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# Winters Express

"Gateway to the Monticello Dam"

## Winters Apartments II under construction

By ELLIOT LANDES  
Staff writer

Construction of Winters' only housing development this year is underway at 110 East Baker Street, where foundations are being excavated and concrete is being poured. The Winters Apartments II are adjacent to the existing 44-unit Winters Apartments and will offer 34 units to low income renters upon completion in October 2007. The project includes an on-site community center.

The project is being built by Community Housing Opportunity Corporations (CHOC), the owner of the existing Winters Apartments. CHOC start-

ed out in 1984 as Davis Community Housing and is a non-profit corporation that develops low income housing projects that it finances through a complex blend of private and public loans and grants. CHOC has sponsored the development of more than 1,100 units of affordable rental housing and 74 single-family homes. Responding to needs beyond Davis, the service has expanded to include communities in Yolo, Sacramento, Solano, and eastern Contra Costa counties.

CHOC's arrangements for financing varies from project to project. The Winters II project is being

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Graphic courtesy of Community Housing Opportunity Corporations

This is an artist's conception of the finished Winters Apartments II, now under construction at 110 East Baker Street. Community Housing Opportunity Corporations (CHOC) is building the project, which includes 34 low income units. Applications for the apartments will be available in late 2007, and will be handled by Sterling Asset Management Company.

## Pool, library plans approved

By GARY BEALL  
Express correspondent

After failing to garner a quorum for their Dec. 7 meeting, school district trustees held a special meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, to elect new officers for 2007 and approved agreements affecting a new swimming pool and library to be constructed at Winters High School.

Mary Jo Rodolfa was elected by her peers to chair the board of trustees, replacing Rick Romney. Jay Shepherd was elected board clerk, the position formerly held by Rodolfa.

In other action, trustees approved a revised library site and operating agreements with the city of Winters and Yolo County. The site lease agreement raises the school district's contribution to the \$5 million building project by \$200,000. The increase and past commitments bring the district's contributions to the project to \$432,807. The operating agreement shares operating expenses between the school district and Yolo County, with a 50:50

arrangement during the nine-month school year and a 100 percent county contribution during the summer months. The library is expected to be completed by the beginning of the 2008-09 school year.

The swimming pool agreement between the school district and the city of Winters formalizes a commitment of up to \$250,000 in school district funds to match a \$250,000 city contribution that will accompany \$1.5 million in developer contributions to build the new swimming pool. Pool construction will begin immediately.

Trustees also approved a revised counseling services policy that enables the district to access up to \$83,360 in ongoing additional funds from the state for counseling services.

### Personnel

The district added Enrique Perez, Jr., and JoAnn Meraz to their custodial staff and hired Roy Barnett as a part time crossing guard. Capri Ri-

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## Anderson Place on planners' agenda

Because of the holidays, The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The commission's usual meeting date is the fourth Tuesday of the month.

The following items are on the agenda:

~ Public hearing and consideration of a site

plan application submitted by Fran Oremus for the installation of a new single-story, single-family 1,979 square foot manufactured residence with three bedrooms and two bathrooms at 437 Main Street.

~ Continued public hearing and consideration of the Anderson Place subdivision map. The project is a proposed

subdivision of 2.13 acres to create 24 residential lots with a total of 28 residential units and nine of-fice suites, an internal roadway/parking area, a pedestrian pathway area, subdivision feature/green space area, and second internal roadway/parking area at 723 Railroad Avenue. The applicant for Eva Brzeski. Entitlements in-

clude a tentative subdivision map; development agreement; rezone to add the Planned Development Overlay over the 2.13-acre site; Planned Development Permit for PD overlay; modifications to the adopted Street Cross Sections; site plan for residential units/office suites and landscaping; and demolition permit.

## Jones to work on Rose Bowl floats

By ELLIOT LANDES  
Staff writer

For the third year in a row, Chris Jones of Chris' University Florist will close down her shop between Christmas and New Year's and spend the week decorating floats for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Accompanying her this year will be Jackie Tanner, who runs a travel agency out of Chris' space at 22 Main Street.

She volunteers for a week helping to apply all manner of natural materials to what she describes as "three story floral designs on wheels." Last year she and Tanner spent six days working on floats representing Subway, the city of Torrance and the Rose Queen's float in the shape of a buggy pulled by horses. They spent days attaching seaweed to the city of Ontario's float in the form of a giant choo-choo train.

Each year, more work on floats is done by professional float building companies, but much of the work is still done by volunteers like Jones. Jones says they spend

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Photo by Chet Weaver

Chris Jones, on scaffolding three stories high, attaches 350 Sonia roses to the Rose Queen's float for the 2005 Tournament of Roses parade as part of her annual volunteer stint two days before New Year's Day.

## Toys needed

Winters Fire Chief Scott Dozier says the fire department urgently needs more new, unwrapped toys or cash donations to buy toys, because the annual Toys for Tots distribution is next week and there are not enough toys for all the families who signed up for the program.

Dozier asks that anyone who can contribute to the cause bring toys or checks made out to "Winters Fire Department/Toys for Tots" to the fire department by Monday, Dec. 18. The fire department is located at 10 Abbey Street.

## FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

**PALMER DALE PRUITT** is the newborn son of John and Amy Pruitt of Winters. He was born on Nov. 12, 2006 at 1:07 p.m. at the UC Davis Medical Center and weighed 7 lbs, 14 oz. and was 20 inches long. He joins a brother, Stryker, age 8. Paternal grandparent is Gloria Pruitt of Vista and maternal grandparents are Ann Palmer of Davis and Jack and Sue Palmer of Davis.

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(Supplements are sent to Winters, Woodland, Davis, Capay Valley, Dixon, Vacaville and Fairfield.)

## WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Dec. 6		66	33
Dec. 7		69	34
Dec. 8		67	37
Dec. 9	.64	61	43
Dec. 10	.39	66	46
Dec. 11	.09	52	43
Dec. 12	.60	52	45

Rain for week: 1.72

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Last year to date: 2.90

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# Weekly police report

**Nov. 6**  
~ On the first block of Main Street, a suspect entered a business and charged items to a victim's account without permission.

**Nov. 10**  
~ On the 100 block of East Baker Street, a victim's Social Security number was being used by an unknown suspect to obtain state benefits.

**Nov. 23**  
~ A suspect requested and obtained a prescription for a controlled substance by using the information of a deceased person. An investigation continues.

**Nov. 29**  
~ On the 1000 block of McArthur Avenue, paint balls were shot at a vehicle and residence.

**Nov. 30**  
~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, an unlocked bicycle was stolen. Loss: \$68.

**Dec. 1**  
~ On the 400 block of Abbey Street, a residence was entered and property was stolen. Loss: \$5.  
~ On the 200 block of Mermod Place, a 14-year-old Winters juvenile refused to attend school. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for review.

**Dec. 1-4**  
~ On the 600 block of Third Street, a brick was thrown at a rear window of a vehicle, breaking it. Damage: \$170.

**Dec. 3**  
~ Alma Noelia Cisneros Reyes, 21, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and driving without headlights during darkness.  
~ A found cordless telephone was turned over to the police department.  
~ Armando Lizarraga, Jr., 42, of Winters was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging him with violation of a court order.

**Dec. 3-10**  
~ On the first block of Main Street, property was stolen from a residence. There were no signs of forced entry. Loss: \$6,475.

**Dec. 4**  
~ On the 200 block of First Street, an unlocked bicycle was stolen. Loss: \$350.  
~ A 15-year-old Winters juvenile was northbound on Valley Oak Drive heading to Adams Lane to return his parents' vehicle. While turning eastbound on Adams Lane, the juvenile saw his mother standing in the driveway to their home. The juvenile decided not to turn onto eastbound Adams Lane and continued northbound on Valley Oak Drive. The juvenile turned his head, taking his eyes off the road in front of him and unintentionally drove the vehicle

over the west median curb of Valley Oak Drive just north of Adams Lane and aggressively applied the brakes of the vehicle in an attempt to stop. The vehicle was heading northbound in the median, hit a stationary rock in the median and became stuck on top of the rock. The juvenile was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

**Dec. 5**  
~ Judith Louise Spinetti, 54, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, failing to stop at a stop sign and no proof of insurance.  
~ A set of found keys were turned over to the police department.

**Dec. 6**  
~ Jose Angel Amezcua, Jr., 21, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Yolo County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charge of passing checks with non-sufficient funds. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.  
~ On the 200 block of Rosa Avenue, victim was awakened by the sound of the dog barking in the hallway. The victim got out of bed and found a male subject wearing dark clothing standing in a bedroom. The victim told the suspect he had to leave the residence, and walked the suspect through the house and into the garage, where the suspect left through the garage door. The suspect was located and the victim made an identification of the suspect. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney from complaint.

**Dec/6-8**  
~ On the 800 block of Jackson Street, a vehicle windshield was chipped and air was released from a trailer tire.

**Dec. 7**  
~ Placido Cuevas Amezcua, 34, of Esparto was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, having no rear bumper on a vehicle and no proof of insurance.  
~ Leonel Luna Lopez, 24, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and speeding.  
~ On the 700 block of Valley Oak Drive, an officer assisted the State Contractors Licensing Board with a belligerent subject. Upon arrival, the subject calmed down and the Contractors Board Investigator issued a citation for repairing a roof without being a licensed contractor.

**Dec. 8**  
~ Juan Manuel Evangelista-Garcia, 22, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unli-

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# YESTERYEAR



File photo

In January 1990, four Waggoner Elementary School students were rewarded with pizza at the Pizza Factory with their school principal, Marj Hein, for having read 200 books during the PTA's book count, which began in October 1989. From left are Erin Delforeice, Jamiee Jackson, Jessica Sydow, Hein, and Erika Huerta.

35  
YEARS AGO

December 16, 1971

The Winters School Board Monday night voted to extend the contract of School Superintendent James Bernardy to June 30, 1976. The motion to renew was passed by a four to one vote, with John Schmucker voting not to renew the contract.

In honor of Frank Moon, who will retire December 31 from the Winters Police Department, a retirement dinner will be held Wednesday, December 29, at the Fire Hall. Tickets are \$4 and may be obtained at the City Hall.

A picture of Putah Creek will be featured on the cover of the new telephone book to be ready for distribution on Monday, December 27, according to Jack Harmonson, of Woodland, local manager of Pacific Telephone.

Under direction of Teresa F. Tutt, music director of Winters schools, the local Parent Teacher Student Association will present a Christmas program tonight at 8 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Mr. and Mrs. Garry Hayes, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born Dec. 10, 1971, in the Davis Community Hospital.

The following property transfer was recorded in Woodland recently, with approximate amount based on transfer taxes: Pedro G. and Salvadora R. Manas to Eu-sabio and Catherine Car-rion, property east of Winters, \$40,000.

Richard Clark, Juan Barbosa, John Carbahal and Chuck Thomson won special awards at the Winters High School football awards banquet, held last Thursday evening in the High School Gymnasium.

Home delivery of mail in Winters has been approved by the U.S. Postal Service, according to J.R. Chapman, Postmaster. Postal officials will be in Winters in January to set up delivery routes.

50  
YEARS AGO

December 27, 1956

The Solano County Board of Supervisors has called for bids on \$58,000 bonds, to be issued by the Wolfskill School District. Money from the sale of the bonds will be used to construct additional school facilities.

In a property transaction recorded last week in Woodland, Harry and Versa Timmons sold property in the Edwards Addition here to Eugene J. and Beverly J. Franke for an indicated \$2,500.

Mr. and Mrs. William Waroff, of Winters, are the parents of a son, Michael David, born at the Woodland Clinic Hospital on December 19, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. McClish have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Clare McClish and Martin James Newkom of Sutter County.

Among those from Winters attending the P.G. and E. annual party for the children of employees last Thursday were the following and their families: Messrs. and Mesdames Glenn Kidder, Albert Ichtertz, Robert Bishop, Lem Bledsoe, Donald Doster and Cord Hailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graf and daughters, Patty and Peggy, of Yuba City were Christmas guests at the home of Jack's parents, Postmaster and Mrs. Charles A. Graf.

Some 70 friends of Mr. and Mrs. William McCalmont of Hollywood called Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Martin to greet the former residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Campbell were holiday guests in the Sacramento home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Cummings.

Mack Cody Jr. and Tom Pearse are home from Chico State College, and Bob Islip of St. Mary's is with his mother, Mrs. Lloyd Islip.

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YEARS AGO

December 26, 1941

The judges of outdoor Christmas tree and window decorations have made the following awards: outside live tree, O.C. Holmes, first prize, J.S. Scott, second; outdoor illuminated tree, C.S. Niemann, first, John Chulick, second; inside tree and window decorations, Thomas Fox, first, Francis McGarr, second, and Mrs. G.M. Vasey, third.

Camera Girton is one of a group who has notice to report for service December 26 in Bakersfield. Girton will be in air service.

Saturday, January 3, is the date chosen by Miss Jean Griffin for her marriage to Ralph Davis of Walnut Grove.

Jack and Ted Mermod motored to Berkeley Wednesday. Mrs. Lucy Berg and Miss Lottie returning with them for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Judy of Walnut Grove were in town Tuesday. Judy's mother, Mrs. D.O. Judy returned with them to spend Christmas in their home.

Herman Albert Meyer, Aggie student has enlisted in the U.S. Army service.

Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Ruggles and son spent Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. L. Drivon and family in Oakland.

Miss Corabel Moore of Stockton is a holiday guest at the Percy Moore home.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Geller of Santa Rosa, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Errett and daughters, Donna and Diane of Allendale composed the family group party with their mother, Mrs. Rose Geller, dinner hostess yesterday.

# Berryessa rises .03 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa rose last week for the first time since last spring, by .03 of a foot, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

Faulkner reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 430.60 feet above sea level, .03 of a foot above the Dec. 5 reading. Water storage was computed at 1,425,192 acre feet of water, 551 acre feet more than the previous Tuesday.

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 24 acre feet of water per day during the week.

100  
YEARS AGO

December 28, 1906

Two dispatches from Vallejo were published in the Call on Wednesday which indicate that two electric railroad companies are striving to reach Winters.

Miss Belle Foster, who is taking the course as professional nurse in a Sacramento hospital, came home for Christmas.

Mrs. D. Wilson went to Martinez Monday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. W.G. Reed, during the holidays.

Mrs. A.J. Snodgrass went to Santa Rosa Monday to spend the holidays with her son's family.

Elwood Sackett returned Thursday to Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Clark went to Fresno Monday to visit Mrs. Clark's relatives.

C.S. Chambers went to the city to spend Christmas with his parents.

Adrian Overhouse came home from Sacramento last Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Ames are visiting at the home of Mrs. Jessie Ruggles, their daughter.

Prof. Si. Hoyt, the man of magic, mirth and mystery, will give two performances in the Winters Opera House Friday and Saturday night. Prices - 15 cents, 25 cents, 35 cents.

Misses Sara Cul-ton, Edna Dexter and Anita Anderson came home from the State Normal at San Jose last Saturday.

Walter Snodgrass returned from Kansas yesterday. He went east by way of Ogden five weeks ago, coming home through Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Baker spent Christmas in Oakland with Mrs. Baker's mother.

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# DeWall starts fund to benefit library staff

Yolo Community Foundation announced recently that Mary Stephens DeWall, Yolo County Librarian, has initiated a fund to benefit Yolo County Library staff. It will be called the Mary Stephens DeWall Yolo Library Staff Enrichment Fund.

DeWall said, “I have long wanted to have a source of money that can be used to enrich the development of library staff at all levels, at all libraries. Whenever state funding gets tight, staff development is one of the first budget items to go. This is the kind of fund that can enable us to, for example, have a well-known author talk to our staff. It would enable staff to attend specialized state and national conferences and training not possible with county funds. Or we might send a person to the Spanish language book fair in Guadalajara, so we know what is available for our Hispanic patrons. I want to see it used for things that are beyond the normal, everyday training that everyone has to have. This is one way to recruit and retain outstanding employees and continue to improve library services for all Yolo County Library users.”

DeWall also has plans to leave additional money to the fund as a bequest. She began her professional library career in Yolo County in 1969 as Yolo County Librarian and has served in that capacity continuously since. As a result, she is the longest tenured county librarian in the history of Yolo County and in the state, as well as the longest tenured department head in Yolo County.

DeWall’s service to Yolo County libraries actually began in 1956 when she was employed as a library page which continued during each consecutive summer until 1962. Consequently, her actual library service in Yolo County spans six decades and two centuries.

Better known as simply Mary Stephens, DeWall will be retiring at the end of December after 37 years as Yolo County Librarian. A celebration in her honor will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Yolo

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## Spinning their wheels



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Members of the Team Slipstream cycling team (“Powered by Chipotle”) peddled through Winters and visited Velo City on Monday, Dec. 11, while on a practice run for the Tour of California bike race, planned for Feb. 18-26. Approximately 150 cyclists are expected to come right down Winters’ Main Street on Feb. 20 as part of the Santa Rosa/Sacramento leg of the race. From left are Taylor Tolleson of Santa Cruz, Tom Peterson of North Bend, Washington, Brad Huff of Fair Grove, Missouri, Lucas Euser of Napa, Danny Pate of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Pat McCarty of Austin, Texas. To find out more about the race, visit [www.amgentourofcalifornia.com](http://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com).

## Free recycling program expanded at landfill

The Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) is pleased to announce the expansion of their free recycling program to accommodate large rigid plastics and electronic waste (e-waste). Large rigid plastics being accepted for free at the landfill include: plastic buckets, bins, flower pots, ice chests, toys and plastic furniture. Additionally, the e-waste recycling program has been expanded to include many more electronic devices.

E-waste items now accepted for free at the Yolo County Central Landfill include blenders, cell phones, coffee makers,

compact disk (CD) players, computers and computer accessories, copiers, digital scales, digital video disk (DVD) players, digital video recorders (DVR), electric toothbrushes, irons, machinery and tools with electric motors, music players (MP3, Ipod, etc.), other small hand held electronics, personal digital assistant (PDA), printers, radios, scanners, speakers, stereos, telephones, toasters, vacuum cleaners, video and still cameras, video cassette recorders (VCR), video game machines (PS, XBOX, etc) and other e-waste items (call for ap-

proval first).

The Yolo County Central Landfill is located at 44090 County Road 28H and is open for business Monday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

For more information on Yolo County Division of Integrated Waste Management programs visit [www.yolocounty.org/recycle](http://www.yolocounty.org/recycle) or call 666-8729.

## Meals on Wheels needs drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver meals to the homes of local housebound seniors. The program, Meals on Wheels, is sponsored by the Elderly Nutrition Program.

The program will provide a vehicle for delivery, so drivers do not need to have their own cars.

Drivers deliver approximately 16 hot and cold food packets, Monday through Friday. The delivery takes about one hour, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Drivers can work as much as one day per week,

several times per month or as little as one day per month. They can work alone or two friends could share the delivery trip, one as a driver and the other to deliver the meal.

Organizations can also participate in this community service program by adopting one day per week or one day per month and furnishing a driver for that day.

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# Opinion



**DEBRA LO GUERCIO**  
**BECAUSE I SAY SO**

**O**H, TO BE AT THAT wonderful age when you still believe that a fat man in a red and white suit will load up a sleigh full of enough toys for all the children in the world, and flying reindeer (tiny ones, mind you) will pull it across the sky and he'll land on every rooftop, squeeze through the chimney despite his ample girth, put piles of toys under the Christmas tree, tweak his nose and shoot back up the chimney, jump back into the sleigh and move on until he's visited every child in the world (only the good ones, that is, and he knows who they are because he's been watching you all year). All in one night.

Yes, we tell our children this. And they believe it! And, rather than being skeptical over the insanity and improbability of the entire story, they soak it right up with wide-eyed wonder! That's because children still believe in magical things — fairies and unicorns and talking animals. If one's fairy godmother can turn a pumpkin into a carriage, why couldn't Santa bring them toys — particularly when Mom and Dad said so? Aren't Mom and Dad always right and completely trustworthy?

So, we scuttle them off to bed on Christmas Eve, tuck them in, and advise them to get right to sleep or Santa won't come! Yikes! Talk about a set-up for insomnia — sleep or else! As visions of Nintendo Playstations and Malibu Barbi dance in their heads, parents collapse on the couch, enjoy some egg nog and savor the one night of the year when the house is peaceful because the kids aren't ricocheting off the walls.

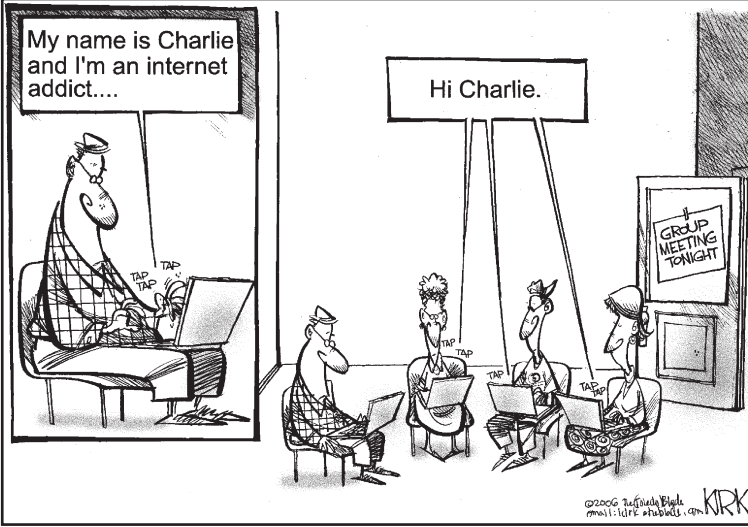
This ploy works great until that unhappy day when a child's mind starts to develop logic and reasoning, and he starts to ponder about how Santa gets the presents into his house even though it doesn't have a chimney or that Santa can't possibly be making toys in the North Pole if he's sitting in a big chair at Macy's. And also at JC Penney and Nordstrom — all at the same time. Something very fishy about that. And he looks up at you with fretted brow and skeptical eyes and asks, "Mom, Dad... Is Santa real?" And you repeat the lie: "Of course!" And why do you repeat it? Because the promise of Santa's rewards buys you some good behavior for a couple weeks in December. Oh, and for those other two pieces of really sound reasoning for every decision: because we've always done it this way and because everyone else does it too.

But sooner or later, an older sibling or friend will leak the truth: It's all a scam, dude. Your parents put the presents under the tree. There's no Santa. As the crushing sadness of Santa's death subsides, a newer, uglier thought crystallizes in your child's mind: Mom and Dad lied! Suddenly, you're no longer her hero. You're deceptive. Manipulative. You can no longer be trusted. You're a liar.

I'll never forget that moment when my son informed his younger sister with an evil cackle that Santa wasn't real. My daughter glared at me and demanded the truth as well as a time-out for her brother for saying such despicable things. But truth always prevails. It was time to come clean. I gulped and 'fessed up. She glared at me, trembling with anger, and hissed, "You lied to me!" She was devastated. But not just because she no longer believed in Santa. Because she no longer believed in me.

Why did I willfully perpetuate a calculated lie that ultimately only causes heartbreak? Isn't Christmas magical enough and wonderful enough on its own — people giving each other gifts and baking cookies, visiting friends and family, and singing about joy and peace — without all that Santa nonsense? I realized, sadly a little too late, it is. And, unfortunately as is true with everything about parenting, there are no "do-overs." Once the trust is shattered, Humpty Dumpty has a better chance of being put back together again.

So, if your kids are still little and you're about to cuddle them on your knee and read them "The Night Before Christmas" and tell them Santa's going to bring them all sorts of treasures on Christmas morning if they've been very good all year, heed a parenting veteran's word of advice: Don't. That handful of years when your kids believe in Santa aren't worth that bitter moment when they no longer believe in you.



## LETTERS

### Media doesn't report success

Dear Editor,

The modern media seems to have a morbid fascination with the rising death toll in Iraq. It is paraded about in headlines and stories as if that is the only news worth reporting from the entire conflict. During previous conflicts, the media reported on the successes of the soldiers with casualties referred to as a tragic consequence. Now it seems, death tolls make the headlines and successes are portrayed as temporary and fragile. The number of American dead (2,875 as of Nov. 27, 2006) is often touted as one the main reasons that the war is going wrong.

This idea that the death count is an indication of the success of a war is completely absurd. If that were the case, then the Civil War and WWII would be our two biggest failures since the death tolls reported by CNN are 498,332 and 405,399, respectively.

We all know that death is a tragic consequence of war, but the success of war can only be measured by the degree to which we have achieved our goals. The Civil War saw the death of nearly a half of a million American soldiers, but those fallen heroes contributed to the preservation of the Union and the abolition of slavery.

Then WWII saw tyrannical dictatorships attempt to conquer and subjugate their neighbors. America could have easily not committed any troops to the fight and over 400,000 Americans would not have died. Instead, Franklin D. Roosevelt led our forces against the evils of fascism

and Nazism and turned our former enemies (Germany, Italy and Japan) into some of our closest allies. The Marshall Plan for rebuilding Europe helped this process and finally ended in 1951, a full six years after the end of the war in 1945.

Measuring the success of these two wars based on death tolls is ridiculous. They are considered successful only because they each achieved their objectives of ending disunion, slavery, fascism and Nazism. Achieving those goals was the primary focus and sole measure of success.

Many of our initial objectives in Iraq have already been achieved as Saddam has been removed from power and brought to justice by a fair trial. A free, democratic government has been formed in the place of the Stalinist-fashioned Baath Party and is now working with the various groups to ensure a lasting peace.

President Bush has learned from historical precedents that the only way we can lose is if we quit, and he has no intention of retreating. Pundits criticize him for ignoring media opinion and its portrayal of progress, but this is his greatest asset. As the leader of this country, he needs to keep our focus on the overall objectives, not the individual tragedies. That is not to discount the life of any individual soldier, but to elevate the ideals for which they fought. If we can ignore the pessimism and remain committed to victory in Iraq, we will not fail.

**SALVADOR DURAN JR.**

### Time to think of Youth Day theme

Dear Editor,

The holiday season is here and there's no better way to earn some extra money than to enter the 2007 Winters Youth Day Theme Contest. That's right, Youth Day already. We will be celebrating our 71st Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 28, 2007 and all of our information gets sent out in January.

The winner of the theme contest will receive a \$100 prize and the winning entry will be used for all our publicity. Rules to enter are simple. Anyone can

enter the theme contest. It must include the word "youth" and should be somewhat brief as it will be used on floats, etc. as well.

All entries should be sent to Winters Youth Day Theme Contest, P.O. Box 807, Winters, CA 95694 and must be received by Friday, Dec. 22, 2006. The winner will be chosen the week after Christmas.

Happy Holidays!

**MIKE SEBASTIAN**  
**WINTERS YOUTH DAY**  
**PARADE CHAIRMAN**

### Students can help with wrapping

Dear Editor,

Have you already done a lot of your holiday shopping? Are you dreading all of the gift wrapping? Let us help you.

The eighth graders at Winters Middle School will be hosting a fund-raiser to wrap people's gifts for them. We are raising money for a legacy project done by those Winters Middle School eighth graders that want to participate, to leave a special mark behind for students to follow. Bring your gifts

needing wrapping to the gym at the Middle School on this Saturday, Dec. 16 from 3-7 p.m. and we will wrap them for you.

Wrapping will cost from \$1 to \$3 per gift depending on the size and the 5th gift will be wrapped for free. Let us cross one thing off of your long to do list. Contact Maci Lloyd, 795-3000 or Janet Andersen, 795-5030.

Thank you so much for your support.

**WMS**  
**8TH GRADE CLASS**



**CHARLES R. WALLACE**

## A QUICK OPINION

**A**LITTLE SHOP TALK. Last week I put on my tie, brushed off a sports jacket, combed my hair and headed for my annual corporate meeting with the McNaughton clan. This happy event has been taking place since we merged the Winters Express with McNaughton Publications in 1995. Foy McNaughton, my partner, has a sister on the board of directors that has never seen me without a tie.

I get a little nervous about this meeting every year, but it always turns out the same. It is kind of an annual job review, based mostly on how the Express is doing financially. If we pick up an award or two during the year, it doesn't hurt, but mostly the meetings are about budgets, expected revenue and what we might expect in the coming years. Guessing what the price of newsprint will be next year is like guessing the rainfall totals.

Sitting with the publishers from Placerville, Fairfield, and Davis newspapers is always interesting. We all have similar problems and sometimes unique solutions. Sharing our concerns and problems is probably the best part of the meeting. You don't have to re-invent the wheel, someone has had your problem before, and can tell you what they did about it. We all have subscriber stories, but luckily the Express doesn't have any law suit nightmares to share.

For those who think the McNaughtons should fire me, you'll have to wait another year for your chance. Burt McNaughton just laughs at my nervousness about my job. "No one wants your job," he likes to remind me. His comment isn't that reassuring. There are times when this job is exciting and I think the Express makes a difference in the lives of our subscribers. It is the making money that isn't that easy or fun.

I like to say we are keepers of history, and I don't think anyone does a better job of keeping track of what happens in small towns than weekly newspapers. As the years go by and the naysayers keep predicting the demise of newspapers, we keep plugging along. Dean McNaughton, the patriarch of the family business, who must be close to eighty, likes to remind us that when radio was invented people where saying that it would be the end of newspapers. Same for television and now the internet. I like the quote from a Sacramento Bee techie. "If you can't take it to the bathroom, it isn't going to make it." He went on to remind everyone that in 1984 Ted Turner said newspapers wouldn't last another 10 years. He apologized 10 years later. Newspapers are still publishing, still active in their communities and hopefully still making money.

The guy that is supposed to be on page 2 is 87 years young and still enjoys coming to work every day. I'm turning 56 in a couple of weeks and I, too, enjoy coming into the office every day. If I can show up to work when I'm 87, I'd be one lucky publisher, but maybe I already am one lucky publisher.

Don't forget to enter the rainfall contest. Another entry blank is on page B-4 of today's Express. Have a good week.

### Must not get trapped in roles

Dear Editor,

My daughter, a student of acting at Solano Community College, recently brought home a film as part of her homework. Her interest in the homework was apparent to me as I sat and watched her play and rewind, play and rewind, over and over. I was hooked by the second rewind. I am grateful for the program that she is involved in at Solano College because it seems to have given her many things that she didn't have before like excitement, interest, and a career I hope. She had to audition to gain entry to the program and I think she has done quite well.

The film, I thought, was about Shakespeare and actors but it proved to be much more, even more than I could ever have imagined. It was only loosely concerned with Shakespeare but it was still an important element. The main building block of the film was the beauty on the stage and so the title of the film is "Stage Beauty", and rightly so.

On the Dec. 8 1660, Margaret Hughes, played 'Desdemona' in 'The Moor of Venice' (a reworking of Shakespeare's 'Othello'). She was the first woman allowed to act on an English stage which evoked protest from the Puritan Church of England. It took a proclamation by King

Charles II, in a document which exists to this day, to open the door for women actors. Thus a milestone in the Women's Rights Movement.

I think that the film paints a colorful picture of society as a whole in that we are taught as children, by our parents, peers, and acquaintances that we meet along the way, how to act. Usually, girls are taught to act one way and boys are taught to act another way and you can guess what happens when it gets mixed up. This is another theme of the film and it illustrates before your eyes how men act differently from women under the same conditions. To a higher degree, we as a society have been taught to act in a certain manner and we have been trapped in this role for some time now. It is a role of violence and overbearance that stems from our forefathers and as it says in the film, we are trapped and left to die.

I studied "Peace" under Dr. Karen McCord and she opened my eyes, not only to the strength of peace but to the strength of women. "The violence that we are capable of is the course of our souls and the cause of our death," is the main theme of the film. I believe it to be true that we, as men, will kill every living thing on Earth if we

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# Community



## Winters Lions to host blood drive

On Dec. 18, Winters Lions Club will host a blood drive to meet the community's need for blood and blood products. Everyone is welcome.

Blood donations are critically needed – especially during the busy holiday season. Many people cancel their blood drive appointments to accommodate their holiday plans. At the same time, the cold and flu season takes a toll on the community blood supply.

Tom Urban knows quite well the need for blood that patients face at this time of year. Three years ago this fall, Tom was struck by a fast moving truck while attempting to enter his own vehicle. Since that day, he has been through many medical treatments and surgeries, and has received 15 units of blood.

With a flowing white beard and a twinkle in his eye, Tom is often approached by young children who think he's Santa Claus. For years, Tom worked as a shopping mall Santa in the Sacramento area. He has a beautiful, custom-made Santa suit and a candy-striped walking cane.

Sadly, after the encounter with the hit-and-run driver, Tom no longer has the strength to work at the mall each December. He finds himself in pain every day, grateful just to be alive. Tom tells his story of survival and helps recruit blood donors whenever he can.

“I've been through it all,” Tom says. “If it wasn't for the generosity of blood donors, I wouldn't be here.”

For more information about donating blood,

## Georgeanne Brennan



Courtesy photo

Just in time for the holidays — Winters resident and renowned cookbook author Georgeanne Brennan will be at Borders Books in Davis on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 4p.m. to autograph her best-selling book, “The Dr. Seuss Green Eggs and Ham Cookbook.” Copies of the books will be available, and “some of the crazy props the photographer made to illustrated the recipes” will be on display.

please call (866) 822-5663 or visit any one of BloodSource's 15 centers, located throughout Northern and Central California.

To give blood, you must be in generally good health, free from cold symptoms for at least 48 hours; be at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent); and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Prospective donors must bring a photo ID. The entire process

takes about an hour.

The blood drive will take place on Dec. 18 from 3 – 7 p.m. at the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue.

BloodSource was established in 1948 as a not-for-profit community blood bank. BloodSource provides life-saving services to millions of people in 25 counties throughout Northern and Central California. To learn more about BloodSource, please visit the web site at [www.bloodsource.org](http://www.bloodsource.org).



KEVIN DUANE BALOGH  
10-23-69 TO 12-13-91

Well Kevin, we have all the outside and inside decorations up in the house and the Christmas tree is all decorated with the help of your 9 year old niece Kaily. Some cookies baked and frozen for the next few weeks to give away to friends and family. Even at 22 years of age you couldn't wait for Christmas to get here, with all the goodies I had made and presents under the tree for you, and just a great time to spend with your family. Little did we know that we would never have another Christmas with you again. I remember this time 15 years ago thinking, how would we ever have a Christmas again and fully enjoy this joyful season and ever wrapping gifts again, especially ones with your name on them, to put under the tree. 15 years is a long time to be without you in our lives, but with your nephew Andrew and niece Kaily here at the ranch so much of the time, has eased our pain, but our longing to touch you, see your ever smiling face and the pranks you would pull on me just to see if you could get a rise out of me, which you would, has never faded. All our “WHAT IF”S” have even some how let up, and have been replaced with thanking God for giving us 22 wonderful and exciting years with you and doing so many great family things like our Oregon and Klamath trips in the dunes and mini vacations and most of all our one month in Hawaii just the two of us. Oh how blessed I was and those memories will never ever leave us. Your nephew Andrew has taken up pheasant hunting with your dad and now we will have “2” mounted pheasants up on the top of the cabinet shelve, yours from the last time you went hunting to Andrew's at 12 years of of age. Oh how great it would have been to see my “3” favorite men go out and hunt, fish and go to car shows together, but for now I can watch “2” and still feel oh so proud to be a mom and grandmother. Our time is getting closer being with you and with the years passing so quickly and knowing we'll see you soon. We love you son, and our love does grow deeper everyday knowing we had you with us even for a short time. Until then, we have all our memories to keep us going. You are forever in our hearts and mind. The greatest gift you gave us is knowing you are with our Lord and we will see you again.

Until that time comes,  
We love you Kevin,  
Always & Forever  
Dad & Mom

# JONES

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about \$1,550 in lodging costs and they have a grand time. She likes the volunteer aspect because there is less stress than meeting deadlines in her own business. Though she usually puts in ten-hour days, she likes the fact that “you can leave when you get tired.”

The float builders are very specific in their instructions to volunteers and insist on great attention to detail. She shows a picture of an area covered by beans of a particular color, and points out that the beans must be applied in rows that follow the counters of the shape. Her work has included replacing whole installations that were done incorrectly. The designer says “can you just go change all those?” and they get to undo hours of work.

The design and construction of floats can take a year, but the most perishable decorations need to be applied in the last few days, and there is great pressure on the managers to meet a non-negotiable deadline.

This year they will be working on the floats for

Rainbird and the Oklahoma State Centennial. The rules require floats be covered in natural materials only, and this results in creative uses of materials that go way beyond flowers. Man made materials are not allowed. The definition of “natural” gets stretched to the limit, the most extreme example being drums full of tar used for basic black. Jones has a picture of a stealth bomber float, colored gray by millions of black onion seeds. “You’d be amazed what they use,” says Jones.

On the alligator in last year’s Rainbird float, Jones and many other volunteers applied pineapple rinds, brussels sprouts, and a wide variety of seeds. Oatmeal and cinnamon are used for color and beans are heavily applied for a variety of texture effects. “You can smell the floats before you see them.”

“I am always amazed by what I see there. I learn a lot and it is a lot of fun. We meet a lot of people and you can’t believe the age range, from 9 to 90.” Watching the parade is part of the thrill. “I love saying ‘I did that’, as a float goes by,” says Jones.

Typical floats cost

\$350,000 or more and use a staggering amount of materials. Fifty thousand gallons of glue are used in the process. Jones was dismayed by the sheer quantities of roses and orchids being used on floats she worked on.

She says participating is “an incredible high – it takes us two months to come down.”

Jones’ father, Chet Weaver, travels with her to the project and her involvement started at his suggestion. Jones connected with the Rose Parade through her friend Todd Johnson of Foothill Flowers in Grass Valley, who works on floats professionally.

Jones’ store will be closed from Christmas to January 2 of the new year. Jones has been in business in Winters for 20 years, including owning University Florist in Davis for a couple of years. She is now happy to be back running just the one store on Main Street. “I can only be in one place at a time. It’s hard to have someone else do your job,” says Jones.

The Tournament of Roses was started by members of Pasadena’s valley Hunt Club in 1895 as a way of showing off to the



Photo by Elliot Landes

**Winters resident Chris Jones will again be volunteering her time to construct floats for the Tournament of Roses Parade.**

frozen midwest and northeast Pasadena’s mild winter climate, and there was no better way to drive the point home than with millions of flowers. “In New York, people are buried in snow,” announced Professor Charles F. Holder at a club meeting. “Here our flowers are blooming and our oranges are about to bear. Let’s hold a festival to tell the world about our paradise.”

# Doctor to speak with Winters seniors

Dr. Sigmund Williams of California Health and Wellness Center of Fresno will be in Winters at the Winters Community Center at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14. He will also be speaking at the Senior Apartments (400 Morgan Street) in the dayroom at 10 a.m. on the same day.

Williams is the representative for orthotics, diabetic shoes, and other devices that enable a person to overcome walking, gait and other problems. He uses orthomolecular medications, which he says had 98 per cent effectiveness in enabling a diabetic to reduce his or her blood sugar levels to normal ranges; including patients re-

ducing their medications and insulin intakes.

He will also talk on heart problems, arthritis, gout and other medical conditions.

“If you are tired of feeling poorly and tired of feeling as if you are a pill factory, I sincerely urge you to attend one of these lectures, preferably at the Community Center on Dec. 14 at 2 p.m., where there is more room for a larger audience,” says Winters resident Sandy Webster.

Williams will also have on hand some of the orthotics, special shoes for diabetics and other devices, most of which are covered under medicare.

# BOWLS

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rious personal issues. It once happened to me and also most homeless people are sad and I want them to be happy,” the fourth grader replied. This is the kind of spirit that keeps our community going — a caring spirit that wants to help and that wants to give hope.

What does hope feel like to the more than 62 needy individuals who seek help at the Yolo Wayfarer Center daily? It feels like a hot meal, three times a day; it

feels like a bag of groceries tucked into the back seat of a car; it feels like a warm bed out of the rain and it feels like a listening ear ready to help find a solution to the cause of homelessness. The Yolo Wayfarer Center extends hope 365 days a year to anyone in Yolo County who finds themselves in need.

The students and teachers, who were moved by the desperate need of hunger to give, are eager to integrate the lesson of hope into their school experience — to help teach our children to be com-

passionate, caring and givers of hope.

As a 5th grader put it: “This project meant a lot to me because I really want to help people who go through hunger because I never know what’s going to happen in the future to me. If some day I go through hunger I would like to be treated the same.”

We count it a privilege to serve in such a generous and caring community. Thank you, Yolo County and Woodland.

**DAVID MARKHAM**  
**Board President**  
**Yolo Wayfarer Center**

# ROLES

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don’t begin to act a little more like women. We, as in the film, must learn to suffer as women and fight when women fight. Men think too much and their actions sometimes ruin the beauty of things and make them ugly.

It says in the film, and I agree with it, “a man is not defined by what he says but by how he acts.” Take a look around the world and what do you see? I see death, hate, starvation, and yes, a little love. This film is an attempt to illustrate the fact that we must not let the beauty die by being trapped in one role. We must become versatile actors in this life or this role will kill us all.

**DONALD K. SANDERS**

# Al-Anon can offer 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.



# POLICE

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censed driver.  
~ Eduardo Jimenez, 21, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charge of shooting a firearm from a public road. Jimenez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ At First Street and Edwards Street, a vehicle was stopped for running a

stop sign. A check of the license plate revealed the vehicle was stolen from the city of Dixon. As a result, the driver, a 15-year-old Winters juvenile, was arrested for failing to stop at a stop sign, being an unlicensed driver and taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. The passenger, a 16-year-old Winters juvenile, was arrested for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. The juveniles were booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Juvenile Hall for incarceration.

The third occupant, a 15-year-old Winters resident, was released to a parent at the scene.

~ Colt Alan Toms, 19, of Sacramento was stopped at the stop sign in the southbound lane of Main Street waiting to make a left turn into the eastbound lane of West Grant Avenue. Silvia Patricia Aguirre, 18, of Winters was driving westbound on West Grant Avenue approaching the intersection with Main Street. Toms saw Aguirre turn into the right turn lane and thought it was safe to

make his left turn onto eastbound West Grant Avenue. Aguirre saw Toms drive into the intersection and applied her brakes but was unable to stop in time to avoid colliding with Toms vehicle. As a result, Aguirre was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

~ Dianne Ruth Beaton, 50, of Winters drove northbound on Third Street and attempted to park her vehicle. Beaton's vehicle struck the left bumper of a legally parked vehicle owned by Michael James McCracken.

## Mosquito district seeks trustee

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District is seeking a trustee for its Board of Trustees.

The appointments are up to four years, and an appointee's first term does 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 members on the Board of Trustees, who meet on the third Tuesday of each month at

1:15 p.m. at the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District office in Elk Grove.

The board of represents Sacramento and Yolo counties, and 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.

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



# Unlicensed contractor cited

On Dec. 8, investigators for the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) cited an unlicensed contractor and Winters resident for starting a roofing job at a Winters home without the required contractor's license, according to Winters Community Development Director, Dan Sokolow.

Investigators were assisted by the Winters Police Department and the Building and Code Enforcement Division of the

Winters Community Development Department. The unlicensed contractor was issued an administrative citation and fined an undisclosed amount. The CSLB investigators informed the unlicensed contractor that a subsequent violation of the State Contracting Law could result in a criminal charge.

The investigators and City staff advised the property owners that any work contracted out with a

value of \$500 or more (materials and labor) must be performed by a licensed contractor.

According to Sokolow, property owners planning to hire a contractor can check the CSLB website at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) to confirm whether a contractor has a valid contractor's license. They may also contact the City's Building and Code Enforcement Division at 795-4910, extension 117, for further information.



# Curl appointed Yolo County Librarian

Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairman Frank Sieferman, Jr., today announced the appointment of Katy M. Curl as Yolo County Librarian. Ms. Curl will be filling the position being vacated by longtime Yolo County Librarian Mary Stephens who will retire at the end of the year. Ms. Curl has served with the Sacramento Public Library since 2002, most recently as Branch Services Manager overseeing 13 branches within the Sacramento Library system.

“Ms. Curl has some big shoes to fill, following in the footsteps of Mary Stephens,” said Sieferman, “but the Board of Supervisors is confident that she is more than up to the task. She knows how to run a modern library system, she has a lot of energy and she will continue to build on the solid foundation built by Ms. Stephens over the past 37 years. We are very lucky to have Ms. Curl in Yolo County.”

Prior to her tenure as Branch Services Manager, Ms. Curl was the Branch Manager for the Fair Oaks Library and then the Arden-Dimick Library both in Sacramento County. Before coming to Sacramento, Ms. Curl served for almost ten years with the Nampa Public Library in Idaho. Ms. Curl received her Bachelor of Arts in El-

ementary Education from Northwest Nazarene University and her Masters of Library Science with a course emphasis in Youth Services from Emporia State University.

“Yolo County is similar to the agricultural area where I worked for almost ten years in Idaho with the same issues of balancing growth and open space preservation.” said Curl. “The library is in a great

place—there are plans to update the facility master plan and the strategic master plans, to build new buildings, and to develop technology solutions to improve library services. I look forward to working with the County Board of Supervisors, the Library Advisory Board, staff and the community to build on Mary Stephens’ strong foundation as we explore new visions for the fu-

ture.”

“Katy is a very good librarian with varied experience,” said Mary Stephens, Yolo County Librarian. “I am pleased about her appointment as the new Yolo County Librarian and I wish her well.”

Curl will assume her new responsibilities on December 11. The annual salary range for this position is \$ \$84,240 - \$102,396.

## DE WALL

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County Administrative Building, 625 Court Street, in Woodland. DeWall has requested, in lieu of gifts, that donations be made to the Yolo Library Staff Enrichment Fund, of the Yolo Community Foundation.

“This is a highly significant donation to the people of Yolo County,” said Maggie Burns, board president of the Yolo Community Foundation. “It can benefit anyone who lives in the county, anywhere. It is a need that is not met by any other charitable endeavor. It is an extremely generous gift, and acts as a seed to allow other people to give to the county as a whole and honor Mary Stephens’ incredible service to the area where she was born.

“We at Yolo Community Foundation are honored to have her trust our stewardship of her gift. Mrs. DeWall can advise us how she would like to see the money used during her lifetime and has made provision for successor advisors. This is a gift that will still be giving to Yolo County in another hundred years. This gift is a perfect example of how community foundations work — it is local and it is permanent.”

Yolo Community Foundation is one of nearly 700 community foundations nationwide. Their mission is “to match the philanthropic interests of donors with the needs and opportunities of the Yolo County community.” To find out more about YCF, visit the website at [www.yolocf.org](http://www.yolocf.org) or call 312-0593.



# Entertainment

## Marimba Master to play classics at Mondavi Center

The smooth, woody tones of the marimba are probably not the first sound that springs to mind when most music lovers think of Claude Debussy, J.S. Bach, or Joseph Haydn. But the marimba, being something like a cross between percussion and keyboard instruments, is perfectly suited to solo performance of classical masterpieces, as marimba master Naoko Takada has demonstrated in recitals and concerts around the world. Next month, she will perform Debussy, Bach, Haydn, and more in the intimate confines of the Studio Theatre at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis.

There will be two performances, the first beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, and the second at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7, in the Mondavi Center's Studio Theatre. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 530.754.ARTS (2787) or online at MondaviArts.org. The event is presented as part of Mondavi Center's Debut Series. Tickets are \$29 for adults and \$8 for students and children.

Critical response to Takada's performances has been strong. "If you have any doubt that a solo mallet instrument can sustain your attention throughout an entire concert, Takada just might make you change your mind," wrote The Washington Post. "Between Takada's own arrangements of music by Bach and Debussy and contemporary works by a number of American and Japanese composers, a lively and effective program was assembled."

In addition to her accomplished musicianship, Takada's stage presence

has also won praise. "Takada handled the large five-octave instrument with flair, running back and forth on high-heeled golden sandals and looking stunning in a shiny gold and rust dress, her face framed by long flowing black hair," wrote the Daily Breeze of one Bay Area concert. "In addition to being a skilled marimbist, Takada also is a real entertainer, and it took three curtain calls before the audience would let her go."

Naoko Takada was born in Tokyo and began to study the marimba at the age of eight after witnessing a concert featuring marimbist Akiko Suzuki. Takada was enthralled, and went on to study with Suzuki. She first appeared as soloist with orchestra at the age of 11, when she played with the Tokyo Symphony and Tokyo Chamber Orchestra. In addition to Suzuki, she studied with Keiko Abe and attended Waseda University in Tokyo, majoring in psychology. She then decided to focus on her marimba studies and entered California State University, Northridge as a student of Karen Ervin-Pershing, where she earned a Bachelor of Music degree. She then earned a Master of Music degree from Ithaca College, and has also studied at Boston Conservatory with Nancy Zeltsman.

Takada has won numerous awards, including First Prize in the 2002 Young Concert Artists International Auditions; First Prize at the 2002 Houston Symphony Ima Hogg National Young Artist Competition; First Prize at the 2001 Sorantin Young Artists International Competition in Texas; the Marimba Special Prize at the 2001 IBLA Grand Prize International Competition;

First Prize in the 2000 Japan International League of Artists Competition in Tokyo; and the Percussive Arts Society's Thomas Siwe and Larrie Londin Memorial Scholarships. Takada has appeared as a soloist with orchestras including Houston Symphony; China National Symphony Orchestra, and Xalapa Symphony, and performed in major concert halls across the United States, in Mexico, Hong Kong, China, and Japan.

In addition to her career as a performer, Takada often arranges works for marimba, and several of her arrangements have been published by Studio 4 Music. Composers such as Yasutaki Inamori, Hayato Hirose, Paul Fowler, and John Anthony Lennon have written works for her.

The program for Takada's Mondavi Center recitals includes:

- ~ Emmanuel Sejourne: Katamiya
  - ~ Claude Debussy: Arabesque No. 1
  - ~ Eric Ewazen: Northern Lights
  - ~ Augusto Marcellino: Remeleixo
  - ~ J.S. Bach: "Gavotte en Rondeau" from Partita in E major, no. 3 for Solo Violin
  - ~ Franz Joseph Haydn: Adagio from Piano Sonata No. 38 in F major Hob. XVI:23
  - ~ Paul Fowler: "Michiyuki" ("The Road to Death")
  - ~ Eric Sammut: Libertango - Variations on Marimba
- "Naoko Takada's fresh perspective on the classical repertoire has been enjoyed by audiences around the world, and we look forward to presenting her recital in our Studio Theatre," said Don Roth, the Mondavi Center's executive director.

## Hungry Hollow



Courtesy photo

Hungry Hollow (Richard Hemenway on guitar, Kari King on mandolin, Al Vallecillo on fiddle, Dwight Howard on bass, Guy Kyser on banjo, Roger Kunkel on mandolin and Jason Weinstein on guitar) will play bluegrass and old-timey music at Briggs & Co. on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in with their own instruments or sing along with a Christmas carol or two. The community is invited to this free event. Briggs & Co is located at 820 Railroad Avenue. Holiday hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.briggsandcompany.com](http://www.briggsandcompany.com) or call 795-9505.

## DMTC presents 'Mame' at New Year's Eve gala

Enjoy great food, dancing, and Jerry Herman's award-winning musical, Mame, at the Davis Musical Theatre Company's New Year's Eve gala, at 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 31, at the DMTC's Hoblit Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Drive, Davis.

The \$40-per-person entertainment package includes the musical show, dancing to a live DJ, and a buffet dinner catered by Ludy's Main Street Barbecue of Woodland. Dinner will feature tri-tip beef, chicken, a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings, Pasta Alfredo, Pasta Marinara, salad, and rolls; plus, champagne, sparkling cider, and dessert.

Some of Mame's wild, adventurous spirit is inside everyone who lives for the moment and believes that "life is a banquet!" It's the height of the 1920s, and Auntie Mame becomes the guardian for her 10-year-old nephew, Patrick.

Special songs include "Mame," "It's Today," "Open a New Window," "If He Walked into My Life,"

"We Need a Little Christmas," "Bosom Buddies," and "That's How Young I Feel." Mame's life is turned up-side-down, many of her priorities change, but she still lives life to the fullest.

Join the DMTC cast and crew on New Year's Eve

for a gala that is always a sell-out. December 30 is the deadline to purchase tickets which will not be sold on the day of the event.

For more information and to purchase tickets, telephone 756-3682 or visit [www.dmtc.org](http://www.dmtc.org).

## Second annual Fandango at historic Pena Adobe

Step back in time and celebrate the rich, festive tradition of the Fandango. Sponsored by the Pena Adobe Historical Society. The second annual Fandango takes place at Vacaville's historic Pena Adobe Park in Lagoon Valley May 19-20, 2007.

The fascinating history of the Fandango traces its European roots, as a creative dance form, back to Spain and was later brought to Alta California by the Spanish military. As a result of its popularity, it evolved into what early Californians called a "Ranchero Fiesta".

Come out and enjoy this family-oriented, living history event and journey to the past to meet General Vallejo and Luzena Wilson. Capture the essence of the old west through the music of traveling musicians and listen to pioneers and mountain men as they tell tall tales of their Wild West adventures. Watch the dancing and learn to dance the Fandango.

Visitors to the Fandango can catch a glimpse of

blacksmiths, flint knappers, expert ropers and awe inspiring feats of whip cracking. Meet members of the founding Vaca and Peña families. Learn how to grind corn and make tortillas. Play games with your homemade rope. Ride a horse. Break a piñata, make adobe, take home a candle and experience life in early Vacaville at the Historic Peña Adobe.

For more information or to volunteer for the second annual Fandango, contact Carol Noske at (707) 447-0518.

Interested community members can also take advantage of founding membership opportunities in the Pena Adobe Historical Society by contacting Noske for further details.

Proceeds from this event will go to The Pena Adobe Historical Society whose mission is to provide educational and cultural services to the community and to stimulate interest in the history of Vacaville and to preserve and protect the priceless

heritage of the Adobe for generations to come. The Pena Adobe Historical Society is a sister organization of the Vacaville Heritage Council and is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

For more festivals and events along the I-80 corridor, visit [www.80on80.com](http://www.80on80.com).

## Santa Claus coming to Vacaville

Historic Downtown Vacaville will be celebrating "Winter Wonderland" on Friday Dec. 15 from 5- 8 p.m.

Santa will be in his sleigh in Town Square, "The Heart Of The City", to visit with children and to hear their holiday wishes.

There will also be holiday entertainment in Town Square featuring Travis Air Force Base's "Brass Quintet" at 5 p.m. and the Phoenix Rising

Irish Dancers will perform at 6 p.m.

Local merchants will be staying open late Friday to solve any last minute shopping problems for any one who has not done any Christmas shopping.

For more information visit the website at [www.downtownvacaville.com](http://www.downtownvacaville.com) or call the Downtown Vacaville Business Improvement District office at (707) 451-2100.



# WINTERS II

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built with a construction loan from Wells Fargo Bank with a favorable interest rate thanks to benefits for Wells Fargo because the project is designated affordable housing.

Upon completion, the bulk of the equity will be purchased by Union Bank for 15 years, in partnership with CHOC, so that Union Bank can make use of ten years of tax credits available, once again, because the project is for affordable housing.

At the end of the 15 years, CHOC will purchase Union Bank's equity. CHOC has a whole division with the task of managing the complex agreements that are created and to satisfy a dense thicket of legal and reporting requirements.

"We have to compete with other organizations doing affordable housing projects," says CHOC's Paul Ainger. CHOC competes with for profit and non-profit companies. A plus for CHOC is a good track record with the City

of Winters, and the fact that CHOC tends to manage projects for the long term. "Many companies do projects and then 'flip' the ownership shortly after completion," says Ainger.

The City of Winters purchased the site for Winters Apartments II as well as contributing \$1.6 million in community development funds. "Winters is one of the best communities we've worked with," says Ainger. "There is a real commitment to increase the stock of affordable housing. The city's contribution really jump-started this project."

In addition to the \$1.6 million from city redevelopment funds, CHOC will receive \$2.8 million from the federal HOME awards program, which was set up under the 1990 Cranston-Gonzales affordable Housing Act.

The city's commitment to increasing affordable housing goes back to a lawsuit successfully brought by Legal Services of Northern California in 1994 which stipulated the inclusion of affordable housing in the housing el-

ement of the General Plan.

The housing element is the one component of the city's general plan that is reviewed by the state for compliance, according to Community Development Director Dan Sokolow. Various funding opportunities are only available from the state if the city can show progress generating affordable housing consistent with the housing element. For example, the Community Block Grant funding for rebuilding Jackson Street next spring would not have been available if the city had not made progress developing affordable housing.

CHOC's management arm, Sterling Asset Management Company (SAMC), runs the existing Winters Apartments and rents apartments at 50 percent or less of average rent to families that qualify. There is a long waiting list for apartments in the existing Winters Apartments. Winters Apartments II will start taking applications a month before completion of the project in late 2007.

## Chamber meets each month

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

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings. The Chamber is involved in promoting local business, as well as coordinating community functions such as Youth Day, the Earthquake Street Festival and the Citizen of the Year celebration.

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

# PLANS

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vas and Samuel Lanfranco were hired as high school Workability program students. Mark Ellsworth was hired as an on-call substitute teacher and Robyn Rominger as an on-call classified employee substitute. Trustees also approved extra-duty stipends ranging from \$400 to \$6,000 for 22 teachers and from \$400 to \$2,000 for four classified staff members.

### Awards

Although there was no meeting because of a lack of a quorum, the three trustees present on Dec. 7 — Jay Shepherd, Mary Jo

Rodolfa and Robert Nickelson — recognized a mother/daughter duo for their contributions to Winters Middle School. Middle school student Tess Hyer received a certificate of appreciation for her leadership and "spirit to help others," and her mother, Kim, received a certificate recognizing her volunteer contributions to the school's student activities program.

Trustees Tom Harding and Robert Nickelson missed the Dec. 11 special meeting.

The school board will meet again in January. Because of the winter break, the date was not yet announced.



# Sports

## Warriors runner up in tournament

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Warriors had their best team performance on Tuesday, Dec. 5, as they defeated the visiting St. Patrick's/St. Vincent High School team from Vallejo. After trailing by two at the half, the Warriors played solid defense and minimized their turnovers to hold on to a 61-56 victory.

Alexio Jurado led the Warriors with a season high 23 points. Jurado also had five steals, four rebounds, two assists and two steals. Alex Thomson scored 15 points and had four assists. Brock Neil scored 10 points and had nine rebounds. Colton Crabtree scored 5 points and had seven rebounds. Justin Valenzuela scored 3 points, Alvaro Zaragoza and Kelven Leverett each scored 2 points, while Damon Miles scored 1 point for the Warriors.

On Thursday, Dec. 7, the Warriors traveled to Live Oak to compete in the Ron Pritchard invitational. Winters won their first two games to advance to the championship but came up short against Orland for the title. Winters took on Live Oak in game one and came home with a 54-48 victory. Crabtree had the hot hand for the Warriors as he scored 14 points. Jurado and Valen-

## Alexio Jurado, Alex Thomson on all tournament team

Alexio Jurado and Alex Thomson both were named to the all tournament team after helping lead the Warriors to a second place finish in the Ron Pritchard annual tourna-

## Doyle leads freshman team

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School freshman basketball team lost their first two games of the season to Dixon and St Pat's of Vallejo. The Warriors took on Dixon on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at home in their season opener and lost 70-35.

Vince Doyle led the Warriors with 16 points. Kyle Bowen scored 6 points, Fabian Carrillo scored 4, Cody Klimper had 3, while Ed Latimer, Zach Pangburn and Tyler Berg each scored 2 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors returned to Young Gymnasium on Tuesday, Dec. 5, to host St. Patrick's of Vallejo and lost to another tough team 78-23. Doyle, once again led the Warriors in scoring with 12 points. Carrillo and Cody Romero each scored 3 points, Bowen and Berg each had 2, while David Villagomez scored 1 point for the Warriors.

zuela each scored 12 points. Thomson scored 10, while Matt Catalan, Leverette and Miles each put in 2 points for the Warriors.

Winters came back on Friday, Dec. 8, and beat San Juan in their second game of the tournament after having a big third period. The Warriors won 45-32. Valenzuela led all scorers with 13 points after landing three 3-pointers. Jurado and Thomson each scored 9 points, Miles scored 5, Crabtree scored 4, Neil scored 3 and had nine rebounds, while Zaragoza scored 2 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors returned to Live Oak for the championship game against the Orland Trojans, last years league champions. After leading by three at the half, Winters came out slow in the third and let the Trojans get the momentum and out score the Warriors 10-5. Orland then out scored the Warriors 18-15 in the fourth for a 50-45 victory.

Crabtree had a big night for the Warriors with 16 points, seven steals, five rebounds and a block. Thomson scored 12 points. Jurado scored 10 points, Catalan scored 4 points, Zaragoza scored 3 points, while Neil led the Warriors in rebounding with eight boards.

ment in Live Oak. Jurado averaged 10 points, four rebounds, three steals and two assists per game, while Thomson averaged 10 points, two rebounds, four steals and two assists.



## Boys soccer team coming around

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School soccer team has had some good games so far this year, but slow starts are hurting them in the end.

"We are the opposite of last years team," said coach Alfredo Rodriguez. "Last year we would come out strong and fast and then die out later in the game. This year we are giving up the quick goal then coming back strong at the end. We just run out of time."

The Warriors lost their first four games 4-2 then lost a tough one to Las Plumas High

School from Oroville in their first league game.

"That was a heart breaker," Rodriguez said. "We played a good game."

Winters then competed in the Sutter jamboree and started with a 0-0 tie, won their next game 2-0, won their third game 1-0, then lost 2-0 in their final game.

"We are struggling defensively," said Rodriguez. "Giving up those early scores has hurt us in almost every game. Offensively, Jose Herrera and David Hill are doing a great job. They have scored all the goals for us this year."

## Girls soccer team now 6-1-1

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors girls' soccer team beat the Rio Vista Rams 1-0 on Thursday, Nov. 30, as Malory Creamer kicked the game winning goal. Martha Lopez had the assist on the play. The Warriors were unable to score more than one goal but they put continuous offensive pressure on the Rams as they had 13 shots at the goal as a team. On the other side of the field Maribel Escobedo had nine saves for the Warriors.

The Warriors' defense helped take some of the pressure off Escobedo as they totaled eight steals. Cindy Houck had three steals, Lopez had two, while Leslie Contreras, Creamor and Ari Hoover each had one steal for the Warriors.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Warriors beat Williams 2-1. Escobedo, once again did a good job at goalkeeper with 10 saves. Lilian Boisrame and Lopez scored the Warriors goals, while five different Warriors took shots at scoring.

On Thursday, Dec. 7, the Warriors dominated Las Plumas High School in Oroville with a 7-1 Butte View League victory. Winters, now 4-0 overall and 1-0 in league continued to control their games with their offensive power. The Warriors had 27 shots at the Thunderbirds goal, 13 of which came from Silva. Silva scored three goals for the Warriors. Murphy scored two goals on seven shots and had two assists. Arlett Chavez scored two goals. Creamer assisted on three scores, while Jessica Sharp had one assist for the Warriors.

The Warriors competed in the Sutter jamboree on

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## Cheer Awards



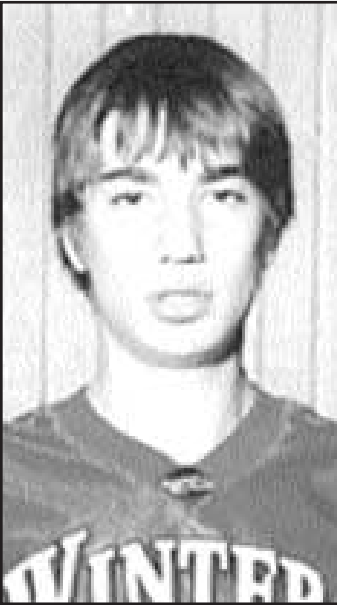
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The Winters High School cheerleading squads recently held an awards dinner celebrating the successful completion of the football season. On the varsity squad, Breanne Benson received the Senior Scholar Athlete award and Kelsy Fox received the Coaches Award. On the J.V. squad, Holly Valenzuela received the Coaches Award and Chelsea Corrales received the Captain's Award.

## CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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## Colton Crabtree

Colton Crabtree, a senior on the Winters High School varsity boys basketball team, is this week's athlete of the week. Last week in the Live Oak High School basketball tournament, Crabtree averaged 11 points per game with a tournament high of 16 in the championship game, made 8 of 13 free throws, averaged 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals and 2 blocks a game.

"Colton had a good tournament," said coach Jason Davis. "I thought he should have been all tourney. He is starting to assert himself offensively to go along with his rebounding and is really improving on defense."

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*Each Cody's Athlete of the Week receives a FREE Lunch*





Courtesy photo  
This year's Winters High School varsity football team included, from left (back) Wes Karber, Clell Binion, Colton Crabtree, Brock Neil, Damon Miles, Brandon White, Kaplan Smith and Nathanael Lucero; (fourth row) Nick Hedrick, Rafael Martinez, Ramiro Bacerra, Justin Valenzuela, Eric Coffman, Nick Hill, Alex Huizar and Curtis Holabird; (third row) David Hill, Cody Campos, Johnny Lucero, Greg Contreras, Jr. Selby, Matt Andrade, Cory Haraga, Ramon Bermudez and Omar Silva; (second row) Lindsey Mayhew-Hughes, Lauren Yehle, Eric Lucero, Josh Caton, Brad Burton, Daniel Ward, Chris Kim, Eddie Marquez and Alyssa Oxley; (front) Adrianna Lizarraga, Francisca Valencia, Leila Muller, Lindsey Berg, Kelsey Fox, Breanne Benson, Courtney Campos, Hannah Manas, Katie Hill and Rebecca Lopez.

## Hellinger, White impressive on the mat

Winters High School sophomore Jesse Hellinger and junior Brandon White competed in the Doc Peterson Wrestling Tournament last week and both had im-

pressive performances. Hellinger, competing at 171 lbs, placed second, while White placed fifth in the 189 lbs class. Their first home meet will be on January 17th.

## Geerts scores 17 in JV loss

The Warriors JV boys basketball team played host to St Patricks/St. Vincent High School of Vallejo and lost 69-33. The Warriors started playing a solid game but had a tough time in the second and the fourth periods. "We started off fine," said coach Brad Burton. "We were making good passes

and making our shots early on. But the wheels just fell off in the second and fourth periods." Aaron Geerts led the Warriors with 17 points, followed by Cody Shafer and Max Mariani with 6 points each and Woody DeVries and Jules Damey with 2 points apiece.

# Hedrick, Lucero receive top honors

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Nick Hedrick and Nathanael Lucero received the Lions Club Most Outstanding Player awards presented by Lions Club President Frank Ramos on Monday, Dec. 4. The Warriors annual football banquet was put on by Frank I. Ramos (no relation). Hedrick was named the varsity teams Most Outstanding Defensive Player and Lucero was named the teams Most Outstanding Offensive Player. Both players also made the Butte View League All League team along with senior Nick Hill and junior Kaplan Smith.

Ramon Bermudez and Damon Miles each were named BVL Honorable Mention. Curtis Holabird was given the Paul Zinselmeir coaches award. Bermudez was named the Most Improved Award winner. Hill received the John Kammerer coaches award. Hedrick was given the Iron Man award, while Lucero earned the CIF Senior Scholar Athlete Award. Brock Neil, Miles, Nathanael Lucero, Hedrick, Justin Valenzuela, Eric Coffman, Holabird and Johnny Lucero all were given a Warrior 4 Life T-shirt for playing all four years of high school football.

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## GIRLS

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Friday, Dec. 8, at Sutter High School. Winters took on Oroville in game one and Shutout the Tigers 5-0. Creamer scored three goals for the Warriors, while Murphy and Silva added the other two. Silva had two assists, Sharp had

one assist and Murphy had one assist for the Warriors. The Warriors then played Wheatland and beat the Pirates 3-0. Winters' third game of the day was against Lassen. The Warriors scored their only goal in the second half when Creamer put one in the net. Lassen scored one in the first half and one in the second to beat the Warriors 2-1.



# Schools



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“The search for good schools is elusive and disappointing if by goodness we mean something close to perfection...Good schools reveal imperfections, uncertainties, and vulnerabilities...In fact, one could argue that a consciousness about imperfections and the willingness to admit them and search for their origins and solutions is one of the important ingredients of goodness in schools.” This quote by Sara Lawrence Lightfoot in The Good High School is an accurate description of what our district is attempting to achieve.

During the next several weeks, the Board of Trustees will be engaged in several conversations in which there is public discussion about the challenges and shortcomings of the district. These include, but are not limited to the lack of sufficient academic progress by some students, especially Latino, English language learners, and special education students and two schools and the district being in program improvement. The program improvement status of the schools and district are a result of the lack of sufficient academic achievement. These discussions are not new.

There is a larger context for this discussion. First, we need to acknowledge the improvements in student achievement that have occurred over the past several years. All of our students are performing better according to State and Federal accountability measures. This is the good news and we should celebrate the progress. Meanwhile, we need to face the reality that the academic achievement of some students is unacceptable. Changing this reality means that more changes need to be implemented, and change is not easy.

The fundamental question that needs to be answered, however, is how unacceptable is the current performance level of our students? The level of unacceptability will significantly influence how aggressively strategies are pursued and implemented to correct our present situation. If the Board and community believe that current performance levels are acceptable, then there is no reason to make any changes. If they do not, then proven strategies need to be implemented and implemented now.

## PTA meets monthly

The PTA for Waggoner Elementary School and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Shirley Rominger Intermediate

School. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room. Childcare is provided in the multipurpose room.

For more information, call Jenyse, 795-0958.

## FFA Greenhand members



Courtesy photo

Winters FFA Greenhand members participating in the creed speaking contest on Dec. 6th at the Greenhand Initiation Banquet, included from left to right: Tyler Pearce (2nd place), Eric Cardenas (3rd), Cody Klimper (5th), Brittanie Hedrick (1st), Joshua Myers (Honorable Mention), Jaci Guerrero (4th), Craig Otten (Honorable Mention). These students were part of the 43 freshmen FFA members that received their Greenhand degree, the first degree to be awarded by Winters FFA.

## Belt Promotions



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Students who recently received their belt promotions at Javier Martial Arts included, from left, Jordan Hoekwater to yellow belt, Matthew Holmes to yellow belt, Steven Guirterez to green belt, Nick Steward to orange belt and Erick Rodriguez to green belt.

2006-7 Boys' Basketball							
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME	Release Time	BUS
15-Dec	Friday	St. Helena	Live Oak	V	TBA		
12/27 to 12/29	W,TH,F	Lindhurst Tournament	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7:00	TBA	
2-Jan	Tuesday	East Nicolaus	Lindhurst	JV/V	TBA	4:10	
4-Jan	Thursday	Vacaville Christian					
5-Jan	Friday	Rio Vista	East Nicolaus	JV/V	5:30/7:00		2:30
12-Jan	Friday	* Gridley	Winters	JV/V	5:00/8:00	Lunch1:30	
16-Jan	Tuesday	* Orland	Rio Vista	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7		
19-Jan	Friday	* Las Plumas	Gridley	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7	Lunch1:15	
23-Jan	Tuesday	* Sutter	Winters	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7		
25-Jan	Thursday	* Wheatland	Las Plumas	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7		
26-Jan	Friday	* Wheatland	Winters	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7	2:002:15	
2-Feb	Friday	* Gridley	Winters	JV	7:00		
6-Feb	Tuesday	* Orland	Wheatland	F/V	4:00/7:00	Lunch1:15	
9-Feb	Friday	* Las Plumas	Winters	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7		
13-Feb	Tuesday	* Sutter	Orland	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7	Lunch1:45	
15-Feb	Thursday	* Wheatland	Winters	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7	3:40	
* = Butte View League Game							
Varsity Coach: Jason Davis, Varsity Asst. Coach: Ben Geerts							
JV Head Coach: Frosh Head Coach: Matt Baker							

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### In The Spotlight

Tommy Halbach and Jonathan Bosse attend Winters Community Christian School.

Tommy is in the fifth grade. He is a great athlete, a good problem solver, very creative and energetic.

Jonathan is in the sixth grade. He is a fast runner, is diligent, pays attention to detail and is an incredible writer.





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## Lady Warriors have successful week

By LYNNE CREAMER  
Special to the Express

The Lady Warrior Soccer team had a very busy week, with two games and the Sutter Jamboree on their plate. The first game of the week was a pre-season match against the Williams Yellowjackets. The Warriors beat the Yellowjackets in a nail-biter with a 2-1 win. Fabiola Silva scored the first goal early in the game, and Lilian Boisrame scored the game winner in the last 30 seconds of the game. In the first Butte View League game of the season, the Warriors faced the Las Plumas Thunderbirds at Oroville.

The Warriors started off early with a goal by Danielle Murphy. The T-birds then countered right away with their only goal. With two starting defenders missing from the lineup, coach Donna Burnette made an adjustment and moved midfielder/striker Mallory Creamer to the sweeper position, who prevented any more goals from being scored, and assisted with 3 of the 7 goals scored in that game. Murphy had two goals and two assists, Silva had 3 goals, Arlett Chavez had two goals, and Jessica Sharp had 1 assist, to end the game with a 7-1 Warrior victory.

The Warriors then competed in the Sutter Jamboree on Friday. In the first game against the Colusa Redskins, the Warriors recorded a 0-0 tie, in a very hard fought game. The Warriors outshot the Redskins, but could not find the back of the net. In the second game, the Warriors faced the Lassen Grizzlies. Lassen scored first, and then again in the second half. Then, on a breakaway by Creamer, the Grizzly goalkeeper picked up the ball outside of the box, resulting in a quick thinking shot by Creamer, making the game

much closer. But, because of the short game format, (40 minute games), the Warriors were not able to tie the game, even though they fought back hard. The final score was 1-2 Lassen.

In the third game, the Warriors faced the Wheatland Pirates, and handled them easily with a 3-0 score. Silva scored two goals, Creamer scored 1 and assisted Silva on one of hers. In the last game of the day, the Warriors faced the Oroville Tigers and downed them 5-0. Mallory Creamer had 3 goals and 1 assist, and Silva had two goals in this game.

The Lady Warriors face the Sutter Huskies on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Sutter at 3:15 for what is sure to be an exciting game. Visit the Lady Warriors Website at [www.eteamz.active.com/winterswarriors](http://www.eteamz.active.com/winterswarriors).

## Campos scores 16 in 4th period

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School varsity girls basketball team lost two out of three games at the Pierce High School tournament last week after beating the Dixon Rams 49-45 on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

After trailing 36-27 at the end of the third period, the Warriors went on a shooting spree led by Jenny Campos. Campos con-

nected on four 3-point shots and scored 16 of her 20 points in the fourth period.

On Friday, Dec. 8, the Warriors played game two of the tournament and beat Live Oak 51-49. Yehle, led the Warriors with a game high 27 points, and hit a three point shot at the buzzer to put the game into overtime. The girls returned to Pierce High on Sat., Dec. 9, to take on Colusa but lost 56-43.

## JV girls lose to Dixon

The Warriors JV girls basketball team lost a close game to the Dixon Rams last Tuesday, Dec. 5, as the Warriors traveled to Dixon and came home with a 25-30 loss. Megan Avellar led the Warriors with 17 points.

"Megan played very aggressive," said coach Ada Lake. "She also did a good job rebounding."

# Winters Express RAINFALL CONTEST

Guess the total rainfall for the 2006-2007 season and the Express will give you \$100. \$25 bonus if you are a subscriber to the Express. Submit your entries by December 15, 2006 to:

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## ¿Guerra Civil?

Y sigue la guerra, sigue la inútil guerra, que solo ha dejado muerte en los dos bandos, los civiles en Irak que se cuentan por miles, y los soldados americanos siguen siendo mártires de la Presidencia y terquedad de Bush. Cada día crece mas la presión para buscar una salida de las tropas de Irak. La presencia de los soldados desde un principio solo ha alimentado mas el odio en contra de los Estados Unidos, y por si fuera poco Irak tiene varios grupos guerrilleros que aparte de estar peleando contra los soldados americanos, están enfrascados en una guerra religiosa entre ellos, nosotros no entendemos su cultura, los vemos como fanáticos de su religión, pero esa es su forma de vivir, y así han vivido y peleado por su religión toda sus vida.

¡Los muertos hablan! 3,709 civiles muertos en Irak en octubre de este año; 3,709 muertos tan solo en ese mes. En un principio cuando las cadenas de televisión empezaron a mandar las crónicas de lo que los reporteros estaban viviendo en Irak, los criticaron porque decían que lo estaban inventando, el gobierno cada ves que daba un reporte de guerra siempre minimizaban las informaciones de los periódicos y la televisión. Inclusive empezaron a llamarlos traidores a la patria, o cobardes, porque reportaban lo que estaban viendo y viviendo en la forma en que ellos percibían lo que estaban observando.

El gobierno muy sutilmente los acusaba de mandar información que reflejaba una postura política contra el Presidente Bush, pero siendo corresponsales de guerra ellos viven su realidad muy diferente, sobre todo por la tensión emocional que implica estar ahí al pie de la información. Como resultado de esto los corresponsales pueden describir de diferente manera la situación por la que pasan, y eso no implica que mientan o manden información falsa, ni mucho menos se les puede llamar traidores.

La guerra de Bush ha resultado ser un desastre por varias razones: porque se basó en razonamientos inventados, fue y es una guerra innecesaria, que nada tuvo que ver con nuestra guerra al terrorismo; porque ha costado la vida de muchos de nuestros jóvenes soldados y dejado mutilados a miles más. Porque empezó con una acción militar brillante, pero sin objetivos claros y sin estrategia de salida, de la que se carece hasta la fecha y porque ha hundido a Irak en una trágica guerra civil.

¿Qué hemos ganado? Nada. ¿Qué hemos perdido? Hemos perdido seres humanos, jóvenes que eran parte de nuestro futuro, jóvenes que eran la ilusión y sueños de sus familias, este país no puede darse el lujo de perder mas jóvenes en una guerra inútil y estúpida, en donde no se ha conseguido nada, solo generar mas violencia, este país ha gastado muchísimo dinero sosteniendo esta guerra, Estados Unidos ha perdido mucha credibilidad alrededor del mundo, y aun cuando se le llame el ejercito mas poderoso y eficiente del mundo, va a ser atacado por aquellos que lo sienten como fuerza extranjera de ocupación que despierta el patriotismo aun en aquellos que nunca lo sintieron antes.

Estados Unidos esta metido en un país que esta teniendo una guerra civil, termino que había sido negado por la administración de Bush, y apenas hasta ahora, que esta sintiendo la presión, ha comenzado a medio aceptarlo, pero no sin antes dar mil explicaciones a lo que esta pasando en Irak, cuando todos vemos la verdadera situación, Irak se encuentra en vuelta en una guerra civil, y lo peor que todo eso tiene de fondo lo religioso, donde los sunitas y chiitas se victimizan mutuamente y de paso se dedican a matar a nuestros soldados, a quienes ambos ven como enemigos e infieles.

Según la Organización de las Naciones Unidas (ONU), tan sólo el mes pasado 3,709 civiles iraquíes tuvieron una muerte violenta en esa “no guerra civil”. La trágica cifra fue superior a la de los 3,590 muertos de julio de este año.

Por “civiles” debe entenderse hombres, mujeres y niños no combatientes; más de 25 mil han muerto tan sólo este año en esta “no guerra civil”. De los que combaten, matan y mueren, no hay cifras...

Bush y los políticos de Estados Unidos deben buscar soluciones a este conflicto, no sea que se les salga de control, y vuelva a repetirse la historia de Vietnam.

# Prevenir Migración a EEUU

El Presidente de México Felipe Calderón parece que no quiere repetir el error de su antecesor Fox, al no hacer de la migración un tema de prioridad en las relaciones bilaterales con los Estados Unidos. Ha presentado la propuesta de mejorar la situación económica de México, tratando de llevar a México el dinero de Estados Unidos que es el principal atractivo por la que miles de inmigrantes deciden abandonar México y emprender una vida aquí. Calderón vino a Estados Unidos hace poco mas de un mes, y en ese viaje dio indicios de que su gobierno va a tratar de atraer el capital Americano para generar empleos en México tratando de retener en el país a los miles de personas que salen del país.

No quiso opinar si Fox cometió un error o no al poner desde el primer día de su gobierno mucho empeño en un acuerdo migratorio entre los dos países, pero si dejo claro que su gobierno estaba dispuesto a generar condiciones para la inversión de Estados Unidos, ofreciendo un clima para las inversiones, con el objetivo de crear un mercado laboral competitivo entre los dos países, cosa que francamente se ve imposible.

Lo reafirmó en su primer mensaje a la nación que leyó durante 23 minutos y en el cual no usó en una sola ocasión la palabra “inmigración”. Se refirió más bien a la “migración” como un problema que divide a las familias mexicanas y promueve la fuga de un costoso talento. Las prioridades de Calderón serán la seguridad, combatir la pobreza y lo mas importante crear empleos competitivos en México.

Parece un indicio de que Calderón dejara, como debe ser, que el Congreso de los Estados Unidos resuelva el com-

plejo problema de la inmigración ilegal, tema que por cierto fue causante de la derrota del Partido Republicano, en buena medida porque abanderaron el tema como un tema racista al proponer y conseguir la construcción del famoso muro de papel.

Además el abandonar el tema de migración como prioridad por parte de Calderón, esta mostrando que tal vez sea mejor así por ahora, porque le pasaría lo que a Fox, insistir en el tema con alguien que no quiere resolver nada, seria como perder el tiempo.

Tal ves veamos mas funcionarios mexicanos visitando miembros del congreso, mas a menudo que a los miembros del gabinete de Bush. La gestión será básicamente en oficinas de legisladores del Partido Demócrata que no sólo han planteado los proyectos que agradan a México, como el Kennedy-McCain, sino que a partir de enero serán mayoría en ambas cámaras del Congreso de Washington. Calderón ha dicho que para combatir la pobreza, uno de los elementos que promueve la migración mexicana hacia el norte, es necesario lograr tasas de crecimiento que eleven el ingreso en México y sobre todo crear empleos.

Para generar empleos, se requiere de una eficiente seguridad publica, mejorar las condiciones laborales y más capacitación de los obreros mexicanos, pero sobre todo quitar las barreras que impiden a las empresas y a la economía crecer más rápido.

Quizá veamos en México

solo especulación, veremos que rumbo toma el nuevo gobierno de México, y ver hacia donde lo van a llevar nuestros senadores y diputados, veremos si ya se ponen a trabajar, o siguen armando su circo.

## Danzon en el Parque

Danzon en el Parque. Honrando la Tercera Edad. Celebracion comunitaria de nuestra cultura, baile y musica. El Danzon se origino de Cuba pero se a combertido en un baile famoso en Mexico.

El Danzon sera el Domingo, 17 de Dec. de las 4:30p.m. asta las 8:00p.m. en Hart Senior Center 915 Calle de 27<sup>th</sup> y J. Esta celebracion sera gratis y muy divertida para todas las edades. Para mas information o reservaciones llame a Maria Lueras a (916) 264-7324.

## Nuevo Examen de Ciudadanía empezara el proximo año

La semana pasada, el gobierno federal presento un nuevo examen de ciudadanía, que se enfoca mas en los valores y principios de este país, que en la información histórica. La prueba empezara como un programa piloto en enero del próximo año, tratando de hacerla general para todo el país en el año 2008. Ahora la prueba tiene la finalidad de que las personas que quieran hacerse ciudadanos americanos, sean capaces de responder a preguntas sobre el significado de la democracia o la Ley de Derechos Civiles mas que sobre los colores de la bandera.

Una de las razones del cambio en el examen de ciudadanía, es porque el actual examen solo motiva a los aspirantes a memorizar los hechos para poder pasar el examen, pero eso no es garantía que entiendan el significado

que hay detrás de la pregunta, el objetivo es que los nuevos ciudadanos entiendan plenamente cuales son los valores civiles de este país, para así poder ejercer plenamente sus derechos como nuevos ciudadanos.

Algunas de las nuevas preguntas son: ?- ¿Por qué Estados Unidos tiene tres cuerpos de gobierno? - Nombre dos derechos que sean solo para ciudadanos estadounidenses. ?- Nombre dos miembros del gabinete. ?- Nombre una idea importante que esté en la Declaración de la Independencia. ?- ¿Para qué sirve la Constitución?

Los grupos de inmigrantes temen que los cambios sean un nuevo obstáculo para los inmigrantes, que ya sufren el aumento de los costos del trámite de ciudadanía (400 dólares) y una extensión del período que dura el proceso.

Estamos viendo que el pro-

ceso de inmigración no es nada claro, esta siendo cada ves mas complicado, y no hay ningún indicativo de que esta nueva prueba vaya a simplificarlo, o a hacerlo más parejo. Esta nueva prueba parece demasiado exigente para los inmigrantes, especialmente si el nivel de educación no es muy alto.

El tema de inmigración es nuestra guerra cultural, y este nuevo cambio es parte de esta guerra, el cambiar el examen y presentarlo más difícil es parte del mismo tema de inmigración, algunas veces he tenido la curiosidad de hacer las mismas preguntas que

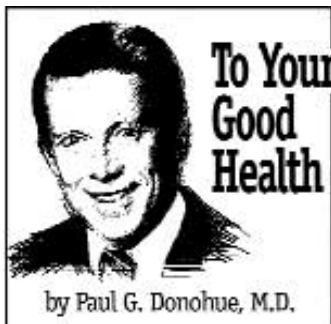
Las personas deben de estudiar, a personas nacidas aquí, para ver que tanto saben ellos también sobre los valores y principios de este país, como les digo solo es curiosidad.



# Features

## Macular Degeneration Blurs Vision Center

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What can a person do to prevent macular degeneration? Two women on my block have it, and they have had to curtail their activities drastically. They are both widows. So am I. If I couldn't drive, I couldn't survive. — T.O.



ANSWER: Macular degeneration is one of the leading causes of visual impairment for older people. The macula is a small, round area of the retina, the eye layer that transmits incoming images to the brain so that we can see. The macula is the place of fine, central vision — the kind needed to drive, to read and to sew. When the macula deteriorates, it's as if a thumb smudge blurs the center of vision.

The degeneration comes in two forms: wet and dry. Wet is the proliferation of leaky blood vessels beneath the macula. With the dry form, the kind that accounts for 85 percent to 90 percent of cases, causes are obscure, but the process is preceded by yellow deposits in the retina. Those deposits are drusen, and a doctor, looking into the eye with a handheld scope, can see them.

One prevention route is to protect the eye, the retina and the macula from the sun's ultraviolet light by always wearing sunglasses that filter out UV rays. A second preventive step is to stop smoking.

A third way to ward off macular degeneration is to eat a diet that contains large amounts of vitamins E and C, beta carotene and zinc. Whole grains, vegetable oils, eggs and nuts are good sources of vitamin E. Citrus fruits and juices, broccoli, potatoes and green peppers furnish vitamin C. Beta carotene is found in carrots, kale and spinach. Meats, poultry, fish, dairy products and whole grains provide zinc.

Vitamin preparations of those vitamins and zinc, along with copper, are also available. You should talk with your doctor about the advisability of taking such a preparation. It can slow the pro-

gression of moderate macular degeneration to advanced degeneration. The booklet on macular degeneration goes into greater detail on this topic. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 701W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Would you answer a question for me concerning blood types? How are they listed in order of rarity? Everyone knows that type O is a universal blood donor and the most common blood type. What is next, starting with the most common and ending with the rarest? — J.A.

ANSWER: The largest percentage of people are type O, just as you said — 45 percent. Blood type A follows in second place with 40 percent. Coming in third is blood type B, with 11 percent. In last place is blood type AB, with 4 percent.

The percentages are not the same for all ethnic groups, but the order of blood types is the same.

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](http://www.rbmamall.com).

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## Can Martinez Fix What Nativists Broke?

By: ROGER HERNANDEZ  
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With both houses of Congress in now Democratic hands and a president who has long favored comprehensive reform, you can bet there will be movement toward fixing the broken immigration system in a way that combines toughness, compassion and pragmatism. On this issue Bush and the new Congress will have a natural alliance. Look for a model of bipartisanship. Well, make that half-partisanship. The passage of some sort of bill (exact details to be worked out, but combining toughened enforcement with that famous path none dare call amnesty) supported by Democrats and moderate Republicans is just about inevitable. But so is resistance from a sizable number of anti-immigrant Republicans who survived the November election "thumping."

The rantings of hard-liners like Arizona's J.D. Hayworth and Colorado's Tom

Tancredo are offensive not just to liberal Latinos who would never vote Republican, but also to conservative Hispanics who might otherwise even be against legalizing illegal immigrants. Rhetoric supposedly aimed at illegal immigration can sound as if it is aimed at all Hispanics.

Restrictionists like Hayworth got the boot in a dozen or so congressional, senatorial and gubernatorial races. But others, like Tancredo, survived. Add to that the 15-point drop in Hispanic support, and what you have is a Grand Old Party scared it blew it with a bloc from which it needs 40-plus percent of the vote.

It's enough to give nightmares to moderate GOP strategists. Which is one reason Florida Sen. Mel Martinez, the first Cuban-born U.S. senator, is in line to become chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The plan, it has been reported, is for Martinez to be named "general chairman" and become his par-

ty's national spokesman while holding on to his Senate seat. The job of just plain chairman will go to Mike Duncan, the RNC's current general counsel, who will run day-to-day operations.

The grass roots, to judge from postings at the conservative Free Republic Internet forums, is less than enthusiastic.

Wrote one poster, "This is the moron who started speaking 'en espanol' on the floor of the U.S. Senate for the benefit of TV cameras when the audience in the room actually had no clue what he was saying (Good going reinforcing the Democrats agenda to make America 'bi-lingual,' Mel)."

Another, from an upper-case-impaired poster: "putting a hispanic in charge of the party at a time like this just says, no caucasians need apply." The ignorance — some Hispanics can be Caucasian, some can be black, and so on — is appalling, yet so utterly unsurprising that one becomes accustomed to it. A more pragmatic question is whether Martinez can fix things.

Getting GOP moderates behind comprehensive immigration reform will not be enough if the Tancredos of the world throw their tantrums. Martinez will need to convince more Hispanics that the GOP does not equal xenophobia, and he has to drive xenophobes out of the GOP. Far be it from me to predict he will succeed on either count.

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## Pleased to meet you



Name: Linda Springer  
Occupation: Part time teacher at Waggoner Elementary  
Hobby: Granting every wish to my princess dog, Amy  
What's best about living in Winters: "I know almost every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grader in town because of my job."  
Fun fact: Went to Eastern Europe this past summer.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarius is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

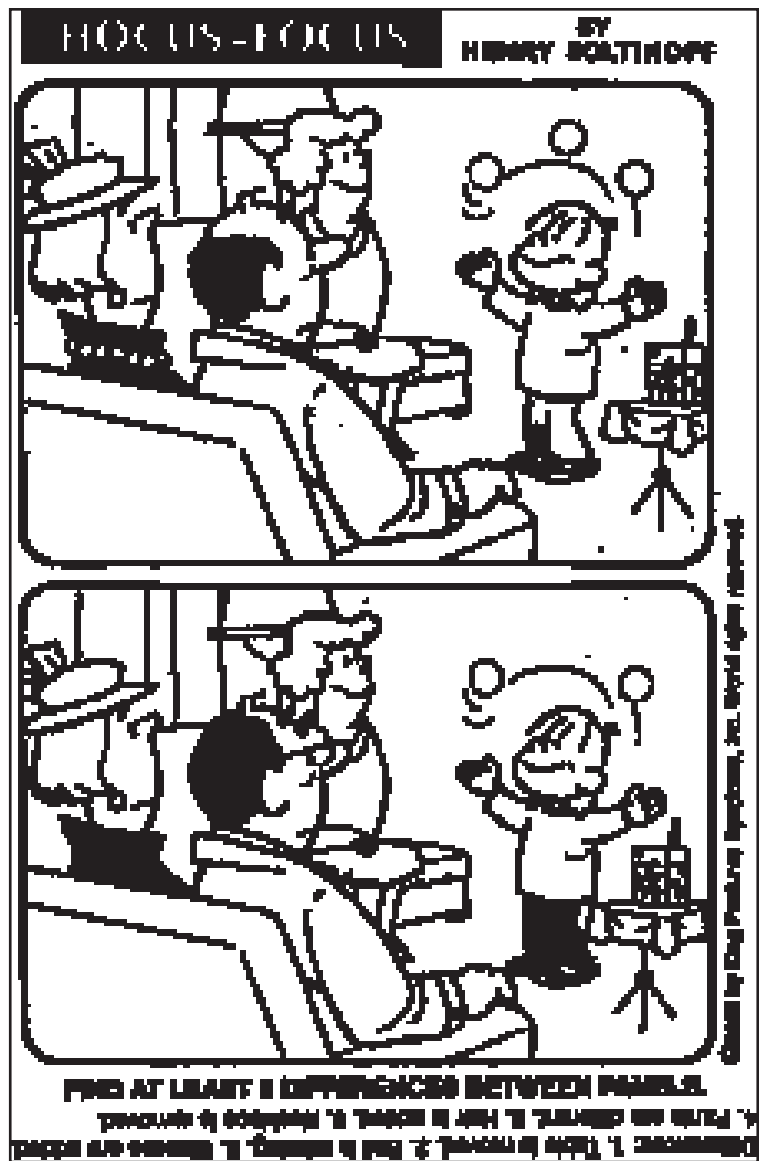
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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ACROSS

1 Dress (up)  
4 Will Femell movie  
7 Wine area of California  
11 Egg  
13 Kinsar who played Bateman  
14 Oklahoma city  
15 Runt's wrap  
16 Library collection  
17 Notion  
18 Wet snow  
20 Olympic champ  
22 Louganis  
24 Pertaining to a people  
26 Small bunch of flowers  
32 Mirethead  
33 Operator  
34 - Mahal  
36 Valuable VIP  
37 Trumpet sound  
38 Least wealthy  
41 "Bite"  
43 "Hamburg"  
44 Paraphernalia  
46 Martin's comedy partner  
50 Capri or Wright  
53 Cow's call  
55 Columbus' place

DOWN

1 Pitch  
2 Office shape  
3 Mentor  
4 Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"  
5 Slinger, i.e.  
6 Signal light  
7 Place for 12-  
8 Moreover  
9 Slipstick missile  
10 Computer language  
12 Longtime PBS figure  
13 Embrace  
19 Greek vowel  
21 Cudgel  
23 Undrained  
25 Egyptian fertility goddess  
27 Penny  
28 Tiny protuberances  
29 Norway's  
30 Close up tight  
31 Puppy's cry  
35 Occupation  
36 Away from WSW  
40 Skull prop  
42 Street uncertain  
45 Portrayal  
47 Caprice  
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49 Midday  
50 Doctrine  
51 Health resort  
52 Trail the pack  
54 Antiquated

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Samir H. Ali  
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Business classification: An Individual  
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Notice of Public Hearing

The Winters Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the project application as described below, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.  
PROJECT LOCATION: 437 RUSSELL STREET, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 003-182-71.  
APPLICATION TYPE: The Planning Commission is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments regarding the Site Plan application submitted for the installation of a 1,979 square foot single-story, single-family American-style manufactured home at 437 Russell Street.  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project applicant, Fran Oremus, proposes to install a 1,979 square foot single-story, single-family American-style manufactured home with three bedrooms and two bathrooms at her property located at 437 Russell Street. The existing residence, approximately 650 square feet in size, will be demolished in order to accommodate the new home. Exterior features of the new home, which is manufactured by Fleetwood Homes, include a front porch that extends the full width of the house, composition roofing, and vertical siding. The off-street parking requirement for the residence will be addressed through the construction of a carport approximately 10-feet by 20-feet in size in the rear yard of the property. The carport will be attached to the residence and a second off-street parking space will be provided with an asphalt concrete pad constructed parallel to the carport. The carport will be setback at least 10 feet from the rear property line. The off-street parking will be accessed via a driveway strip on the west side of the property. The property (APN 003-182-71) is approximately 5,050 square feet in size, has a General Plan land use designation of Low Density Residential (LR), and is zoned Single Family, 7,000 Square Foot Average Minimum (R-1 Zone).  
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- 3.) Buyers to review and approve all inspections and reports prior to submitting sealed bid.
- 4.) Must be pre-qualified with local lender.
- 5.) Lenders approval letter needs to have verified income, credit and funds.
- 6.) Property is to be sold AS IS.
- 7.) Non Contingent able to close with in 30 days.
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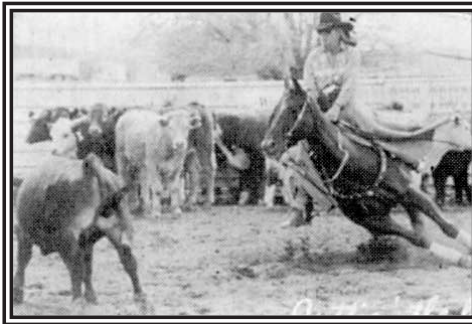
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