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Winters Express

"Gateway to the Monticello Dam"

Wallace is Citizen of the Year

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

When one thinks of Charley Wallace (particularly if you know him well), a great many things might come to mind, but "Citizen of the Year" is not likely one of them. Think again. He is this year's Citizen of the Year. And he deserves it.

Delve past the Harley and his frequently controversial column in the Winters Express, past his argumentative nature and the "What, me worry?" demeanor, and it turns out that Charley has spent the last 30 years deeply involved with the Winters community. Stand on the corner of Railroad and Main Street and point in any direction and you'll probably be pointing at some project Charley either volunteered on or helped fund.

"It was a wise choice," says Harold Anderson, last year's Citizen of the Year. Anderson has worked with Charley both as a community member and fellow Rotarian.

"Charley is someone

who is always doing something behind the scenes — someone you can always ask to lend a hand in various community projects. More often than not, he will be there," says Anderson. "I've been involved with Charley since our boys played Little League on the same team. That's the beginning of my volunteer service with Charley in the community. That goes back quite awhile — 20 years ago."

A Winters native, Charley left for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo after graduating with the Winters High School Class of 1969. With a degree in graphic communications, he went on a post-college road trip around the country.

"I ran out of gas in LA," he says. So, there he stayed, in East Los Angeles. In 1975, he married his college sweetheart, Sherri Massei and moved to Long Beach, taking a job in a printing shop. Two years later, the newlyweds decided to return to Winters in 1977.

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters Express publisher Charles Wallace has been chosen as the 2006 Citizen of the Year.

Sewage spills into creek

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

For the second time in two years, the city found itself without a paddle as sewage spilled into Putah Creek. It appears that on Friday, Dec. 1, the second of two pumps was not turned on after power was disconnected to remove the first pump for repair, according to city public works assistant, Carol Scianna.

The problem was not discovered until Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3, despite daily rounds performed by the city's utilities maintenance contractor, Eco Resources. The problem

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Test scores still lag for ESL students

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

Test results are making it obvious — Winters schools aren't making the grade when it comes to student achievement, especially among the district's Latino and English language learners, who comprise slightly more than 50 percent of the student body.

Although district superintendent Dale Mitchell, at the Dec. 14 school board meeting, summarized results from the last four years of standardized statewide testing as "a fairly consistent pattern of some growth," scores in the two areas tested — English language arts and math — were lower in 2006 than they were in 2005.

And two schools, Waggoner Elementary and Winters Middle School, are in their third year as program improvement schools defined by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). If their status doesn't change by year 5, even as NCLB standards are increased for 2007-08, the schools could face takeover by the state or other outside entity.

On the 2006 statewide STAR proficiency test, 37.2 percent of Winters students tested proficient in English and language arts and 40.6 were proficient in math for. Scores for 2005 showed 37.3 percent proficient in English and language arts and 44.5 percent proficient in

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Winters Library no longer a work of fiction

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

A round of applause and a standing ovation marked a notable moment at the Dec. 12 city council meeting. After a 10-year saga of valiant efforts and bitter disappointments, the council voted to construct a new library in Winters.

In one motion, the council approved two agreements between

the Winters Joint Unified School District (WJUSD), the city of Winters, and Yolo County, for the Winters Library and leasing of the site from the school district. Also in this motion, the Community Development Agency (CDA) increased its contribution from the originally proposed \$300,000 to \$600,000 and increased its annual city operating contribution from \$12,000 to \$25,000.

The school board approved the proposal the night before and the county stamped its approval earlier the same day. This vote was the final necessary step to move towards construction.

Winters Friends of the Library (WFoL), city leaders and County Librarian Mary Stephens have worked since 1994 to create a mod-

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Graphic courtesy of Paul Roberts, AIA

This is how the new Winters Library may look when constructed on the grounds of Winters High School.

Public Safety Center moves closer to reality

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

At the Dec. 12 meeting, the city council approved the project budget of the Public Safety Facility, which is to be a new combined fire and police station, to be built on Grant Avenue.

Police Chief Muramoto presented PowerPoint slides of the current facili-

ty, which he described as "dysfunctional." His presentation showed side-by-side images of equivalent modern facilities in other nearby cities, by way of contrast. He noted the lack of space, the lack of hazmat storage for bio hazard material, the absence of a conference room, the poor state of the armory and holding cell, the absence of an inter-

view room.

Fire chief Scott Dozier made a similar slide presentation showing the limitations of the current fire station. He said the old building was crowded and is not suited to internet connections, and "has a spiderweb of wires go everywhere."

He said sleeping quarters were a necessity, so

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Early holiday deadlines

Because of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays on the next two Mondays, the deadline to submit all news items, letters to the editor and display advertising will be noon on Friday, Dec. 22, and Friday, Dec. 29.

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Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
Dec. 13	.06	54	48
Dec. 14	.01	61	52
Dec. 15	.01	67	52
Dec. 16	T	61	37
Dec. 17		53	29
Dec. 18		52	32
Dec. 19		61	28

Rain for week: .08

Season's total: 3.69

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Average to Dec. 19: 6.31

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OBITUARIES

Beatrice Ramos

Beatrice Ramos, a lifelong resident of Vacaville, passed away after a lengthy illness on Dec. 13, 2006 at home, surrounded by family. Born in Vacaville on July 28, 1920, she was 86 years old.

Mrs. Ramos was a supervisor at Basic, retiring after 33 years. She was devoted to her family and in her early years, worked in farming. She loved baking, crocheting and flower gardening, and had been active with the local senior center. Following her retirement, she traveled with her sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Trini Goutene-gre of Vacaville and son, Gene Ramos of Ocean-side; sisters, Mary Ramos of Williams, Emily Restuch of San Leandro, Carmen Rubio and Rose Ramos of Winters, Flora Carrillo of Sacramento and Eleanor Ramos of Davis; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Rosary was recited for Mrs. Ramos on Dec. 17. A Mass of Resurrection took place on Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with Father Charles Kelly officiating. Burial followed at the Winters Cemetery.

George Bertram Coman

Lifelong Winters resident George Bertram "Bert" Coman died on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006 at Sutter Davis Hospital. Born in Winters on Jan. 25, 1924, he was 82 years old. He was a 1942 graduate of Winters High School and was a member of the United States Marine Corps, serving in the Pacific theater in World War II.

After the war, Mr. Coman returned to Winters, marrying Nancy Elizabeth "Betty" Vasey in 1948. He worked for Pacific Gas & Electric for six years before becoming the meat cutter for Vasey Brothers Market, assuming co-ownership in 1976. A firm believer in giving back to the community, he volunteered for the Winters Fire Department for more than 20 years. He also served as commander in both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He enjoyed the outdoors, particularly fishing, hiking and long scenic drives with his family. In his later years, he developed an interest in jazz music and was a member of the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Winters, and children Robert Coman and wife Elizabeth, and grandchildren Dorrace, Vasey and Chaney Coman of Winters; Dan Coman of Winters; Nancy Legé and husband Steve and grandchildren Jack, Alex and Matt of Davis; John Coman and wife Constance and grandchildren Alise, Douglas and Rebecca Coman and Olivia Stransky of Woodland; Phillip Coman and wife Rose and grandchildren Armando and Javier Campos and David Rivera of Selma.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Fred Coman.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Dec. 30, at St. Anthony's Church at 11 a.m.

Victoria Gill

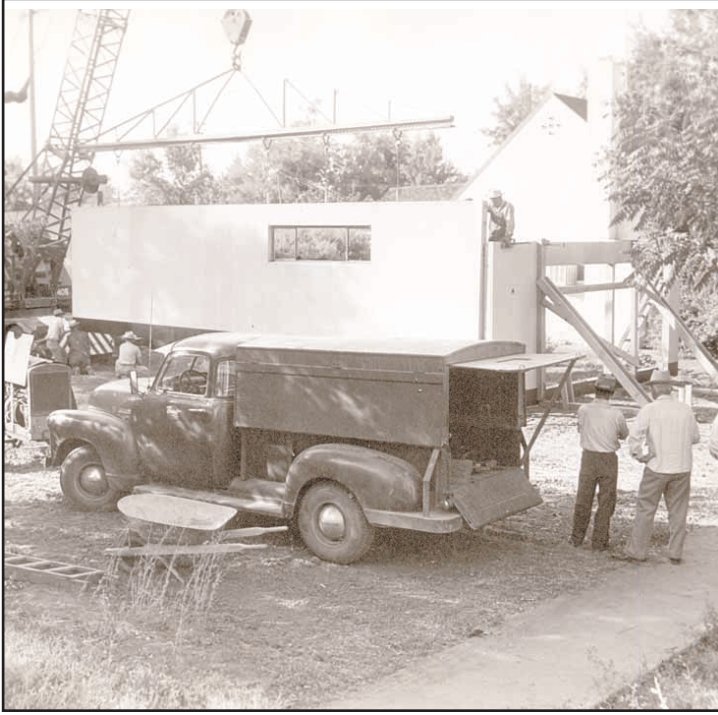
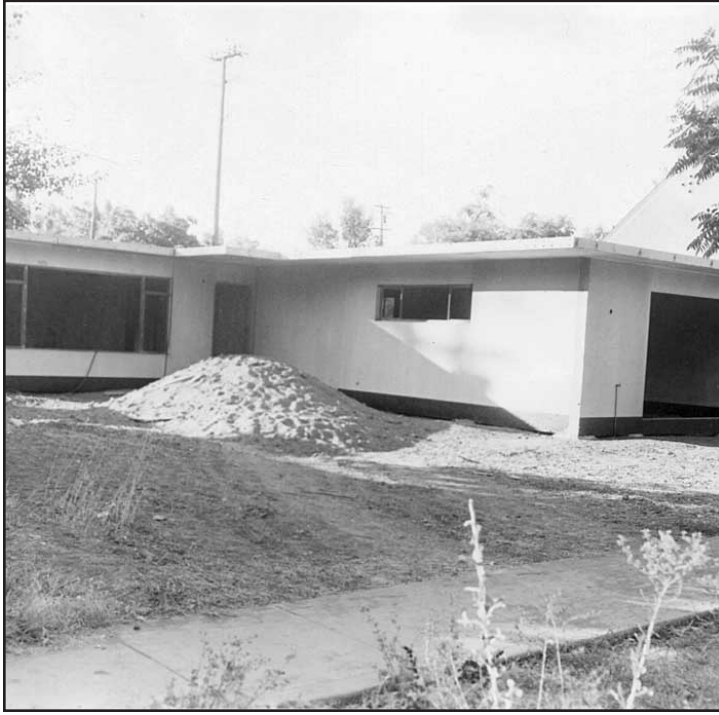
Victoria Gill passed away peacefully early on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 at her home in Vallejo, surrounded by her caregivers and housemates. Born on Nov. 18, 1915 in San Francisco, she was the youngest daughter of Bartholomew Gil Gil and Ana Reyes Guerra Gill.

According to family members, a childhood accident prompted Victoria's auditory limitations, but her family successfully communicated with her and tapped into her strengths so that Victoria was a constant contributor to her early family household and ranch chores in the Olive-Pleasants district of Winters. Upon the death of her mother, Victoria was 33 and her brother John arranged for the developmental disability living and educational options in which she would have comfort, community and stimulation. During adult-recreations/education programs, Victoria received recognition for her soft-sculpting art forms and enjoyed the companionship of several special friends and caregivers. Mostly she valued visits to the Vallejo Waterfront Park, seeing seasonal decorations or images and particularly fellowships with friends, always promptly cleaning up with everyone else after mealtimes or celebrating birthdays and numerous holidays.

Through the Eucharist Outreach Program, Victoria was a parish member of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. In her last 16 years, Victoria happily lived at Amogela's Care Home and with her robust physical condition, thrived with her caregivers and dearest friends, Zeny (Frank) Amogela and her cherished "G" aka Gloria (Romero) Aradel.

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YESTERYEAR



All of the sidewalk superintendents were on hand at 208 Main Street on Oct. 9, 1953 when this house, pictured above, was built in one day. Workmen started at 7:30 a.m., and by 3:30 p.m. all the walls and roof were in place. The house, built by Ed Gardner, is a Basalt prefabricated house, and the sections were moved by truck from Napa, and put in place by a large crane. The photo on the right shows the crane lowering one of the sections into place, and the photo on the left shows the house as it looked at the end of the day. B.P. Bellport, construction engineer for the Monticello Dam, and his family were the first occupants of the house.

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YEARS AGO

December 23, 1971

Congressman Robert L. Leggett announced last week that the Department of Interior has approved a \$2,123,800 small reclamation project loan repayment contract with the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for the Indian Valley Dam project.

In what is believed a new scoring record, for the Winters Warriors, the local cagers last Thursday evening at Galt scored 96 points to roll over St. Pius by a score of 96 to 69. Sophomore Phil Snow scored 37 points.

Specialist 4th Class David Kidder arrived at San Francisco airport, Dec. 7, from Augsburg, Germany for a 30-day leave.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Fernandez will go to Modesto to be with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lacoste, for Christmas.

Mrs. Eva Duncan will be a holiday dinner guest at the Dixon home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Reddick.

Robert C. Bruhn and Thomas A. Ehnat, members of the Winters Fire Department, have completed a two-day basic operations course in fire training, offered in Placerville by the state department of vocational education.

s W. Reed, a school custodian, discovered the break-in Monday morning.

Mrs. Ruth L. Bess, of La Jolla, will arrive on Friday to visit here for five days with her daughter and family, the Pat Smyths.

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YEARS AGO

January 3, 1957

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has accepted a bid by A.G. Streblov, of Napa, for the leasing of a maximum of 25,945 acres of land in the Monticello Dam reservoir area. He will pay \$1.26 per acre for grazing rights, based on the amount of land not flooded.

The Buckhorn Dining Room opened for business last Friday after being completely remodeled. Elmer Croan, formerly head chef at Tiny's in San Francisco, is the chef at the Buckhorn restaurant.

J.R. Granger, resident engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, will report later this month to Green River, Wyoming, to assume new duties with a Bureau project there.

The Bank of America this week announced it was raising its interest rate payments on savings accounts from two to three percent, starting January 1.

Mrs. Grace Leach, of Sant Clara, has returned to her home after spending the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Willard and son Harry.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry MacArthur of Sacramento visited on Christmas Eve with Mrs. N.A. McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sackett presided at a dinner party to watch the old year out on Monday night, New Year's eve.

About 25 school friends met New Year's Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Frisbee to honor their daughter, Miss Barbara, on the occasion of their 13th birthday anniversary, which occurs on January 1.

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YEARS AGO

January 2, 1942

The town board met in special session Tuesday night and passed the air raid precaution ordinance. The blackout ordinance was approved for California cities and counties December 16, by the State Defense Council.

Mayor C.P. Culton has appointed a tire rationing board committee composed of Chief of Police G.A. Crowder, P.W. Thornberry and Miss Verna Rice, with G.A. Moore, alternate.

The rainfall up to Wednesday a.m., according to the California Fruit Exchange gauge, measured 12.52 inches.

Descendants of the late local pioneers Rev. S. Harriman and Levi Morris assembled New Year's day, at Hotel Clunie, Sacramento at a family dinner party. The occasion was the 80th anniversary of the late pioneers' crossing the plains to California.

Miss Lillie May Berry and Wyatt Linley went to Reno Saturday where they exchanged marriage vows.

Lieutenant Colonel F.W. Koester, officer in charge of the Headquarters Western Remount Area, San Mateo, has asked owners of horses and mules in this area to provide him with information about their animals. He said that prompt registration of animals of a useful military age is simply a most desirable step in our defense preparations.

Berryessa rises .07 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by .07 of a foot during the past week with 1287 acre feet of water added to storage, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 430.67 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,426,479 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 30 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 feet is flowing into Putah Creek at the diversion dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 17 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Mosquito district seeking new trustee

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District is seeking to appoint a trustee from the Winters area. There are twelve 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, representing Sacramento and Yolo Counties.

If interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please contact Nanci Mills, city clerk at City Hall, 318 First Street, or by calling 795-4910, ext. 101.

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Weekly police activity report

Dec. 8
~ Gregory Charles Lanzaro, 56, of Winters was backing east from his driveway. Christina Lanzaro, 47, of Winters was illegally parked southeast of the driveway. While backing, Mr. Lanzaro failed to properly judge the distance between the vehicles and collided with the parked vehicle. Property damage only.

Dec. 10
~ On the 1000 block of Kennedy Drive, parties were involved in a verbal dispute.
~ On the 400 block of Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a verbal dispute.
~ On the 400 block of Main Street, two suspects attempted to provoke a fight. All parties were counseled and resolved their differences.

Dec. 11
~ On the 30 block of Main Street, unknown suspect(s) attempted to gain access to a residence without success. Loss: \$0
~ On the 200 block of Grant Avenue, unknown suspect(s) entered a residence and attempted to steal property before leaving due to the return of the home owner. Loss: \$150 in damages.
~ On the 1000 block of Roosevelt Avenue, vehicle tires were slashed. Damage: \$690

Dec. 12-13
~ On the first block of East Main Street, a locked vehicle was taken without the owner's consent. On Dec. 13 at 5:24 pm, the vehicle was recovered unoccupied in West Sacramento.

Dec. 13
~ A 17-year-old Madison juvenile was arrested for speeding and possessing a dangerous weapon (expandable baton). The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Juvenile Hall for incarceration.
~ Marcos Sanchez Del-toro, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license

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GILL

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She will be remembered by the ladies that called her “spoiled brat” or Grandmam including Leslie, Maureen and Margaret.
With her affectionate nature, Victoria would always wave, point upwards in delight and kiss your hand in gratefulness, say family members.
She is survived by sister-in-law, Jessie A. Gill of Winters; nieces and nephews Anita Eral of Waterford, John G. Ramos of Winters, Frank F. Fernandez of Fairfield, John J. Fernandez of Vacaville, Mary L. Hill of Winters, Peggy Gill Dickson of Carmel Valley, John D. Gill of southern California and Mary Marfil O’Connell of Vacaville.
She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Carmen G. Ramos and Katherine Fernandez; brothers Andrew and John Gill; half-siblings, Ana Anaya, Isabel Marfil, Rafael Gil, Maria Gil and Dolores Gil; nephews James Ramos, Arthur Ramos and Lawrence Ramos; long-time friends, Mary Mott and Mary Elder
Private family services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Winters Cemetery. Memorial donation’s may be made in Victoria’s to a charity of choice or St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 3450 Tennessee Street, Vallejo, CA 94591.

Herbs have many health benefits

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Are you looking for an easy and zestful way to add flavor and color to your meals while improving your health? If so, then next time you reach for the salt shaker consider replacing the salt with fresh or dried herbs. Culinary herbs such as basil, thyme, rosemary, oregano and even garlic contain not only fragrant flavors but are also packed with healthy antioxidants and phytochemicals. This may sound like the same benefits that fruits and vegetables have to offer, and that is correct. In fact, a USDA study found that one tablespoon of fresh oregano contains the same antioxidant activity as one medium-sized apple.

Just how do antioxidants and phytochemicals work to make you healthier? Both antioxidants and phytochemicals may be protective against some forms of cancer, heart disease, and stroke. Phytochemicals are naturally occurring compounds that are produced by plants to protect them from viruses, bacteria, fungi and insects. In humans, phytochemicals function to improve cellular communication, are

anti-bacterial and function as antioxidants. The job of antioxidants is to sweep up free-radicals which can be damaging to body tissues and accelerate the aging process. The bottom line is phytochemicals and antioxidants can work as a team to help prevent disease while at the same time possessing unique and health promoting functions.

It is easy to give your health a boost by including a few herbs such as basil, oregano and parsley on poultry, pasta and pizzas. Explore exotic herbs such as turmeric, which is found in curries. Experiment with dill in potato salads or cilantro in scrambled eggs. Many teas are also made with herbs and therefore have phytochemicals and antioxidants. Sip on chamomile tea as a relaxing evening ritual, or green tea as an afternoon treat. However, if you choose to purchase herbs that are concentrated such as oils or supplements, consider consult-

ing your physician first, especially if you are pregnant or nursing. Certainly, the creative opportunities to incorporate herbs in your diet can be an adventure for the senses as well as a gift to the body.

To have a fresh supply of herbs on hand, start a mini herb garden by planting herbs in a container that has adequate drainage. Mix equal parts potting soil, peat moss and perlite. Choose small growing herbs such as basil, thyme and oregano. Water your plants when the top of the soil feels dry, which may be twice a day when it is hot and sunny.

Pinch off the tops of the herbs to keep them bushy and use the cuttings to liven up your favorite recipes. Keep herbs in a sunny place and take pleasure in the health and beauty of these fragrant plants.

For more information on herbs and other nutritional information, contact the UC Cooperative Extension in Yolo County, 666-8143.

Mental health group offered in Spanish

NAMI-Yolo, a chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness sponsors an ongoing support group in Spanish for those who care for a family member or friend with a mental disorder.

The group provides Yolo County families with a secure and friendly environment for sharing experiences, problem-solving strategies and information about mental illness, including topics such as stress, anxiety, addiction, depression, schizophrenia, and others.

All sessions are led by trained NAMI volunteers who themselves know what it is like to have a relative or friend with a psychiatric disorder.

The support group meets the last Thursday of each month at the office of Yolo Family Resource Center #409 Lincoln Avenue in Woodland, 6:30-8 p.m. The Support Group will meet next on Oct. 26.

For more information call coordinators Amparo Hernandez, 662-2274, or Marielena Vega, 756-7001.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

HURRY! THERE'S STILL TIME to purchase one more Christmas gift — for yourself! Just trust me on this, don't question, go do it right now: call Charter Communications and say "I want a Moxi!"

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Next, consider the hassle of recording on a VCR. Entering the date, time and channel for every program, remembering to leave a tape in the machine and hitting "record" before you leave the house. Then coming home and discovering the power went out. Your show didn't get taped, the VCR programming is lost, and you have to reset that damnable VCR clock that's stubbornly blinking "12:00." Again.

Not with Moxi. Moxi resets its clock automatically after a power failure, and retains its programming. As for the programming, it's a snap. You don't have to know dates and times — you enter the program's name and Moxi finds it for you. It will even ignore reruns if you want.

Admit it, you're already getting a little turned on, aren't you. But wait. I haven't even gotten to the really sexy feature: Pause. "Pause" stops live TV in its tracks and records it on the spot for up to 20 minutes. Isn't that a nifty little feature when you're watching your favorite show and the telephone rings or someone comes to the door or the cat barfs all over the sofa. You never have to miss the end of a movie or a news segment again. You can pick up right where you left off. And — pay attention here — zap through all the commercials.

And, joy of joys, I discovered a lovely little serendipity while getting to know my pause feature. There are about 20 minutes devoted to commercials per every hour of programming. Hmmm. How to push this happy coincidence one step further. Here's how: I get up each morning, turn on the morning news and immediately hit "pause." Then I go make my coffee, get the newspaper, check my email and otherwise piddle around for 20 minutes, return with a cup of coffee and watch all the news commercial-free.

If your little brain is whizzing right along with mine, you already know what this means: no more commercials. Ever. Besides the fact that commercials are an unwelcome assault on your senses and sensibility, they're electronic traffic jams — they bring everything to a halt and keep you from getting where you want to go. They're a colossal waste of time. So, bottom line, what you're really buying when you get a DVR is time.

Add it up: 20 minutes per hour wasted on commercials. Cumulatively, that's a lot of wasted time. Wasted time equals wasted life. In that light, how much is your time worth? Is it worth 63 cents a day? You can't buy a cup of coffee for that much. But you can upgrade from basic cable to a DVR. What a bargain.

As if all that wasn't enough, there's even a bonus: The remote. Don't be intimidated by its 67,000 buttons. The remote is actually quite intuitive and relatively simple to master. The cable guy will give you a basic lesson and, much to my astonishment, the little manual is simple and accurate. Unlike every other electronic device I've ever owned, if you follow the steps in the manual, Moxi actually does what you want. I was comfortable with the remote within a couple days. Yes, I — even I — learned to use the remote. Which means a retarded one-eyed squirrel could do it too. And so can you.

Stop trembling with desire, dash to the phone, call Charter now and shriek "I want a Moxi!" While you're getting hooked up, I'll run down to the hardware store and get a big plastic bin to store all the thank-you notes that will surely be raining down upon me.



LETTERS

Woman had amazing powers

Dear Editor,

Last Wednesday I received, free of charge, a lesson on the "Laws of Household Physics." I have to mention that someone from Specialized Pipeline Services, a company out of Santa Rosa, picked me out of approximately 180 million citizens of the United States to receive this free lesson.

There are 7,000 or so residents of the city of Winters and they picked me! I'm not the smartest man in the world, but I think I was picked because I have an innate ability to stay calm while everyone else on Earth is in chaos. I didn't even know that I had been chosen, so I was just sitting there like an idiot, goofing off at the computer, when the lesson began. You see, people think I'm pretty smart because I continuously mumble during any conversation, I talk to myself constantly, and every time someone says something to me I say, "I know" or "yeah, that's right." It may be true that my sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others, so read on and learn.

I had gotten my wife and son off to work and school, so I was casually reading an article about genetic mutation in our local drosophila simulans when it happened. All of a sudden I was starting to think, "Did I put on deodorant this morning?" "Maybe I need a shower?" Then (it's going to get exciting now) I heard a loud whoosh of running water and it was coming from inside the house.

I followed my nose to the bathroom and when I opened the door, I freaked out. Water was actually shooting out of my toilet like a broken water main. I mean it was four feet high and two feet in diameter. At first I thought that something big was coming out of my toilet, like a big rat or an alligator. Then I thought that maybe someone was sending back all the crap that I have been writing about in the paper lately. But it had a bad smell to it and I didn't like it.

You have to consider the seriousness of the situation because, man, I was thinking that the bathroom was going to fill up with water, so I started screaming like a little girl and ran to the door. At this point, I had to look cool so I calmed down and walked out the door, slooowly. I noticed two things at that precise moment in time.

Dear Editor,
The Winters High School football coaching staff would like to once again thank each and every person that helped make our 2006 football season a successful one.

From the help of preparing the field, scouting,

One, there was a bunch of white trucks making noise in front of my house and two, my pants were wet from the knees down.

There was a lady with a clipboard standing in the street in front of my house. She obviously was a woman of considerable importance. She had the power to reverse the entire sewer system so that everything flows uphill. I didn't want to mess with her because I know that a woman always has the last word in any argument, but I had to blame all this on someone else.

Trying to look cool and calm, I leaned on the rail and smartly said, "I don't know what you guys are doing but I think you're blowing up my bathroom." She looks at me, walks over to an open manhole, runs her finger across her throat and says, "Hey you, cut it off." Then everything went silent in an instant. I was impressed.

She followed me to the bathroom and said, "yep, it's wet" and "well, this has never happened before." I don't know why, but she reminded me of Richard Nixon as she spoke. She walked back to the door saying, "I'll have the room sterilized" and "we'll send a camera up and I'll send you a copy." I was getting scared so I says, "oh don't bother I'll clean it up."

I was wondering what other powers she had but I really didn't want to mess with her, so I cleaned up the bathroom and got the heck out of there until they left the area. I crept back into my house an hour or so later where I found a letter and two pictures of my "lateral sewer connection." The letter said that my lateral was 42.5 feet from the manhole, it had no defects, and that they found nothing that would explain the water back-up in my bathroom. It ended, "thanks for your cooperation and sorry for any incontinence."

At the top it said, "Specialized Pipeline Services" and "Certified SBE#0029574 EXP. 5/31/06." I was impressed and confused at the same time. How the heck did she type up this letter and stick it in my mailbox so quickly and what the heck was in those pictures? I really didn't want to mess with this woman because she might work for the C.I.A. The next time this happens I'm not going to make eye contact with her and I'm going to pretend that I'm deaf.

DONALD K. SANDERS

Thank you for all of your help

During the Japanese occupation of Manila, our house was bombed and I was found in the rubble. My grandmother coveted me and placed me in a safe

BRAD BURTON



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

QUITE AN HONOR. When I phoned and told my daughter, Laura, that I was this year's citizen of the year, her response was, "Isn't that for old people?" Maybe so, but I'll take it. I often write about the great volunteers we have in Winters and how if you make the time to volunteer, you will feel better, and Winters will be a better place because of it.

There are a lot of dedicated citizens in Winters. You see them at sporting events, either on the field or in the stands. You see them at fund-raisers and/or social events. An event doesn't happen without volunteers and Winters isn't the way it is without a lot of help from its citizens.

There were years when I wondered who the citizen of the year might be, but after the announcement, it was rare that I didn't agree with the selection committee, made up of past citizens of the year. I know, or knew, almost all of the past citizens of the year, and I'm proud to be listed with them. I'm not sure if they all like having their names associated with me, but I think it's a done deal.

I'm following in my parents footsteps as a citizen of the year. My father was active in area politics, working on getting the Monticello Dam completed and Highway 505 finished, with overpasses. He was active in an earlier Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce, represented our area on the Yolo County Fair board for decades. He continues as a volunteer for the U.S. Weather Service, reading the weather each and every day at 9 a.m. Something he has done for over 50 years. He isn't as active as he used to be, but if you ask him to help, he's there. At 87 he is in better shape than most of us.

My mother, 86, still volunteers at the library every week. You forget how many people helped you grow up, but there are lots of parents out there that served as den mothers, scout leaders, 4-H leaders and coaches. Raising children, you realize just how many people it takes to run a soccer program or to read to kindergartners on a regular basis. There are times when I look around and wonder where the other parents are, or why I'm there, but all and all, it is always worth the time.

I was giving a tour of Winters, along with Howard Hupe, to some U.C. Davis people, and was gently poking fun at Davis. Some of the group liked it, but others didn't know how to respond. When someone asked why I liked Winters so much and disliked Davis, I told them that I didn't dislike Davis, I just liked Winters more. I didn't mention that picking on Davis is a local pastime. It isn't quite as fun as it used to be, it's getting to be too easy.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge my family, especially my permanent tenant, for allowing me to be away from home on a lot of evenings and weekends. There were times when I would drag them along to work parties. For some reason they don't like meetings. I guess it's not exciting for some people to sit through meetings, hearing the same subject debated forever. The best part is when they start debating the same subject that was debated 10, 20 or 30 years ago like it is something new. But, life goes on.

Every year the chamber submits an article looking for nominations of citizens that need to be recognized. If you think the committee has made a mistake and there are more deserving citizens for this award, let me know and I'll see what I can do for you, next year.

To those past citizens of the year whovoted for me, thank you.

Have a good week.

Amethyst wants to go home

Dear Editor,

I am Amethyst and I'm very sad. I was taken without permission along with other precious pieces of jewelry from my "mother." This is my story:

My grandparents took me on a trip to Macau from Manila before World War II. I was simply a stone without a setting. I must say I was attractive — oval-shaped, about five carats or more, with a beveled edge. My grandparents met an English jeweler on the ship who told them that one in every 1,000 settings was a perfect fit. He looked at me, pulled out a lovely gold filigree setting and placed me into it with very little adjustment. My grandmother slipped me onto her finger and was very happy.

During the Japanese occupation of Manila, our house was bombed and I was found in the rubble. My grandmother coveted me and placed me in a safe

place for years. I was given to my mother when she was 20 years old. My mother loved me and wore me frequently. I was always placed in a little bowl on her dresser.

On Christmas Eve 20 years ago, I was lost. My mother was heartsick and she prayed to St. Anthony many times. Months later, I was found.

Now, I've been taken against my will and no matter how many times my mother will pray to St. Anthony, she will not find me.

If anyone recognizes me, please help me find my home, where there is happiness and love.

AMETHYST

(Anyone who has possession of this amethyst ring, a family heirloom, that was stolen earlier this month can place it in an envelope and drop it through the door at 308 Railroad Avenue, no questions asked.)

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Early deadline for the next two weeks! Noon on Friday, Dec. 22, and Friday, Dec. 29!

LETTERS

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Trying to be like Charlie Rominger

Dear Editor,

Charles Albert Rominger — Charlie — was a good man. While he was alive, I studied him. And told him I was studying him because I wanted to be more like him.

If we are lucky, and had the opportunity to meet and experience him, we have the opportunity to be a bit like him: kind, gentle, educated, insightful, caring. Winters lost a valuable asset when he left. He had so much knowledge-of-place, that it is possible that knowledge base can't be replaced. But who he was can still be with us.

So, when I think of Charlie, I try to be more like him. In this way, he is alive. Charlie is a good man, so I try to be like Charlie.

JOE McCABE

Enjoyed stories about Winters

Dear Editor

After reading Newt's memories of 1947 I felt compelled to share a couple of things with you. But before I get to that year, let me say how much we miss the great folks of Winters, CA. Kentucky is a great state and we have learned to love it as well. Then after reading Newt's memoir I realized that we have lived for the past 12 years near where the Wolfskill family migrated to California.

It's strange how that I lived sixty years of my early life in and around Winters, and knew so little about its history. After doing some research I found out that my dad, George Henry Constant, migrated from the same neighborhood as the Wolfskills did. As many of the kids, I also worked at Pop Streeters Service Station in the early 40's.

It was in 1947 that I met and married my wife of sixty years, Billie Maxine Edison. I pastured a small church, Free Will Baptist, for nine years before moving to Kentucky and have been pasturing another small Baptist Church on the Cumberland River near the world-famous Cumberland Falls.

We enjoy keeping up with the news of Winters through your web site. Keep up the great work.

JAY and BILLIE CONSTANT

Thanks for supporting our event

Dear Editor,

The Senior Class recently held their annual fund-raising dinner. I would like to thank Tomat's California Cuisine for supplying all of the food. They provided great food and service.

I would also like to thank Berryessa Sporting Goods for the ice that was donated. Donations were provided by several businesses, both local and non-local. Huge thanks go out to local merchants Pizza Factory, Camille's Hair Salon, The Irish Pub and Coffee House, Warrior Video and El Pueblo.

Most of all, I'd like to thank Diane Jordan for all of her help. The dinner would not have been possible without her.

RON LEWIS

Trail improvements planned at canyon

UC DAVIS MEDIA SERVICES
Special to the Express

Usually at this time of year, seasonal rainstorms turn a steep section of the popular Loop Trail in Stebbins Cold Canyon Natural Reserve from a rugged walking path into a deep, muddy trench. Already an impediment, the steep section becomes dangerous and unpleasant for visitors during the winter months, and important plants and animals living downhill in Putah Creek get smothered in sediment.

But this year will be different. The UC Davis-based managers of the 576-acre University of California reserve recently purchased the privately owned land where the steep section lies, and already work crews are up on the hillside rerouting the trail.

The erosion-prone section is being eliminated and restored to a natural condition. In its place is a new trail route with graceful, gently sloping switchbacks traversing the hillside to carry hikers upward without doubling as rain gutters.

Fixing the five-mile Loop Trail, which leads to spectacular views of Lake Berryessa and the Coast Ranges, has been a longtime goal for reserve manager Virginia “Shorty” Boucher. Her next objective is to raise an endowment of \$500,000 for the reserve's popular Guides Program, which is run by Winters resident Jeff Falyn and offers educational outings for people of many interests and ages. Boucher will name the endowment in honor of the late, renowned evolutionary biologist G. Ledyard Stebbins, for whom the reserve is named.

“Stebbins Cold Canyon Natural Reserve is unusual because, unlike most university reserves, it is open to the public,” Boucher said. “It has become a tremendously popular place for people to go for recreation. Last year, while we served 700 educators and students, which are our primary clients, we also served more than 7,000 members of the public.”

The new land acquisition consists of 59.1 acres in two parcels (making the reserve

now nearly 640 acres), purchased from an individual with a \$46,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy.

The new trail was designed by UC Davis Natural Reserves project coordinator Shane Waddell and Stebbins reserve steward Kenny Walker. Materials are being paid for by funds allocated for the original Loop Trail construction. The construction labor is being provided by fire crews from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Delta Conservation Camp. To support the endowment, contact Boucher, 752-6949 or vl-boucher@ucdavis.edu.

In addition to supporting the endowment, there are other ways to get involved with the reserve:

~ To see the progress on the Loop Trail, take an independent walk any time; the reserve is open daily from dawn to dusk. Access is free. For a trail map, e-mail Jeff Falyn at jfalyn@ucdavis.edu or visit the Stebbins site online at <http://nrs.ucdavis.edu/stebbins.html>.

~ To experience the reserve at the winter solstice, join a free guided walk on Saturday, Dec. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the last guided walk and program in the fall/winter series; programs resume in March. To reserve a spot on this walk (which will not include the Loop Trail), or to receive the 2007 schedule of programs, which range from hikes for toddlers to stargazing, send an e-mail request to Jeff Falyn at jfalyn@ucdavis.edu.

~ To learn to create and lead your own guided walks in the reserve, join the next guide training session, which begins in January at the reserve. Information: Jeff Falyn at jfalyn@ucdavis.edu.

~ To help care for and sustain the physical reserve, join the Preserve the Reserve program. Participants work in the reserve throughout the year, planting native grasses, shrubs and trees, removing invasive plants, and doing trail construction — including some of the continuing work on the Loop Trail. Information: Jeff Falyn at jfalyn@ucdavis.edu.

SEWAGE

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surfaced in the form of small fountains oozing through a manhole cover at Yolo Housing.

A Yolo Housing maintenance worker who is new to the job thought the problem was a plugged line, and spent a couple hours cleaning lines with a snake. Stoppages have occurred at that site recently.

When that failed to work, he checked manholes at the Yolo Housing sewage lift station. The city has four lift stations that pump sewage towards its destination at the treatment facility on Moody Slough Road. He discovered other manholes were close to overflowing, indicating a greater problem.

Once Eco was called, they showed up in fifteen minutes, according to Scianna, and spotted the problem and activated the silent pump. The system, which only needs one pump under normal load, worked well after that, and the backup was drained. ECO notified a list of affected agencies, including the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Yolo County Environmental Health Department, the state Office of Emergency Services (OES). Unfortunately, during the time of the malfunction, sewage flowed from the lowest overflowing manhole to a nearby storm drain and into Putah Creek.

With their first report of the spill on Sunday, city staff began regular sampling for fecal matter, in a drill learned as a consequence of the 2005 spill. Testing was done at Dennis Kilkenny's property one mile downstream, at Stevenson Bridge eight miles downstream, at the UC Davis Riparian Reserve twelve miles downstream, as well as one mile upstream to determine a baseline normal count. Samples were sent to Nachtmann Analytical

Laboratory in Davis for testing, which involves a two or three day delay. The count was higher than the 1600 mpn (a “most probable number” used for measuring bacteria) maximum reading on Dec. 4 and 5. As in 2005, city staff posted signs at downstream access points, including at Yolo Housing and the UC Davis Riparian Reserve at Hopkins Road in Davis, warning people to avoid contact with the water.

At that point, staff thought the problem's duration was a few hours. Because of the high mpn counts, Scianna and city engineers Nick Ponticello and Alan Mitchell visited the spill site on Wednesday, Dec. 6, and interviewed neighbors. It turned out the neighbors had noticed overflowing manholes as early as Saturday, suggesting the spill may have occurred a day before the Sunday manhole overflow, indicating a much larger amount of spill.

Based on the duration of the spill, ECO did a calculation of a normal flow for the site and determined the size of the spill size was greater than 10,000 gallons. The city engineers reached a similar conclusion based on an effluent-per-dwelling calculation. This can be contrasted with the estimated spill size of 6000 gallons in the 2005 spill.

By Dec. 6 the number had dropped to 300 mpn and the count was 80 mpn by Dec. 8, which is considered normal.

The spill in September 2005 occurred when a construction team boring un-

der Grant Avenue accidentally drilled into the main pressurized sewer line that lifts waste water from the former low-point sewage plant on East Street near Putah Creek to the current treatment facility on Moody Slough Road. The damage was compounded when the emergency crew removed spilled waste and erroneously put it into a storm drain.

That event incurred a “notice of violation” from the RWQCB, followed by a “cease and desist order”, according to city manager John Donlevy, who was out of the country on vacation when the current spill occurred. The lengthy cease and desist order document calls for a number of steps to be taken, including new operations and maintenance manuals, changing quarterly inspections to monthly, and more frequent monitoring procedures.

Donlevy expects similar responses in this instance, and thinks that new cease and desist procedures may be added to those flowing from the September 2005 spill. The possibility of penalty fines does exist, in addition to other potential costs.

Coincidentally, on Dec. 8, a transformer at the East Street lift station exploded, cutting power and disabling the electrical panel that activates a backup generator to operate the pumps. Fortunately, an alarm system did work, and staff were dispatched. They were able to manually start the backup generator and bring the pumps back on line.

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Community

WALLACE

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“You can’t live in L.A. You can’t raise kids in L.A.,” says Charley, explaining that upon returning home, he went to work for his father, Newt, publisher of the Winters Express and eventually took over as publisher in 1983. One of the major accomplishments Charley undertook at the Express was to computerize all the publication, graphics and printing. In 2005, he outfitted the Express office with a photovoltaic system, making the Express the first Winters business to be equipped with solar power. Over that time, Sherri took a job as a teacher in the Davis school system and together, they raised two children, Laura, 28, and Robert, 25. Charley and Sherri became grandparents last May, with the birth of their granddaughter, Jenna Skavdahl.

Since returning home and taking over the town newspaper, Charley has been involved in practically anything and everything. He was an active member of the Lions Club for 20 years and served as its president, and is particularly proud of his involvement with the community blood drives the club holds periodically. Charley served as the coordinator of the blood drive for years, taking over the position from Roger Mosier.

“It’s one of the better things I’ve done and I still give blood. Giving blood makes you healthy. It’s like getting your oil changed.”

Another project he helped out with while a Lions Club member was a program that supplied eyeglasses to local children.

“Any kid in Winters who needed glasses got glasses,” he says.

Other Lions Club projects Charley helped out with included planting trees and installing the flagpole at the Community Center.

Charley switched over to the Rotary Club about 10 years ago, and in conjunction with that club’s activities, he helped rebuild the Winters High School baseball dugouts, put in sod at Rotary Park, installed the Rotary clock at the Community Center, erected the Welcome to Winters sign (he built the base), and grilled a mountain of sausages over the years at the Rotary Club pancake breakfasts on Youth Day. Charley says many hands make light work, and participating with service club activities “just make (Winters) a better place.”

“People ask for help — why wouldn’t you say ‘yes’,” he says. “A group of volunteers can do a lot more than you can do by yourself.” And besides, “No one else will do it.”

Besides chipping in whenever his help was needed, Charley has come up with a few ideas of his own, like selling the bricks around the base of the Rotary Park gazebo as a fundraiser. Two of his best ideas, however, were surely the Earthquake Street Festival, which he inaugurated in 1992 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the earthquake that turned the downtown into shambles, and the renovation of the Winters Opera House.

Of the Earthquake Street Festival, Charley is fond of saying, “It was a good reason to have a party.” On a more serious note, he adds, “It was a big event in Winters and it should have been recognized.” The festival is now a major annual event in Winters, as well as a major fund-raiser for the Winters Chamber of Commerce and an unofficial



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

2006 Citizen of the Year Charley Wallace spent the morning of Dec. 15 painting the Chamber of Commerce office.

farewell to summer every year. But the festival isn’t the only Main Street event that bears Charley’s thumbprint. The other is the Winters Opera House, which now houses The Palms.

When Charley and his partner, George Sanders, along with contractor Clay Johnson decided to bring the grand old building back to life in 1986, it was just another dilapidated building on Main Street. The three took on personal debt as well as blood, sweat and tears and by 1993, made the building usable again, retrofitting both the bottom and top floors for earthquake safety and creating retail space at the street level. Aside from New Year’s Eve parties, private celebrations and an occasional concert, usage of the second floor, didn’t really catch on until The Palms relocated there in 2002, bringing with it a renaissance of sorts for the downtown business community. This also gives Charley a sense of satisfaction.

“The Palms came to Winters because of that building,” he says.

Besides his service club activities, private ventures and keeping the Winters Express afloat, Charley also served on the Winters Planning Commission for six years and has been a board member for the Winters Chamber of Commerce off and on since 1977, serving as its president in the 1980s. He also was one of the original members of Team Winters, a group that formed in the mid 1990s with the goal of reviving the downtown business area.

“I have been to a lot of meetings,” he says.

With two children in the Winters school system, Charley also did his part for local youth. He is a former coach for Little League, soccer and city league basketball, volunteered for five years at the

Winters Parent Nursery School when his children attended there, and has employed scores of youngsters as newspaper carriers, many of whom still deliver the Express the old-fashioned way — on their bicycles. Over the years, the Winters Express has been a consistent team sponsor for Little League, and donates subscriptions as prizes for a variety of fund-raisers. Charley also prints and donates the tickets for various non-profit functions, such as youth sports banquets and WPNS.

Another major and very visible project Charley helped out with was the construction of the wooden play structure at City Park. He built the stage area where the Shakespeare in the Park productions take place in the summer.

“(The play structure) was a great project — an example of what volunteers can do,” he says. “People are still using it all the time.”

Even as a youth himself, Charley helped out. He was the Youth Day mayor in 1969, and walked many a Youth Day parade behind the horses as a poopier scooper. Some of the other activities Charley has participated in the past include serving as a deacon and elder at Pioneer Presbyterian Church and helping to do the fund-raising for the construction of the church building and serving on the board of directors for the California Newspaper Publishers Association, of which he is a past president for the local chapter, the Gold Unit.

When prodded a bit to acknowledge his contribution to the community, Charley says, “I’ve probably worked on almost every project in Winters at some point.” So, after three decades of giving his time and energy to the community, Charley admits that it’s nice to get some recognition and says

he’s honored to be named this year’s Citizen of the Year.

“It’s a great group of people to be included in,” he says of all the former Citizens of the Year, which happens to include both his parents, Newt (1972) and Ida (1990).

Although he’s now among that elite group, Charley isn’t resting on his laurels. He spent Friday morning last week painting the Winters Chamber of Commerce office even though “he already got the award,” quipped Dan Maguire, the Chamber’s executive director. Charley’s also thinking about the town’s future, and says he hopes to see habitat restoration and recreational access at Putah Creek improved, the construction of a new sports facility, and “a Taco Bell and a hotel on the freeway.” In the immediate future, Charley is involved with the construction of permanent bathrooms at Rotary Park.

Overall, he says he hopes “that the downtown stays the kind of place that it seems to be right now.” In that light, he intends to make sure the Express remains a viable part of the community and a venue for residents to share their views. He views keeping a watchful eye on growth as a major concern.

“We encourage growth when we think the city needs it and discourage it when we think it doesn’t.”

What else lies in this busy man’s future? Simple, he responds: “What I really need is some extended time off.”

For all his hard work and dedication, Charley will be formally honored as the 2006 Citizen of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce annual Year in Review celebration, planned for Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Winters Community Center. The recipients of this year’s Theodore Winters, Business and Senior Citizen of the Year will also be honored. No-host cocktails begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35, and space is limited, so reservations are recommended. For tickets, call the Chamber office, 795-2329.

Flood insurance offered for Yolo County renters

Yolo County sent a flyer in July to property owners in the unincorporated areas who may be at risk for flooding to provide notice of the potential for flooding on their property, and encourage them to consider purchasing flood insurance. Yolo County is again reminding residents, including renters of properties in the designated floodplains, to consider investing in flood insurance.

The California Department of Water Resources and Levee Maintenance districts have worked hard over the years to control erosion and improve the Yolo County levees that they operate and maintain. Despite such efforts, potential levee weaknesses are a reality. The weaknesses are a result of inadequate freeboard (distance between

the level of the water and the upper surface of the levee), erosion and geotechnical instability (through-seepage and under-seepage). The Yolo County Board of Supervisors and staff continue to urge various state and federal government agencies to address these levee weaknesses immediately. The availability of funding, however, remains uncertain.

The county notes that flood insurance policies will not take effect until 30 days after purchase, for both renters and homeowners.

For more information regarding potential flood risk in Yolo County, contact the Yolo County Planning, Resources and Public Works Department, 666-8775, or online at www.yolocounty.org/org/ppw/building/building.htm.

LIBRARY

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ern facility to replace the antiquated building at First and Russell streets. The seed for the process was a \$400,000 trust from the estate of Margaret Parsons, a Winters supporter of the arts.

A number of failed approaches preceded this success. Stephens actively supported the city's first attempt, a 11,000 square foot facility to occupy the southeast corner of Railroad and Main, on part of what is the Rotary Park and parking lot. This design, which was not to be a joint project with the school, was designed to accommodate a future Winters of 10,000 people. The budget of \$5.25 million seemed high to many residents, but included a generous amount to pay for ongoing annual expenses.

The project required a local election proposition ("proposition B") and a 66

percent yes vote to approve an average \$66 tax per household. The project also required removal of a metal building on leased city land that housed Valley Farmers Co-Op.

A number of citizens objected to the tax, and discussions at meetings and letters to the paper became contentious. Competing ads were placed in the paper, including one ad against the proposition that said the library would make Winters "become just like other drug cities like Oakland, San Jose and Los Angeles."

With some citizens objecting to moving a building that housed an ag business and others objecting to the tax, the vote failed to meet the 2/3 threshold, even though a simple 55 percent supported the measure.

After that fatiguing fight, the city took a couple year's break from the process.

In 2004, Donlevy and School Superintendent

Dale Mitchell began talking about creating a joint library. Application was made for funds from the State Library Fund created by Proposition 14 in 2000. This application was not approved, but the city scored high enough to be next in line for funds from the next library fund proposition, Proposition 81. Unfortunately, Proposition 81 failed in 2006.

Stephens worked hard with WFoL and the city over many years and was amazed at all the setbacks. "The failure to make the Winters Library happen was my biggest disappointment, of the various library projects in the county," said Stephens.

She went to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors earlier this year and asked them to massively increase the county's contribution, and was successful.

Stephens thinks the continuing efforts by city staff and WFoL over the long haul impressed the super-

visors, and the plan to work jointly with the WJUSD showed an effort to find a solution. It also helped that property tax revenues were strong this year.

I can't tell you how many hours people in Winters have put into this project," said City Manager John Donlevy at the council meeting. "This agreement lists the obligations of the three parties to the agreement and funds a \$5.2 million, 10,000 square foot facility. Yolo County Library has significantly increased its share from what was \$700,000 to \$3.2 million—a huge contribution."

The schools will increase their contribution (in addition to providing the site) from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

The \$5,167,606 funding will be:

- ~ Yolo County, \$3,242,600.
- ~ City of Winters, \$600,000.
- ~ City development agreements, \$274,000.

development of the site as an arts center, should they develop a capital plan within five years. The city would lease or sell the site to the WCA, when the site is developed.

Aguiar-Curry asked if the Winters Participation Gallery is different from Winters Center for the Arts. Whitworth said the group had changed its name, but was unsure of the current status.

A motion to approve carried unanimously.

Other items

~ The members of the new Winters Putah Creek Committee were introduced and will be holding their first meeting on Dec. 18. They are: Eric Larson, David Springer, Joe Castro, Bill Biasi, Chris Rhodes, Dennis Kilkenny, Harold Anderson as liaison to the council, Pierre Neu as liaison to the planning commission and Carol Scianna as liaison to city staff. A student position is still open.

~ Mayor Fridae presented to James Hofstrand a plaque and a proclamation for his achievement of the Eagle rank in Boy Scouts. He has achieved 23 merit badges, and created a water conservation plan for Putah creek, installing pipes and holding tanks so cattle can find their way to water without causing bank erosion. He received a standing ovation.

~ Mary Stephens received a plaque and proclamation for her long service as Yolo County Librarian. She introduced the new county librarian, Katie Curl. Stephens was presented a gift bag of local gift items.

"It's been a long haul," said Stone.

"You must have some battle scars," said Fridae, referring to the contentious road to a new library. "Some of the comments made back then were not our brightest moments."

~ Council approved discussion with neighbors along Anderson Avenue

- ~ Margaret Parsons Trust, \$400,000.
- ~ WJUSD, \$300,000.
- ~ Winters Friends of the Library, \$50,000.
- ~ Local capital campaign, \$201,006.

Construction is scheduled to begin in fall of 2007, and designs of the facility were shown at the Dec. 12 meeting.

"Winters Friends of the Library deserves tremendous credit for their work on this," said Donlevy. "Hundreds of people have worked to keep this project together. The school board approved their part last night, the county board of supervisors approved this morning and we are voting on our part tonight."

Council member Mike Martin asked about the capital campaign line item. "Additional funds will definitely be needed for what goes in this building," answered Donlevy. "Tonight's action will make this go forward."

"Will we still be able to apply for grants to buy

books?" asked council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry.

"Absolutely," said Donlevy. "In grant applications, they always ask, 'what is the level of local commitment?'"

Council member Harold Anderson asked if the design supported sustainability.

"The county tries to go as far as it can afford," answered Stephens. The architect is LEED (leadership in environmental energy and design) certified."

Anderson suggested the annual escalator clause should have a ceiling on how much it can increase costs.

Stevens said something could be worked out with the county.

"The county has really come through for us, along with many others," said Mayor Woody Fridae. "And John Donlevy deserves special recognition as well."

Aguiar-Curry moved and the motion was passed unanimously.

SAFETY

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out of town volunteers can do evening shifts. "Getting volunteers has been more and more of a problem. We lost five this year."

"What kind of calls do you get?" asked council member Mike Martin.

"Mostly medical calls. We are very proactive about installing sprinklers in new construction, and they have tremendously helped reduce the amount of fire calls in recent years."

Dozier pointed out the lack of an exhaust system for the equipment bays, and said trucks are getting bigger, creating a need for bigger bays.

Aguiar-Curry asked architect Dennis Dong if the project can be environmentally friendly.

"The green level varies from district to district," said Dong. "A lot of it is just building smart. I am LEED certified."

"Can't we just strive for a system that will eventually become LEED certified?" asked Anderson.

"Yes," said Dong. "A lot of it is a point system. It is second nature to us in California because we already conform to the title 24 requirements. We could design the roof for later addition of photovoltaic panels."

Also at this meeting, Muramoto provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing work being done in the Winters Police Department.

~ Recently hired: community service officer Gail Jimenez.

~ Recently hired: police officer Jeremy Warren.

~ Recently hired: reserve officer Don Shelton.

~ Rehired - Officer Todd Barnett left in June to work for the Solano County Police Department. After six months getting the experience of a larger police force, he has returned to Winters. He was sworn in at the meeting, with Chief Muramoto pinning his new badge on in lieu of Barnett's wife, who was unable to attend, because she was home with a daughter recuperating from oral surgery.

Muramoto said hiring officers is always a struggle. Of 36 recent applications, 16 have been interviewed and five eliminated. Officer Scott Leach will be leaving in March or April, because his wife

is working in southern California.

~ Muramoto showed images of the newly created evidence lockers and "technology alley", which turned out to be a computer printer and a "seal-a-meal" machine for wrapping evidence.

~ Progress has been made eliminating 20 years of evidence accumulation which includes the melting down of 26 guns at a foundry. 425 cases of drugs were turned over to Yonet (the Yolo Narcotic Enforcement Team) for burning.

"We've been purging evidence like mad for the past year and it has been a huge help," said Muramoto.

~ The department has issued 93 subpoenas and 163 warrants in the past six months.

~ The department has implemented a barcode tracking system for evidence, which should prevent the accumulation of evidence problem that required so much purging.

~ The department is doing a project to document the history of the department.

"We do not do a good job of follow up for solving crimes, because we do not have an investigator," said Muramoto.

Council member Tom Stone thanked the chief for serving as city manager during Donlevy's vacation for the past week. "Something epic always happens when the city manager is gone, and this was no exception," said Stone. A sewer leak emergency that took place that week.

Consent agenda

The consent agenda is a collection of non-controversial items that can be passed in one motion. Council Member Harold Anderson asked about an item in the consent agenda that increased the fee to Larry Walker and Associates for updating of the master plan for the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF).

"We are looking at seasonal discharge, which would use less land," said Donlevy.

"Yes, but that would put more effluent in Putah Creek," said Anderson. "Why is this on the consent agenda if this is such a departure?" asked Anderson.

Stone said that he and council member Aguiar-

Curry asked for other alternatives to be investigated, based on things they had learned at the recent League of California Cities conference in San Diego.

"Would other sites be considered?" asked Anderson. Donlevy said no.

Martin asked if the system was "antiquated".

Alan Mitchell of Ponticello Engineering, the city engineers, said the main issue in Winters is downgrading of the ground water. In Davis and Woodland, the main issue is discharge to nearby waterways. He said Winters may be required to move to a tertiary system in the future, a more expensive system that produces waste water that can be discharged to waterways.

Aguiar-Curry said a workshop would be helpful. "The alternative choices are very confusing."

Donlevy said the heart of the lawsuit brought by Richland Communities had to do with the large amount of land needed for spraying treated effluent, and eventually the size required will be bigger than the size of Winters itself.

Community Development Agency

A public hearing was held for the Community Development Agency (CDA) purchase by the city of the vacant lot at 23 Main Street from owners Michael Barbour and Valerie Whitworth. This lot is between Winters Health Care and the Winters Participation Gallery. The total cost will be \$177,876, with \$154,126 for purchase, \$17,500 acquisition avoidance cost, and escrow costs of \$5000.

The agency will put a ten foot easement across the property for Main Street access to the future parking lot on the site of the fire department. Barbour and Whitworth originally bought the site to support the Winters Center for the Arts (WCA). The agency will enter an agreement with the WCA for future

block drivers that go around the ends of the bumps.

Stone asked about traffic calming for Niemann Street. The same public process is starting there, too, answered to Donlevy.

City Manager's Report

"2007 is going to be a great year," said Donlevy, speaking of the successful steps made in the past week on the library, the public safety facility, and the new swimming pool. "This will be an exciting time for the community. I wish the council a great holidays and we will start a dynamic 2007, making our dreams become a reality."

Schools

Winters students leaf out project

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Winters artist Rebecca Bresnick Holmes recently led a group of young, aspiring artists through a ceramic leaf-making project as part of the UC Davis GATEways (Gardens, Art and The Environment) project, led by Kathleen Socolofsky, director of the UC Davis Arboretum and Rober Segar, campus master planner.

“This initiative revolves around the arboretum and is aimed at making the campus and lifelong learning more accessible to the public,” said Diane Ullman, professor of Entomology and associate dean for undergraduate academic programs at UC Davis. “The initiative is one of the ‘big ideas’ being considered by the campus for their comprehensive campaign, and so it has many facets.”

One of the initiative’s pilot programs, an art-science fusion program, was co-directed by Ullman and local ceramic artist Donna Billick. One of their first projects was a 17-inch wide, 11-foot tall valley oak tree, made of ceramic mosaic. Students

taking entomology 101 (Art, Science and the Wold of Insects) did research on the animals and insects that are part of the valley oak ecosystem and represented them in clay.

Also participating in the project were children, parents and grandparents from Davis, Woodland, Dixon and Winters, who all attended the Arboretum’s wildlife outreach event held in November. They made leaves for the tree and illustrated some of the insects found on those leaves.

As part of the community participation piece of the project, Bresnick Holmes was provided with materials to make ceramic leaves and acorns, which she brought into classrooms at Waggoner Elementary School. The leaves were included on the valley oak tree, which was displayed at an open house held on the UC Davis campus on Dec. 10.

Bresnick Holmes, who is also a substitute teacher in Winters, worked with students in Kim Holsberry’s kindergarten class and Vicki Catalan’s third grade class, as well as students in an after-school program at Shirley

Rominger Intermediate School. Besides doing the art project, students learned about valley oak trees, and had discussions about them and why they are special in this area. The students then cut out shapes of valley oak leaves and acorns from slabs of clay, and glazed them. The finished pieces were then permanently installed in the mosaic. Approximately 65 Winters students participated. Bresnick Holmes says the students were exposed to art and science while doing the project.

“It was a fabulous idea and a really great way to teach kids about our local natural wonders, like the valley oak tree, expose kids to art and have them be part of a public art project,” says Bresnick Holmes, pointing out that it is a long-lasting project. “Students and their families can also go visit their artwork in the arboretum, in the valley oak grove.”

Ullman, who herself is a Winters resident, says she was pleased that Winters students participated.

“We are delighted to have the Winters community involved in the project,” says Ullman.



Courtesy photo

Winters artist and substitute teacher Rebecca Bresnick Holmes leads Waggoner elementary students in an project to make ceramic oak leaves.

Volunteers sought for CASA mentoring program

CASA, a mentoring program, is seeking volunteer School Mentors to help make a difference in the lives of local children. School Mentors are matched with a child between the ages of 9-13 referred to the program by a teacher, parent or friend. CASA School Mentors do age appropriate activities

with a child, such as playing basketball or reading.

Contact the Yolo County CASA office, 661-4200 or email the office at nharama@yolocasa.org for more information. Mentors must be over 18, provide

their own transportation, complete an application with background check, and attend four hours of training. Time commitments are generally 1-2 hours a week for approximately 12 months.

SCORES

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math. The numbers are, however, improvements over 2003, when 26.9 percent of the students tested proficient in English and language arts and 34.4 were proficient in math.

What concerns school district staff more than the overall scores is the achievement gap between the district’s white students and its Latino and English learner subgroups. Test scores in 2006 showed 54.5 percent of the district’s white students proficient in English and language arts, compared to 21.8 percent for Latino students and 10.1 percent for English language learners. Math scores also showed 54.5 percent of the white students as proficient, compared to 28.7 percent of the Latino and 23.3 percent of the English language learners.

Shirley Rominger Intermediate School teacher Dave Paratore shared statistics showing that English language learners struggle early on, with 65 percent of the English language learners in third grade and 57 percent of those in second grade performing below or far below basic levels. He urged a focus on early intervention.

“Our district continues to have too many students who are not performing at or above grade level. These students tend to be Latino or English language learners or low socioeconomic, or all three,” Mitchell told the board.

Part of the problem, district leaders said, is a lack of commitment to try new programs that could help underachieving students. Mitchell presented trustees with examples of success stories in other districts with high percentages of ethnic minorities and low-income students but high academic achievement and suggested that they might provide insight into strategies Winters schools could pursue. Common elements included a focus on academic achievement, clear curriculum choices, frequent assessment and multiple opportunities for improvement, and an emphasis on writing.

“I believe that these elements are present in our district. The disturbing factor, however, is the ex-

tent to which we are committed to the strategies identified here,” Mitchell said. Mitchell’s comments were echoed by Emilie Simmons, director of educational services, and Suzanne Martin, Winters Middle School principal.

Martin cited several programs being implemented at the middle school to help students achieve more. They include block scheduling that includes 84 minutes of daily math and language arts instruction, with additional classes in language arts for students who need the extra work; increased testing and use of the results to “re-teach” areas where students are not performing to expectation; more classroom aides; increased parent involvement; homework clubs; and incentives for good student performance.

“This is good stuff, but is everybody doing it? We don’t have 100 percent buy-in,” Martin said. “I truly think we can do a lot better.”

Simmons challenged district trustees to show strong leadership and focus on student achievement.

“The (achievement) gap is not closing and in some instance is widening. We can’t continue to fund what we’ve always done if it isn’t working,” she said.

Trustees agreed to take a survey rating their performance on specific actions school boards can take to raise student achievement. Results will be discussed at a January board meeting and used to

help determine district goals for 2007-08.

Other items

~ A committee examining a variety of possible grade configurations for district schools, including but not limited to two or more neighborhood K-5, K-6 and K-8 schools, is expected to present recommendations to board members in February.

~ The school district received the highest rating possible in its annual financial audit. CPA David Becker complimented district staff for their sound financial management practices.

~ Information technology and services manager David Cruz updated trustees on infrastructure improvements over the last six months. Cruz said the changes mean better service to school sites, increased network security and segmentation, and improved remote staff access to email and district data.

~ Trustees recognized 2006 board president Rick Romney for his leadership and service. They also recognized Rominger student McKenna Sims for her academic and extra-curricular achievements and parent Robin Braun for her volunteer support at Rominger.

Trustees met in closed session to discuss negotiations with the district’s teachers’ union and to act on student expulsion cases.

The next school board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, at the district office, 909 W. Grant Ave.

In-Home Supportive Services offers help for elderly, disabled

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By BETH GABOR
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Public Information Officer
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UC Davis intern
Special to the Express

Under the Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services, the Adult Services Division houses two programs: Adult Protective Services and In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS). IHSS is a service of Medi-Cal that provides assistance with domestic and personal care to elderly, blind and disabled individuals so they may continue to enjoy living in their own homes.

To receive IHSS services, one must first be determined to be financially eligible — often the same as Medi-Cal eligibility. When IHSS receives referrals for those at risk of out-of-home

placement, they first conduct a financial review. If the individual is found to be financially eligible, a social worker will make an in-home visit to assess the client's level of functioning within the home environment.

Clients can also seek assistance in finding a provider through the Yolo County Public Authority's provider registry. Registered care-providers have completed an application, been screened, including fingerprinting and drug and alcohol testing, and have attended an orientation. If the client has difficulty with the role of employer, the Adult Services Division has a home care specialist who assists with interviewing and training the provider, and other issues that may arise.

“IHSS and the Public Au-

thority collaborate very effectively together to assist some of our most vulnerable citizens in selecting, hiring and training quality providers to attend to their needs,” said Jan Wolff, Adult Services Division manager.

After a client selects their provider, that provider is enrolled in the department's payroll system and ultimately issued a check biweekly by the state. Providers are currently paid \$10.25 per hour, with an increase to \$10.50 in January. Currently there are approximately 1,300 IHSS providers serving 1,471 clients in Yolo County, with 75 new client referrals monthly. Of the new referrals, generally half are approved. Non-approval may be due to individuals having too much money to qualify or those who do not have an assessed need. In such cases,

social workers provide information about private agencies that can provide assistance.

In Yolo County there is an IHSS Advisory Committee that makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the governing board of the Public Authority on the mode and method of IHSS services, as well as the delivery and administration of these services. To contact the Yolo County IHSS, call Adult Services, (916) 375-6239 or (888) 675-1115.

POLICE

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and failing to stop at a stop sign.

~ On the 800 block of Grant Avenue, an unknown suspect(s) broke a plexi-glass sign and the florescent light bulbs located inside. Loss: \$600

Dec. 14

~ Phillip Cornellier Adams III, 45, of Fairfield was issued a notice to appear for driving an unregistered vehicle, inoperable trailer lights and being an unlicensed driver.

~ On the 800 block of Jackson Street, an officer assisted the Yolo County Parole Department with the detention and transportation of a parolee.

~ On the 300 block of Russell Street, unknown suspect(s) took a victim's vehicle without permis-

sion. The vehicle was located by the Solano CHP. Loss: 10,000

Dec. 15

~ On the 100 Block of East Grant Avenue, a suspect was seen taking a liquor bottle from a store shelf. The suspect fled when confronted, dropping the bottle and damaging the top. Loss: \$26

~ On the 300 block of Peach Place, unknown suspect(s) threw a large rock at a vehicle, breaking the back passenger side window. Loss: \$300

~ Jesse Javier Pelayo, 33, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance, an erroneous temporary operations permit and no license plates on vehicle.

~ Douglas Earl Hoskins, 21, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for pos-

sessing less than one ounce of marijuana in a vehicle and failure to wear a seat belt.

Dec. 16

~ Randy Glenn Land, 46, of Ben Lomond was arrested on two outstanding misdemeanor bench warrants for driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance and failure to furnish necessary care for a child. Land was booked and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Two Winters juveniles, ages 11 and 12, were arrested on charges of burglary and minors in possession of alcohol. They were booked at the Winters Police Department and released on notices to appear into the custody of family members.

Entertainment

Fusion concert Planned

In another performance in the Davis Musical Theatre Company's "Keep the Music Playing in Your Community" benefit concert series, Ebony & Ivory - Instrumental Fusion! will perform at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, at the DMTC's Hoblit Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Drive, Davis.

To hear online samplings of their "instrumental fusions," go to the performers' web site at: www.ebonyandivory.ca

Tickets are \$15 each for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. For more information and to purchase tickets, telephone (530) 756-3682 or visit www.dmtc.org.

In addition to DMTC Main Stage and Young Performers Theater musical productions, DMTC now presents benefit concerts showcasing talented local, regional, and touring artists. The artists selected will vary in musical style, but all concerts will be family-friendly events.

DMTC seeks to raise funds to support DMTC youth education/community outreach and to keep the American musical theater art form alive and accessible to everyone. DMTC is a non-profit 501(c)3, all volunteer community theater company with a 21-year history of excellence in artistic achievement and community service.

New Years Party



Courtesy Photo

Celebrate New Years at The Palms with Roy Rogers and his band the Delta Rhythm Kings. Rogers will be presenting his famous classic Mississippi blues and much more. Roy Rogers will perform at 9:30p.m. at The Palms on Dec. 31, 2006. Tickets are \$40.

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‘The Women of Lockerbie’ based on real events

Acme Theatre Company will present the West Coast Premiere of Deborah Brevoort's drama, "The Women of Lockerbie," based on events surrounding the terrorist destruction of Pan American Flight 103. The play is a moving and thoughtful exploration of how grief changes over time, and it gives a powerful voice to a disturbingly contemporary anguish: how to respond to the suffering brought about by a terrorist attack.

The play will be staged at The Veterans' Memorial Theatre, 203 East 14th Street in Davis, on Jan. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and on Jan. 7 at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$11; tickets for students/seniors are \$8. Tickets are available in advance at the Davis Food Co-op or at the door.

Brevoort draws her inspiration for the play from events surrounding the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. This incident is considered the

deadliest terrorist attack on American civilians prior to the attacks of Sept. 11.

On Dec. 21, 1988, the Pan American World Airways Boeing 747-121, named the "Clipper Maid of the Seas," was destroyed by plastic explosives as it flew over Lockerbie, killing 270 people from 21 countries, including 11 residents of Lockerbie. Of those killed, 189 were American citizens, 35 of them students from Syracuse University and two from the State University of New York. This is a fictional play based loosely on true events, and is described as "a poetic drama about the triumph of love over hate." A mother from New Jersey travels to Lockerbie to find the remains of her son, who was lost in the crash. She meets the women of Lockerbie who are determined to convert this act of hatred into an act of love by washing the clothes of the dead and returning them to the victims' families.

For more information about the play or ACME Theatre Company, contact production manager Emily Tracy, 383-5463 or 756-4921; dancerdaring@gmail.com, director David Burmester, 756-

3648 or 304-8089; davidburmester@comcast.net; or write to the company at P.O. Box 159, Davis, CA 95617. Information is also available on Acme's website, www.acmetheatre.net.

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Lunchtime stroll planned

Join Arboretum Superintendent Warren Roberts for a lunchtime stroll in the UC Davis Arboretum on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Enjoy the fresh winter weather, learn about the Arboretum's collections,

and get a little exercise. Meet at noon at the Gazebo on Garrod Drive on the UC Davis campus. For more information, please call (530) 752-4880 or visit arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

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Sports

Yehle scores career high 39 points

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Lauren Yehle continued to lead the Warriors and the Northern Section in scoring with a 39 point game against visiting John Swett on Thursday, Dec. 14.

After leading by one in the first, the Warriors were down by two at the half. Winters dropped down one more by the end of the third but came back with a strong performance in the fourth and thanks to a last second shot by Jenny Campos, the game went into overtime. Unfortunately for the Warriors, they were outscored 7-5 in overtime and lost 65-63.

“We couldn’t make a basket in overtime,” said coach Matt Cooley. “Our five points were all from the free throw line.”

Yehle had a huge night, scoring with 39 points and when she wasn’t shooting from the outside she was getting to the free throw line, where she made 14 of 18 shots. Campos also had a big scoring night with 13 points including a two point shot at the buzzer.

Chelsea Corrales scored 4 points; Rebecca Salas scored 3 points while Jenna Clark and Elena Leal each scored 2 points for the Warriors. As a team the Warriors made 17 of 24 free throws.

Winters played back to back games as they traveled to the Napa Valley on Friday, Dec. 8, to take on St. Helena High School. Winters led the whole game and came home with a 43-41 victory.

“It was a rough game,” said Cooley. “But we hung on to win even though we were out scored 16-9 in the fourth period.”

Yehle led the Warriors with 14 points, followed by Salas with 13, Campos with 9, Corrales with 5 and Leal with two points.

Warriors get defensive on St. Helena

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Despite having six players on the bench watching the game instead of playing in it, the Warriors took it to the visiting St. Helena Saints on Friday, Dec. 15, with a 53-26 blowout.

After a fast start offensively, the Warriors led the Saints 21-13 at the end of the first but then put the defensive pressure on them and almost shut them out for the next two periods. The Saints scored just one point in the second period and two in the third, while the Warriors took a 46-16 lead after the third.

“We had a lot of guys step up,” said Warriors coach Jason Davis. “We’re pretty deep as a team and it’s good to see other guys get more minutes and play well.”

All eight players that suited up and played for the Warriors put points on the board. Alexio Jurado and Alvaro Zaragoza led the



Photo by Eric Lucero
Kelvin Lederett (#30) goes for the lay up as Brock O’neil (#44) gets ready for the rebound during the past home game against St. Helena.

Warriors with 13 points each. Colton Crabtree scored 11 points, Matt Catalan and Justin

Valenzuela each scored 4 points, Nick Hedrick and Brock Neil each scored 3 points, while Kelven

Leverett scored 2 points for the Warriors. All of the players played a good game.

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Award Winners

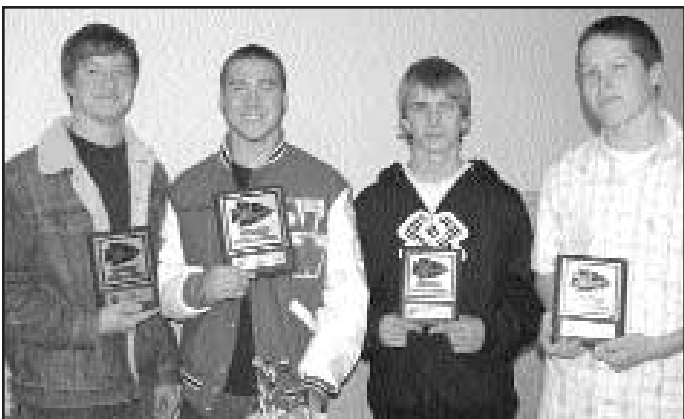


Photo by Eric Lucero
The 2006 Winters High School football Most Outstanding Player Award winners are, from left, Nathanael Lucero, varsity Most Outstanding Offensive Player; Nick Hedrick, varsity Most Outstanding Defensive Player; Patrick Kuehn, JV Most Outstanding Offensive Player and Aaron Geerts, JV Most Outstanding Defensive Player. Not pictured, Frank Ramos, who represented the Winters Lions Club and handed the plaques to each player at the Warriors’ annual banquet on Monday, Dec. 4.

Aaron Geerts, Patrick Kuehn named Players of the Year

Aaron Geerts and Patrick Kuehn were named the Players of the Year for the JV football team at the Warriors annual banquet held on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Winters Fire House. Coach Daniel

Ward had something good to say about every player before handing out the awards. Ward also handed out the Freshman of the Year award to Marcus Carrasco and the Coaches Award to Ray McIntire.

Warriors beat by Huskies 5-1

The Warriors lost a Butte View League soccer game against the Sutter Huskies on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The Winters boy’s team, now 0-2 in league play, traveled to Sutter to take on the 6-4-2 Huskies but came home with a 5-1 loss.

Jose Herrera scored the Warriors’ only goal off an assist from Marshall Fredrick. The Warriors’ next game will be at home against Orland on Thursday, Jan. 4, at Shirley Rominger School. Game time is set for 3:15 p.m.

Varsity girls shutout by Sutter

The Winters High School varsity girls soccer team traveled to Sutter on Wednesday, Dec. 13, to take on the Huskies in a Butte View League game and came home with a 7-0 loss. The Warriors, now 6-2-1 overall, shouldn’t be too disappointed with the loss, as the Huskies came into the game with an 8-0-1 record and have shutout all their opponents. Their only tie was to Lassen High School with a 0-0 score in their own jamboree.

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Lilian Boisrame

Lilian Boisrame, a sophomore on the Winters High School girls soccer team, is this week’s athlete of the week.

“Lilian has been very consistent all season,” said coach Donna Burnette. “She always does her job, she has been solid all year on defense, she always works hard and she is the only one who hasn’t had a bad game.”

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Jones named all tourney

Taryn Jones, a member of the Winters High School JV girls basketball team made the all tournament team at the Pierce High School annual basketball tournament. The Warriors traveled to Arbuckle to participate in the tournament, held Dec. 7-9.

Yehle named all tourney

Lauren Yehle was named to the all tournament team for the second time this season. Yehle made the all tournament team at the Pierce High School annual tournament, held Dec. 7-9.

JV boys fall short against St. Helena

By ERIC LUCERO
 Express sports

The Warrior JV boys basketball team came up short in a valiant effort to beat the visiting St. Helena Saints on Friday, Dec. 8, at Young Gymnasium. The Warriors pulled within 5 points in the last minute of the game but were unable to catch the Saints and lost 55-46.

Aaron Geerts led the Warriors with 21 points including a half court shot at the buzzer to end the first half. Woody DeVries scored 8 points, Kyle Tobler scored 6, Jose Ceja scored 4, Jules Damey had 3, while Cody Shafer and Patrick Leslie each scored 2 points for the Warriors.



Photo by Eric Lucero
 Max Mariani passes the ball to Kyle Tobler during the Friday game against St. Helena.

Cardinals fall to Cougars

By RORY LINTON
 Special to theExpress

The Winters Middle School Wrestling Club wrestled in their first league meet against C. A. Jacobs of Dixon on Thursday, Dec. 17. Winters gave up 30 points to the Cougars because the Cardinals did not fill five weight classes.

Winters fought hard but could not overcome the deep deficit. The Cougars beat the Cardinals 58-50. Winters did win 9 out of 15 of the matches wrestled. Mike Lopez (89 lb), Josh Duncan (108 lb), Austin Calvert (116 lb), Chris Calderon (128 lb), Cody Linton (153 lb), Thomas

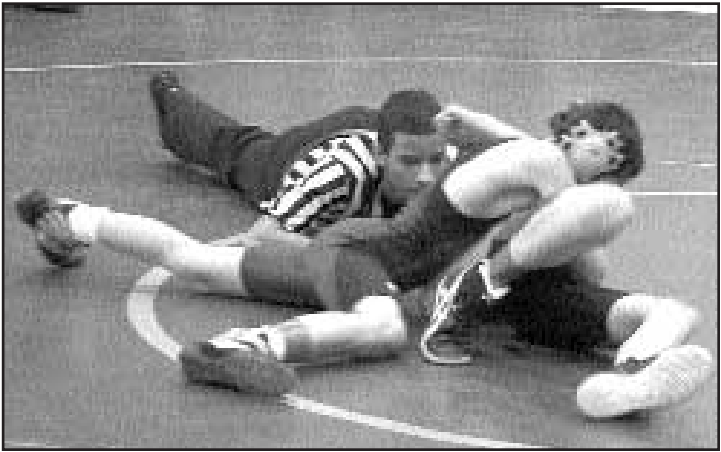


Photo by Rory Linton
 Winters Middle School wrestler Mike Lopez (89 lb) pins his opponent.

Damon (185 lb) and Jesus “Chuy” Aquite (235 lb) all dominated their opponents by pin. Winning by decision were Joe McIntire (135 lb) and Marvin Pruett (205 lb). In a exhibition match Mike Mon-

nin pinned his opponent. Winters will be on the road to Douglas Jr. High and Lee Jr. High for the next two weeks. On Jan. 9, they will travel to C. A. Jacobs.

Defending the ball



Photo by Eric Lucero
 Alvaro Zaragoza runs to defend the ball from the opposing player from St. Helena during their previous home game on Friday, Dec. 15.

JV girls play tough in tournament

By ERIC LUCERO
 Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV girls basketball team played in the Pierce High School basketball tournament, which took place Dec. 7-9 in Arbuckle. In the Warriors’ first game, they took on Maxwell and didn’t have any problem beating the Panthers as they brought home a 43-11 victory to advance to the winners’ bracket. Megan Avellar outscored the whole Maxwell team by herself with 16 points. Amy Avellar scored 10 and Olivia Wingard put in 6 points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Dec. 8, the Warriors headed back to Arbuckle to face Live Oak. Winters played the Lions

close but lost 38-32 in the end. Taryn Jones was the leading scorer for the Warriors with 12 points, followed by Megan Avellar who scored 11 points.

The Warriors played Hamilton in their final game of the tournament and lost by 3 but finished with just four players.

“Amy and Megan Avellar both fouled out in the middle of the third period leaving us with just four players for a period and a half,” said coach Ada Lake.

Despite the absence of the Avellar twins, the Warriors played an impressive game and only lost 40-37. Jones played a big part in the Warriors success with 19 points. Wingard scored 7 points, while

Alyssa Oxley and Amy Avellar each put in 4 points for the Warriors.

Winters returned home to host John Swett on Thursday, Dec. 14. The Warriors walked out with a 45-23 victory. Jones led the Warriors in scoring with 14 points, followed by Megan Avellar with 13 points.

“Taryn did a good job rebounding,” said coach Lake. “Megan also had a good game rebounding and played very aggressively.”

Winters also had some help with the scoring of freshman Brittanie Hedrick, who put in six points for the Warriors.

Nuestras Noticias

Dinero para la Universidad



Navidad con Nostalgia

Llega otra vez la época del año que la mayoría de la gente disfruta, la Navidad es un tiempo para compartir y regalar, tiempo para disfrutar con los amigos y la familia, el nacimiento de Cristo es la fiesta mas celebrada a nivel mundial, ¿ Pero nos hemos puesto a pensar que a mucha gente no le hace ninguna gracia este tiempo de Navidad?. Hay gente que teme que se llegue este tiempo, gente que tal ves no tiene a nadie y nada que compartir, para ellos la Navidad es como cualquier otro día.

Esta situación se ve en mucha gente, pero más marcada en los inmigrantes. El hecho de estar fuera de la patria lejos de la familia y de los amigos de la infancia, padeciendo la soledad, son factores negativos que convierten a la fiesta de Navidad en una temible presencia. La nostalgia, lo sabe todo inmigrante, es su compañera inseparable. La nostalgia es la pena de verse lejos de la patria o de los amigos. La nostalgia es añoranza y melancolía, los que somos inmigrantes, ya sea que llegamos hace 20 años, o 10, o hace poco, todos alguna ves hemos experimentado estas emociones.

Todos estos factores, la nostalgia, la soledad, el remordimiento hacen que la llegada de la Navidad no sea más que el duro reproche por no estar compartiendo en familia la cena de la Noche Buena, como en los años felices de la infancia. Se produce entonces lo que los psicólogos llaman “la depresión de Navidad”. Esta es la gran paradoja que nos ofrece la fiesta de Navidad. Por una parte, personas felices que compran regalos, que adornan el árbol o arman el pesebre, reuniones familiares en torno a la mesa con sabrosa y abundante comida. Por el otro, seres tristes, solitarios, que añoran una dicha perdida y que por la distancia no pueden recuperar en ese momento.

La mejor manera de celebrar la Navidad es pensar en los que están solos y decirles: “aquí tienes un hogar para que celebres en familia la Navidad”. El verdadero espíritu de la Navidad es el amor, el estar juntos, el compartir en familia y este será el mejor remedio para evitar la temible depresión. “Navidad es, en definitiva, cualquier día del año en que un ser humano se acerca a otro para llamarlo hermano y lo trata como tal”. Que pasen una Feliz Navidad.

Hablando de dinero para la educación de los hijos, parece que muchos padres sobrestiman el costo del Colegio y piensan que necesitan ahorrar el monto total. Y esto en la practica no es cierto. Lo cierto es que el estudiante termina pagando el Colegio con una combinación de sus ingresos, ingresos de sus padres, becas parciales, subvenciones, prestamos, etc.

El propósito de la ayuda financiera es cubrir la brecha entre lo que las familias pueden pagar por los estudios y lo que cobran los planteles. Las familias necesitan entender el proceso para obtener la mayor ayuda financiera.

Para obtener cualquier tipo de ayuda financiera con fondos federales deberán llenar la Solicitud Gratis de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes (FAFSA). Es posible que también le pidan que llene formularios específicos de cada institución. Lo bueno es que usted sólo tendrá que llenar un formulario de FAFSA y uno de CSS/PROFILE por cada año, ajeno a cuántas escuelas usted solicite entrada, porque las solicitudes que usted envíe van a una misma compañía de análisis de necesidad, y esta envía los informes a usted y a los colegios que usted indique.

Así que mientras tu llenes tu solicitud de entrada, tus padres deberán cotejar sus

documentos financieros. La fecha más temprana en la que puedes presentar el FAFSA es el 1 de enero de su último año de secundaria. La mayoría de los colegios dan un plazo para solicitar ayuda financiera a principios de febrero, así que solicita la ayuda lo más pronto posible después del 1 de enero.

Hay dos formas de llenar el FAFSA. Lo puede hacer “en línea” en www.fafsa.ed.gov o puede presentar una copia en papel, que podrá conseguir en la oficina de ayuda financiera de su Colegio, o llamando al 1-800-4-FED-AID. La mayoría de los administradores de ayuda financiera prefieren el método “en línea” porque reduce el tiempo del trámite a la mitad.

Si usted presenta el FAFSA en línea, cerciórese de obtener un Número de Identificación Personal (PIN), de manera que esté listo para llenar el formulario lo antes posible después del 1 de enero. La presentación del FAFSA es gratis cuando usted lo hace mediante www.fafsa.ed.gov, así que cerciórese de escribir la dirección correcta del sitio web. Algunos sitios web con nombres similares le cobrarán una cuota por presentar su solicitud.

Si no tiene claro algún asunto, o tiene dificultades para llenar el FAFSA, por

favor comuníquese con la oficina de ayuda financiera de su Colegio o el Departamento de Educación de EEUU, en el 1-800-4-FED-AID.

El paquete de ayuda financiera que usted acepte

durará por un año. Si usted se toma cuatro años para terminar el Colegio, tendrá que hacer el proceso para la ayuda financiera cuatro veces. Cada año tendrá que llenar un nuevo FAFSA y los otros formularios.

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Un Poco de Hambre y Frío

El amor que les tenemos a nuestros hijos nos lleva muchas veces a cegarnos y a olvidar lo que los hará felices a la larga. Es muy común en estos tiempos que los padres de familia, sobre todo los de ciertos recursos económicos, les construyamos un mundo irreal, sacado de un cuento de Walt Disney, aislándolos así de la realidad. Cuando tarde que temprano el cuento termina, nuestros hijos se enfrentan a un mundo que desconocen, que no comprenden, lleno de trampas y callejones sin salida que no saben sortear, y las consecuencias son peores a las que quisimos evitar.

Es cierto que nuestra vida como padres de familia, estamos como en una trampa, jornadas largas de trabajo para poder suplir las necesidades básicas de nuestros hijos, hay padres que compensan esto con bienes materiales, los rodean de lujos y comodidades y piensan que con eso ya cumplieron con su tarea de padres. Cuando lo único que han logrado es formar niños que desconocen el hambre y tiran lo que no les gusta. Hijos tiranos, pequeños monstruos insoportables y prepotentes que sufrirán y harán sufrir a sus semejantes porque desde pequeños se han salido con la suya. Muchachitos que creen que sentir frío o calor es cuestión de aire acondicionado, que el cansancio que han sentido se limita a caminar unas cuantas cuadras porque no hallaron estacionamiento frente a la discoteca, jovencitos que piensan que el trabajo de los padres es firmar cheques para que ellos tengan todo lo que se les antoja.

¿Qué posibilidades tienen nuestros hijos de

convertirse en hombres y mujeres de bien si los papás les damos todo y no les educamos la voluntad? ¿Qué hijos estamos formando si con nuestra actitud les mostramos que el dinero es lo más importante en la vida? Confucio decía “Educa a tus hijos con un poco de hambre y un poco de frío”. Proverbios 29,17 señala “Corrige a tu hijo, y te dará descanso, y dará alegría a tu alma”. Cuánto bien hacen los padres a los hijos cuando ponen esa máxima tan sencilla en práctica. Y cuánto daño les hacen al ponerles todo en “bandeja de plata”...!

Hay muchas realidades que como padres quisiéramos desaparecer; el sufrimiento de los hijos, el exceso de sudor, de esfuerzo, y las carencias económicas. Sin embargo, quizás esas realidades no los hagan felices de momento, pero a la larga puedan forjarlos como hombres y mujeres de bien. Ojalá que más padres de familia tengan la inquietud de enterarse por dónde andan sus hijos. Que no les vaya a pasar que cuando tengan tiempo deban decir: “Estaba demasiado ocupado y no me di cuenta”.

**Feliz Navidad
de parte de todos del
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Features

Blood Pressure Basics

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am writing about my husband's recently diagnosed hypertension and my concerns about it. His doctor recommends a home blood pressure unit for him. I wonder if the stress of using a home monitor will raise his blood pressure. I would like to know what the consensus is among doctors for a normal reading. — W.W.

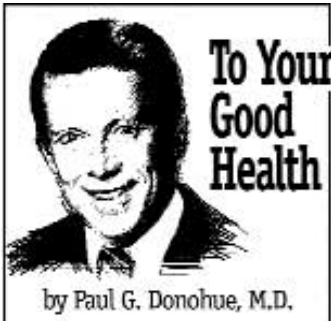
ANSWER: Ideal blood pressure is one that is less than 120 over 80. A new category of hypertension is prehypertension, whose readings are 120 to 139 over 80 to 89. Stage 1 hypertension is 140 to 159 over 90 to 99, and stage 2 is any value equal to or greater than 160 over 100. If one number is normal but the other number is not, the abnormal number is the one that is used to determine the classification.

For prehypertension, doctors have their patients make changes in the way they lead their lives. They're told to lose weight when indicated, to decrease salt use, to increase potassium and to exercise for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week.

A word about salt is in order. Decreasing salt intake means more than taking the saltshaker off the table. It means reading labels for the sodium content and avoiding salted products, like most luncheon meats. Treatment of prehypertension can stop the progression of blood pressure to hypertension and protects organs from the damage of high blood pressure.

For stage 1 hypertension, the above is prescribed and medicines are given if there's any evidence of changes in the eye, the heart or the kidney. If blood pressure doesn't come down with lifestyle changes, medicines are prescribed. For stage 2, medicine is prescribed from the start, along with lifestyle changes.

Getting a home blood pressure unit is a wonderful idea. It should not stress your husband, and it won't contribute to his high blood pressure. It will give him readings that are obtained in normal surroundings, readings that can be more



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

valuable than those taken in the doctor's office. The blood pressure booklet spells out the details of high blood pressure and its control. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 104W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery. ***

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My new drug provider blocked any more refills of my long-prescribed Lipitor. Instead it will cover Vytorin. I agreed to this action as long as there is no difference between the two. Is there? — P.S.

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

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We should give generously of our hugs

Three years ago our friend, the bass in the Main Man's barbershop quartet, died of the complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Dallas was a mathematician with a finely honed mind. It had been hard to see that special part of him disappear. Another aspect of that disease is that you lose your emotional empathy. You become "flat." That is what his wife, Louise, missed. She said, "I miss the hugs."

I was reminded of this once again when My Main Man came home on Thursday afternoon with his Subway sandwich lunch, after delivering Meals on Wheels to people around town. He told me about Myrtle, who lives on Grant Avenue in the house with the beautiful reddish-pur-



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ple crepe myrtle tree in the front yard, a rose garden at the side and an iris garden in the back, from what can be seen from the street. It is a most beautifully cared for, and loved, property. Myrtle's husband died a little while ago.

On this day, the Main Man said, he brought the noon meal and Myrtle asked if she could ask him something. He said, "Of course." (He always likes to talk to the people to whom he brings food.) She said, "Would you give me a

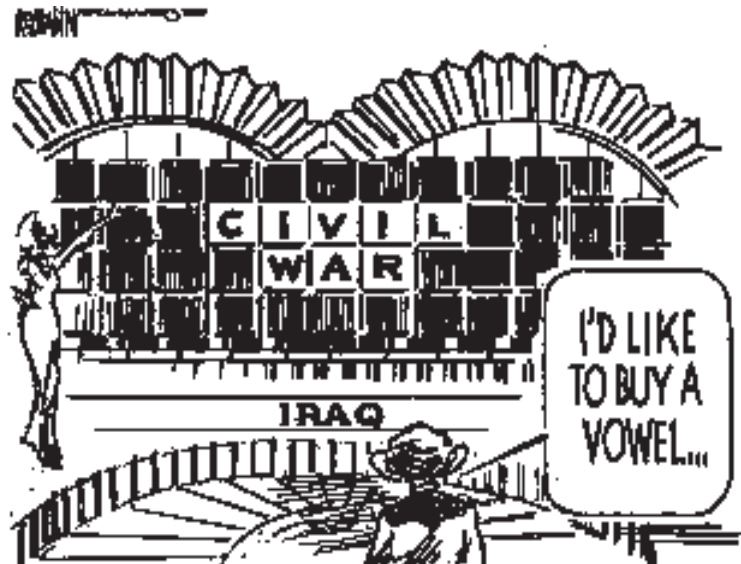
little hug?" He was slightly startled, but he kissed her on the cheek and held her for a minute.

When he told this to me, I thought, how wonderful it was that Myrtle could ask for this. Exactly what everyone needs. Arms holding you safely. An affirmation that someone wants to be close to you. That you smell good. That you matter to another human being. How wise she is!

This afternoon we were at the UC Davis Veterinary Medical School Teaching Hospital, taking in our cat, Karma, because he has congestive heart failure. We were waiting our turn at the reception area line. The woman in front of us had a big, beautiful, brindled mastiff dog that was being taken into the hospital by the veterinary student. The woman was putting on her coat and, all of a sudden, she burst into tears. I didn't know what was the matter with her dog, but she needed help. I went over and hugged her, and I was crying, too. I was so worried about Karma Cat. It was only a moment, not even 30 seconds, but it meant something to her. She said, "Thank you, I needed that. Thank you for hugging a stranger."

She was not a stranger to me.

Everyone needs kisses and hugs, indiscriminately. Lather them on everyone you see. There is never enough expression of love in this world.



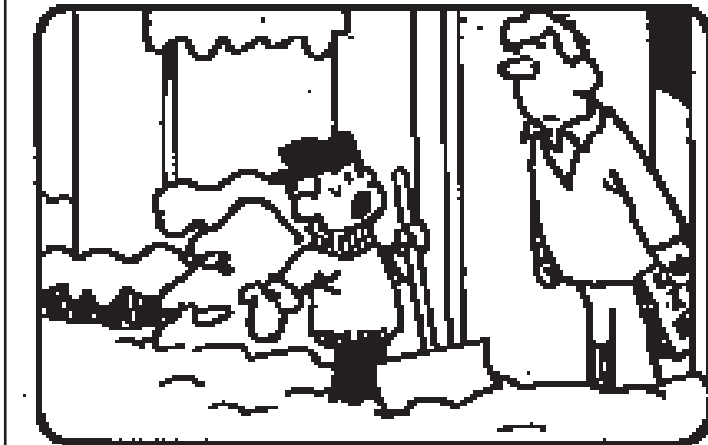
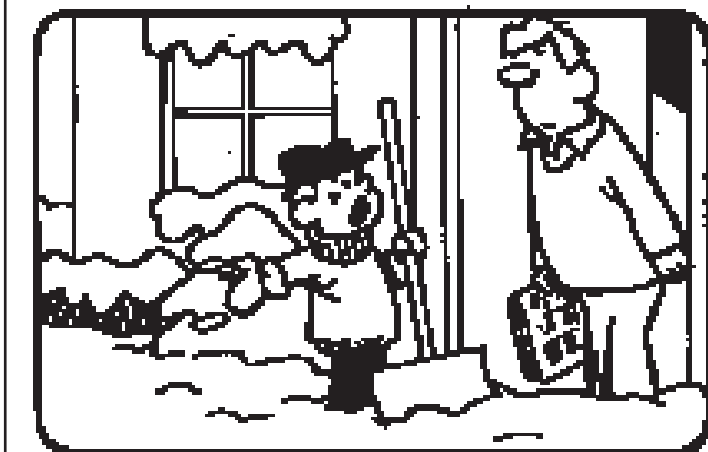
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave Coverly



HERCULES-FOCUS

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Name: Laurie Sengo
Occupation: Quilt shop owner
Hobby: quilting
What's best about living in Winters: "Chief Muramoto walks the downtown area and peeks in the stores and says "Hello!"
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

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Request for Proposal

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), in coordination with the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services (DESS) are seeking proposals from qualified public educational institutions, community based organizations, non-profit agencies, or government agencies to develop and implement employment and training programs for out-of-school youth living in Yolo County who are eligible for Workforce Investment Act funds and are between the ages of 19 and 21.

Letters of intent to submit a proposal are required and must be received by Wednesday, January 3, 2007. A mandatory Vendor's Conference will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at DESS, 25 North Cottonwood Street in Woodland, CA

All proposals must be received at the above address no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. For more information visit the WIB website at www.yoloworks.org, the County web site at www.yolocounty.org, or call DESS Contract Unit staff at (530) 661-2770 or (530) 661-2965.

Published December 21, 2006

Notice of Application to sell Alcoholic beverages

Notice of Application to sell Alcoholic Beverages: Date of Filing Application: November 2, 2006 To Whom it may concern: The name of the Applicant(s) is/are: Ali Samir Hussain The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 999 E Grant Ave. Winters CA, 95694 Type of license(s) applied for: 20- OFF- SALE BEER AND WINE Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control 3321 Power Inn Road, Suite 230 Sacramento, CA 95826 200754

Published : December 7, 14, 21, 2006

Fictitious Business Name

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DOLLARS AND SENSE

BY David Uffington

Holiday Bills Will Come Due

Retailers are going all out now, with sales and discounts everywhere you turn. But before you get caught up in the season and overspend, fast-forward to January — when the bills will come in.

Before your next trip to the mall or electronics store, consider these four things:

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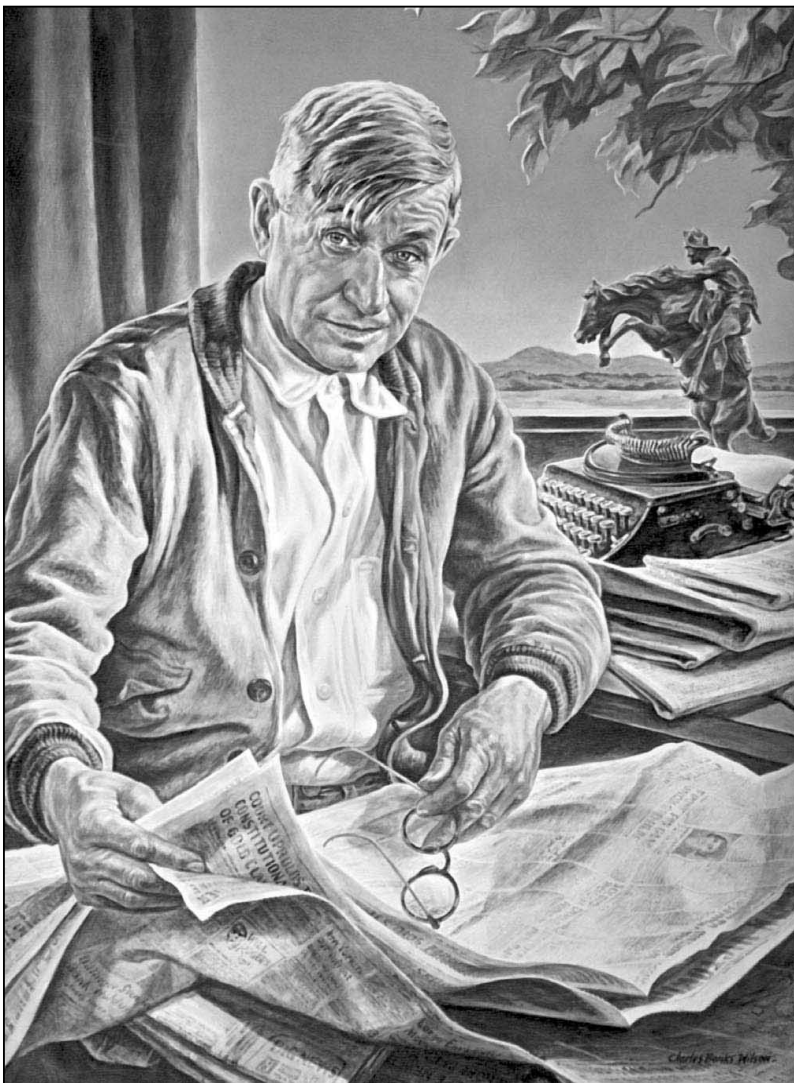
—How long did it take you to pay off last year's holiday purchases?

Despite the fact that credit cards make it easy to overspend, the holidays are one time when it can pay to use plastic, especially if you need to return something or want to use the credit card's purchase protection and extended warranties. There's also the safety issue: The last thing you need is to have your cash stolen while you shop.

If you've put money aside for holiday shopping, pay off the bills when they come in. If you haven't, set a limit on credit-card use: Limit purchases to those you can pay off in three months. Otherwise the cost of those gifts will rise to include many months of interest. To keep track of your purchases, put the credit card in the pages of your check register and write down every purchase, with a new total every time you use the card.

And write on a small sticky note: "Do I really need this?" Then attach it to the front of the card. If that doesn't make you put the merchandise back on the shelf, it will at least make you think: Do you really need to buy more gifts? More than anything, set your priorities. Your loved ones would probably rather have you at home building more memories over cups of cider than see you go out the door to battle mall traffic yet again.

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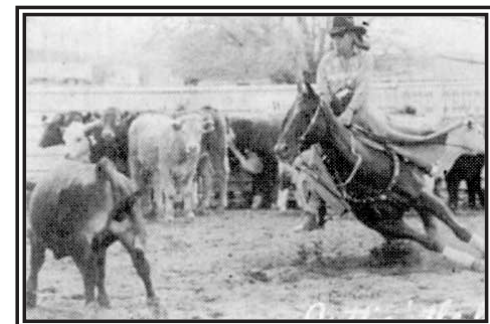
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