reminded me of these attributes and more. The students' behavior reminded me of critical elements to which we need to be attentive. One is that they want to belong. Yes, the band and choir provides many students with an opportunity to belong to part of a group. But, for students who were not performing, a sense of belonging is also important. Rare was the student who was not either part of a family sitting in the chairs or hanging out with his or her friends in the back or along the side.

A second observation is that these students want to be heard. Silence is a challenge. The concert provided those students with instruments or voices to make music. They made beautiful sounds. But there were those students who were not performers and performers who were part of the audience for awhile. Expressing their voices is also important.

Band and choir are not the only opportunities for middle school students to develop a sense of belonging and to have their voice heard. Numerous other opportunities also exist. The Leadership class, art classes, intramurals, and after school sports provide multiple opportunities for participation and communication. Additionally, the weekly afternoon College and Career Class enables students to talk about the future, getting into college, and overcoming the fears and uncertainty. Club Live helps student spread the word that drugs, drinking, and smoking are not good for teens. Students in the Green Club meet regularly to work on re-cycling or planting or finding ways to save our planet. A student newspaper has been started and publications occur periodically.

Most of what has been identified above are examples of student opportunities through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. However, each day our teachers strive to create a supportive classroom environment that encourages student participation.

Thank you middle school teachers for your dedication of time and energy for these students. We ask, demand, that you support the academic, social, and emotional growth for a very diverse group of students. You know that they need a sense of belonging and create opportunities for that. You understand that they have voices and need to express themselves. You also recognize that they need to learn that there are times to not express their voices, but to listen.

As parents and community members, we also need to provide these same opportunities for our middle school aged youth. They are part of our present and our future.

Super science night



Photo by Laura Ray

Science night was hit on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Shirley Rominger Intermediate School was packed. The exhibits were provided by Explorit, and the event was sponsored by the Winters PTA. From left are Tiffany Lichwa and Jill Oats.

Best of the best



Courtesy photo

Winters High School senior Janine Ramos, pictured with ceramics teacher Jill Bowlus, won the Ruth Jansen Award for the Best 12th Grade Entry in the California Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibit. An artist's reception and awards ceremony was held at the Crocker Art Museum on Sunday, March 5. The exhibit features the best student artwork submitted by schools throughout Northern California.

Art students win honors

Winters High School students who won awards in the Vacaville Art League and Gallery 2006 Student Art Show, held recently in Vacaville, included (painting division) Kim Rolls, first place, "True Serenity"; Tiffany Walker, second place, "Ashley"; Nicole Saenz, honorable mention, "Pride"; Lora Bassett, Gallery Award, "Rock"; Hope Wittman, Gallery Award, "Hibiscus"; (drawing division) Patrick Schwent, second place, "Maynard"; Lupita Lopez, second place, "Beauty"; Nathanael Lucero, honorable mention, "Self-Portrait."

Child development conference planned

Parents, teachers, and child care professionals are invited to attend the 2006 Child Development Conference on Saturday, April 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year's keynote presentation is international storyteller Diane Ferlatte. The conference offers many exciting and fun workshops as well as exhibitors, and will be held at the Veterans Memorial Center, 203 E. 14th Street, in Davis.

Registration is now being accepted, fees are \$25 before April 1, and increase to \$30 after April 1.

For more information or to register, contact Child Care Services Resource & Referral, 757-5695.

School restructuring topic of meeting

Waggoner Elementary School and the Winters Joint Unified School District invite the community to a parent/community meeting on Monday, March 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Waggoner multipurpose room. The purpose of this meeting is to share information and to receive input regarding the pending move of kindergarten to Waggoner and how the facilities can best be designed to support the educational program and safety of students.

Limited meeting time will be devoted to discussing program issues. It is the school's and district's intent to keep all current kindergarten and grades 1, 2, and 3 program elements in place. For kindergarten students this means teachers will continue to team together, students will continue to participate in music and gymnastic activities, and instructional aide support will continue.

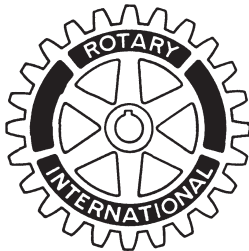
Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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ROTARY CLUB OF WINTERS STUDENT OF THE MONTH Tiffany Martin



Polita Gonzales presented the Rotary Student of the Month Tiffany Martin a plaque at a recent Rotary luncheon. Mrs. Gonzales teaches Spanish and student government and called Tiffany "one of my best students who does a great job in both subjects. She's upbeat, beautiful inside and out and is incredibly reliable," Mrs. Gonzales continued. Tiffany thanked the club for the honor. The honor was ours.



Rotary Club of Winters
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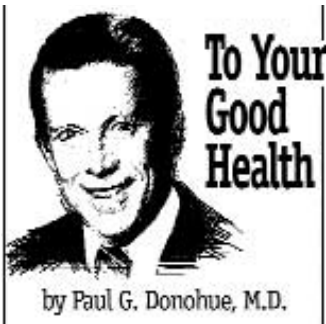
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My mother has become so forgetful, and she's not thinking as clearly as she used to. I wonder about Alzheimer's. What is the best way to detect it? —C.N.

ANSWER: At the moment, there is no single test that can prove Alzheimer's beyond the shadow of a doubt. After death, microscopic examination of the brain reveals changes consistent with the disease.

There are signs and symptoms that are highly suggestive of the illness. Alzheimer's patients can have trouble performing familiar household tasks, things they used to do without thinking. They often exhibit poor judgment. They might put on two pairs of pants or two dresses. They often put items in strange places, like putting keys in the refrigerator. Sometimes they can't carry out mental tasks, such as balancing a checkbook, something they once did with ease. Frequently they have rapid mood changes, or they might sit mutely in a chair and not participate in discussions going on around them.

Memory loss is prominent. Normal people frequently forget things. When they are reminded of forgotten details, they say, "Oh, yes, now I remember." Not so with Alzheimer's patients. When they're given the answer to a forgotten happening, they're still puzzled. A panel of tests confirms the suspicion of Alzheimer's to a great degree. One of those tests is simply naming three different items, waiting three minutes and then asking what those items were. If a person cannot recall any of the items, that is definitely abnormal. Along with the recall test, patients are asked to draw a clock and set the hands at a specified time, like 10:30. Any mistake in drawing the clock and the time is considered abnormal.

Doctors often have Alzheimer's patients get brain scans. The scans are done to exclude conditions that can mimic Alzheimer's disease. A brain tumor is an example. Researchers are perfecting special scans that should be most



useful for diagnosing this illness. Their day in medical practice is not far off.

The Alzheimer's booklet describes this illness and outlines its current treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 903W, 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: My adult son was given an injection to prevent pneumonia. That night he had a fever and chills. The injection site was swollen, hard and painful. He could not work the next day. In two days there was some relief. Is this a usual reaction to the shot? —L.D.

ANSWER: It's not the usual reaction to the pneumonia vaccine. About one-third of vaccines have slight soreness and redness at the injection site. About 3 percent develop a very red, hot arm and have a fever. Most all are fine in three days.

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

The high price of true security

Security, according to the American Heritage Dictionary, is defined as "freedom from doubt, anxiety or fear." There are lots of things to be worried about — what do you rank at the top of your list? We never normally think about these issues but last Sunday, Al was put on the line when he received a phone call from a pollster. Fifteen minutes of questions about city services and levels of taxation and public safety. How much would he be willing to pay in additional fees or taxes for police, fire staff, parks and recreation facilities?

The dollar figures are surprising. The Winters budget is \$2,893,964 for the 2005/06 fiscal year, of which 49.4 percent goes to the police department (\$1,430,153), and 8 percent goes to the fire department. The average cost of a police officer is \$125,000 per annum, and \$130,000 for a firefighter per year. Yet, on any given night, there is only one police officer on duty. How secure is that officer acting alone? If he is escorting a drunk to the Yolo County Jail in Woodland, how can he be on call for your 13 year old daughter in the house while you are off at movies? But this is all to do with local security.

A second definition from the same dictionary is "measures adopted to guarantee freedom or secrecy of action, communication, or the like, as in wartime." That's the sort of security that Dick Cheney talks about. What are



the costs of national security? To date, \$72.4 billion has been spent on the war in Iraq. And this is not even included in the defense budget, approaching \$419.3 billion. Scaling down, Californians have contributed \$40.6 billion, or \$219.9 million from Yolo County alone to the Iraq adventure. Citizens of Winters have paid \$8.5 million in war taxes.

We could run the city on this for two and a half years. But think of it another way. The government is suggesting that "the war on terror" in Iraq is four and three quarters times more important for your security than the police department in your community. The President is telling us, in a roundabout way, that you are almost five times more likely to suffer a terrorist attack in Winters than having your house burglarized. Is this true? Perhaps security is not driving the war. Could it be what Dwight D. Eisenhower called the military-industrial complex and that security is just a smoke screen?

But back to Winters. Let's look at what the people concerned with local security, the police department, want. They would like to increase their staff by one police officer next year at a cost of

\$125,000. This would be 4.4 percent of what Winters spends on the Iraq escapade annually. Sound like a great deal?

Winters is just one of thousands of small communities stepping up to the plate to divert funds to the war effort. It is done in the name of security but it is the military industrial complex and its voracious appetite to perpetuate itself and its production of weapons that benefits too. It's not a Right or Left issue. It's just an issue of any corporation wanting to grow to stop from going under. Any CEO worth his weight will lobby for a piece of the pie — steel mills, engine manufacturers, explosives factories, shoemakers, clothing manufacturers, MRE (Meal Ready to Eat) producers — they are all in the same boat. They benefit from war and killing.

Night stick or M16? Crown Victoria or Hummer? Coffee and donuts or MRE? Who gets the better deal? Every time, at every level is the dollar spent making the stock growth of a multinational more effective in making you safer than the dollar spent on that solitary officer's salary?



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel more encouraged about changes in your personal and/or professional life. However, it might be best not to rush things but rather work with them as they evolve.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's business sense is especially keen this week. But remember that it's always best to investigate before investing. Make sure there are no hidden factors that can rise up later on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Working on a family project could create tension between and among those concerned. Your good sense and your patience can help reduce bad attitudes and raise positive feelings.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You should be seeing more progress in the development of your plans and more supporters joining in. News from the past could help change someone's long-held position.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With personal aspects strong this week, Leos and Leonas might want to spend more time with family and others who are especially close to them. Also expect news of a possible career change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Taking a strong stand can be helpful this week. But be careful you don't cross the line into obstinacy. Best to take a position on facts as they are, not as you want them to be.

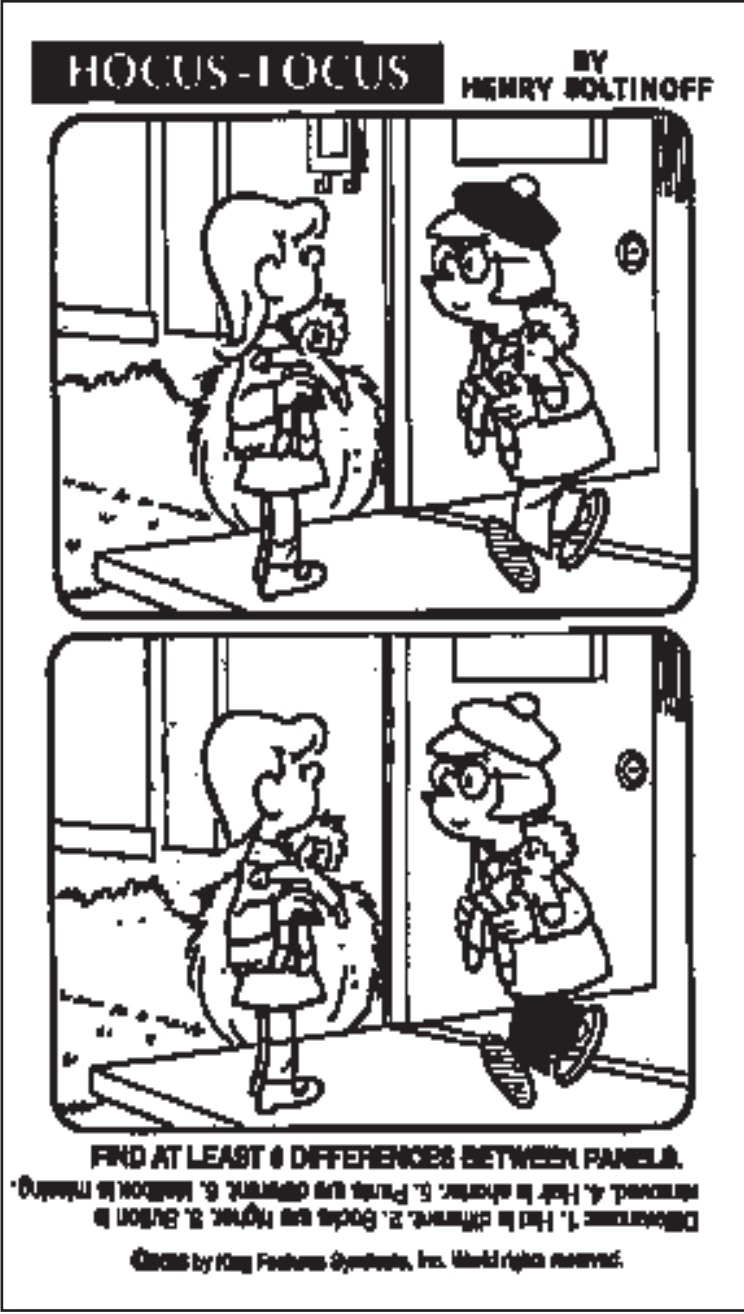
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have a strong sense of the needs of others. This week, turn some of that sensitivity into an honest self-appraisal, and let it find places where you can help yourself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating an emotional comfort zone to handle a personal problem helps at first. But by mid-week, you'll realize you need to deal with it directly or it could linger for too long. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Turning the page on a mistake to start fresh might not be the thing to do. Better to go over each step that led up to the decision you made and see which one misled you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Goats enjoy a varied diet, but eating crow isn't on the menu — at least not this week. An embarrassing situation might have gone wrong before you got into it. Check it out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your sense of honesty might impel you to speak up about a situation you disapprove of. That's fine. But do so without sounding accusatory. You might not know all the facts behind it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being asked to create a reassuring attitude in the middle of chaos isn't easy, but you can do it. Support for your efforts comes slowly, but it does come. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend. BORN THIS WEEK: Your honesty about people and issues is expressed in a positive, not painful, way. (c) 2006 King Features Synd., Inc.



"The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin."
~ Mark Twain

Pleased to meet you



Name: Linn Myer
Occupation: Redevelopment assistant for the City of Winters
Hobby: Fishing
What's best about living in Winters: "The variety of different and wonderful people."
Fun fact: Was in movies as a child and teenager.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Honest politician

4 Hairy

7 October birthstone

11 Interaffine note

13 Comprehend

14 Comic day

15 "You've Got -"

16 Listening device

17 Plumbing problem

18 Surprise

20 Pinball no-no

22 Way of "King Kong"

24 Whom Simple Simon met

26 Iguana and gecko

32 Grammarian's concern

33 Floor rocker

34 Sample the sherry

35 Authentic

37 High-ranking Turk

38 Ad nause

41 Lure

43 Shiver of terror's terms

44 He gave us a lit

46 Dugout seating

50 Analytic: target

53 Whitebeast

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1 Bullets

2 Boyfriend

3 Sand forth

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5 Membership

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7 Where to find

55 - contemere

56 Read instrument

57 Elk: either Dan.

58 Squad

59 Maestro's handful

60 Cube root of 42-Down

61 Genetic solution

57-Across

8 Aplace

9 Blackbird

10 Prune

12 Pease

19 Flowering tool

21 Address Lucy

23 Gridiron mass.

25 "Animal Crackers" mummies

26 Malaria symptom

27 Requirement

28 Easy stride

29 Pansie, now

30 Piquenoy

31 Knight's address

35 Energy

38 Performance

40 Science workshop

42 What "eco-" means

43 Winter forecast

47 Yule

48 Modeling material

49 Base runner's goal

50 "Wham?"

51 "The - Delta Honeymoon"

52 Charged bit

54 GI: entertainers

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King Crossword

Across

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Nuestras Noticias

El cansancio de la arrogancia



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Tiempos Interesantes

Las relaciones entre México y Estados Unidos se encaminan a “tiempos interesantes”. Con dos poderes Ejecutivos debilitados, uno porque va de salida y otro porque está sometido a una incesante dieta de escándalos, la relación bilateral queda en manos de los respectivos aparatos burocráticos pero también, y de manera importante, en manos de Congresos y políticos.

En el caso estadounidense, el Congreso está en un año de renovación electoral, lo que implica que sus integrantes van a hacer y decir todo lo que puedan, lo que quieran y lo que consideren necesario para reelegirse. Y si esto implica poner a su país en contra del resto del mundo, o crear deliberadamente conflictos o problemas con México para adelantar sus propias carreras o particulares fines tampoco es problema.

En México hay una campaña presidencial cuyos participantes no parecen tener intenciones de decir a los votantes qué es lo que ofrecen y mucho menos a explicarse. Para uno, porque tal vez informar a los votantes sería ayudar a “un complot” en su contra; para otro, porque tal vez no le interesa cuando tiene que enfrentar una imagen deteriorada y un partido en descomposición; y el tercero de los principales, tal vez porque no sabe o como reflejo de la falta de presión de los otros.

Cualquiera que sea la razón, ambas situaciones inciden en un ambiente en el que el gobierno del presidente estadounidense George W. Bush pareciera, a más de dos años y medio de su relevo, estar ya en un estado de desorganización tal que cada semana pasa algo que hace pensar y fortalece la idea de que no sabe exactamente lo que hace.

El gobierno del presidente Vicente Fox, por su parte, parece más interesado en terminar más o menos en buen estado pero también, como su contraparte nortea, cada vez más interesado en evadir el problema de hoy que prevenir el de mañana. Y en una relación que tradicionalmente ha descasado sobre buenos vínculos y la capacidad de gobierno de sus respectivos ejecutivos hay que pensar entonces en tiempos interesantes.

El vacío de poder se complica porque ciertamente, por definición, políticos y congresistas tienen más interés en la táctica que la estrategia, se fijan más en los medios que en los fines y, en ese marco, es más fácil recurrir a nacionalismos enfermizos y sentimientos primarios que a la razón o al diálogo.

Para congresistas estadounidenses es más importante acusar al gobierno mexicano de propiciar el caos y la delincuencia en la frontera que dialogar y buscar formas para resolver el problema de manera conjunta. De hecho, es bien fácil denunciar las incursiones de vehículos humvees con personas fuertemente armadas sin explicar que los vehículos, las armas y el dinero que los financian provienen de EU, donde probablemente se encuentran las familias de muchos de los involucrados.

Para sus contrapartes en México, es más fácil culpar a los “americanos” y denunciar faltas contra los derechos humanos que se cometen en Estados Unidos contra migrantes indocumentados, que buscar fórmulas para que esos emigrantes no se vean obligados a dejar el país o resolver las violaciones de derechos humanos que se cometen contra ellos en México.

Suggestions offered for reducing winter 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 (YS AQMD), a public health agency, is encouraging residents to help improve winter air quality by using the cleanest mode for heating their homes.

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. 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, woodsmoke and other air pollutants can be trapped close to the ground—under a ceiling sometimes as low as 50 feet.

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.

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is dedicated to protecting human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. 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 for additional information go to: www.ysaqmd.org

El video filtrado en el cual se veía como informaban al Presidente sobre los peligros del huracán Katrina es la pieza de un rompecabezas que lamentablemente es demasiado familiar para la Casa Blanca. Sus subordinados informan a George W. Bush de las amenazas potenciales, él realiza una declaración definitiva, luego todo sale mal y el mandatario inmediatamente muestra sorpresa deslindando responsabilidad. En esa reunión se advirtió de la debilidad de los diques en New Orleans y de la inusual magnitud del huracán. Sin embargo, cuando el desastre ocurrió Bush dijo que “nadie habría anticipado” la ruptura de los diques.

¿Qué es más indignante: la nueva contradicción presidencial descubierta o la afirmación pomposa de “estamos totalmente preparados” y luego miles de personas pierden la vida innecesariamente? La respuesta es difícil, aunque no cabe duda que la frase de Bush sobre Katrina pasará a integrar las expresiones más recordadas de la Administración.

“Misión Cumplida”, por ejemplo, anunciaba un gran cartel en el portaaviones donde prematuramente Bush dio oficialmente fin a las operaciones militares en Irak. El mandatario en su momento hasta negó que la idea haya sido de su gente y responsabilizó al entusiasmo de los marineros. “¡Que vengan!” o “¡Qué los traigan!”, por otro lado, fue un bravado presidencial irresponsable e insensible.

El vicepresidente Dick Cheney tiene sus perlas desconcertando que la invasión a Irak “es

Escándalo

El enorme escándalo alrededor de la venta de una empresa de servicios portuarios a una compañía árabe puso de relieve dos cosas: la presente pero también creciente preocupación de los estadounidenses por su seguridad y lo que ahora parece como una tendencia nacionalista que raya en la xenofobia.

Ambos factores se combinan con la cada vez mayor debilidad del presidente George W. Bush y crean una situación políticamente complicada y posiblemente negativa, mucho más negativa de lo que se pudiera esperar, para las posibilidades y las características de una reforma migratoria.

Bush es señalado hoy como fuera de contacto con la realidad, por lo menos, como alejado de lo que piensan los republicanos y de hecho al menos una parte de los intelectuales republicanos consideran que su gobierno es un desastre político en vías de suceder. Las

acusaciones provienen de muchos de sus correligionarios y gran parte de los programas de radio y televisión que hasta ahora lo trataban como héroe y apoyaron ciegamente la guerra contra el terror.

Y en ese marco, no son pocos los que denuncian que las propuestas migratorias que incluyen un programa de trabajadores invitados como el que promueve el mandatario estadounidense son no sólo un problema de seguridad sino también una amnistía a violadores de la ley. Para muchos conservadores republicanos, las propuestas de regularización de indocumentados son parte de un programa liberal bajo disfraz.

Algunos afirman por ejemplo que el interés en dar una salida legal a los indocumentados es una nueva demostración de la influencia de las grandes empresas agroindustriales y de servicios en el gobierno estadounidense, a costa de los intereses del estadounidense promedio. Pero más allá de las consecuencias inmediatas, el

un paseo”. Por último, aunque la lista es más larga, la entonces asesora de Seguridad Nacional, Condoleezza Rice, sorprendiéndose que los terroristas hayan usado aviones comerciales el 11 de septiembre de 2001, cuando había amplios antecedentes y avisos de la intención de usar esta estrategia.

No hay gobiernos perfectos, pero los grandes errores de cálculo, y sus encubrimientos, deberían haber disminuido la arrogancia de la Administración. Quizá las bajas encuestas de opinión de Bush logren lo que la consecuencia de sus decisiones no puede hacer.

La discrepancia entre las palabras y los hechos hoy parecen haber frustrado y agotado a una mayoría de los estadounidenses. El optimismo, los discursos sobre democracia y

hecho de que la opinión pública estadounidense parezca tan lejos a la derecha levanta otro tipo de preocupaciones.

Hay que subrayar, por ejemplo, que la inmensa mayoría de los renglones del presupuesto federal estadounidense sufrieron reducciones en mayor o menor medida con excepción de los dineros dedicados a la seguridad y a los servicios militares. Al mismo tiempo, hay que recordar que pocas circunstancias son más propicias para el extremismo que aquellas donde los temores económicos, la preocupación por la seguridad, el nacionalismo desbocado y en alguna medida desconfianzas raciales, religiosas y aun culturales confluyen en un solo lugar.

Lo bueno y lo malo de esto es que la situación se da en Estados Unidos. Malo porque es la mayor potencia del mundo, con un poderío militar sin comparación y sin balances económicos en el resto del planeta. Un poderío sin más freno que las limitaciones que los mismos estadounidenses se

las acusaciones a los críticos de cobijar al enemigo ya no producen el efecto deseado.

Hasta la semilla sembrada y cultivada de histeria sobre el terrorismo se le ha dado vuelta a la Administración en el tema del manejo de los puertos por una empresa árabe.

Una vez se habló del Clinton fatigado o el cansancio del electorado con el ex presidente demócrata. Hoy la fatiga es con Bush, aunque todavía le quedan casi tres años más de presidencia.

La Casa Blanca no puede continuar inalterable a la deriva de sus errores y consus arrogancia innecesaria. “Seguir el rumbo”, otra frase del Presidente que, en este caso, no llevará a ningún lugar.

han puesto y que les puede llevar a creer que sus acciones no son imperialistas sino propias de un necesario gobierno mundial.

Pero para ser un gobierno mundial, el aparato político estadounidense se preocupa demasiado poco de las consecuencias que sus acciones tienen fuera de su país.

En todo caso, lo bueno del sistema político estadounidense es que con todos sus problemas es una democracia vieja y tiene un sistema de balances interconstruido que comienza a funcionar cuando el péndulo oscila demasiado hacia alguno de los extremos y los periodos de explotación nacionalista, de xenofobia son seguidos históricamente por periodos de apertura.

Pero nunca había ocurrido que un periodo de xenofobia y de ultranacionalismo y miedo coincidiera con la secuela de ataques terroristas que hicieron a los estadounidenses conscientes de la vulnerabilidad de su país.

Iglesias anuncian desobediencia si aprueban proyecto migratorio

Líderes de diferentes organizaciones religiosas de EEUU se manifestaron resueltos a desobedecer un proyecto de ley que les exigiría pedir documentación legal a los inmigrantes antes de proveerles ayuda, si el Congreso lo aprueba. “Estamos dando instrucciones a los párrocos para que sigan ayudando a la gente que no tiene legalización”, dijo el arzobispo de Washington, el cardenal Theodore McCarrick, durante una conferencia de prensa de líderes de las Iglesias católica, evangélica cristiana, protestante y judía.

“Las leyes no pueden prohibir que (se le preste ayuda a) la gente buena”, agregó McCarrick y llamó a “derrotar” el proyecto de ley HR 4437 que promueve el legislador republicano James Sensenbrenner, porque a su juicio “cambiaría fundamentalmente la herencia de nuestra nación como una sociedad abierta, compasiva y que da la bienvenida”. La iniciativa de ley aprobada en diciembre por la Cámara de Representantes demanda que organizaciones sociales como las Iglesias pidan a los inmigrantes documentación legal antes de proveerles algún tipo de ayuda, y prevé penas para quienes eviten hacerlo.

El proyecto Sensenbrenner es uno de los más punitivos en los últimos años en EEUU, que esta semana comenzará a ser estudiado por la Comisión Judicial del Senado. “No tengo miedo a la desobediencia civil”, dijo el secretario general del Consejo Nacional de Iglesias de Cristo, reverendo Robert Edgar. “Martin Luther King cambió la forma en que pensamos sobre los derechos civiles con el uso de la desobediencia civil”. “Cuando las leyes son injustas o inhumanas deben ser encaradas debidamente”, dijo Edgar. “Los pastores tienen una responsabilidad especial asignada por Dios, que creemos que es una autoridad superior; a ser compasivos con los extraños”, agregó.

Los religiosos reclamaron al Congreso una reforma migratoria que regularice la situación de los trabajadores extranjeros indocumentados que viven en EEUU, permita el recuento de familias que hoy están separadas por problemas de migración, y abra vías legales para los foráneos que deseen trabajar en el país. La declaración de los líderes religiosos, realizada en un edificio metodista en la zona del Capitolio, pidió además “políticas de protección fronteriza que sean consistentes con valores humanitarios”.

“Pedimos una reforma migratoria porque cada día en nuestras congregaciones, servicios, centros de salud y escuelas somos testigos de las consecuencias humanas de un sistema pasado de moda”, indicó la declaración. El documento destacó que “las diversas tradiciones creyentes nos enseñan a dar la bienvenida a nuestros hermanos y hermanas con amor y compasión”.

Sperling aseguró que “si las leyes nos van a forzar a estar en esa posición, en que una respuesta humana a la gente necesita desobediencia civil, así será”. “¿Abandonamos nuestros principios bíblicos o nos sometemos a leyes que dicen que no podemos ayudar a una persona que está desamparada?”, preguntó el presidente de la Conferencia Nacional de Líderes Hispanos Cristianos, reverendo Samuel Rodríguez.

El líder evangélico contestó

que “como humano y como creyente” tiene “la obligación moral” de ayudar a esa gente y denunció que “un espíritu anti-hispano que estuvo escondido por tantos años se ha manifestado con esta legislación”. Pero a su juicio la campaña contra un proyecto de ley migratoria que penalice a los inmigrantes indocumentados “traspasó las ideas y las ideologías políticas” y logró unir a “conservadores, liberales, republicanos, demócratas, protestantes, evangélicos y católicos”.

La declaración de los grupos religiosos quiere que se evite “culpar a los inmigrantes por nuestros problemas sociales y económicos o por las atrocidades cometidas por los pocos que han llevado a cabo actos de terrorismo”.

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Notice of Application to sell Alcoholic Beverages

Notice of Application To Sell Alcoholic Beverages
Date of Filing Application: March 2, 2006
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Type of license(s) applied for:
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March 9, 16, 23, 2006

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Jan. 3, 2006
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Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-143
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s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk
Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9

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Feb. 10, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Elleigh Fagel, Deputy
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Renato A. Massei, 410 Dry Creek Lane, Winters, CA 95694.
This business classification is: Husband & wife.
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s/Gloria D. Massei
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Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9

Order to show cause for name change

Superior Court of California, County of YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case# PT06-227
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Thursday, April 6, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Dept. 11
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. WINTERS EXPRESS.
Signed THOMAS E. WARRINER
Judge of the Superior Court
Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16

Fictitious Business Name

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March 2, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Valerie Clinton, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2006-236
The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AC's SCHOOL OF ROCK, 315 Edwards Street, Winters, CA 95694
Full name of registrant(s), residence address, Allen Calderone, 468 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694.
This business classification is: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name or names listed above on 3/1/06.

s/Allen Calderone
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March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2006

Abandoned Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Feb. 23, 2006
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2004-065
The following Fictitious Business Name: N & W Development, 501 E. Main St., Winters, 95694, Yolo County, which was originally filed in Yolo County on 1-16-04 is being ABANDONED by the registrants listed below:
Nick Wittman, 901 Suffolk Pl., Winters, 95694, Yolo County, Mohamed Nasser Abouy, 114 Carmody Circle, Folsom, 95630, Sac. County.
"I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct."
s/Nick Wittman

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