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Judging team claims second national title

By KENT BENSON
Special to the Express

What does a National Champion Livestock Evaluation Team do once they have won all there is to be won in the FFA organization? Simple — they complete their years of 4-H in the same way they finished the FFA, with another national title.

Once a team in the FFA organization has become state champions, they are no longer eligible to compete in that FFA contest area again. John Avellar, Jesse Beckett, Brenden Benson and Jacob Thorne, who all have competed in the FFA livestock judging contest, decided to further their judging skills and joined forces to compete in the 4-H division.

In April 2006, the newly-formed 4-H team competed in the state championships for 4-H, held at Fresno State University.

There, the team dominated the 4-H competition, winning the contest by 250 points. Benson placed first, Avellar was second, Thorne placed third and Beckett was fourth in the overall high individual award area. Though the team was very successful in the California contest they knew that at the National 4-H contest it would not be so easy.

Teams that would compete from the Midwest states choose their team members from a state qualifying contest where the team members would be selected from the states overall scores. The team from Winters would compete against a state's "All Star" team, where members could be from different towns or counties. Unlike the majority of younger members in 4-H groups in California, their competitors would be 16-19 years old. Another



Celebrating their most recent national judging team honors are, from left, FFA advisor Kent Benson, John Avellar, Jesse Beckett, Brenden Benson and Jacob Thorne.

drawback for the Winters 4-H team is that they recently returned from Indianapolis, Indiana, where they competed in the National FFA contests.

The team left California on Nov. 10 for Louisville, Kentucky. Members of the

team were excited to attend the contest because it was held at the North America Livestock Exhibition which is a premiere livestock show in the United States. Thirty-one state champion teams competed in the national 4-H con-

test. The contest was held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, and the awards banquet was the following morning. After the competition, the team members felt they had a good day, but they

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Variance appeal denied

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

At the Nov. 21 meeting, city council took up discussion continued from the previous meeting of Eva Boyko's variance application to allow her to keep a patio structure that she partially enclosed without a permit at 308 Peach Place. Enclosing the structure made it an addition that is within a setback zone on the back of her home. The planning commission denied her application and she appealed the decision to the council.

Community Development Director Dan Sokolow had investigated neighbors' structures to see if an exception for Boyko's would be considered "special privileges", which is considered when allowing variances. He noted a structure at 304 Peach Place that was permitted, but used an "average setback" calculation that would not be permitted now, according to Sokolow. A similar situation existed at 310 Peach with a permitted structure 16 feet from the property line that would not be allowed under current rules that require a 20 foot setback. A third structure had no permit on file and the neighbor would not allow the city access to view the structure.

Boyko pointed out she is "trying to make it legal by getting a variance and paying for the permit."

Council member Mike Martin asked when the setback rules changed to 20 feet. Sokolow replied in 1996 or 1997.

Building Inspector Gene Ashdown was at the meeting and May-

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Santa Claus is coming to town



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Some kids just couldn't wait until Saturday to see Santa Claus. From left are (front) Evan Davis and Grayson Roberts and (back) Jolly Old St. Nick, Ashlyn Watson, Robyn Benson and Conner Ruesch.

The "Jingle Bells in Winters" festivities begin with the Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival at the Community Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of activities, crafts, food and entertainment are planned.

The West Valley Chorale will sing Christmas carols downtown from 2-4 p.m. and there will be free horse-drawn carriage rides.

The annual community Christmas tree lighting takes place at 6 p.m. at Rotary Park, with a community sing-along and visits with Santa.

Also this weekend, the FFA will hold its annual Christmas tree sale at the high school ag site, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

City juggling multiple community projects

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

City manager John Donlevy presented to the city council what he describes as the "the most comprehensive update of the activities of the city produced over the past five years." The extensive 32 page report covers a broad range of projects being developed in Winters and describes a heavy load of work undertaken by a small staff.

Hot topics

~ The city will start up-

dating the General Plan later in 2007.

~ There will probably be little new construction in 2007. The only current permit is for the 34 unit Winters Apartments II.

~ The swimming pool demolition begins in the next month, with completion scheduled for June, 2007.

~ Waste Management will be implementing big changes in refuse pickup, starting under its new contract with the city in January. Look for single stream recycling — a smaller bucket for your trash and a big-

ger one for all your recyclables, along with higher fees and other changes.

~ The city continues to struggle to get small businesses licensed, particularly in the "emerging 'artist' sector."

~ The city will consider a revised parking ordinance starting in January in response to complaints about extended parking of RV's, motor homes and boats. Look for the police department issuing warnings and then citations.

~ The city is monitoring

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Lucero named Youth of Year

Winters High School senior Nathanael Lucero has been chosen as this year's Youth of the Year. He will be formally honored at the annual holiday concert on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The evenings festivities will include performances by the Winters High School band and chorus, as well as the Circle of Singers. Admission is free.

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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
Nov. 22		69	45
Nov. 23	T	65	38
Nov. 24		63	33
Nov. 25		64	35
Nov. 26		64	40
Nov. 27	.23	50	44
Nov. 28	.02	59	35

Rain for week: .25

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Last year to date: 1.32

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OBITUARIES

Robert “Red” MacCloskey

Robert “Red” MacCloskey, age 98, passed away peacefully at his home, “MacCloskey Acres,” outside of Winters on Nov. 1, 2006.

A graduate of Oregon State University, he served in the military with an honorable discharge of Lt. Col. He was a restaurateur in Davis (The Campus Inn) and Woodland (The Burgermaster), and dealt in real estate in the local area. His talents were many: athletic grace, yell-leading at Hollywood High and college; the theatre arts, piano playing. He played the trombone at the Hollywood Bowl and with the Oakland Symphony. His greatest pride, however, was being a redhead.

He is survived by three children: Craig of Bend, Oregon & Borrego Springs, California; Kathryn of New York City, Eve of Los Angeles; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Ann and Nan Mason of Davis; and his longtime companion, Marilyn Johnson. His first and second wives, Ruth and Ysabel, predeceased him.

In lieu of flowers, please plant a tree in his memory.

Natividad Montaña Acosta

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 2006, Natividad (Nati) Acosta succumbed to her long bout with cancer. A beloved wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, those close to her say that she was well-known and admired in the community for her ready smile, open arms and willing ear. Although small in stature, she was spunky and brave. Born on Dec. 28, 1929, she came up to Northern California in 1952 from San Martin Hidalgo, Jalisco, Mexico by herself on a bus to be with her husband, José Concepcion. She lived in Winters continuously since arriving in California. She worked in the fields, the canneries and packing sheds, but still found the time to care and nurture her family. Although she herself had only a first grade formal education, she pushed and encouraged her children. all of whom completed college as well as graduate studies. She herself studied and obtained her United States Citizenship, a certificate she proudly displayed. She also would comment to any who noticed the certificate that she now “had her blue eyes.”

An open listener, her home was frequently visited by young and old alike for advice as well as acceptance; not to mention one of her delicious, wafer thin homemade tortillas. She was extremely active at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church and was proud of her membership in the Guadalupanas, a church sponsored community service organization.

She is survived by her husband, José Concepcion Acosta; Eva Acosta and Sesarío Escoto, daughter and son-in-law; Raquel and Richard Hays, daughter and son-in-law; Abel Acosta and Martha Quiñónez, son and daughter-in-law; and seven grandchildren: Isaac and Kristina Escoto, triplets Rubén, Ruth, and Rebeca Hays, and Ileana and Victoria Acosta.

Her rosary was recited on Tuesday evening, at 7 p.m., Nov. 28, 2006 at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Winters. Her memorial mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m. with internment following at the Winters Cemetery.

Donations may be sent in her name to either the Guadalupanas of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church or to the American Cancer Society.



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YESTERYEAR



File photo by James Sullivan
Sharon and Karen Trujillo, 3-years-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trujillo, are shown above of Santa's lap at Greenwood's Department Store in December, 1971, telling Santa what they expect from him on Christmas Day.

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YEARS AGO

December 2, 1971

Because of a technicality, at the request of City Attorney Franklin Gardner, the rezoning of the P.G. & E. property on Dutton Street from residential to industrial, was referred back to the Planning Commission

David C. Harvey, Sr., retired yesterday from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service. Returning recently from a tour of duty in Vietnam, he received two promotions in one week, one in his active duty status as Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant and the other in the Reserves from captain to major.

In a property transaction recorded in Woodland recently, William G. and Lois Brinck sold lots 8, 15, 16 and 18, Devilbiss Subdivision, to Wayne and Zella N. Sawyer. Transfer taxes indicated the sale at about \$60,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Warren of Winters are the parents of a son, born in Woodland Memorial Hospital on November 23, 1971.

Santa Claus will be at Greenwood's Department Store on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Graveside services were held in the Winters Cemetery Monday morning for Mrs. Eva Hemenway, 92, who died last Thursday morning in a Vacaville convalescent hospital after a long illness. Her husband, the late Fred C. Hemenway, who passed away in 1964, was a longtime publisher of the Winters Express.

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YEARS AGO

December 13, 1956

The trustees of the Winters Elementary School District, at the regular meeting Tuesday night, accepted the new Waggoner School from the contractors, Bob Griffin and Fulton Stephens.

The 16th annual Christmas decorations contest will be held here, sponsored jointly by the Garden Section of the Winters Fortnightly Club and the Winters Post 242, American Legion.

The C.S. Philips Construction Company, of Petaluma, the successful bidder on the new bridge at the site of the old Low Water Bridge, was notified on Monday to proceed with the construction of the new bridge.

Freezing temperatures really hit here with a vengeance early Sunday morning when the thermometer dipped to a low 24 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude M. Coulter have moved from Winters and established their new home in Woodland, where he is working for the Woodland Furniture Company.

The Winters Warriors took two cage games from Vacaville in the local gymnasium Tuesday night. The A team won 68 to 48, with Bob Little scoring 24 points, Jim Hyer 20, and Art Hobbs 14.

Miss Helen Salverria, of Walnut Grove, visited over the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blas Salaverria.

Weekly police report

- Nov. 17**

~ On the 100 block of Quail Court, a suspect entered a residence and attempted to take money from the victim's safe. Loss amount is unknown.
- Nov. 20**

~ On the 100 block of Grant Ave, unknown suspects broke a hallway window, reached in and opened a door. Once inside, the suspects cut a lock off a vending machine, taking cash and food. Loss amount is unknown.

~ On the 300 block of East Main Street, an unknown suspect stole a bicycle from an open garage, the bicycle was later found abandoned in an alley.

~ On the 800 block of East Grant Avenue, an unknown suspect broke a gas handle and stole fuel.
- Nov. 21**

~ On the 100 block of Wolfskill Street, an Officer located a vehicle reported stolen out of Vacaville.
- Nov. 22**

~ On the 20 block of East Edwards Street, a bicycle was reported stolen from the front of the property. Loss: \$300.

~ On the 30 block of East Main Street, a bicycle was reported stolen from the front of the residence. Loss: \$90.

~ Three bicycles were found in a field approximately 1/8th of a mile north of Roosevelt Avenue. They were turned over to the police department.

~ A bicycle, found on the 10 block of Anderson Avenue.
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Berryessa drops .04 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .04 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in temporary storage of 735 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

Emigh reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 430.69 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,426,846 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 30 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 27 acre feet of water per day during the week.

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YEARS AGO

December 12, 1941

Outbreak of the Japanese War on America has closed in on the local Japanese, along with the rest of them in America. The Horai Co. store was closed Monday morning to keep valuables from being removed.

C.A. Graf, with Ernest Rice as secretary, conducted the Legion meeting Tuesday night to consider war time emergencies.

Ed Lopez came up from San Luis Obispo for the weekend but answered the call Sunday to report to his company.

Patriotic decoration and appointment in color, flag and flower formed the keynote for the background of the annual “Ladies’ Nite,” featured by the Monday Service Club Dec. 9. George Caldwell, president, presided, and Carl Holmes was toast master.

A wedding will be solemnized Sunday, Dec. 14, in Reno, when Eugene Ireland and Rene Rossi plan to exchange mutual pledges.

At a special session of the town council held Tuesday night, an ordinance covering blackout regulations was passed.

To hear President Roosevelt’s address to Congress on Monday, Dr. Heron called a special assembly at the high school.

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YEARS AGO

December 14, 1906

At a meeting of the regents of the state university, held at San Francisco yesterday, a contract was let for the erection of a creamery and stock pavilion on the new state farm at Davisville. The action of the regents means the arrangements have been completed for the beginning instruction in agricultural branches at the farm next fall.

Ching Foo Lee, the Chinese magician who will appear at the Winters Opera House Friday and Saturday evening, has the reputation of doing many wonderful feats of legerdemain,

A very pretty wedding was preformed by Rev. G.T. Meeker Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the home of T.W. Guthrie north of Winters, when his daughter Ivy, became the bride of Emer Dexter.

Miss Nellie Shelford of Cloverdale is visiting relatives here. Miss Shelford is a niece of Mrs. M.O. and Mrs. F.M. Wyatt.

F.W. Herold is preparing to build a blacksmith shop on the corner of Edwards Street and Railroad Avenue, north of the creamery.

Yosolano Chapter O.E.S. held a reception at the Opera House Wednesday night and installed officers for the ensuing term. Worthy Matron is Mrs. Mary Brinck, and Worthy Patron is J.B. Griffin.

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would have to wait to find out the results.

Specie awards were announced first. Winters placed ninth in sheep, first in swine, first in cattle and first in oral reason presentations. Individual specie results included swine results, fifth to Beckett, eighth Benson, ninth Thorne. Beef awards, Benson was first, Avellar placed fourth and Beckett received seventh. Reasons awards, first to Benson, second to Avellar, Thorne and Beckett placed seventh and eighth respectfully. Thorne won the performance beef category.

But it was the announcement of the overall indi-

viduals that would go down in history of the 33rd annual national 4-H competition. Winters walked away with the top three high individuals in the overall contest. Benson placed third, Beckett received second and Avellar was crowned the National Champion Individual. Only two points separated the Winters team members out of a possible 650. Thorne placed thirteenth. The morning's award breakfast banquet included handing out \$20,000 of prizes and scholarships.

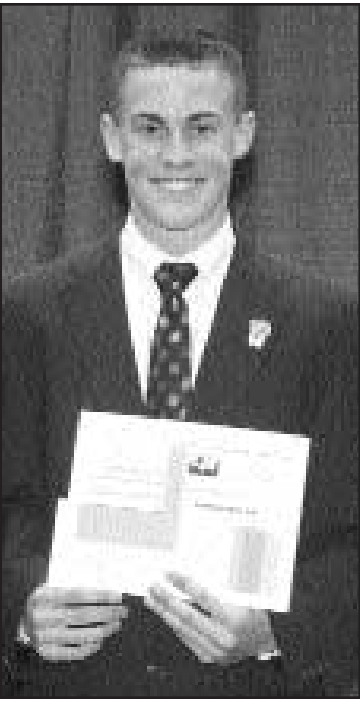
"I was really excited to win the national title," said Avellar. "I didn't have my best contest in Indy at the FFA national contest. This makes things feel a lot better."

"I was really glad to see John win this one," said

Benson. "He's worked really hard and over the years he had a few disappointments, but it never stopped him from becoming a great judge."

After coaching this group of such talented, successful young men over the last five years it is a wonderful way to end their FFA and 4-H careers. All four individuals are attending Delta Junior College on judging scholarships, which include room and board, and will begin their college judging experience in spring 2007.

As the National 4-H Champions, the team has been asked to represent the United States at the World livestock judging contest in Scotland in June 2007.



Courtesy photo

John Avellar placed first in the individual competition at the national 4-H competition.

COUNCIL

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or Fridae asked how he would inspect the structure. Ashdown said he would have a structural engineer inspect the footings, at the owner's expense, to determine the presence of rebar. Some sheetrock might need to be removed.

Council member Harold Anderson said the fact she had not applied for a permit made the problems a "self-created hardship."

Anderson made a motion to deny the appeal. Fridae asked if she could be excused the fees she incurred in the application for a variance and the appeal, in consideration of her hardship. Anderson refused, suggesting that be a separate motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fridae suggested exempting the \$1500 in fees. City Manager John Donlevy suggested the refund would come out of the council's discretionary fund. Fridae wanted the charges to be cancelled, not drawn from a fund.

I don't want to set a precedent for giving fees back," said Martin.

Sokolow said that getting a variance is hard work. "We did tell Ms. Boyko the chances of getting the variance were not very good."

Donlevy said the fees reflect a lot of hard work done by Sokolow, Ashdown, himself and other city staff.

Fridae made a motion to exempt Boyko's fees and the motion carried.

"I want to thank you, you really agonized over this," said Boyko. It's ok, even though I am bitterly disappointed. I honestly thank you. Sorry for dragging this out."

Zoning change

Council held a public

hearing on a proposed change to the zoning ordinance that would allow a commercial structure to be converted to residential, as long as it had once been a residential structure. Anderson, Fridae and Wallace recused themselves because of conflicts of interest with a property affected by the ordinance.

Sokolow said staff has identified three structures in town that could be reconverted under this amendment to the zoning ordinance. The ordinance was requested by Glen DeVries, who owns one of these properties at 112 Main street.

Council member Tom Stone said there should be "no waivers of existing code in this, no granting of special privileges."

"I see this being used only minimally," said Sokolow.

Council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry asked if it would impede efforts to develop the downtown master plan.

Sokolow said it is hard to convert residential to commercial because of the expense of accessibility issues.

A motion was made and carried, with Stone and Martin voting for and Aguiar-Curry, who seconded the motion, voting against.

Swimming pool funding

Donlevy said construction of the joint use swimming pool will require three actions, an agreement with the school district, approval of funding and authorizing the Mayor to execute agreements. The project will cost close to \$1 3/4 million.

He said the agreement was not fully worked out. City staff, the school district and Triton (the contractor with the lowest bid of \$1,795,000) have been working to reduce the

costs of the project. Reducing the scope of the project has reduced the amount by about \$200,000, according to Donlevy.

"Will there be cost overruns?" asked Martin.

"There are contingency funds to cover that," said Donlevy.

Donlevy said \$500,000 additional will be needed, and the school district has agreed to contribute up to \$250,000.

"The 'up to' phrase for the school district's \$250,000 is one of the items under discussion," according to Donlevy. "The nuances will need to be massaged. The bottom line is we are going to get this thing going."

Donlevy pointed out putting off the project to re-bid next year could produce even higher bids, based on the city's experience with the proposed library.

"I'm not worried about who gets residual funds that are refunded, because there won't be any," said Martin. A motion to approve carried unanimously.

Other items

During the public access portion of the meeting,

WfoL starts novel online fund-raiser at Amazon.com

The Winters Friends of the Library (WfoL), known for innovative fund-raising, has started a new program to sell books on line. WfoL, which provides financial and volunteer aid for the Winters Library, is selling books from their extensive collection of donated books through Amazon.com's online used book system.

The idea was hatched by Joe McCabe and Cindy Erickson and Erickson has volunteered to do the selecting and listing on line and has enlisted Elliot Landes to do mailing. The group is seeking donations of books of interest, and is listing books with a market value greater than \$5.

In one week of selling under the Amazon name "Winters Friends", the group has sold five books for a return of over \$70. Most of that was from one reference book, "The Art

of Electronics", which sold for \$56.

"We are just beginning to learn what kind of books are of value," says Erickson. "People wishing to donate books can look up equivalent titles on Amazon to see what they are worth. They can still drop off books of less value and we can sell them at the library."

Books can be donated anytime at the book donation box at the library entrance at 201 First Street .

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Opinion



DEBRA LO QUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

LIFE, AS MY SON KNEW IT, was over. Finished. Done. He no longer had a reason to get out of bed in the morning. It's rough, being washed up at 23. The cause of all this gloom and doom? He wouldn't be among the melonheads camping on the sidewalk in front of Best Buy to get their hands on a brand spankin' new state of the art Sony PlayStation III. Why? Because life happened while he was busy making other plans and life, that saucy brat, decided it was going to be costlier than he'd anticipated. The money he'd been saving for the much-anticipated Gizmo du Jour was needed for such inconvenient annoyances as food and rent.

What with Christmas approaching, I thought maybe I could get a PlayStation for him. How much did it cost? \$600, he replied. That's almost what I paid for my freakin' computer!

I let him down easy: "Fat chance on getting a PlayStation for Christmas, son!"

He told me it didn't really matter if I wouldn't spring for one, because there were only a limited number available, and if you didn't get one the day they were released, you were out of luck. PlayStations were only manufactured in Japan, and they could only make so many. It'd take months before more became available.

"Oh come on," I retorted, "You mean to tell me that Japan can pump out a Toyota Corolla every three seconds, but a stupid video game takes months? Give me a break!"

"You don't understand, Mom, this isn't just any video game! It comes with higgledy piggledy razzeldy frazzeldy oxmix stix!" (I paraphrase here, because I have no idea what he said. But whatever bells and whistles PlayStation III has, apparently it makes hardcore video game freaks salivate.)

I told him he was falling victim to mass marketing manipulation. There's no PlayStation shortage, it's all a ploy. PlayStations are stacked to the rafters in some warehouse at the Oakland loading docks as we speak, and the day after Christmas, stores will be bursting with them at half the price they are now.

Remember all the fuss and furor over Cabbage Patch Dolls? Teddy Ruxpin? iPods? Every Christmas, it's some gimmick, some item that every American must have or they'll just simply die and Christmas will be ruined. And every year, shoppers fall for it again.

The merchandisers lure you into the store for an item they don't even have in stock, nor ever intended to have in stock, because they know you have to buy something for Christmas and will be forced to spend your money on something else. Which means you'll return in January and buy the original must-have item anyway, thereby doubling their profit. Ka-ching.

"It's all a scam, son. Don't be suckered into it. So you can't have a PlayStation today. You'll have it in January. Big deal.

"It's not the same as having one on the first day, Mom," he sighed. "You just don't get it."

No, I don't, and thank God for that! I must still be among the sane! I can think of a thousand ways I'd rather spend \$600, and not one of them involves video games!

I pointed out that as soon as you get the latest PlayStation, and have purchased every video game and accessory for it, they'll come out with PlayStation IV and you'll have a \$600 piece of outdated junk. Which should take, what, six or seven months, tops? I just bought a Dell computer that was already obsolete by the time I opened the box. That's today's technology: DOA.

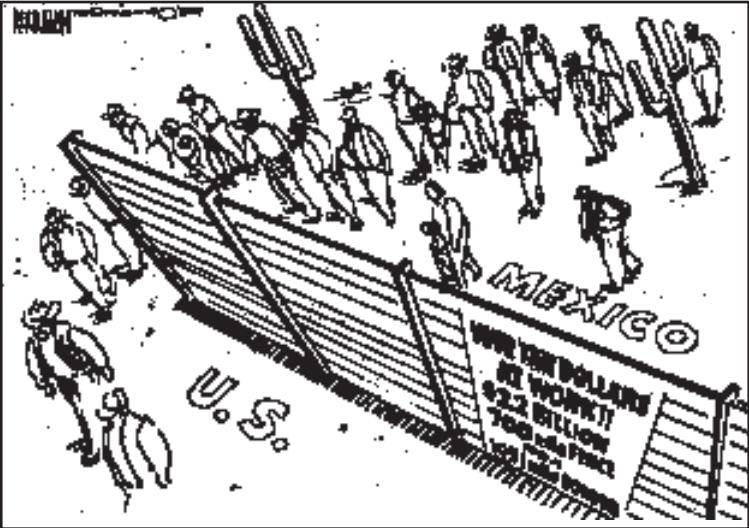
He just sighed heavily over my lack of appreciation for his angst, much as I sighed when he whined about watching a foreign film with subtitles. If he wanted to read, he'd buy a book, he'd grumbled. We're not quite on the same page, he and I.

A little reality check was in order.

"Jimmy. Keep this in perspective. You didn't lose a limb. Nobody you love died. You didn't go blind or crash your car or lose everything in a house fire. California didn't fall into the ocean or get nuked by North Korea. If the worst thing that ever happens in your life is that you had to wait a few weeks to get a PlayStation III, you're going to have one heck of a fabulous life."

"Yeah, but will it really be worth living?"

I'm not Jewish, but I have to say it. Oy. Just... Oy.



LETTERS

Those walls represent evil

Dear Editor,

If you are old enough, you can remember the Cold War and the Berlin Wall. Think back for a moment and you will recall how different one side of the wall was from the other. The western side looked similar to a street in Manhattan or Wall Street while the other side was a ruin. Dilapidated buildings, abandoned streets, and boarded-over windows were guarded by men with guns.

"The Wall," as it was called, was a controlling agent designed to keep the population in line with what their government wanted them to do. The wall was a visible line between prosperity and poverty. It was an ugly wall and to put it bluntly, it was evil. People would run toward death rather than stay behind the wall. We have all seen it many times through the years. I can remember a photograph of a woman and her daughter hanging in the barb wire, hours after they had been killed in their failed attempt to cross the wall. It was "stay under government control or die." It was all very simple and obvious to me that the wall was the line that divided good from evil. One side would eat, the other would not. One side would be warm in the winter, the other would not.

I also remember distinctly the day that the wall was torn down. It was one of those holy days. The days that come far and few between. The days, like those, that stand out in your mind as you lay on your deathbed and your life flashes before your eyes. A day, not unlike, the birth of Jesus Christ in its holiness. A good and holy day is good and holy no matter what occurs or how important it is to the rest of us. We can recognize them immediately. The same goes for evil days. I don't have to name them but I will mention a few. April 4th of 1968 and November 22, 1963. Think about them and you will know what happened and why.

Today there is a new wall being built and the soldiers are starting the line of terror. The soldiers will do their duty whether

they like it or not because they are Americans from the United States. They are there to prevent other Americans from Mexico from going to work so that they can stay warm in the winter and eat when they are hungry. I don't think that the average citizen of the United States even knows the reasons for which the wall is being constructed. I don't, do you?

If you bring it all down to a personal level, it is like my neighbor and my friend, Jose, having to pay me or get my permission to pass in front of my house to go to work. I just don't get it. What the hell have we come to? Why do we do these things and why do we let them happen? People that want to go to work so that they can feed their families are not a threat to national security, so why do we treat them like they are?

I would like to know who will decide which person can cross the border to our south and why they are chosen to be so lucky. Why is the wall only five or so miles long so that those that go around it must face death to walk through the desert for a hundred miles just to get a job that will pay them next to nothing? They will earn very little because they will pay taxes just like you and I but they will not reap the benefits and they will send every little penny that they can scrape up home to their families. Why do we force them to do this?

If it makes you sick to think about it as it does me, then you will have to recognize the approach of evil. For this feeling of sickness is the first sure sign that evil is coming. It is near and getting closer all the time. It is on one side of the wall and it's intent on oppression. It will succeed too. You will watch it on the TV in Iraq, Africa and California. It is not entertainment. It is not pretty. It is ugly. I don't like it and I don't like the people who want to build any wall that is designed to keep one people from enjoying what we enjoy. The Mexican people are not our enemies so why do we treat them like they are? God, help us!

DONALD K. SANDERS

Enjoyed Charley's recent column

Dear Mr. Wallace,

It was nice to read your column, "A Quick Opinion," dated Feb. 23, 2006. I was looking for information on family history when I happened upon this column. It talked about the Rotary Club of Winters 50 years ago. You asked "Who were" and listed four names. One of

the members was my grandfather. His name was Clarence Gilmore. He and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Pleasants, owned a gas station, dairy farm, and orchard in Winters. It has been fun researching the family history. Thank you for printing your column.

WILL MCINTIRE
Sammamish, WA

"Acceptance of what has happened is the first step to overcoming the consequences of any misfortune."
~ William James



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

ONE OF THE BEST PLAYS. Not that all of the Winters Theater Company's productions aren't great, but their rendition of Peter Pan is outstanding. You don't want to miss this play, but this is the last weekend. Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. and also Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. for those who can't stay up past 9 o'clock.

There will be a few people you recognize, and a couple you won't. Watching Stan Tufts dancing across the stage is worth the price of admission all by itself. When Sherri told me that I should consider volunteering to help with the next play, I glanced at Stan, and just shook my head. He's a braver man than I, and my hat is off to him. Stan's son, Tyler is in the play and looked like a natural. Not that Stan didn't do a great job, but he didn't look like he was having as much fun as his son.

There is a reason I write a column and don't stand on street corners shouting out my thoughts. I have a problem speaking in front of people. I know that is hard to believe for someone who talks as much as I do, but it is true. I once took a class on public speaking, thinking that it would help, but it didn't. I find it a lot easier to sit in the back of the room and observe rather than stand up in front of the council or planners to voice my opinion.

Someone who isn't afraid of crowds is John Siracusa, who is great as Smee, Captain Hook's sidekick. If you've seen the movie versions of Peter Pan, John could have easily played the part and received an Academy Award. Just a great play and a great cast.

Don't miss your chance to see it this weekend.

ANEW CHRISTMAS TREE. This Saturday is the annual tree lighting. Not only have they moved the event from the traditional Monday night, but they decorated a new tree. Maybe I shouldn't say they. As part of the chamber I voted to move the date and helped with the lights.

The real tree lighter was Dave Fleming, better known as Mr. Pres. of the Chamber of Commerce. I volunteered Josh Nelson, of JBN Electric, and his lift truck. As Josh and I watched Dave place each light in its place, we both decided Dave was having way too much fun running the bucket up and down, left and right. We strung the lights in sets of three and handed them to Dave. The later it got, the bigger the smile on Dave's face. The lights look great and he hasn't even touched up the bottom of the tree, yet.

The new tree is closer to the Gazebo, where the tree lighting ceremony takes place. There are events all day long on Saturday. From buying your Christmas tree from the FFA to attending the annual Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival, there is something for everyone.

After the tree lighting the merchants are planning to stay open and serve refreshments. Walk around and see what Main Street looks like at night.

Have a good week.

There's too much negativity

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this on Thanksgiving weekend, 2006. I'm sure that most of my townsfolk have a lot to be thankful for in rural northern California, a place of peace and plenty compared to much of the rest of the world. However, many of us are under too much self-induced, media related tension.

We are constantly bombarded with depressing news from all over our country and especially abroad. All of us know that we are living in a time when there's a lot to be alarmed about. As a physician, I ponder how we can respond to these troubled times without permanently raised blood pressures and feelings of anxiety that negatively impact ourselves and others.

First, realize that we (mostly) aren't personally responsible and that there is little we can actively do about such unhappy matters, other than standing up philosophically for what our judgment tells us is right as each situation presents itself.

Second, a study of history shows that every age has had its doomsday scenarios and intensely difficult

problems. Problems of the type described by Carl Jung as, "Insoluble... and since they can't be solved they must be grown out of." And history shows that grow out of them we (mostly) did.

Third, we probably shouldn't invest too much negative energy allowing these problems to cling to us. Otherwise our lives will be adversely impacted with negative emotions. Think of author Ray Bradbury's statement, "Optimism is a grand excuse for optimal living." We could paraphrase that into "positive thoughts allow positive living."

Fourth, think of the good things that surround us, exemplified by the children in our lives, and by the good in our spouses and families and communities. If we could just seek out those goods and dwell on them, while dusting away the world's negatives, that appears to me to be the best course of action. A thankful seeking which should spin off positive power to our families, friends and communities — not to mention to ourselves and the world we live in.

C. EDWARD DAWKINS, M.D.

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays for publication that week. Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, or emailed to

news@wintersexpress.com.

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

We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter. Letters must be legibly signed by the writer.

Exhibit definitely worth seeing

Dear Editor,

If you have never seen the Dorothea Lange and Pirkle Jones 1956 exhibit "Death of a Valley" that documents the last year in Berryessa Valley this is your chance. The photography exhibit is now on display at the Marin Community Foundation from now through March 1. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is a "must see" for anyone interested in the history from our region.

Directions to Marin Community Foundation: Take I80 to Vallejo and cross to Marin County on Highway 37. Going south on Highway 101, take the Bel Marin

Keys/Hamilton Field Exit. At the end of the exit ramp, take a right onto Ignacio Boulevard. After crossing the freeway, take an immediate right onto Nave Drive. Take a left onto Main Gate Road, which leads into Hamilton. (At Crescent, Main Gate Road becomes Palm Drive.) Continue until you reach the Arts Center, then bear right onto South Palm Drive. Take South Palm Drive to the end, turn right onto Hangar Avenue, and take an immediate left into the parking lot. MCF is in Hangar 5, at 5 Hamilton Landing. The entrance is down the pathway between Hangar 5 and Hangar 6.

SALLY BROWN

Council meets Dec. 12

There will be only one Winter City Council meeting in December, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The agenda will be in next week's Express. The council's regular meeting schedule is on

the first and third Tuesday of each month. Any interested Winters residents are welcome to attend city council meetings. For more information about city council meetings, call City Hall, 795-4910.

Trustees sought for vector, mosquito control board

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District is seeking to appoint a trustee from the Winters area following the retirement of Vern Bruhn from the board of trustees. The Health & Safety Code provides for appointments up to four years as follows: "The first term of any member shall not exceed two years. Each subsequent consecutive reappointment, if any, may be for a term of two or four years, at the discretion of the appointing power." There are 12 board members, who meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:15 p.m. at the

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District office in Elk Grove. The members of the Board of Trustees represent Sacramento and Yolo counties, the cities of Woodland, Davis, Winters, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, West Sacramento, Isleton, Folsom, Galt and Sacramento. Each board member receives a small monthly stipend for attending the meetings.

If interested in serving on the board of trustees, contact Nanci Mills at City Hall, 318 First Street, or call 795-4910, extension 101.

Al-Anon offers hope, support

Al-Anon meets weekly at the Winters Library on Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the community room. Following the Al-Anon meeting, there is an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at 8 p.m.

Al-Anon is a fellowship of family and friends of alcoholics/addicts. Al-Anon shares the experience, strength and hope dealing with the disease of addiction. There is no charge to attend.

Von Uhlit wins World Championship title

Carrie Von Uhlit of Winters claimed World Champion Senior Hunter Hack title with Another Valentino, a 1991 brown American Quarter Horse gelding, during the FedEx Open competition at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show, held Nov 4-18 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. "Winning a world championship title is one of the most prestigious awards in AQHA show competition," said Bill Brewer, AQHA executive vice

president. "Another Valentino joins an elite group who have earned this honor in the annals of AQHA World Show history." The AQHA World Championship Show is the largest, richest single-breed world championship horse show in existence, with more than \$2.2 million awarded to 2,822 entries from 49 states, six Canadian provinces and the United Kingdom. To qualify for the invitational event, horses must have earned a predetermined

number of points in AQHA-approved shows from Aug. 1, 2005-July 31, 2006. The AQHA World Championship Show will air coast-to-coast on NBC Television in a special one-hour show on NBC Sunday, Jan. 7, at 10:30 a.m. Highlights from the Bank of America and FedEx Open AQHA World Show are scheduled to air on AQHA's weekly television show, "America's Horse," on the TVG Network, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 31.

Also, highlights can be seen on "AQHA's Best of the West" on the HorseTV Channel Dec. 6 and 13. Go to aqha.com for show times and channel listings. The American Quarter Horse Journal will have the results of the World Show in the Jan. 2007 issue. For more information and full coverage of the AQHA World Championship Show, contact AQHA at (806) 376-4811 or visit aqha.com.

COUNCIL

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Council member Tom Stone asked if the item could be added to the agenda immediately. City Attorney John Wallace said no. Donlevy said Niemann is a challenging street because half of it is not improved. He said he would have to do an evaluation and discuss it with the city engineer. In the consent agenda, Mayor Fridae introduced and greeted the appointed members of the newly created Hispanic advisory committee, Sandra Cortes, Elizabeth Del Toro, Lour-

des Figueroa, Humberto Izquierdo, Karla Knabke, Leticia Quirarte and Enrique Uribe. Donlevy said the committee is an outgrowth of a town hall meeting in May that was attended by over 125 people. "It is most important that we as a city bring Hispanic interests into the community." In a discussion item concerning the Las Casitas subdivision map, Planning Director Dan Sokolow explained the applicant is putting off consideration of the project while it is being redesigned. The project was voted down by the planning commission in part because it required con-

verting land zoned neighborhood commercial to residential. Martin asked why the project is being proposed as a residential development, given the commercial zoning. "It is the burden of the applicant to show reason to approve residential in a commercial zone," replied Sokolow. Fridae asked if it needs to be considered at all. Sokolow said the council needs to vote to refer the project back to the planning commission. Wallace asked that the motion include the statement: "There is no acknowledgement by the city council that the appli-

cant has complied with conditional use permit requirements." The motion was passed unanimously. The Winters Highlands first amendment, discussed at the previous meeting, was approved unanimously. The council passed a resolution to require the building inspector to certify building square footages and that school fees have been paid, before issuing a building permit. Stone asked if we don't do that already. Sokolow answered yes, but there is a need to finalize that rule.

Community

Annual Christmas tree sale benefits FFA

By AMY CROSS
Special to the Express

Looking forward to the aroma of mountain pine to fill your home this holiday season? Are you in search of the perfect Christmas tree, but haven't found the right one yet? If so, then the Winters High School ag site is where you will want to be this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3. The Winters FFA chapter will hold their annual Christmas tree sale and fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FFA members will be selling noble and douglas firs in a variety of sizes. In addition, there will be fresh holiday wreaths and handmade tree stands available for purchase. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and holiday cookies will also be provided for customers. For those in the Winters area who are unable to transport their Christmas tree, free delivery will be offered.

The annual Christmas tree sale is one of Winters FFA's biggest fund-raisers of the year. All proceeds will directly benefit the Winters FFA chapter and their yearly activities. This includes the Christmas for a needy family program, end of the year awards banquet, and various leadership conferences.



Courtesy photo

Getting all set for this weekend's annual FFA Christmas tree sale are, from left, Amy Cross, Justin Rominger, Brock Neil and Jorge Huizar. This major fund-raiser for the Winters FFA takes place at the high school ag site, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until sold out. Fresh Christmas trees and handmade iron horseshoe Christmas tree stands and wreaths will be available. Free delivery is offered.



Gina Opperman and Tom Martin

Opperman, Martin exchange wedding vows

Gina Opperman and Tom Martin, both of Winters, were married on Nov. 4, 2006, at 4 p.m. at the Yolo Flyers Club. The Honorable Clarence Walden officiated, and a reception followed at the same location.

The bride was given away by her brother, Adam Freeland. Her sister, Joanna Frazier, was the matron of honor. The bridesmaid was the bride's daughter, Baylee Opperman, and her niece,

Scarlett Frazier, was the flower girl. The bride's cousin, Dominic Rodriguez, was the ring bearer.

The groom's son, Thomas Martin, was his best man and his brother, John Martin, was the groomsman.

Gina is the daughter of Sandy Martinez Freeland and the late John Paul Opperman. Tom is the son of John Martin and the late Pat Martin.

POLICE

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enue, was turned over to the police department.

Nov. 23

~ Fidel Sanchez Alanis, 36, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of above .08%, fee for the processing of installment accounts, and violation of probation. Alanis was also issued a notice to appear on charges of driving with a suspended license, hit and run, driving under the influence, driving under the influence with blood alcohol content above .08 percent. Blood alcohol content results: .17/.16. Alanis was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Keith Blaine Jones, 25, of Winters was charged with one count of being drunk in public. Jones was transported to the Yolo County Jail for booking and incarceration.

~ On the 1000 block of Suffolk Court, an officer responded to a residential audible alarm. The alarm was found to have been triggered accidentally.

~ On the 10 East Baker Street, an unknown subject drilled out a lock on a car wash coin box. Loss: \$430.

~ On the 500 block of Abbey Street, an officer responded to a residential audible alarm. The exterior and interior of the residence were secured.

Nov. 24

~ On the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, a man fell against a glass door of a business and broke the door.

~ On the 500 Edwards Street, an officer responded to a fire alarm. The exterior and interior of the business was secured, there was no sign of what could have set the alarm off.

Nov. 25

~ Unknown suspect took a license plate from victim's vehicle while it was parked in Dixon.

~ On the 40 block of Main Street, an unknown suspect took beer from a business. Loss: \$30.

Nov. 26

~ A bicycle was turned over to the police department. It was found at the corner of Walnut Lane. and Almond Drive.

~ On the 40 block of Main Street, an officer responded to a business alarm. The alarm was found to have been triggered accidentally.

~ On the 10 block of Main Street, suspect took the victim's cell phone from her purse, charges forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review. Loss: \$100.

Getting married?

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PROJECTS

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potential gang activity, evidenced by increasing drug and alcohol related crimes to assaults. “No actual gangs, but we know they are out there and we are working with outside law enforcement agencies to track their progress towards our city.”

~ A number of developers are interested in Winters for job-creating industries, but “the flood zone is strangling us”, referring to the problem of suitable industrial sites being located in the flood-prone part of town.

Future Development

The report mentions a number of future potential projects of interest.

~ A “Major Construction Company” has approached the city for an equipment storage yard and possible headquarters office. Winters is their first choice and “this would be a major deal if we could locate them in Winters”.

~ A development company would like to develop an “industrial campus” on the McClish property, across from the Chevron station. Talks are about to begin. This would be industrial spaces similar to those further south along I505 towards Vacaville.

~ Staff is working with one of the “larger area employers” on a possible plant expansion at their existing site.

~ Staff is looking to retain a key sales tax generating business (in the top 10), that is looking to relocate out of Winters. Sales tax revenue accounts for 10 percent of the city's revenues. The business' move would also have a significant negative impact on local employment.

~ The city is seeking to acquire some parcels of property within the downtown area.

~ Staff is awaiting a proposal from a downtown property owner interested in expanding his business by adding a second story.

~ A firm will be hired to develop a “form based code” for the downtown area. This would produce an image-based document of design guidelines for future development.

~ Granite Bay Holdings held a public workshop for it's commercial development of the Grant and East Street site. The likely tenants would include Sutter Medical and Yolo Federal Credit Union, one of which would like the project built quickly. Look to mid-January for submitted plans.

~ Staff is working with John Pickerel on a regional food market concept. “This could be a really big marketing step for Winters and provide impetus for our economic development activities.”

~ Staff is in final negotiations with Karen Ogando for development of the Railroad and Main site, with a proposal expected at city council and planning commission meetings in January.

Current development projects

Despite almost no construction expected in 2007, a number of projects

are in the works. Many of these have seen delays from their original scheduled start dates.

~ Winters Apartments II construction has begun, and may turn out to be the only construction to happen in 2007. It is a 34-unit multi-family complex designed for low-income families.

~ The 443-unit Winters Highlands start date has been moved back to September 2007.

~ The 120 unit Callahan Estates developer hopes to start infrastructure construction in mid-2007.

~ The infrastructure construction for Creekside Estates is expected to begin in Spring 2007.

~ Eva Brzeski's 28-unit Anderson Place project on Railroad will get continued public hearing at the Nov. 28 planning commission meeting.

~ Winters Village West has submitted a second plan check for this 10 unit condominium project on East Main Street.

~ The 120 unit Callahan Estates final map is under review, with approval anticipated for January 2007.

~ The 72-unit Ogando-Hudson subdivision final map is under review. This project dedicates land for the public safety center and also includes a green belt and a traffic signal at West Main and Grant. This project will share in the construction of a new city well, a sewer pump and a storm drainage pump station. Along with Winters Highlands and Callahan Estates, this development is key to the extension of West Main, Niemann Street and Anderson Avenue.

Recruiting

Donlevy describes the current workload for the city as “absolutely huge!” and recruiting is going on. Positions available include Public Works Superintendent, Grant Writer, After School Programs Coordinator, Recreation Coordinator, Police Officer and an open position in redevelopment.

Donlevy expresses great satisfaction in the quality of performance of both current staff and contractors.

Police department

The Police Department was scheduled to hire a new Community Services Officer and Police Officer in the 2006-2007 year. Gail Jiminez was hired for the Community Services position but the potential hire for the other position cancelled at the last minute, so the process needs to be started again.

While progress is being made for a new joint police and fire department public safety facility, the limitations of the present site are even more problematic, reaching a point of “dis-functionality”.

A new staffer was brought in 2006 to assist management of the evidence room.

“This was a massive undertaking, and has resulted in an overall improvement in how evidence is collected,” said Donlevy. In recent months 26 guns and 425 cases of drug evidence were destroyed. A new evidence/property bar coding system is now on-line. The report de-

scribes the project as a huge success.

There is a great need, according to the report, for more police personnel. “The ‘luxury’ of a second officer on duty or an investigator is now a bona fide need. The potential for a serious incident occurring is very real and we seem to be very ‘lucky’ that nothing has occurred.” This is described as an issue for community safety as well as officer safety.

Financial management

The city has implemented a long range forecasting model and it is being used in the budgeting process. The model needs to be updated in December because of the effects of the change in the housing market.

For the third consecutive year, the city received the highest award for financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

The Excellence in Operational Budgeting Award from both GFOA and the California Society of Financial Officers was presented to the city for the fourth consecutive year.

The city has amassed a record reserve of almost \$3 million which amounts to almost 100 percent of

operating expenditures.

The Community Development Agency will be able to issue additional debt in Spring 2007. Much of this funding will go to costs of the new public safety facility.

A Citizens' Financial Report is being created, to be published in the Express.

According to the report, the city budget is very tight, but the policy of maintaining high reserves should assist in getting through tough periods. Completion of projects will be affected by developments in the housing market.

Public Works

A comprehensive evaluation of all the city wells is under way by engineers from Ludor and Scallani. The process looks at well performance and also creates an operations manual for each well and a certification process for personnel.

The sewer system is being evaluated currently and initial reports are “not good, with many lines impassable by the camera”.

The sewer facility and management by ECO Resources is undergoing an overall evaluation.

Sidewalks are undergoing replacement and improvement all over town.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp at City Hall is complete and the Community Center doors are also being ADA upgraded.

Fire Department

Volunteer numbers have diminished recently, with the current number 18, down from 25. Calls for service are increasing, despite a low fire season this summer. Medical aid calls continue to increase. The report suggests going to a “paid call” volunteer staffing system and a sleeper system, which provides a sleep area for out of town volunteers.

Retaining staff and volunteers is an ongoing struggle. High housing costs are part of the problem. The department trains staff well and other departments hire them away. The recently implemented home buyer's assistance program, which provides financial assistance from redevelopment funds, will be of some help.

The report calls for changes in the staffing schedules to make 24/7 coverage less burdensome. “The department

needs to hire at least three more staff and have the paid staff workload changed from five days a week to two three man shifts. Each shift would work four days, 10 hour shifts.”

Contract discussions are underway for the merger of the city and the fire district. A rough draft is expected in December. The city is currently paying 63 percent of the total budget for fire and the percentage is expected to rise as costs increase. The rural contribution rises slowly because of little development in the rural areas.

Police Chief Muramoto and Fire Chief Dozier have visited several other joint use facilities to help with planning the new public safety facility. The firm of CH&D has been chosen for the design of the facility.

A new engine will be required before moving to the new facility. The new engine will replace Engine 226 and Grass 226, and will cost about \$300,000. It's main use will be for structure fires, but it can be used for wild land fires as well.

The report will be made available at City Hall.

Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Apoyo a programas de Lectura

Los amigos de la biblioteca de Winters han recibido dos subvenciones para apoyar y ampliar los programas de lectura en nuestra comunidad de Winters. Además se buscara motivar a los padres para que lean junto a sus hijos.

El programa Libros para Bebes aplica el concepto de que nunca es temprano para empezar a leer a sus niños. Estudios han demostrado que los niños a quien sus padres empezaron a leerles a muy temprana edad les va mejor en la escuela, le toman el gusto a la lectura, y además el tiempo que pasan juntos padres e hijos ayudan a establecer relaciones emocionales más fuertes, y ayuda a mejorar el vocabulario, la memoria y la imaginación de los niños. Los amigos de la biblioteca recibieron una subvención de \$2,500 de parte del programa First Five para ampliar el programa Libros para Bebes.

Los amigos de la Biblioteca de Winters regalara un paquete de lectura a cada bebe en Winters, el paquete contiene todo lo que un bebe necesita para empezar a disfrutar los libros, incluye dos libros nuevos para bebes, una camiseta que dice “Vamos a Leer”, membresia por un año para toda la familia, para pertenecer a los amigos de la biblioteca, una aplicación para una credencial de la biblioteca, y muchas cosas más. Los amigos de la biblioteca han regalado mas de 100 paquetes en los pasados dos años, y esperan duplicar esa cantidad en el futuro, los paquetes están disponibles en español e ingles.

Para ordenar un paquete o si tienen preguntas sobre este programa pueden llamar a Leonila Fernández, 795-3572, Martha Guzmán, 795-2361, Joan Brenchly, 795-1600 o Susan Swenson, 795-3105.

Otro programa que tienen los amigos de la Biblioteca es Preschool Storytime, un programa de lectura para los niños de preescolar, este programa lo tienen en la biblioteca todos los martes de 10 - 10:30 am. Deidre Oliver dona su tiempo para leerles historias, jugar y cantar a niños de edad preescolar. El programa es gratis y no tiene que hacer reservaciones. Esta es una buena oportunidad para conocer padres de otros niños pequeños, y además los niños interactuan entre ellos. Para mas información puede llamar a Deidre, 795-9999.

Los amigos de la biblioteca también recibieron una subvención de \$1500 de la corporación Target, a través de la tienda en Vacaville, para apoyar programas de lectura para familias con niños. Los amigos de la biblioteca planean tener un Festival Familiar de Lectura la próxima primavera, con libros gratis, visitas de personajes de los caracteres favoritos de los niños, música y actividades para los niños. Con este dinero también se compraran libros de cuentos, para leerles en el programa de lectura para preescolares, y además se tendrán copias para que los padres puedan llevarlos a la casa.

Para tener comunicación con las familias acerca de estos programas, los amigos de la biblioteca crearan un boletín para informar de futuros eventos, recomendar libros, y consejos en como leerles a los niños y ayudar a que los niños aprendan amar los libros y la lectura. Para mas información acerca de los programas de lectura puede llamar a Lisa Nalbone, 795-3568.

Fiesta Familiar

Los amigos de la biblioteca de Winters, presentaran su tradicional Fiesta Familiar, el sábado 2 de Diciembre, de las 10 a.m. a 2 p.m., en el centro comunitario de Winters, ubicado en la esquina de Railroad ave y Main st. El centro lo van a decorar en un estilo navideño esperando la venida de Santa Claus y sus ayudantes. Tendrán actividades para los niños, ellos podrán hacer velas, tarjetas, y recipientes para las velas.

Si los niños desean llevar todo esto como regalo, lo podrán envolver también, otras actividades incluyen deliciosos lonches, se tendrá una feria del libro, una rifa de un árbol de Navidad, además se venderán coronas de Navidad, se tendrá entretenimiento durante el evento, con la participación de niños.

Un sabor a farsa

La ceremonia de proclamación del nuevo “presidente legítimo” de México tiene un sabor a farsa. La representación de una toma de poder por parte de Andrés Manuel López Obrador en el Zócalo de la Ciudad de México entusiasmó a sus fieles seguidores dejando abierta una incierta estrategia. Para el resto es un desafío a las instituciones mexicanas y una muestra de la impotencia de quien no supo actuar ante los reveses de una democracia con deficiencias, pero democracia al fin. Las elecciones del 2 de julio desnudaron las dificultades de un sistema electoral incapaz de actuar con claridad en un contexto pluripartidista, como es la realidad mexicana.

El Instituto Federal Electoral tampoco respondió a las alturas de su buena reputación, faltándole claridad en momentos clave. Sin embargo, es improbable que estas anomalías sean parte de un complot para robar la elección al ex candidato perredista. AMLO debería reexaminar los errores cometidos durante su campaña y la fuerza de sus rivales, para comprender porqué perdió la presidencia por la mínima diferencia.

López Obrador le hace hoy un pobre servicio a la democracia mexicana. Él representa a un sector postergado de la población que necesita un líder realista y no un caudillo que alimente fantasías, pues presidente hay uno solo, y no es él. El juramento de la semana pasada fue un acto de egolatría y una vía colectiva de escape a la frustración electoral. Ahora lo importante no es el título de López Obrador, sino la estrategia que implemente el Partido de la Revolución Democrática a partir del 1 de diciembre.

Pasaporte obligatorio comensara el 23 de enero

El Director del Departamento de Seguridad Interna, Michael Chertoff dio a conocer la fecha del 23 de enero del próximo año, como el día que el gobierno de los Estados Unidos empezara a pedir pasaportes a todo aquel que ingrese a los Estados Unidos, incluyendo los propios estadounidenses, los canadienses y demás residentes del hemisferio occidental.

Hasta el día de hoy, los ciudadanos estadounidenses que regresan de otros países

del hemisferio no se requiere que presenten su pasaporte, solo alguna identidad, como licencia o acta de nacimiento. El problema según el Departamento de Seguridad Interna, Es que hay ocho mil entidades estatales y locales diferentes en Estados Unidos que emiten certificados de nacimiento y licencias de conducir, el tratar de distinguir entre las falsas y las reales entre tantos documentos es una enorme carga sobre los inspectores de

Aduanas y Fronteras.

En algunos casos, otros documentos podrían ser empleados para ingresar a Estados Unidos por vía aérea por parte de viajeros frecuentes entre esa nación y Canadá, así como miembros del Ejército en viajes oficiales y miembros de la Marina mercante. Si usted o sus hijos son ciudadanos y van a salir a México y piensa regresar después del 23 de enero, lo más conveniente es informarse acerca de este nuevo reglamento.

Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Como cada año la iglesia de San Antonio los invita a celebrar el 12 de diciembre la tradicional fiesta de la virgen de Guadalupe. El novenario de la virgen empezara el 4 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm en la iglesia san Antonio. El programa para la celebración del 12 de Diciembre, empezara

con las tradicionales mañanitas con mariachi en el centro de San Antonio a las 5 am, seguida por la misa a las 5:30 am. Después de la misa se servirá pan y chocolate. Por la tarde a las 5:15 pm tendremos un grupo de danzantes, seguida por la misa a las 6pm y fi-

nalizaremos con el rosario a la virgen. Por favor acompañenos en nuestras celebraciones, traiga a sus niños, recuerden que estas celebraciones son parte de nuestra cultura, y nuestra cultura, son nuestras raíces y esto es lo que nos distingue a nosotros en este país.

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fue facil para Nati, porque “la Migra” la bajo varias veces de los camiones que viajaba. Concepcion paso la primera vez dejando a Nati en Tijuana. Cada mañana iba a misa y le pedía a Dios que la dejara pasar la frontera. Su tía de Nati de decía que le rezara a las animas Americanas porque las animas

Mexicans no habian podido cruzar la frontera. El 4 de julio si pudo cruzar la frontera sola. Y se vino hasta Vacaville sola. Decía que Dios la trajo.

Nati y Conce han vivido en Winters desde que llego en 1952. Han sido miembros de la parroquia de San Antonio desde antes que construyeran esta iglesia.

Nati y Conce tuvieron 3 hijos, Eva, Raquel, y Abel. Los nietos “su corazoncitos” de Nati y Conce incluyen Isaac,

Kristina, Ileana, Victoria, Ruben, Rebeca, y Ruthi.

Nati tenia una tremenda fe en Dios y la Virgen De Guadalupe. Ella cada día demostraba su fe en la manera que no solamente cuidaba sus hijos y nietos (sus corazoncitos) pero tambien se presentaba su amor maternal a muchas otras personas. Ella vivia su fe. No se quejaba de sus enfermedades, si no, le daba gracias a Dios por todo lo que le habia dado.

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Entertainment

Studio C jazzes up Nutcracker performance

This holiday season, Studio C School of Dance in Winters will replace its traditional Nutcracker Ballet with the upbeat and jazzy production of the Nutcracker All Jazzed Up. This rendition of the Nutcracker uses a more upbeat version of Tchaikovsky's original score, and modernizes the music in a festive and modern way.

The production includes dancers of all ages and abilities, ranging from age 3 to adult. Types of dance to be showcased are ballet, lyrical, jazz, tap, modern and hip hop. Fun surprises are planned for this show, which is appropriate for the entire family.

The Nutcracker All Jazzed Up takes place at the Winters Community Center Theater on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 10, with a gala performance at 2 p.m. The show length is a newly-revised 90 minutes.

Admission for the Saturday performances are \$8 for children, \$10 for adults. Tickets for the gala performance are \$11 for children, \$13 for adults. Presale tickets will be sold in advance at Studio C School of Dance, 106-C Main Street in Winters or call 795-1900 from 3-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday.



Courtesy photo
Appearing in the Studio C production of *The Nutcracker* are, Katherine Rominger (kneeling) as the Nutcracker Prince and Jessica Jordan as Clara.

The Circle of Singers



Courtesy photo
The Circle of Singers, directed by Lynne Secrist, rehearses for the annual community holiday concert, which takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Joining the Circle of Singers will be the Winters High School band and chorus. One of the event's highlights is to honor the Youth of the Year. This year's award will be presented to Nathanael Lucero.

The night before X-mas

"A special holiday production performed by youth for 'youth' of all ages" Study at The Studio, The Studio Theatre's youth acting program in downtown Sacramento on the R Street Corridor, is pleased to present a children production of The Night Before Christmas will be presented on Saturday, December 16 and Saturday, December 23 at 1:00pm; and Friday, December 22 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for gener all admission and \$5.00 for children ages 12 and under. Advance reservations are suggested by calling The Studio Theatre box office at (916) 446-2668. Also visit the website for more information: www.thestudiotheatre.net or (<http://www.thestudiotheatre.net/>)

Children's entertainment featured at holiday festival on Saturday, Dec. 2

Family fun will abound at the annual Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Community Center. The events are designed to put parents and children in a holiday mood. The children's craft center will offer several craft items for kids to make and wrap. Santa will be on hand to visit with the children, lunches will be available at Mrs. Claus' Cafe, and there will be a Scholastic Book Fair and the popular Raffle Tree.

Entertainment will continue non-stop throughout the event and the schedule is as follows: 10 a.m., Mr. Fridae, 5th grade; 10:15 a.m., kindergarten classes; 10:30 a.m., hula dancers; 10:50 a.m., Mr. Bermudez, 3rd grade and Ms. Heredia, 2nd grade; 11 a.m., Shirley

Rominger Intermediate School; 11:15 a.m., Ms. Gonzales, 1st grade; 11:30 a.m., first grade classes; noon, Jazzmatazz, Celia Cottle; 12:30 p.m., Winters

Middle School Chorus; 12:45 p.m., Winters High School Choir; 1 p.m. Winters Community Chorus.

The whole family is invited to enjoy this event.

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Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



DAN MAGUIRE

CHAMBER DOINGS

CHANGE IS A GOOD THING! The Winters Chamber of Commerce's board of directors voted to move the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony from its traditional first Monday in December. We are now having the tree lighting on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. What hasn't changed is that it is still at the Rotary Park gazebo and the community is invited to join us for a sing-along of holiday favorites.

By moving the event to Saturday, we expect more people will be able to join us for the tree lighting ceremony and we will have the ability to tie into other stuff going on and make it a "bigger event" On Saturday, the Winters Friends of the Library has their annual Holiday Festival at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is lots to recommend at the WFOL festival, including Mrs. Klaus' kitchen, face painting, tons of local entertainment, booths featuring local hand-made items, and lots more. I think my favorite part of the festival (other than the raffle) is the children's crafts. For a very nominal fee, all of which goes to a good cause, kids can partici-

pate in several craft booths. In my mind, interactive projects like these are absolutely the best imaginable children's activity.

Immediately following the WFOL Festival, the Chamber is sponsoring caroling by the West Valley Chorale who will be caroling in historic downtown from 2-4 p.m. If you have never heard local Roy Bellhorn and his buddies, I urge you to come downtown and listen to them perform. They are fantastic singers and will surely put you in the holiday mood. The Chamber is also sponsoring free carriage rides from 2-4 p.m. Why not bring the kids, enjoy caroling, free rides on a horse-drawn carriage, and enjoy holiday treats and beverages compliments of our participating local downtown merchants?

In addition to all of this, the FFA will be selling Christmas trees at the high school ag site from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and on Sunday. By moving the Chamber event to Saturday, we are able to tie all these activities together and promote Saturday's slate of activities in our event advertising and press releases.

The day's festivities conclude at 6 p.m. with the annual Christmas tree lighting. Mayor Woody Fridae will "give the command" and then we will follow the lighting with a community sing-along. This is where we really need help. Normally, the Winters High School Chorus would lead the sing-along and they had the traditional Monday on their calendars but we (the Chamber) changed the date at the last moment. We don't have them to lead us this year, so it's up to us to lead us. Please show up and help us out. Various community groups will be on hand, such as the Rotary Club with their cookies and hot beverages, as well as the Winters Fire Department, which will be collecting unwrapped new toys for their annual toys for tots campaign.

With 2006 coming to an end, several members on our board of directors have fulfilled their three-year terms. We are encouraging community members who are interested in promoting economic prosperity for our local business community to consider joining the Chamber's Board of Directors. Led by board president Dave Fleming, we have perhaps the best Board of Directors we have ever had (at least as long as I have been associated with the Chamber). This board is really committed to getting things done and it shows in the results they generate. If you would like to find out more about being on the

Strung out Santa



Photo by Charles Wallace

Dave Fleming spent last Friday afternoon putting lights on the new community Christmas tree. The annual tree lighting will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m. at Rotary Park. The cherry picker was supplied by JBN Electric. Josh Nelson made sure the lights worked before he called it a day. On Saturday, Christmas songs will be sung, and hot chocolate and cookies will be served by Rotarians. Sant will make an appearance to round out the evening's events.

Chamber Board, please give me a call at 795-2329.

This week is one of my favorite weeks of the year because the Winters Citizen of the Year, the Theodore Winters Award recipient, the Chamber Business of the Year, and the Senior Citizen of the Year are selected. As a Chamber, there is very little we do that is more important than honoring those who work to make our community a better

place. Soon the Winters Express will start their series of features on the award recipients. Please plan on celebrating the contributions of these citizens at our annual

Citizen of the Year dinner, which is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20, — a great evening, spent among friends, honoring really exceptional people.

Chamber mixer features chili

The next Chamber of Commerce Mixer will feature the annual "Infamous Chili Cook-Off!" On Monday, Dec. 11, 5:30-7 p.m. at Realty

World, 37 Main Street. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. The event includes food, beverages and raffle. This event shouldn't be missed.

Sports

Warriors hit the mat in Pioneer Tournament

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors wrestling team was small in numbers on Saturday, Nov. 25, but had some standout performances by four wrestlers in the first competition of the 2006-07 season.

“We only have three other wrestlers,” said coach Tim Hausler. “But they were on family vacations so we took the four we had and they did very well.”

The Warriors traveled to Woodland to compete in the Pioneer High

School tournament.

“Our numbers are small right now but I think with the numbers we have at the youth level and in the Middle School we will start to grow each year,” said Hausler.

First time wrestler Beau Howard was the standout for the Warriors as he went 5-0 with five pins at the 141 weight.

“Beau did very well,” Hausler said. “Especially considering this was his first time on the mat. Beau wrestled the first two in the beginners, the next two in the intermedi-

ates, then pinned the last opponent at the varsity level.”

Jesse Hellinger was another standout for the Warriors as he went 4-0 with three pins at 171 lbs.

“Jesse is already ranked third in the section,” said Hausler. “And I think he has a legitimate chance at making state.”

Billy Rotencolber did an excellent job in his first competition as he went 2-1 at 189 lbs and had two pins, and Joe Souza did the same as he was 2-1 with two pins in the 189 weight class.

Winters Wrestling starting

Winters Wrestling practices take place on Mondays, 6-8p.m. at the Winters Middle School gym. Winters Wrestling for younger children starts Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Shirley Rominger Intermediate School multi-use room.

The middle school team will have dual meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, December thru January. This will be the first year

for a wrestling league with C. A. Jacobs (Dixon), and Lee Middle School and Douglas Middle School (Woodland). There will be a final league championship in February. Wrestlers will also compete for in county and regional competition, as well as the Tournament of Champions.

The kids club will start tournaments in January thru April for Folkstyle

and then will go into Freestyle and Greco. Freestyle and Greco will have tournaments until May.

Any kids interested in wrestling may show up at the practices and sign up there. If they're not sure, they're welcome to come and watch anytime.

For more information, call Rory Linton, 219-0249.

Signups begin for youth basketball

Signups for city-sponsored youth basketball will take place Dec. 1-15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall. Children in grades 1-8 are eligible to play. The em-

phasis of the Youth Basketball League is on players having fun, learning basic skills, discovering the importance of teamwork and enhancing per-

sonal development

Games are held on Saturdays at the high school gym. The season runs from Jan. 6 through Feb. 24. The registration fee is \$35.

Gene Caselli wins final grid contest

Knowing that the Notre Dame - U.S.C. game would be high scoring gave Gene Caselli the edge in the last Merchant's Football Contest of the year. Picking 19 right and guessing 58 for the total points in the Notre Dame - U.S.C. game gave Casselli the \$30 first place check. The final score was U.S.C. 44, Notre Dame 24. Also with 19 right were Jeff Rogers, who had 52 for the tie breaker, and he will take home \$15 for second place. Tom George also

had 19 correct but had 49 for his tie breaker. Joseph Borchard was close with 19 right and 41 points for the tie breaker. Those with 18 correct were Jack Graf, Tim Bol-la, All the other contestants picked less than 18 winners.

This year's contest was sponsored by: Chris' Florist, Valley Floors, Irish Pub, Berryessa Sporting Goods, Ireland Agency, Round Table Pizza, Solano Construction, Realty World, Eagle Drug, Lorenzo's Town &

Country Market, Nancy Meyer / Gateway Realty, Winters Family Chiropractic, Classic Video, Lester Farms, JJ's Saloon, Pacific Ace Hardware, Warrior Video, Custom Cleaners, Barbosa's Auto and Towing, Pizza Factory, Mazza Dental Care, Dessert First, Winters TrueValue, First Northern Bank, Velo City Bicycle Center, New Kountry Kitchen, Buckhorn, John Carrion Properties.



Courtesy photo
This year's Winters High School JV volleyball team included, from left, (front) Kayla O'Neil, Kaelene Callison, coach Brandy Alvera, Erin Beck and Megan Avellar; (middle) Olivia Wingard, Zulema Mora, Amy Avellar and Lilian Boisrame; (front) Danielle Murphy and Raven Castro.

Avellar receives coaches award during the banquet

Megan Avellar, a sophomore on the Winters High School Junior Varsity volleyball team, was given the

Coaches Award at the teams' annual awards banquet. Avellar helped the Warriors to a successful season with

her front row blocking and her consistent serves. She did a great job this season, like the whole team.

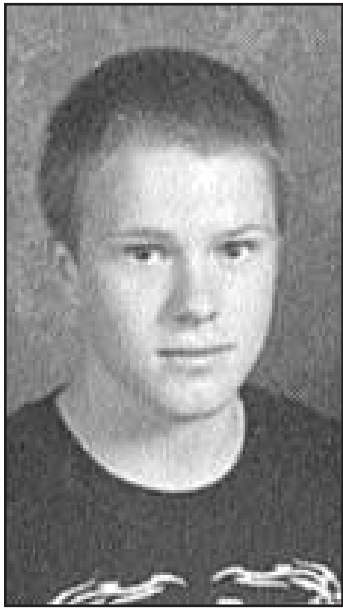
Football banquet

The Winters Warriors football teams will hold their annual awards ceremony on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Winters Firehouse. Any parent, family member or friend may attend and enjoy the tri-tip dinner for a \$10 donation towards the football program. The event starts at 6:30 p.m.

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Beau Howard

Beau Howard, a member of the Winters High School wrestling team is this week's athlete of the week. Howard, in his first high school competition at the Pioneer High School tournament went 5-0 with 5 pins.

“Beau did very well,” said coach Tim Hausler. “He seemed to get better each match.”

Howard wrestled in the beginners division his first two pins, wrestled the intermediates in his next two victories and then won his last match at the varsity level.

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Schools

Enthusiasm pays off for young singers

By ROY BELLHORN
Special to the Express

On Nov. 4, 38 enthusiastic members of the Winters Middle School's vocal chorus (Lynne Secrist, director) participated in the West Valley Chorus' annual fund-raising event in Vacaville. This multi-school choral show is on behalf of school music programs in the Vacaville region, and the proceeds are distributed amongst the school programs that participate.

Last year Winters received \$350; this year \$450. A similar fund-raising event is also held annually in Davis. The two shows in Davis and the show in Vacaville were sellouts this year, thanks to the support of parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, siblings and friends. The Winters Middle School's chorus members are to be congratulated for their selfless efforts on the part of their music programs. Director Secrist is also to be acclaimed for her tireless and enthusiastic efforts. Enthusiasm truly is the name of the game.



The Enthusiastic Middle School singers include, from left, (front) Luci Heines, Elizabeth Harris, Allie Griffey, Sydney Stewart, Kim Bowen and Kaitlin Sebastian; (back) Alex Balasek, Jessie Freckman, Mariah Cruz, Logan Fox, Lupita Aguirre and Tyler Tufts.

A major mission of the Barbershop Harmony Society (formerly SPEBSQSA), of which the Davis-Vacaville Chapter is a member, is to encourage and support singing at all levels of schooling. The Chapter's barbershop group, the West Valley Chorus, is pleased to have an opportunity to work with elementary,

middle and high schools in our area and to help support their musical mission.

The Chorus' 38th Annual Barbershop Harmony Show will be held in Davis, Friday evening Feb. 2, and in Vacaville, Saturday afternoon and again in the evening, Feb. 3. Details will be provided in early January.

Men who like to sing (we provide the Barbershop style training) are encouraged to join us in this enjoyable and rewarding activity. The group meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday evenings at Grace Fellowship of Dixon, 575 H Street, Dixon. Anyone interested is invited to come join the group and see if we can

outdo the Middle Schoolers. Call Roy Bellhorn, 795-3524, for directions or arranging a ride.

The West Valley Chorus salutes all those school choruses (and in this case, especially Winters Middle School) who made our 2006 Music Program shows such an enthusiastic success.

Courtesy photo

Student government having productive year

Special to the Express

Winters High School is having an exciting, productive 2006-07 school year. In October, Homecoming week featured a downtown rally, a night rally, and the Powder Puff flag football game on Wednesday, and the Homecoming game between Winters and Orland on Friday. The freshman won the float contest with their "Freshman Begins" Batman theme, the juniors won Night Rally, and the senior girls won the Powder Puff game. WHS football played their best and beat Orland at both levels.

The WHS FFA went to Indianapolis, Indiana and won 2nd place in the FFA National Convention for Livestock Judging and Marketing.

For Halloween, Student Government had a decorated door contest, won by Mrs. Cox's class, Mrs. Goldbar's class and the office staff. There was also huge participation in the costume contest, which was

won by Nick Hedrick, Colton Crabtree and Erica Evans.

The WHS movie night on Nov. 12 featured the movie "Click," and since the entry fee was two cans, the school's amount of cans for the KCRA Kids Can Drive was increased to over 1,000 cans. KCRA is sponsoring a competition between schools with a prize of \$1,000, for the school with the most cans. The money made by Student Government from selling popcorn, water and candy, as well as renting mats went to the memorial fund for Anthony Kahikina.

Four new clubs have started on the WHS campus including Interact Club, the Tennis Club, GSA and REC.

Adopt-A-Family, a program that provides families in need with Christmas luxuries, is coming to WHS this December. Each class will sponsor a family by giving clothes, a Christmas dinner and Christmas gifts.

4-H Club planning activities

By STEFAN BLANDIN
Special to the Express

Let the holiday spirit teach you how to make snowflakes. On Dec. 5, the Winters 4-H is having a holiday party and caroling. None of us can wait to see what the planning committee is brewing up, but its members insist it has something to do with Christmas trees and chocolate and songs. I can barely keep my toes from tapping.

As always, the Winters 4-H will have its meeting/party from 7-8 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. The meeting is going to be super-short, to make time for the party afterwards. Bring your mittens and singing voice for caroling.

If you have coats, toys for tots, or canned food, bring them in. The latter two will be donated to Winters charities. The

coats will be donated to the News10 Coats for Kids Drive. The Winters 4-H will have a bin for new and gently used coat donations at this upcoming Festival of Trees.

Channel Ten donates these coats to various charities, which, in turn, give them to homeless and poor children, so they won't freeze in the winter.

The Festival of Trees is brought to you by the Winters Friends of the Library (WfoL) this Saturday at the Community Center in Winters. The games and crafts will benefit the Library. Look for 4-H there. A raffle will also be held, with a total of \$1,300 in prizes.

Anyone can bring donations to the next 4-H club meeting on Dec. 5 at Saint Anthony's Parish Hall.

Read its
good for you!

Annual senior dinner planned

The annual Winters High School Senior Dinner takes place Thursday, 5:30-8 p.m. It will be a Tri-Tip Dinner, catered by Tomat's. The prices at the door will be \$18 for adults and \$16 for children.

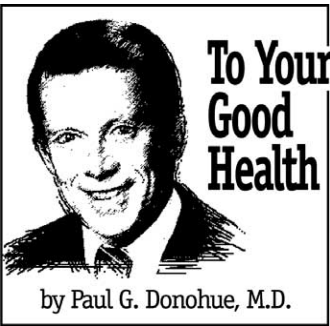
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Features

Urinalysis tracks source of infection in the lab

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a semi-retired RN. My doctor sent me to the lab for a urinalysis. They gave me an unsterile cup to use, and the results came back positive for bacteria. The doctor was going to start me on antibiotics. I requested a second test. When I returned to the lab, the clerk reached under her desk, pulled out a cup and gave it to me. I told her it was not sterile. She argued and said it was. I asked to speak with the manager, who also said the cups were sterile. Finally, she admitted that they used to use sealed, sterile cups, but the company made them change. How many people are needlessly put on antibiotics because of this practice? I would like your opinion. — C.M.

ANSWER: If the doctor wants to know which bacterium is causing a urinary infection, then the proper procedure for obtaining a urine specimen is quite rigid. The person has to cleanse the opening that allows passage of urine to the outside, and specific directions on how to do that have to be given. Then the person urinates the first part of the stream into the toilet or bedpan. That's done to flush out any bacteria that live in the urethra, the tube that empties the bladder to the outside. The rest of the urine is then emptied into a sterile container. It's the only way to obtain valid results. For a routine urinalysis, one not asking for the identification of a bacterium, it could be acceptable to use an unsterile container, but that might not be a money-saver. If bacteria from the container contaminate the specimen, a second test will have to be done — or the person will be prescribed antibiotics, and that's throwing money away. This lab should listen to semi-retired RNs. They know what they're doing. The booklet on urinary-tract infections covers this topic in depth. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1204W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money or-



der (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 71, and I have high cholesterol. I read in a magazine that if I drink pomegranate juice, it will help reduce my cholesterol. Is there any truth to this? — E.C.

ANSWER: Pomegranate juice has become the latest nutritional darling. Many say it can stop LDL cholesterol from clinging to arteries. That's the kind of cholesterol that plugs arteries and obstructs blood flow through them. It's also been championed as being good for macular degeneration and some cancers. I don't have evidence to support all these claims. I don't have any evidence that the juice would hurt you either. Experiment a little. Start drinking it and see what happens to your cholesterol. Let me know the results. One remote possible side effect of pomegranate juice is that it might increase the blood level of statin drugs, like Lipitor. To play it safe, tell your doctor what you're doing.

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.

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Americans need to decide: laws or not

We Americans need to decide: Are we a nation of laws or not? Is our Constitution still the foundation on which the United States rests or not?

On Jan. 3, 2007 the Democrats will be in control as the 110th Congress commences. New members will be sworn in, taking the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic..."

Few things would seem more fundamental to the support and defense of the constitution than sanctioning those who have abused it, as a matter of simple justice as well as a deterrent against future abuse. Yet just before the election Nancy Pelosi, the next Speaker of the House, said in an interview on CBS's 60 minutes that if the Democrats gain control of the House, the impeachment of President Bush will be "off the table".

Public support for impeachment has been growing. According to a poll published in Newsweek just before Pelosi took impeachment off the table, a majority of Americans may now favor it. But in the spirit of bipartisanship she has decided that on the issue of impeachment, the House will ignore the public as well as the remedies which the authors of the Constitution provided for its abuse.

This is a bad idea, politically and constitutionally. When Bill Clinton was elected President in 1992, two landmark investigations of scandals from the two previous Republican administrations, Reagan and Bush, were winding down. One was of "Iraqgate", concerning secret U.S. arming of Saddam Hussein during the Iraq/Iran war. The other investigation was of the Iran/Contra affair.

Despite considerable and powerful evidence of Republican misdeeds at the highest levels, the incoming Clinton administration decided not to seriously pursue either of these scandals, hoping, just as Pelosi apparently hopes now, to encourage a spirit



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WAY DOWN THERE

of bipartisanship. Unfortunately for President Clinton, the right wing fought him aggressively from the beginning of his administration, killing, for example, the attempt to reform health care.

The partisan opposition ratcheted up after Republicans gained control of Congress in the 1994 elections. It culminated in the successful drive led by House Speaker Newt Gingrich to impeach President Clinton for lying about an extramarital affair with a consenting adult.

Given this history, as well as that of the first six years of the Bush administration, one could understandably view as wishful thinking Ms. Pelosi's hopes for bipartisan cooperation with Republicans, many of whom date back to the Clinton impeachment.

More importantly, ruling out impeachment nurtures the culture of disdain for the rule of law which currently marks the White House. President Bush and his administration, sworn to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution," have instead indulged in an outrageous pattern of contemptuous disregard for our founding document. The record presents a clear case for impeachment: lying to start an illegal war; the arrest and detention without charge of American citizens; violation of international treaties including the Geneva conventions and the conventions against torture; willfully ignoring or violating acts of Congress by issuing hundreds of "signing statements"; violating the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, and others.

What gives Pelosi or anyone else sworn to defend the Constitution the right to choose to ignore the reme-

dy mandated in that document for its abuse? Clearly one who asserts such a right is an enabler of lawlessness and the degradation of the Constitution which has been underway at least since the Republicans impeached President Clinton and President Bush was elected under dubious circumstances.

Undoubtedly and understandably, there are many Americans who feel that impeachment would be a petty and politically motivated attempt at payback — an unnecessary and wasteful distraction from work on other compelling national and international problems. But it goes much deeper than revenge or an opportunity to establish the elusive Beltway bipartisan consensus. It's a question of whether or not we are going to stop the assault by the Bush administration and its Democratic enablers and discourage future assaults on the document which provides the legal basis for the very existence of the United States. On this there should be an overwhelming national bipartisan consensus.

Let's hope that our enabling Democratic "leaders" listen to the significant percentage of Americans who favor impeachment and realize just how urgently it is needed.

In a democracy, you get the government you deserve. If American leaders refuse to uphold the law and if the American people let them get away with it, then Americans will indeed get the government we deserve.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Dave Simpson
Occupation: Font maker
Hobby: Art work
What's best about living in Winters: "It's small town, mellow, easy, quiet, safe."
Fun fact: I haven't eaten liver and onions since I left home

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Fork is showing. 5. Oven mitt is different. 6. Grill leg is removed. 4. Arm is showing. 2. Boots are different. 3. Hat is different.

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ACROSS

1 Cock and bull?
4 Bread spread
8 TV chef
12 Moulton
13 Reaction to a bad taste
14 Fashion
15 Family
16 Bullring VIP
17 "It - Necessarily So"
18 Rue the run
19 Visualization
20 Omega's opposite
22 Camel feature
24 Provider of veritas
25 Spittoon
29 Before
30 Capitols' caps
31 Pay with plastic
32 Brazilian port city
34 Dorm dweller
35 Eternally
36 Songs of praise
37 First word of many limericks
40 Look-alikes, idiomatically
41 Boo Boo's mentor
42 Pomp
46 Detailed map
47 Exam format
48 Literary

collection
49 Vortex
50 Dresses in
51 Thither

DOWN

1 Shack
2 Id counter part
3 Remnants of ammo
4 Nebraska city
5 Source of riches
6 Tokyo's old name
7 "- the ramparts ..."
8 Trattoria seafood

entree
9 Others (Lat.)
10 Pealed
11 Initial chip
16 Toyota subcompact
19 Satan's staff
20 Brutus' birds
21 Trevi toss, once
22 Comedy writer's sine qua non
23 Addict
25 "The Da Vinci -"
26 Calamitous time
27 Actor Wilson
28 Cincinnati squad

30 Comic Letterman
33 Truth
34 Blue hue
36 Some women's footwear
37 Work at the keyboard
38 "Zounds!"
39 Turf
40 Blueprint
42 Favorable vote
44 Lennon's lady
45 Skedadddled

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Keep those sharp Sheep eyes focused on a hazy situation. As things begin to clear up, you'll find a sharper picture emerging, showing something you will need to know.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you'll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine's heart beat faster.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You're now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it's what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Now that you are moving on with your life after that recent disappointment, how about reactivating your travel plans and taking someone special along with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Communication doesn't exist unless it's two-way. So if you're getting no replies to the signals you're sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

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Wintering birds of the Yolo Wildlife Area to be featured

December's Flyway Nights Lecture Series features Yolo Wildlife Area Manager Dave Feliz, who will present a program on the changing bird populations throughout the seasons at the Wildlife Area. Wintering visitors such as tundra swans, snow geese and northern pintail that spent the short tundra summer raising their young in the far north are now here by the thousands. Feliz, an accomplished photographer, will illustrate his talk with photos of some of the more than 200 species that have been seen at the Wildlife Area.

The 16,000-acre preserve, located between Davis and Sacramento, is owned and managed by the California Department of Game. In addition to bird populations, Feliz will also discuss the new management plan for the long-term operation of the multiple use Wildlife Area

The Yolo Basin Foundation offers Flyway Nights at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month from November to April. The talks are held at the Department of Fish and Game's Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters at 45211 Chiles Road in Davis. A \$5 donation to support the program is suggested, and Yolo Basin members are free.

Call the Yolo Basin Foundation, 758-1018, for more information.

Volunteers needed

The Winters Participation Gallery, located at 31 Main Street, is seeking volunteers to keep the gallery open on Thursday and Friday evenings, as well as from 3-9 p.m. on Saturday and hours to be announced on Sunday.

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Lien Sale

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 12th day of December 2006, at 10:00 a.m., on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Winters Self Storage, 807 Railroad Ave., Winters, CA. County of Yolo, State of California, Bond# RED 1006865 the following:

Customer Lonnie Medellin. (Brief description of goods being sold: Small mattress set, small freezer, fishing equip., bed frame, misc items, portable car ramp).

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Nov. 16, 23,30, Dec. 7, 2006

Notice of Trustee Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TTD No.: 20060063349671 Loan No.: 14932610 You are in default under a Deed of Trust, dated 10-05-2005 unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. On 12-14-2006 at 12:00 P.M., Title Trust Deed Service Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10-28-2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0054194-00, in book -, page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Christina M. Hill, a single woman will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at At the rear (north) entrance to the City Hall Building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: APN No.: 003-155-02-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12 Edwards Street Winters CA 95694 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale of property will be made in "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$370,208.63. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. If available, the expected opening bid may be obtained by calling the following telephone number on the day before the sale (818) 871-1919. Date: 11-21-2006 Title Trust Deed Service Company, -, Authorized Signature Address: Malibu Canyon Business Park, 26679 W. Agoura Rd., Suite 225, Calabasas, CA 91302 Phone: 818-871-1900. We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. ASAP# 803649 11/23/2006, 11/30/2006, 12/07/2006

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Allen R. Calderone 468 Main Street Winters, CA 95694

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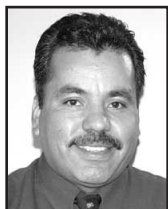
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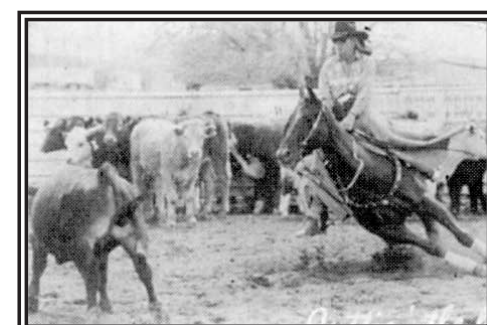
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