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The hometown paper of Lane Daniels

Anderson Place finally approved

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff Writer

The third time was the charm for Eva Brzeski and her team, as they won approval for her Anderson Place subdivision map at last week's planning commission meeting.

According to Community Development director Dan Sokolow, the project to build 28 units at the 2.13 acre site of the Hahn and Feeney warehouse was not approved at the second public hearing because of two issues — parking and the sound walls.

At the November meeting, planners asked the applicants to get the opinion of neighbor John Martin of Double M Trucking on the 13-foot high sound walls separating the properties.

Sokolow said the applicant met with Martin and Martin expressed no objection to the sound walls. Martin did say he is still concerned that neighbors would later complain about noise caused by the early morning trucking operations, despite plans to have property owners sign a disclosure before purchase.

Sokolow said staff sent drawings of the site and sound walls to Matt Mariani of Mariani Nut Company, another noise-producing neighbor, but had not yet heard back. He also said the applicants added two parking spaces at the north end of the site on what was an outdoor seating area, and another two along the roadway along the south edge of the property.

Additional deed restrictions were added to the nine office spaces in the buildings along Railroad Avenue to discourage con-

version to residences. The restrictions prohibit gas or electric cooking appliances and baths or showers in the office spaces. An additional condition calls upon the applicant to form a homeowners association.

Sokolow said a stipulation to build a sidewalk on the west side of Railroad Avenue from Anderson Road to Grant Avenue was changed, because this can be done as part of undergrounding utilities or as part of a future development on the west side of Railroad, perhaps as part of the new library. The applicants will be asked to do a more temporary asphalt path.

Architect Bob Lindley said he was "getting to feel quite at home here." He explained how four more parking spaces were added, bringing the total number of spaces to four less than that required. He pointed out that parking rules apply to residential units, and said he was comfortable with the amount of parking spaces and that in other mixed use projects, the fact that homeowners with home businesses don't drive to the office was taken into consideration.

Lindley showed pictures of proposed sound wall designs, one of which had a wood plank look and another had a stone appearance.

"Eventually it will be a green effect, with vines planted."

He recommended planting Boston ivy or creeping fig vines, or a combination of both. Coverage would take about five years.

Planning Commissioner Bruce Guelden said the

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City council meets Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Because City Hall was closed this week for

the holidays, the agenda was not available at press time.

For information about the Jan. 2 agenda items, call City Hall, 795-4910.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Three generations of Pisani men have kept the old-fashioned service station alive in Winters for 47 years. From left are Bob Pisani, Jr., David Pisani, Dominic Pisani, Bob Pisani, Sr., and Kevin Pisani. Pisani's Service was selected as the Business of the Year by the Winters Chamber of Commerce.

Pisani's Service is Business of the Year

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

There's something to be said for perseverance, and this year's Winters Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year is a shining example. For 47 years, the Pisani family has kept Winters gas tanks full and engines running at the corner of Railroad and Grant, rain or shine, searing heat or bitter cold, the Pisanis are there every day.

Not just a gas station, but a true old-fashioned service station, Pisani's Service is the last of a dying breed among American businesses. In the 1980s, service sta-

tions offering a spectrum of complimentary services slowly gave way to self service mini-marts.

"There used to be one on every corner," owner Bob Pisani says of true service stations. "Now, we're the last one in Winters."

He says out of town visitors are astounded to come into Winters and find a gas station where you can still have your gas pumped, the air in your tires and oil levels checked, and your windshield cleaned without getting out of the car at all.

"I get guys that come off the road and can't believe it's a real service station," says Bob, adding that

some customers are actually startled by someone offering service. "I come out to ask people what they want and they get nervous."

Pisani's service got its start in 1959, when Bob Pisani, Sr. purchased the Flying A gas station, built in 1954. He had \$1,500 to his name, he says, and he sunk it all into the business.

Tough times notwithstanding, Bob, Sr. hung in there because he had four boys to support along with his wife, Joan. In the early days, he worked all by himself, keeping a grueling schedule of 6

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No salmon spotted in Putah Creek so far this year

By CORY GOLDEN
McNaughton Newspapers

Putah Creek saw its largest recorded chinook salmon run in 2003. Evidence that at least 70 fish reached the creek to spawn represented success after years of legal wrangling to guarantee water releases to the creek — and a hopeful sign of renewal as habitat restoration work continued.

Now, neither UC Davis fish biologist Peter Moyle nor Rich Marovich, the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee's streamkeeper, have seen salmon there this fall.

"It's not turning out to be much of a year," Marovich said.

But they're keeping their fingers crossed, as the spawning season sometimes drags into January. In 2004 and 2005, high water conditions prevented a systematic look at the 15 miles of lower Putah Creek, but adult fish were seen. Moyle and his colleagues also have found a small number of juvenile salmon each spring, confirming fish had spawned in the creek, since 1998.

That same year was hailed by some as the first in which a pair of salmon were seen in 40 years, though there had been occasional reports from fishermen, landowners and students. The number of spawning salmon through-

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Courtesy photo

Each spring since 1998, UC Davis researchers have found a small number of juvenile salmon in Putah Creek, showing that fish have spawned there and, with some luck, may someday return themselves.

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OBITUARIES

Christopher Martinez, Jr.

Christopher "Chris" P. Martinez Jr. passed away on Dec. 25, 2006 at his residence in Winters. Born on Oct. 20, 1921 in Cement City, California to Cristobal P. and Anna Carrion Martinez, he was 85.

Mr. Martinez served his country during World War II, in which he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was employed by the United States Government Civil Service department in Ground Maintenance. He was also active in farming and heavy equipment operation, and did park lawn maintenance for the Winters Little League.

He is survived by his daughters, Sandra Martinez Freeland and Linda Martinez Rodriguez of Winters, and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Dolores M. Martinez, his parents, and sisters, Alice Martinez and Frances Garcia.

Funeral service dates and times are pending. When finalized, a Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Winters with interment to follow at the Winters Cemetery under the direction of Wiscombe's Davis Funeral Chapel. Those who wish to sign a guest book on line may do so at www.wiscombefuneral.com.

Yolo Community Foundation initiates 'Safe At Home Fund'

The Yolo Community Foundation announced last week that Mortimer Schwartz has initiated a fund to assist and support activities aimed at injury prevention for the elderly, disabled, families with children, roofing repairs, painting and safety modifications. It will be called the Safe At Home Fund.

Yolo Community Foundation, the Davis Senior Center, Sacramento Rebuilding and Mortimer Schwartz together are assisting with the expansion of Rebuilding Together's Safe At Home Program in Yolo County. Aimed at injury prevention for low-income homeowners, the program provides electrical, plumbing, carpentry, roofing repairs, painting and safety modifications for the elderly, disabled and families with children. This will be an expansion of a successful program currently operating in Sacramento County offered by Rebuilding Together, a Sacramento-based nonprofit organization. The purpose of the program is to assist the client's ability to live more independently in comfort and safety, as well as decrease the number of home-related falls and injuries.

Falls have been identified as the leading cause of injury and/or death amongst seniors, ages 65 and older, with one-half to two-thirds of all falls occurring in or around their

homes. According to the California Department of Health Services, the rate of non-fatal falls in our five-county region (Yolo, Placer, Yuba, Sutter and Nevada) exceeded the statewide rate. Research has shown that in community-based programs, incidences of slips, trips, and falls can be reduced if the program incorporates comprehensive assessments and provides multiple forms of interventions, such as health education, physical exercise, home modification and safety equipment installation. However, research has shown that many older adults do not take advantage of the available resources due to the lack of knowledge that they exist or due to a lack of ability to access such services.

For more information about the Safe At Home Project call the Davis senior Center at (530) 757-5696. To make a tax deductible donation to the fund, send your check payable to YCF-Safe At Home Fund, PO Box 1264, Woodland, CA. 95776.

Yolo Community Foundation is one of nearly 700 community foundations nationwide. Their mission is "To match the philanthropic interests of donors with the needs and opportunities of the Yolo County community." To find out more about YCF, visit the website at www.yolocf.org or call 530-312-0593.

Berryessa rises .10 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by .10 of a foot during the past week, with an increase in storage of 1,837 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 430.77 feet above sea level, with storage computed at

1,439,192 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 30 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 22 acre feet of water per day during the week.

YESTERYEAR



File Photo

The Mermod Brothers, Herman at left and Horace, right, are pictured in August 1954 in their poultry business on Anderson Street. Their poultry business gave way to housing development.

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YEARS AGO

December 30, 1971

Michael Eugene Paul has been named a police officer for Winters, succeeding Frank Moon, who retires tomorrow. Paul will begin his duties on Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Losoya have purchased half interest in the Winters Food Center from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramos. The stock in the corporation will change hands Jan 1, 1972. The other half of the stock is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Rojo.

A \$46,281.64 state grant for acquisition of 12 acres of land bordering Lake Solano has been awarded to Solano County by the state, it was announced jointly by State Senator Peter H. Behr and Assemblyman John F. Dunlap, who represent the area.

Yolo County officials were informed Monday by the federal department of Housing and Urban Development that a grant of \$176,632 has been approved for improving 176 older public housing units of the Yolo County Housing Authority.

A low cost Rabies vaccination clinic will be held at the Winters Firehouse on Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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YEARS AGO

January 10, 1957

Last rites were held in the First Christian Church for William Arthur Young, 95, who passed away in Woodland Sunday morning.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors Monday opened bids for the purchase of \$58,000 of Wolfskill School District bonds, and warded them to Bailey and Co., of Fresno, which offered rates of 4 1/4 to 4 3/4 per cent.

Don Frisbee, general chairman of the 21st Annual Winters Youth Day has called an organizational meeting for Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Winters City Hall.

William A. Armstrong will arrive at the 91st milestone in a long and active life on Saturday. Friends will tender birthday felicitations and good wishes during the day.

Assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey was the speaker at the January meeting of the Winters Farm Bureau last night in Wesley Hall.

Mrs. E.V. Ramey, president of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, will conduct a meeting of the group this afternoon.

The January meeting of the Winters Farm Bureau Women will be held Jan. 15 at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Mrs. William Guerard.

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YEARS AGO

January 9, 1942

The business property and equipment of the Vacaville Reporter passed Jan 2 to John Rico, junior partner, with the retirement of the senior partner, E.C. Andrews. Andrews retired after a period of 39 years service, and Rico has been with the paper since 1924.

Rainfall as recorded by the California Fruit Exchange gauge is 14.02 inches for the season, up to 8 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Riley have moved from Russell Street to the Edwards Street cottage vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cad-jew.

An attractive marriage ceremony will be solemnized tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church altar when Miss Virginia Campbell an Cleve Cummings plan to pledge mutual vows.

Chief of Police G.A. Crowder and assistant Fred Moody report the Japanese of this area have turned in about 40 guns of various descriptions, nearly all shotguns and .22 rifles; 29 radios and 28 cameras.

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YEARS AGO

January 9, 1892

District Deputy Grand President, W.O. Russell, of Davisville Parlor, installed the new officers of Winters Parlor, No. 163 Native Sons of the Golden West, last Saturday evening, as follows: President, R.L. Humphrey; First Vice, E.C. Rust; Second Vice, C.D. Ireland; Third Vice, E.E. Baker; Marshal, George D. Cooper; Recording Secretary, Paul Morris; Financial Secretary, James R. Briggs; Past President, L.H. Grunig.

All persons interested in horticultural matters should attend the meeting of the Winters Horticultural Society, in the Opera House, this afternoon. Papers will be read by Messers. G.W. Hodge and William Brinck.

Samuel Taylor and family returned to their home in Alameda last Monday afternoon after spending the holidays with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Wolfskill, at the old homestead.

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PISANI

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a.m. to 10 p.m., every day. How did he manage? He had no other choice, he says.

“I was young and tough and broke,” says Bob, Sr., adding with a chuckle, “If I knew I was going to live this long, I’d have taken better care of myself.”

Bob, Jr., who took over the business in 1999, acknowledges his father’s long, hard years of service with pride.

“If you want to honor the Business of the Year, it should be him, not me,” he says. “The airplane was already off the ground when I got here.”

Luckily, Bob, Sr. didn’t have to work all those years by himself. As his children grew up, they all took their turns working at the station. Bob’s brother, Larry, now runs Pisani’s Napa Auto Parts on Abbey Street, an offshoot of the original building. His other brothers, Jim and Mike, moved on from Winters. Jim is an executive at Wells Fargo in Sacramento and Mike is a professor at Central Michigan University.

Like his father before him, Bob, Jr. also had four boys to support, which provided plenty of motivation to keep the business going. A graduate of UC Davis, another reason Bob decided to take over the family business is because it’s what he’d always known.

“I’ve been working here ever since I was a kid. I was here the whole time.”

Besides that, the business landed in Bob’s hands because his brothers had other plans.

“It kind of fell to me. My brothers didn’t want to do it.”

Surely one of the reasons Bob’s brothers decided to pick different paths is that working at the service station is simply hard work. Pick any day for a visit, and Bob and his sons David, 23, Kevin, 21 and Dominic, 19, can be found in the midst of some back-breaking mechanical activity, covered from head to toe in grease. Bob says the clothes become so saturated in grease that they can only be professionally cleaned.

Although many people have worked at Pisani’s over the years (Bob says half the guys in Winters worked at Pisani’s at some

time when his dad ran the station), Pisani’s Service is purely a family affair now, run by all Pisanis, all the time. Bob’s youngest son, Kristopher, has tried it out there from time to time but at 13, Bob says he’s more interested in skateboarding than working at the station.

Since taking over the business, Bob says he’s cut back on the hours somewhat because “I wanted to have a life.” He admits that owning a service station isn’t lucrative, no matter how many hours he works.

“It’s hard to make money on gas. You’d need 80 pumps going 24-7.”

Bob says repairs have helped keep the station afloat, and says he’s willing to work on “anything that moves.” He’s worked on motorcycles, boats and even crop-dusting helicopters for farmers when they needed it.

“Whatever shows up. Anything to make a dollar,” says Bob, who says taking care of his customers and keeping his overhead low has been a key to survival. By keeping his overhead low, he means using his equipment until it just won’t run anymore. He still uses an old-fashioned imprinting credit card machine rather than a computerized scanner. Why? Because it still works.

“I still have some of my dad’s equipment. The (car) rack is from 1954 — the original rack. It probably had Model T’s and A’s on it,” he says. “Something has to break down three times before I’ll replace it.”

Although he takes pride in the longevity of his equipment, Bob says Pisani’s Service is poised to catch up with the world. David is almost finished with his automotive degree at WYOtech college, sometimes attending school until the wee hours of the morning. When he’s finished in March, he’ll be able to provide smog service and diagnostics at Pisani’s. David says he’s looking forward to bringing Pisani’s into line.

“Winters is old-school,” says David. “We’ve got to get the good stuff and fancy equipment.”

Bob also is looking forward to the new equipment and services, and says the days when “I did the adjustments on the points with a matchbox

cover” will be over.

“David’s gonna take it to the next level,” says Bob, adding that he’s also looking forward to the day when David takes over the business completely. “I’ll like it better than working. He’s taking over and I’m going golfing.”

But first things first, and that means new equipment and services, within the next few months. David says he’s looking forward to that, but says it’s the customers that he really enjoys.

“People here in town are good,” says David.

To that, Kevin adds, “Working here is great. It’s awesome.”

Bob says Kevin has to have a positive attitude because working at Pisani’s “is his college fund.”

Kevin admits that the extreme weather was something he had to adjust to, because there isn’t heating or air conditioning there at the station.

“You get used to working in it. But the people make it all worth it. We have lots of nice customers.”

Dominic also appreciates Pisani’s customers.

“The customers are nice,” says Dominic. “You know everyone on a first-name basis. I know some customers who say we’re the best thing about Winters. But we wouldn’t be where we are without the customers.”

As if sticking with Winters through thick and thin for nearly five decades wasn’t reason enough for finally getting a little recognition and appreciation from the community, Bob says he’s done what he

can over the years to support youth activities, particularly sports, in which all of his kids have participated. In particular, he did what he could to support the Winters High School football program and the Sports Boosters.

“I always sponsored what my kids got involved in,” says Bob, be it donating money or coaching the team. His family knows he has a soft spot for helping out with youth sports. “I always believed in keeping it local, and donated (to activities here) in town.”

“I even got hit for \$100 for David’s girlfriend’s sister’s soccer team,” he says. Over the years, he helped close the financial gap for plenty of kids who didn’t have enough money for something they needed to play sports. “A kid would need 50 bucks for this or that.” And he’d give it to him.

However, he admits, it was his own children that were always his motivation.

“My civic duty is with my kids.”

Over the years, Bob has supported soccer, Little League, wrestling and junior football activities. The only school-age child left in the family is skateboarding Kristopher. Bob says he got involved with the construction of the skateboard park on Valley Oak drive out of his son’s interest in it. All in all, the sports activities kept Bob busy.

“It’s a good thing there weren’t into a lot more stuff,” he says.

Bob, Sr. also did his part to serve the community in

the earlier days. Also serving as a Little League coach, he was a city councilman for 8 years and served on the committee that designed the city’s current General Plan. He and Bob, Jr. both agree that some of their service to the community went largely unseen. Many times over the years, customers and sometimes even strangers would fall on hard times or come up short during the month, and Pisani’s Service would tide them over until they could pay the money back. If they paid them back.

“Someone needs \$20 in gas until the next month or can’t afford a tire, we’d help them out,” says Bob. Jr, admitting, “Once in awhile, we got burned.”

“I lost a ton of money,” says Bob, Sr. At the other extreme, Bob, Jr. says there were customers who never forgot the kindness extended to them, and paid them back every penny.

“One guy left the country, and came back in one day and said, ‘I owe you money,’” says Bob, Jr. He adds that showing a little kindness — or even a little credit — is still important to him.

“As long as I can keep doing that, I’m going to keep doing that. Until I can’t afford it.”

Besides running the gas station, Bob, Jr. also was in business for a time with his wife, Gwen, who owns

Galaxsea Cruises in Vacaville. Bob has since eased out of the travel business and Gwen now oversees it herself. Bob says it’s better that way.

“A husband and wife should never run a business together,” he says with a laugh.

The two coordinated the annual senior trip to Hawaii for Winters High School students for the last five years, and Bob and Gwen participated to make sure things ran smoothly.

“If they got into something, I helped out,” says Bob, admitting that their days of serving as travel directors for teenagers are probably over. The task is just too big. “You need a chaperone for every kid.”

All in all, Bob says doing business in Winters has been a positive experience.

“The town’s been good to us. I can’t complain.”

As for being selected Business of the Year, Bob reaction is half humble, half wise-acre.

“Are they hard up?” he jokes. “We just come out and do our job. It’s an honor. But we’re just doing what we always done — trying to make a buck.”

Pisani’s Service will be formally honored at the annual Winters Chamber of Commerce Year in Review celebration, Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Community Center at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call 795-2329 for tickets.

Opinion



The Christmas tree. A beloved symbol of the season. It's erroneously named, however, because its origins have absolutely nothing to do with Jesus Christ or the celebration of his birth. I hate to break it to the Jesus Is The Reason For The Season set, but there's no Christmas tree in the Bible. Look it up. I swear I'm not making this up.

You see, long before Mary placed Jesus in that manger, pagans celebrated the longest day of the year — Yule. Yule's symbols are evergreens, pinecones, holly, and red and green decorations. The ancients burned Yule logs and candles on Yule as the seasonal wheel turned on the winter solstice, and celebrated the annual "birth" of the sun.

Fast forward a few thousand years, and the Roman Empire and Roman Catholic Church attempted to obliterate all this pagan frivolity in the fourth century, but it was impossible. Pagans weren't about to abandon their winter solstice celebrations. So, the Romans decided, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. They declared December 25 the day to honor Jesus' birth, even though nobody actually knew the exact date, as the writers of the Gospels neglected to include that little detail. In fact, many theologians assert that Jesus wasn't even born in the winter, let alone on December 25. But they had to pick a day.

So, the celebration of the birth of the sun was absorbed into celebrating the birth of the Son. And yet more happy coincidence: the Yule birth of the sun celebrates life following death – as represented by the ever-changing turn of the seasons. Likewise, Christians celebrate Jesus' life after death — his resurrection. The return of the sun, the return of the Son. It's all good. Imagine how the world could be if we spent more time celebrating what we have in common rather than bickering about what we don't.

That, to me, is what the Christmas tree represents — two different sets of beliefs coexisting peacefully by embracing their common themes. Since the Christmas tree is already an amalgamation of different beliefs, why not take that "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" message a step further and embrace more common themes?

How about the star atop the tree? Make it a six-pointed Jewish star, maybe? Jesus, after all, was a Jew. Without the Jews, there'd be no Jesus. They're the whole reason he showed up in the first place. They're the ultimate Reason for the Season. So let's include them on the Christmas tree too.

Then there's the Arabs, the first to recognize Jesus' significance. The Three Wise Men came from the East (Arabs), honoring Jesus long before anyone else did. The Wise Men were the first Christmas gift-givers, long before Santa Claus ever loaded up the sleigh and hollered "On Dasher, on Prancer, on Donner and Vixen..." So, the Arab world has also contributed to our Christmas tree. What's a Christmas tree without gifts underneath?

So, one tree representing four huge segments of humanity — Christians, Pagans, Jews and Arabs. Let's go for broke and include everyone on the Christmas tree. We have the Buddhists and Wiccans who believe in causing harm to none, and that's right up the "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" alley. The African continent brings us Kwanzaa, which celebrates family, culture and community, and lasts a whole week. We'll need that Kwanzaa week of celebration if we're including everyone on the tree, because from Tokyo to Thailand to Timbuktu, every culture has something special to bring to the table. Or tree, as it were.

"Imagine all the people, living life in peace..." The best Christmas song of all time isn't even a Christmas song. But it could be. You may say I'm a dreamer. But I'm not the only one. At least, I hope not.

In the meantime, we have our familiar Christmas tree for a start, a symbolic blend of Paganism and Christianity — a shining symbol of tolerance. Some things go great together if you give them a chance — peanut butter and jelly, Ketchup and French fries. Even the birth of the sun and the birth of the Son.

So, Happy Holidays, to you and yours, however you celebrated them, and even if you didn't celebrate at all. Peace on Earth, good will toward men, and women and children too. That's what it should be all about.

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays for publication that week. However, due to the New Year's Day holiday on Jan. 1, the deadline for next week's edition is noon on Friday, Dec. 29.

Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, or emailed to news@wintersexpress.com.

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ital letters.

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We will accept letters of thanks naming individuals and local Winters businesses. Non-local individuals and businesses listed in letters of thanks will be edited out.

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LETTERS

Event will honor soldiers

Dear Editor,

After the hustle and bustle in preparing for Christmas, shopping, baking, and gathering with relatives, entertainment, socializing, enjoying our presents, watching specials on TV, gathering to worship at church etc. etc., we have another opportunity to participate in yet another worthwhile and memorable event on Dec. 29, from 7-11 p.m., at the National Armory, 510 Parker Road in Fairfield, just outside Travis Air Force Base.

Many of us might have that yellow ribbon "Support Your Troops" on the back bumper of our cars, and that's wonderful, but here is an opportunity to come out and actively show your support by your presence. What a joy for the soldiers to see people stand and sing patriotic songs, show their support by clapping, take an opportunity to verbally express support with a handshake, a head nod of encouragement, or a genuine kind word. This would mean a great deal to these men. What a joy for you as the participant to be able to see and talk to a man in uniform, one who proudly serves and represents our country.

Some of our planned events will include: Military men and women in uniform being acknowledged for their performance and promotions, singing patriotic songs, (audience participation encouraged), listening to such singers such as Derek Clark, a successful businessman of Lodi fame, who sings the song "Good-night Soldier" (see Good-night, Soldier.com), listen to Linda Rose, from KUIC radio as she emcees the event, and enjoy cake and refreshments. We plan to have a mother/soldier, grandmother/soldier, father/daughter, grandfather/soldier dance to the jazz band. You can watch our Power Point demonstration of the pictures of the troops in the Middle East, and see some of the positive things going on over there.

Blue Star Moms is an active support group, that positively supports our troops in a patriotic way without getting politically involved. We do get involved with troop packaging, greeting the military at the airport with a support of hands, encouraging words and small flags; and visiting the wounded at the hospital, waiting for their loved ones to arrive. To find out more about our local National Blue Star Moms, please visit our website at webspawner.com/users/vvbsm; to find out more about the larger organization encompassing various places in the United States, you can visit Blue Star Moms.com. To listen to the above singers, you can visit the links to the Blue Star Moms.com

We hope you will joins us at our event. If you have any questions about the event or the Blue Star Mom organization, you can call president Toni Colip, (707) 452-0172, or Teri Raski, (707) 678-5427.

TONI COLIP
TERI RASKI

Lighting up park with peace

Dear Editor,

We, the youth of Davis, are organizing a luminary lighting on New Year's Eve, from 6-6:30 p.m. at Central Park, in Davis (401 C Street, between 3rd and 5th streets). Our goal is to light up our community park with thousands of luminary candles (as well as with candles that we individually bring and hold ourselves) in order to honor and salute all those who have suffered and died in the Iraq war.

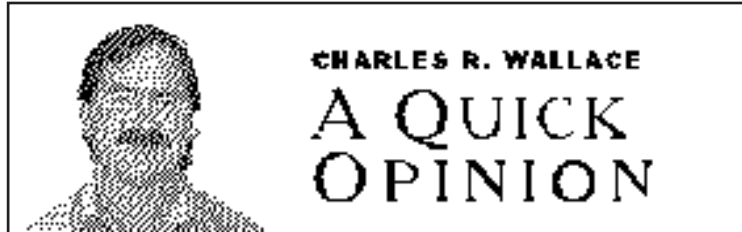
This small step is meant to give hope and continuing support to our soldiers whose lives have been disrupted by physical injuries, emotional scarring, and death. We want to remind our nation of the ongoing war and the fatalities that continue to grow every day. We wish to promote peace and conflict resolution and to build a more historically and culturally sensitive world than the one we have inherited from our elders. Our ultimate goal is to create a safer and wiser world for our children (your generation's grandchildren) as they are born into an increasingly globalized community. We believe this goal can be best accomplished through education, knowledge, and honest communication amongst all of us who come from a variety of backgrounds.

We ask that our community business leaders help sponsor this event (cost: approximately \$3,000 for luminary supplies and copying expenses); your generosity will be gratefully acknowledged at the event. Please call Sofia Cortopassi 757-7897, Marlene Sisemore 219-2945, or Anila Menon Singh 757-1369, if you are willing to donate. Any excess funds will be given to Code Pink to purchase phone cards for our hospitalized soldiers who cannot afford to call home for the holidays.

Please join us, everyone (of all age, ethnic, religious and educational backgrounds) in a national dialogue on our blog site: youthforhope.blogspot.com.

Knowledge is Light, Light brings us Wisdom, Light brings us Hope.

SOFIA CORTOPASSI, JULIA CORTOPASSI, ELISA ESPINOZA and JESSICA WEIDENFELD
Davis Senior High School students and luminary event managers



A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR STEWART. The days of getting up at 6 a.m. to see if Santa Claus stopped by are long gone, even with the ex-temporary tenants home for Christmas. When the phone rang, after 7, I answered to an excited voice telling me, "Come over and see what I got." It didn't sound like my nephew, so I asked who he was. "Come over and see what I got." Who is this, I repeated as nicely as I could. "Stewart. Come over and see what I got." Then a mother's voice broke in. I told her she must have a wrong number. "I'm so sorry," she said and it sounded like she really meant it. I said Merry Christmas and I heard "Merry Christmas," a small laugh and a click.

Not everyone expresses their joy like Stewart, but hearing a small child, full of excitement on Christmas morning, made my day. Sure, we opened presents, watched my favorite grandchild, Jenna, try to eat wrapping paper, and enjoyed a Christmas meal with family, but thinking of Stewart brought a smile to my face every time I told the story. There is a smile on face as I write this.

At 7 months, Jenna isn't ready to enjoy Christmas, but just having a baby around changes the feel of the holidays. My brother, Jim, joked about our children moving down the pecking order and that their gifts were in jeopardy. I've been thinking that way for years. There comes a point where you cut off relatives, when they are no longer children. What do you give someone who has started their own lives, has a good paying job, and doesn't want or need tacky gifts? Peanut brittle comes to mind, but do they really need that cute salt and peppershaker, or a fruit cake?

Gift cards are popular, but I would just as soon give cash money. I'm told money isn't an appropriate gift, but I've never heard that from someone on the receiving end. My favorite daughter has started donating to Toys for Tots instead of buying gifts for her cousins. If every family would agree not to give gifts to cousins, nephews, nieces, aunts and uncles over 21, charities would benefit and I could sleep in on December 24th.

I hope everyone who reads the Express had a great Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa and/or holiday of your choice.

Have a good New Year.

It was a wonderful party

Dear Editor,

Once again, we must thank the generous citizens, families and businesses of Winters for helping us give a wonderful holiday party for special needs students in Winters. This party has allowed us to build a wonderful sense of community for students who can be easily marginalized by their special needs.

The party was a huge success thanks to all the donations and generosity, and all of the high spirits and beautiful families who contributed by working hard or just by showing up and have a really good time.

We deeply appreciate and thank Pizza Factory, Mike Sebastian, Carla Cox, Ficelle, Girl Scout troop 1933, Cody's Market and Deli, Tomat's, Lorenzo's Market, Creekside Country Club, J.J.'s Saloon, the Professor, John and Jodi, Sam Martin, Dolores Woods, Richard Haywood and Cheryl, the Spaldings, the Romeroes, the Rotenkolbers, the Penzels, the Barnettts and the Marubayashi family, as well as several out-of-town businesses. A big round of applause for Matt Catalan, the fantastic D.J. who worked tirelessly for four hours without charge, playing music that the kids loved.

Winters really demonstrates its small town magic on an event like this. Thanks again, this is our third holiday celebration, and we look forward to many more. It's the feel-good event of the year.

CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ
Libby Marubayashi's mom

Tell them what you think

FEDERAL

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THANKS . . .

Amethyst says "thank you!!!" Yes, there really is a Santa Claus.

APPROVED

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sound wall wouldn't help when residents opened their upstairs windows in summer.

"Usually, the homes are air conditioned," said Lindley.

"But I'd rather not use AC," countered Guelden.

"In a perfect world, I agree," said Lindley.

Planning Consultant Mark Rutheiser said the language in the agreement prevented owners from using their own office suites and would prevent conventional financing for those units. He asked that a change in the language be allowed.

Guelden asked if any projects like this existed in the immediate area.

Rutheiser mentioned a project under construction in Davis.

"We are concerned people will turn the office space into residential space," said planner Don Jordan

"We are always described as being a bedroom community," said Guelden. "This is a property that could put jobs in Winters. I don't see these nine offices employing the residences of the other 28 units."

Rutheiser said the documents originally shown to the applicant included the new Downtown Master Plan (DMP), which describes this area as residential.

Sokolow agreed, and said residential is al-

lowed in a C2 zone with a conditional use permit.

"They picked a difficult site. It will be an island for a while, though the library will be built nearby," said Sokolow. "No one is going to come in and do a retail or commercial project on that site. Where do you want your entertainment and retail district to be? This is the first project to come in under the DMP."

Rutheiser said he thinks it matches the goals and intents of the DMP.

"We heard from one person the other night that said she would like to have her home and business in one of those units," said Planning Commissioner Joe Tramontana.

Commissioner Albert Vallecillo said this kind of project has not been done before in Winters.

"We should try to encourage people to try similar ideas."

Guelden pointed out the JDS building at 9 Main had similar hopes and only one business permit had been taken in the whole building.

"This is a totally different project, new from the ground up," said Vallecillo.

The project was approved by a vote of 6-1, with Guelden voting no.

437 Main Street

The planning commission held a public hearing of an application by Fran Oremus to install a 1979 square foot manufactured home to replace a small home at 437 Russell

Street. The new home will have a front porch that extends the width of the building, according to the staff report.

Sokolow said the lot is illegally under the 6,000 square foot minimum, but this is allowed because the lot size was set before the minimum size municipal code was created.

Sokolow passed out a photo of the proposed manufactured home model in two pieces on trailers on a sales lot, saying the photo had arrived too late for inclusion in the agenda packet. Planning Commissioner Wade Cowan asked about the alley behind the property. Sokolow answered the alley is abandoned, and the property goes to the center of the alley.

Also in the last minute handout was an objection from neighbor Matt Kimes, mentioning the increased density of the block due to two new homes built last year on the corner of Russell and Emery streets.

"The existing house there is an eyesore," said Joe Oremus, on behalf of Fran Oremus, the applicant. This will totally improve the area. Plus, we will build a sidewalk. It is totally an improvement for the area.

"The manufactured home put in across the street looks like a trailer, with jacks and skirts," said neighbor Shep Harper. "This proposed house will look like a trailer too, and is to be shoehorned into this small lot."

"Not having any house there would be an improvement," said Dawn Barrera, who has an interest in a house for sale next door. "Two nearby houses have not sold for a year. The people that live in this house have prevented the house next door from selling."

She claimed that Police Chief Muramoto has considered house seizures because of drug issues there.

"I completely agree with Dawn," said neighbor Laura Harper. "The existing house is an eyesore, but the new one will be even more of a nightmare."

Joe Oremus answered that the new house will not look like a manufactured house.

"It has a concrete foundation with a porch on front and everything. As far as the drug problem, that is a matter of who the house is rented to."

"Will there be a change of residents?" asked Jordan

Joe Oremus responded that Fran will be living there, and that she is not the person with drug issues.

In response to a neighbor's objection to the design, Sokolow said the commission has the authority to turn down a project based on "aesthetics or appearance." He said an ordinance passed in response to the manufactured home installed across from the 437 Russell street site allowed for this authority.

Commissioner Joe Tramontana said he would like to know more about the drug issues with the subject property.

"It would be good to have it explained to us what the problem is."

Sokolow said he could ask the police department to release information, but he didn't think the planning process could consider the police aspect.

Sherry Weller of Statewide Homes spoke about the proposed house. She said it is built similar to a site built home, but the work is done in a factory. It has a continuous perimeter foundation and 2x6 construction.

Cowan asked about the carport located behind the structure.

"You could never make that turn from the 10-foot wide drive. I agree with those that have said it looks like a trailer."

"I agree with Wade, it could be a better looking structure," said Commissioner Jack Graf. "That house has to go, and the people that are occupying it."

"I have to agree," said Commissioner Albert Vallecillo. " It looks like a

trailer. I have no problem with manufactured housing or modular housing. We ask that you break up the façade. It looks like you just glommed on a big ole' porch, some columns, and called it cute."

Oremus said he had visited this model home in Grass Valley.

"It does not look like a manufactured home and it is good looking."

"Then you need to present your design so we can see what you're talking about," said Vallecillo. You need to rework your drawings. The exhibits need to accurate and well done."

"What we have to go by is the documents you brought in," said Jordan. "It looks like it is completely out of compliance."

Oremus said the lot is difficult to lay out because it is so small.

"Build the structure to accommodate the restraints of the lot," said Vallecillo.

Jordan said the structure appeared to be too large for the small lot.

A motion was made to continue the hearing, which passed unanimously.

SALMON

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out the Sacramento River system is down this year, Moyle said.

That's a surprise because last year saw a large number of 2-year-old jack salmon, young males that have matured quickly. That usually indicates a sizeable group of 3-year-olds — the age when salmon usually begin spawning will swim home the following year.

So far, Moyle's come across no explanation for this fall's low numbers. Something may have gone wrong in the Pacific, he said, but just what remains a mystery.

As exciting as spotting salmon in the creek may be, Moyle and Marovich downplay the importance of the fish to Putah Creek — especially in a given year.

"Salmon are just part of the recovery picture for Putah Creek, Moyle said. "I've always seen them as the frosting on the cake. They're just a symbol.

"It's important to keep in mind the creek will likely only ever be a spawning destination for a small number of fish. It's never going to be a major run. Seventy to 100 may be as many as the creek can support — and that's assuming we do everything right."

Moyle has been keeping tabs on fish in the creek since the late 1970s. His expertise lent scientific weight when, in 1991, the nonprofit Putah Creek Council, joined later by UC Davis and the city of Davis, filed suit against Solano water agencies. In 1996, year-round water flows were awarded.

In 2000, the sides came to an agreement on the creek's future. Among other things, the Putah Creek Accord added pulse flows, increasing the flow

from the diversion for short periods of time during prime spawning periods in fall and spring. The increased flows simulate what would happen during rainstorms if the dam system didn't exist. Those higher flows, along with cooler temperatures, are intended to help attract fall-run salmon and give them with another water to swim around obstacles.

In 2001 and 2002, it didn't seem to work. Salmon were seen near the Yolo Bypass, so boards from a concrete check dam were removed to allow fish through. But, for whatever reason, Moyle said, the salmon didn't come up the creek in significant numbers.

Then came the revelation of 2003, when about 35 pairs of salmon used every available section of suitable gravel in the creek to spawn. Salmon look for walnut- to apple-sized gravel in which to lay their eggs before dying.

For a salmon, just reaching Putah Creek from the Pacific Ocean is no small accomplishment. Some salmon who try will have been born there; others will be strays who've taken a wrong turn on their marathon final trek from the ocean.

They swim without rest or food through San Pablo and Suisun Bay and against the current of the Sacramento River, following visual cues, including the angle of sunlight, and the earth's geomagnetic fields. They search for the familiar scent of home with a sense of smell better than a dog's.

A small number make a left-hand turn, two miles above Rio Vista, first into Cache Slough, then Prospect Slough. Another four miles brings them to the East Toe Drain: a man-made channel running parallel to the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel. The treeless

ditch carries runoff and provides water for farm fields and the Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area.

Tides push the water level in the toe drain up a foot or so. At an elbow in the ditch is the Lisbon Weir, a mound of quarry rock that captures water at low tide. At high tide, water and fish passes over the rocks. From there it's another 1.4 miles to the mouth of Putah Creek, which drains out of the Yolo Bypass.

Dave Feliz, the manager of the Wildlife Area for the state Department of Fish and Game, said salmon have been seen in the toe drain recently. Marovich said beaver dams may be blocking some fish. The Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Council, a partnership of landowners, government bodies and the Putah Creek Council created by the 2000 accord, has not made removing beaver dams a priority.

Another reason fish may not have headed farther upstream: There's been no major fall rainstorm. The smell of runoff may be more attractive to salmon than water released from the dam, Moyle said. Last year, November produced a 5-inch storm event.

Whether tomorrow or next year, when salmon do reach the creek again, it will have changed significantly from 2003. Moyle said that gravel banks washed out by high flows the last two years may well be redistributed by rain water this year, providing even more spawning habitat.

In addition, the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Council has headed up a number of projects that have added spawning habitat to the creek. Rock weirs have been rebuilt, gravel has been added at some locations and, biggest of all, tributary Dry Creek has been realigned. The creek channel just west of Winters was moved in the fall of 2005 to keep Putah Creek Road from collapsing. An added affect of creating about 1,000 feet of channel should be to capture more gravel.

Marovich said he'd guess perhaps twice as much suitable gravel will be there when fish do return.

"We can only do what it's in our power to do — nature does the rest," he said. "The improvements are there so that when we have another big year, we'll be ready to host more."

Community

Fredericks, Ait Ali exchange vows

Stephanie Fredericks of Winters and Hamid Ait Ali of Casablanca, Morocco were married on June 30, 2006 in Versailles, France, and again on Aug. 5 in Casablanca. The two met while studying abroad in Paris, France.

The wedding in France took place in the Hotel de Ville, the personal hotel of King Louis XIV, and was presided over by the mayor of Versailles. It was a small civil ceremony attended by a few close friends of the groom.

The wedding in Casablanca was a traditional Moroccan ceremony. The bride wore five different dresses, jewels and crowns, representing the five different regions of Morocco. The wedding was attended by family and friends from California, as well as the groom's large extended family from Morocco and Europe.

The ceremony lasted most of the day and into the night, and included such activities as hennaed hands, traditional dancing and singing, and a large Moroccan feast. Vows were taken in the classic Moroccan style by raising the

bride and groom in separate silver chairs, from where the groom kissed the bride's forehead.

The two honeymooned in a beachfront villa in the resort town of Mohammedia, Morocco, and toured the exotic city of Marrakech with the bride's family.

Hamid is currently finishing an assignment in Paris and will be pursuing his PhD in finance in America. The couple is expecting their first child, a girl, in late January.



Hispanic Advisory to meet

The Hispanic Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at City Hall. The agenda will focus on "outreach, translation and communication." Any interested residents are welcome to attend.

For more information, call 795-4910.

EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINE!

Because of the New Year's Day holidays, for the Jan. 4 edition of the Winters Express, the deadline to submit all news items, letters to the editor and display advertising will be noon on Friday, Dec. 29.

Schools

Santa came to Waggoner Elementary School



Courtesy photo
Santa came to Waggoner Elementary School to read the “Night before Christmas” to the children on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Mrs. Balasek’s class was one of the classrooms who sat and listened, and told Santa what they wanted for Christmas. From left are Ahtzire Alvarez-Reyes, April Avalos, Daniel Camarena, Anthony Ceja, Christina Cortes, Anita del Toro, Emily Derose, Ashley Drummond, Leopold Guzman, Adrian Jimenez, Jose de Jesus Jimenez, Timothy Mazzoleni, Logan Ray, Yara Mora, Nicholas Riise, Jack Russell, Anthony Simone, Baylee Treasure-Shaw and Cody Williams. Principal Manolo Garcia (right) dressed as Dr. Suess and read to some of the children.

Yolo County Homeschoolers to meet

The Yolo County Homeschoolers, a loose-knit group of inclusive Yolo County homeschooling parents, invites all homeschoolers and those interested in learning more about homeschooling to our monthly park day, Thursday, Jan. 4, 1-3 p.m. at Rainbow City in Community Park at the corners of F Street and Covell Boulevard in Davis.

Several homeschoolers will be available to answer questions about the wide variety of homeschooling options, opportunities and

experiences. They will discuss different homeschooling philosophies, understanding legal options, networking, park days, college opportunities, conferences, and local and statewide resources. Participants will find out how to begin and where to find the tools to navigate a personal family homeschooling adventure.

The group offers a Yahoo-based email list, the monthly newsletter (the Flash, call Heather Smith at 756-4514 for a copy of the latest issue), an annual Homeschool Information Night

each August, weekly park-days for younger families, periodic coffee nights, and a monthly park day on the first Thursday of every month, where families play and network.

To join the email lists, visit us at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YoHoAnnounce>, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YoHoDiscuss> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yolocoho>. For more information contact Eve Dunaway, 753-6464, or Betty Bringham, 668-6546.

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Family Science Night planned

This year's Family Science Night will take place on Wednesday Jan. 24, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Shirley Rominger Intermediate School multi-purpose room. This event is brought to the community by the ExplorIt Science Center in Davis, and is made possible by a grant from Intel. It is a family event.

Children in grades K-5 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. The evening features science experiments and activities for children. There will be door prizes.

Family Science Night is sponsored by the PTA, which needs parents and high school students to help man the stations. To help out, call Jenyse, 795-0958.

Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Propósitos de año nuevo

Así que con los primeros días de enero usted se ha decidido a dejar los malos hábitos... ¿Ser mejor persona? ¿Mejor padre, mejor madre, mejores hijos, mejores vecinos? ¿ Quizás ha resuelto quitarse esas 20 libras de más? ¿ Ha decidido dejar de fumar? ¿ Volverse más organizado? ¿ Comenzar un programa de ejercicios? ¿ Dejar la botella?

Los buenos propósitos de Año Nuevo son excelentes, especialmente cuando la meta es la autosuperación y la salud, Pero tenga en mente que las intenciones de Año Nuevo pueden ser o una bendición o una pesadilla: un buen empujón para el ego si el propósito tiene éxito; o un duro golpe para la autoestima si el sueño se desvanece.

La mayoría de nosotros hacemos propósitos, a veces son metas que sabemos que vamos a sufrir para lograrlo, pero muchas veces fallamos, recuerde que un resbalón y aun varias caídas no significan la derrota, este mundo tiene demasiadas tentaciones que se nos hace un imposible no caer en ellas. Si ha tomado una determinación de Año Nuevo, con eso ya lleva la delantera: usted ha reconocido el paso que debe dar y se ha comprometido a lograr la meta trazada. Ahora, sólo necesita llevarla a cabo.

Comprometerse a realizar un cambio en nuestra vida es bueno, el tener la determinación y hacer un compromiso es siempre un primer paso que damos. Con esto mostramos que nos preocupa el cambio y lo queremos llevar a cabo. Uno se debe comprometer para poder experimentar el cambio buscado.

El problema radica en que tal vez la obligación o compromiso no sean suficiente. Si una persona decide hacer un cambio pero no tiene los recursos, probablemente no lo logrará. “Alguien que haya tratado de dejar de fumar muchas veces, podría necesitar la ayuda de alguien para lograrlo” “Así que el siguiente paso es buscar un programa de consejería para fumadores, o un programa de apoyo”.

Las personas que juran que dejarán de beber y sufren por conseguirlo deben reconocer que quizás necesiten ayuda, como un programa de desintoxicación u otros tipos de consejería. “Eso es lo que da resultado”, “si realmente quiere dejar el vicio del alcohol”.

Cuando hacemos un propósito, se debe estar preparado para reconocer que puede haber una recaída, un regreso momentáneo al comportamiento que se está tratando de cambiar. Sólo la forma en que se haga frente al problema determinará el éxito o el fracaso.

Generalmente, la persona que ha jurado renunciar a los postres y caramelos sucumbe ante un postre tentador, se encoge de hombros y se abalanza sobre un pastel entero con la excusa de que es imposible cambiar Todo el mundo necesita reconocer que una recaída no es el fin del mundo. Reconocemos que siempre es difícil cambiar el comportamiento.

Es un proceso lento que toma tiempo y compromiso. Si ya hizo sus propósitos, adelante, no se engañe y sea sincero consigo mismo, y no hay que darse por vencidos aunque se tengan recaídas. Aquí les doy ejemplos de algunos propósitos positivos de año nuevo:

Dejar de fumar poco a poco: Con ello recuperaré la salud y disfrutaré más de la vida. Mejorar el desempeño profesional: No solamente en busca de un mejor salario sino porque esto me hace mejor persona. Hacer ejercicio regularmente: Con lo cual mantendré muchas enfermedades a raya. Disfrutar de una dieta balanceada: De esta forma bajaré de peso y mi salud mejorará. Colaborar en causas sociales con los que tienen menos: Así agradeceré por todo lo que disfruto con mi familia. Prestar más atención a mi familia: Es decir, no colocaré al trabajo como lo más importante en la vida puesto que no lo es.

Estudiar y aprender algo útil: Al hacerlo en mi trabajo me desenvolveré mejor tanto en el ambiente laboral como en el familiar. Dedicar más tiempo a mis hijos: De esta forma mi familia seguirá unida y mis hijos crecerán sin problemas. Tratar mejor a mi pareja y ayudarla cuando lo necesite: Al hacerlo fortaleceré mi matrimonio y haré perdurar nuestro amor; pase lo que pase. Ahorrar un poco de dinero: Si lo hago, mi familia no estará desprotegida ante posibles eventualidades como quedarme sin trabajo o sufrir un accidente. ¿Cuáles son sus propósitos? Feliz Año Nuevo.

Año para olvidar

Cada día que pasa el presidente Bush sigue mirando como la opinión publica lo esta poniendo en un nivel mas bajo en cuanto a popularidad se refiere. Ya que la gente se esta dando cuenta que la guerra contra Irak, fue una tontería y estuvo mal planeada, no se si en la política se pueda hacer lo que en el fútbol, cuando un equipo no juega bien, por lo general se cambia al entrenador; es solamente una buena idea, sería interesante. Recuerdan a Clinton, los republicanos lo quisieron quitar de la presidencia por lio de faldas, creo que a Bush le deberían de hacer lo mismo, pero a el por ser responsable de la muerte de mas de dos mil soldados, creo que esta es una razón mas poderosa que la de Clinton.

El reporte que le entregaron los del comité Baker la semana pasada, esta bien claro al señalar que la actual política de Bush, es insostenible, que la situación en Irak es cada día mas grave, y a pesar de que el ejercito de los Estados Unidos tiene mucha capacidad, esta va disminuyendo.

La comisión fue creada de hecho para buscar alternativas para la política estadounidense en Irak y salvar la cara, si así se quiere decir.

La mayoría de los miembros de este comité se opusieron desde el principio a llevar la guerra contra Irak, siempre consideraron que era un error tratar de salvar a Irak. Eso es lo que piensan los elementos bien intencionados del aparato político estadounidense, los que ya no tienen mas interés que preservar su prestigio y exponer como estadistas lo que consideran importante para el país.

Después de la derrota estrepitosa del partido republicano, ahora muchos miembros que apoyaban incondicionalmente a Bush, ahora lo critican, al afirmar que su política y la in-

tervención no fueron bien realizadas. Es un momento de soledad para bush, antes los congresistas que lo apoyaban, ahora le dan la espalda.

Con dos años mas para gobernar; hoy Bush ya no es aquel victorioso presidente, aquel

que esperaba crear un predominio republicano en la nación.

Y seguiremos esperando al próximo congreso, para darnos una idea de cómo se van a acoplar los demócratas y el presidente.

Redadas antinavideñas

Con el pretexto de que se trataba de combatir el robo de identidad, el gobierno federal realizo hace dos semanas la más grande redada contra inmigrantes ilegales, justo en este tiempo de fin de año, cuando se supone que son fiestas para celebrar en familia, muchos trabajadores ilegales se verán forzados a pasar estas fiestas lejos de sus familias estas redadas las hicieron en Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Iowa y Minnesota y separaron a los inmigrantes de los estadounidenses. Detuvieron mil 282 inmigrantes de los cuales 600 eran paisanos, la característica de estas redadas es que fue un despliegue de fuerza, separación de familias, dejando niños abandonados en las escuelas, los agentes cometieron graves violaciones a los derechos humanos de los trabajadores y sus familias, pero no nos debe de extrañar, estamos en el gobierno de Bush, un presidente que cuando le conviene nos sonríe a los hispanos, y cuando no, parece que ni existimos para el.

Los acusaron de robo de identidad, lo cual solo fueron alrededor del 60 %, ¿El crimen de los otros? Trabajar sin papeles, aunque no son delincuentes sino indocumentados en espera de una reforma para regularizar su situación que no llegó en 2006. Víctimas de lo que EU no ha podido resolver: adecuar sus políticas migratorias a realidades económicas, sociales y demográficas.

Según el Secretario, las redadas fueron un trabajo de investigación de casi un año, en donde investigaron a

una banda o bandas que se dedican al robo de identidad, solo oímos hablar de las personas detenidas, pero nunca nos dijeron si atraparon a las bandas que estaban investigando.

Todos estos episodios son solo el complemento de los que no han podido realizar los políticos con respecto al tema de inmigración, en donde durante el año que termina solo vimos acciones y discursos en contra de los inmigrantes ilegales. El presidente Bush mando la guardia nacional para apoyar las labores de la patrulla fronteriza, además firmo la ley para construir el muro de

papel con México, tuvimos a los minuteman, a los locutores radicales de radio y televisión manifestándose en contra de los inmigrantes, en diversos estados se aprueban leyes y medidas contra los indocumentados, los crímenes de odio por motivos de raza aumentaron, los mexicanos muertos en la frontera se incrementarán de nuevo este año con un nuevo récord. Mientras la reforma migratoria integral se encuentra en el archivo. No nos extraña que para año nuevo volvamos a ver nuevas redadas, pero ahora en otro lugar y con otro pretexto.

Entertainment

The Chieftains to play Mondavi Center

With a career that spans 43 years and 43 albums, The Chieftains are Ireland's premier musical ambassadors. The group has collaborated with musical legends including Van Morrison and the Rolling Stones, won six Grammy Awards, and established itself as the most enduring and influential creative force in contemporary Celtic music. A longtime favorite of local audiences, The Chieftains will return to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis on Jan. 31 at 8 p.m., joined by six guest musicians and the six-member all-female Celtic music group L'Dadan.

Now in their fourth decade, The Chieftains are a musical institution widely credited as having done more than any other ensemble to establish the worldwide popularity of contemporary Celtic music. In addition to the group's acclaimed recordings, which have garnered six Grammy Awards and 19 nominations, The Chieftains maintain an international touring schedule that has brought them before literally millions of fans on every continent and won converts all over the world.

Paddy Moloney, founder and front man of The Chieftains, first brought the group together in Dublin in 1962, fashioning an authentic instrumental sound that stood in sharp contrast to the slick commercial output of most Irish musical groups of the time. The Chieftains' first four albums, recorded between 1963 and 1974, established their worldwide reputation even as the group continued to perform on a semi-professional basis.

In 1975, The Chieftains recorded the soundtrack to Stanley Kubrick's film Barry Lyndon, which featured the hit single "Women of Ireland" and won an Academy Award. Continued extensive touring followed, further establishing the group as a major concert attraction, and a string of subsequent albums, including Bonaparte's Retreat, Boil the Breakfast Early, and Chieftains in Chi-



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In 1988, they joined forces with countryman Van Morrison on Irish Heartbeat, which began a series of collaborations including recordings with Sting, James Galway, Jackson Browne, Elvis Costello, the Rolling Stones, Tom Jones, Sinéad O'Connor, Linda Ronstadt, Los Lobos, Ry Cooder, and many others. They also continued their acclaimed soundtrack work in such films as Treasure Island, Tristram And Isolde, The Grey Fox, and Far and Away.

In 1992, they recorded Another Country with country and bluegrass stars including Emmylou Harris, Ricky Skaggs, Willie Nelson, and Chet Atkins. The album received two Grammy Awards. They returned to Nashville in 2002 for the Grammy-nominated Down the Old Plank Road, which featured Vince Gill, Lyle Lovett, Earl Scruggs, Alison Krauss, Martina McBride, and others. Further Down the Old Plank Road continued the historic musical and cultural collaboration with country and bluegrass artists such as Roseanne Cash, Carlene Carter, Doc Watson, and John Prine. The album also contains some of the final performances from multi-instrumentalist Derek Bell, a long-standing Chieftains member who passed away in 2002. The Grammy-nominated

Live from Dublin: A Tribute to Derek Bell, released early in 2005, celebrates the life and legacy of Bell.

The current line-up of The Chieftains includes Kevin Conneff (bodhran, vocals), Matt Molloy (flute), Sean Keane (fiddle), and Moloney on uilleann pipes. The quartet will be joined by Triona Marshall (harp) Maureen Fahy, (fiddle, vocals, and dancing), Jon Pilatzke (fiddle, dancing), and Ryan MacNeil (keyboards, vocals), as well as dancers Nathan Pilatzke and Cara Butler.

Also performing at the Mondavi Center event will be L'Dadan, a six-member, all-female group founded in 2004. The group has won awards including Best Live Band at the Lorient Interceltic Festival in 2005, and Best Vocal Group at the International Pan Celtic Festival, also in 2005, and recently released its first CD. The group features Sele Denvir (harp), Deirdre Chawke (piano, accordion), Valerie Casey (fiddle), Claire Dolan (fiddle), Sarah-Jane Woods (flute), and Elaine Cormican (whistles).

Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office, 754-ARTS (2787) or online at MondaviArts.org. Tickets are \$49/\$44/\$39, general admission; \$24.50/\$22/\$19.50, students and children. Patrons with disabilities can call 754-2787.

Kodo brings taiko drumming to the Mondavi Center

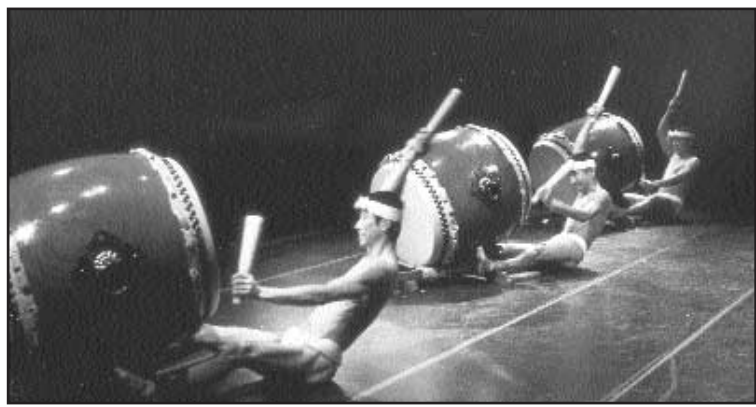
Exploring the limitless possibilities of the Japanese drum, the "percussion kamikazes" known as Kodo will bring their exciting, highly theatrical brand of taiko drum performance to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis at 8 pm on Jan. 30. The Japanese percussion ensemble, which has released numerous acclaimed recordings, performed thousands of shows around the world, and collaborated with a wide range of artists including the Drummers of Burundi, jazz legend Max Roach, and the Grateful Dead's Mickey Hart, returns to the Mondavi Center with a presentation mixing traditional and progressive taiko drumming with rich visual spectacle.

In ancient Japan, the taiko drum was a unifying symbol for members of rural communities, and it is said that the limits of the villages were defined not by geography but by the furthest distance at which the taiko could be heard. It is Kodo's hope to bring the sound of the taiko to people around the globe as a way of reminding listeners of their collective membership in the world community. Using the traditional art of Japanese drumming, Kodo exists both to connect with the past and to explore new musical directions, finding ever-expanding possibilities in their ancient instruments.

Formed on Sado Island off the coast of Japan, Kodo takes its name from a Japanese character with two distinct meanings: the primary one is "heartbeat" — the sound of the mother's heartbeat as felt in the womb; read in a different way, "Kodo" can also mean "children of the drum" — a reflection of Kodo's members' desire to play their drums simply, with the heart of a child.

Appearing as Kodo for the first time at the 1981 Berlin Festival, the ensemble has since given more than 2,500 performances in 43 countries, becoming Japan's most widely-traveled and acclaimed performing arts group. (Local audiences will remember the group's stunning performances at the Mondavi Center in 2003 and 2005.) Kodo spends about one-third of the year overseas, one-third touring in Japan, and one-third resting and preparing new material on Sado Island.

When touring, Kodo members load their own taiko drums, including the 800-pound Odaiko drum. Carved out of a giant African Bubinga tree and with a large leather skin tacked onto



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each side, this gigantic drum requires eight men to lift it onto its stand. To become part of the performing ensemble, apprentices train for two years in an old wooden schoolhouse in the mountains on Sado, an island in the Sea of Japan. Members learn to perform on an array of instruments, ranging from the Shinobue (Japanese bamboo flutes), Kane (bells), Chappa (hand cymbals), shakers, gongs, Shamisen (a three string lute-like instrument), and three types of drums-the Miya Daiko, the Okeda Daiko, and Shime Daiko.

In addition to striving to preserve and re-interpret traditional Japanese performing arts, Kodo members have incorporated a wide variety of music and experiences from all over the world into their perfor-

mances and compositions. Collaborations with other artists and composers extend across a wide musical spectrum and Kodo continues to produce startling new fusions and forms. Now in its 23rd year, Kodo still pulsates with an eclectic blend of rhythms that resembles African polyphonic drum music, Indian rhythmic talas, classical modal scales, and Chinese liturgical chants. The ensemble's recent compositions even feature the harmonica, Chinese clappers, and woodblocks.

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City of Davis Wetlands tour planned for January 6

The Winter rains have significantly increased water levels in the ponds of the City of Davis Wetlands in the last few weeks. Wetter habitat means more diversity and larger flocks of birds for viewing on the free guided public tour of this unique 400 acre wetland/grassland complex from 3 - 5 pm on Saturday, Jan. 6. Trained volunteers will explain the

relationship between the City's wastewater treatment process and precious wildlife habitat, and lead visitors to key wildlife viewing sites. Tours meet a few minutes before 3 p.m. at the gate in front of the City's wastewater treatment plant, east of the Yolo County landfill on Road 28H. No reservations are required. Most of the tour is by car,

with a couple of optional short walks in the wetlands. Please call Yolo Basin Foundation at 530-757-4828 for more information about

this and other monthly guided tours or see the website at www.yolobasin.org. For more information contact Ann Brice 530-758-0530.



CHANGE IS A GOOD THING! The Chamber's board of directors voted to move the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony from its traditional first Monday in December. We had the tree lighting on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. and the move to Saturday was absolutely a great one. Between the WFOL Holiday Festival, downtown caroling by West Valley Chorus, free carriage rides, vendors on Main Street, the FFA Christmas tree sale, and the tree lighting ceremony, visitors and Winters residents had plenty of opportunities to jump into the holiday spirit. I am sure the board will continue our "new tradition" of the tree lighting being held on the first Saturday in December.

With 2006 coming to an end, several members of our Board of Directors have fulfilled their three year terms. The Board has elected three new Board members to fill the board vacancies. Myke Berna of VeloCity, Debra LoGuercio of the Winters Express and I will be coming on as new board members. Additionally, 2006 Citizen of the Year Charley Wallace agreed to stay on for another three-year term.

Presumably if we give Charley enough time on the board, he will eventually get it right.

Board President Dave Fleming will continue to lead the Chamber and we are excited about the projects we have in the works. The board and the Chamber would like to thank outgoing board members Pam Aguilera of First Northern Bank and Dianne Grimard of Winters High School for their exceptional contributions over the last three years. The other board member whose position was filled could never be replaced. I still think of Gloria Marion a lot and bemoan our loss of her humor, knowledge of the community and her passion for life and the people of Winters. She did so much for the Chamber and the community; I suppose it is up to each of us to pick up a little more in her absence.

December will also bring to an end my three year run as executive director of the Chamber. I have been working as a part time consultant for the city of Winters, assisting city staff in redevelopment, economic development, and affordable housing. City Manager John Donlevy has offered me the opportunity to

become part of his team and I am excited about the projects and the vision that is on the horizon for the City of Winters. The chance to be a part of that is really too good to pass up.

While I will be staying involved with the Chamber as a board member, I will be relinquishing the day to day responsibilities. I am confident in the direction of the Chamber and will do my best to assist my successor, as countless people have helped me in so many ways over these last three years. One of the greatest parts of being executive director of the Chamber is that you are in a unique position to observe and facilitate that which makes Winters a great city: volunteerism! When I first took the position, I was blown away by the willingness of so many people to give so much of themselves for the betterment of this community. I am still amazed how you can pick up the phone, or walk over to see someone and ask for their help, they jump in full force. Winters is great because we make it great. What a concept!

Speaking of making Winters great, this would be a perfect opportunity to segue to this year's Year in Review celebration. On Saturday, Jan. 20, the Chamber of Commerce will honor our 2006 Citizen of the Year, our Theodore Winters award recipient, Senior Citizen of the Year, and our Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. I hope you will join us to celebrate their contributions to Winters. How

can you pass up a terrific evening among friends honoring great people who have given so much to our city? For additional information or to reserve tickets, call the Chamber at 795-2329.

In closing, I would like to thank all the people who have helped me in my time as Chamber Executive Director. It has been a lot of fun working with so many fabulous people. Recognizing everyone would be a whole column in and of itself but I do sincerely appreciate all the help. I would particularly like to acknowledge all the outstanding Chamber Board members I have had the privilege of working with. Thank you!

Next Chamber Mixer

January's Chamber Mixer is being hosted by the Buckhorn. On Monday, Jan. 8, owners John and Melanie Pickerel, and Debbie LaShure, and the staff from Buckhorn group will be doing their annual hosting of a mixer. They like to mix it up. For example, two years ago, they hosted the mixer at Buckhorn Catering. Last year, their mixer was in the new Buckhorn Banquet Room. That was the first time I had ever had a "mashpotini."

This year's Buckhorn mixer will be at Putah Creek Café, 1 Main Street, from 5:30-7 p.m. This is always one of the most attended mixers of the year. I know I would never miss one. Hope you can join us.

Supervisors seek to make Yolo County more business-friendly

By **BETH GABOR**
Yolo County Public Information Officer

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors recently took a number of measures to make Yolo County a more business-friendly environment, including, making a policy change to reduce the time frame in which business licenses are granted or denied from 14 days to 10 days. Additionally, Yolo County will now begin listing new business licenses weekly in the Sacramento Business Journal.

"Banks and lending companies will often look to the Business Journal for new companies in need of their services," said Heidi D'Agostino, Yolo County Code Compliance Officer. "This listing of new business licenses, in addition to the existing list we provide of long-term leases in Yolo County, will assist financial institutions in identifying those in need of Small Business Administration loans.

Beyond the recent policy change and listings in the Sacramento Business Journal, Yolo County has also made a stronger commitment to making Yolo County a more business-friendly environment with the appointment of an

Economic Development Manager, Wes Ervin, and the creation of a "Blue Ribbon" panel on economic development which provided a number of recommendations to the Board of Supervisors earlier this year. With the assistance of the County Code Compliance Officer and the Planning, Resources and Public Works Department, the Economic Development Division is working hard to identify new business opportunities as well as providing support to businesses wishing to expand. Currently there are over 950 business licenses issued in Yolo County.

"The Blue Ribbon panel's 15 recommendations have set the stage for the county to take advantage of tremendous economic development potential in Yolo County," said Wes Ervin. "We are now in a position to identify and provide a myriad of resources for new businesses and for job creation opportunities."

Yolo County is looking for feedback from local businesses regarding support they may need to expand or maintain their business. Interested parties may contact D'Agostino, 666-8777, or Ervin, 666-8066.

Sports

Lady Warriors shutout Esparto 6-0

The Winters High School varsity girls soccer team didn't give the visiting Esparto Spartans a very warm welcome on Monday, Dec. 18, as the host shut out their guest 6-0. Winters scored two goals in the first half and then scored four more in the second.

Four different players scored for Winters, with

Arlett Chavez leading the way with two goals and two assists. Danielle Murphy also scored two goals on six shots. Fabiola Silva scored one goal and assisted on three more for the Warriors, while Cindy Houck scored one goal for the Warriors. Maribel Escobedo had four saves for the Warriors to help with the shutout.

Warriors lose close one to Esparto 3-2

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Warrior boys' soccer team hosted Esparto last Monday, Dec. 18, and played a solid game with the score changing hands, but came up short in the end. The Spartans kicked two goals in the second half for a 3-2 victory over Winters.

"For the first time during the season our defense was composed and aggressive to start the game," said coach Alfredo Rodriguez. "The defense also did not allow a quick goal, which allowed us to play with confidence."

The game remained scoreless until Oscar Jaramillo passed it to David Hill, who was able to find the far right low corner of the net to put the

Warriors up 1-0.

"Our midfielders were also playing more aggressively throughout the first half which resulted in several scoring opportunities for our forwards," said Rodriguez. "But we were unable to get another score before the half was over." Esparto kept the pressure on the Warriors defense long enough to get the equalizer before the half ended to make it a 1-1 game.

The second half remained scoreless until the last twenty minutes when the Spartans found the back of the net twice on two great goals. With less than five minutes remaining, Carlos Figueroa assisted on Hill's second goal that cut the lead to one, but once again the Warriors ran out of time.

Warrior wrestling team continues

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School wrestling team continues to work hard and put out some strong individual performances despite having a small number of wrestlers on the team.

"We don't have the numbers that I would like to have right now," said coach Tim Hausler. "But with the development of the youth wrestling I know that each year we will get more and more kids out. I hope to have a full JV and varsity squad in a few years."

The Warriors competed in the Sturaodes Invitational and had four wrestlers place high in their divisions. Jesse Hellinger had an impressive second place finish with a 4-1 record. Billy Rotenkolber had a third placed finish.

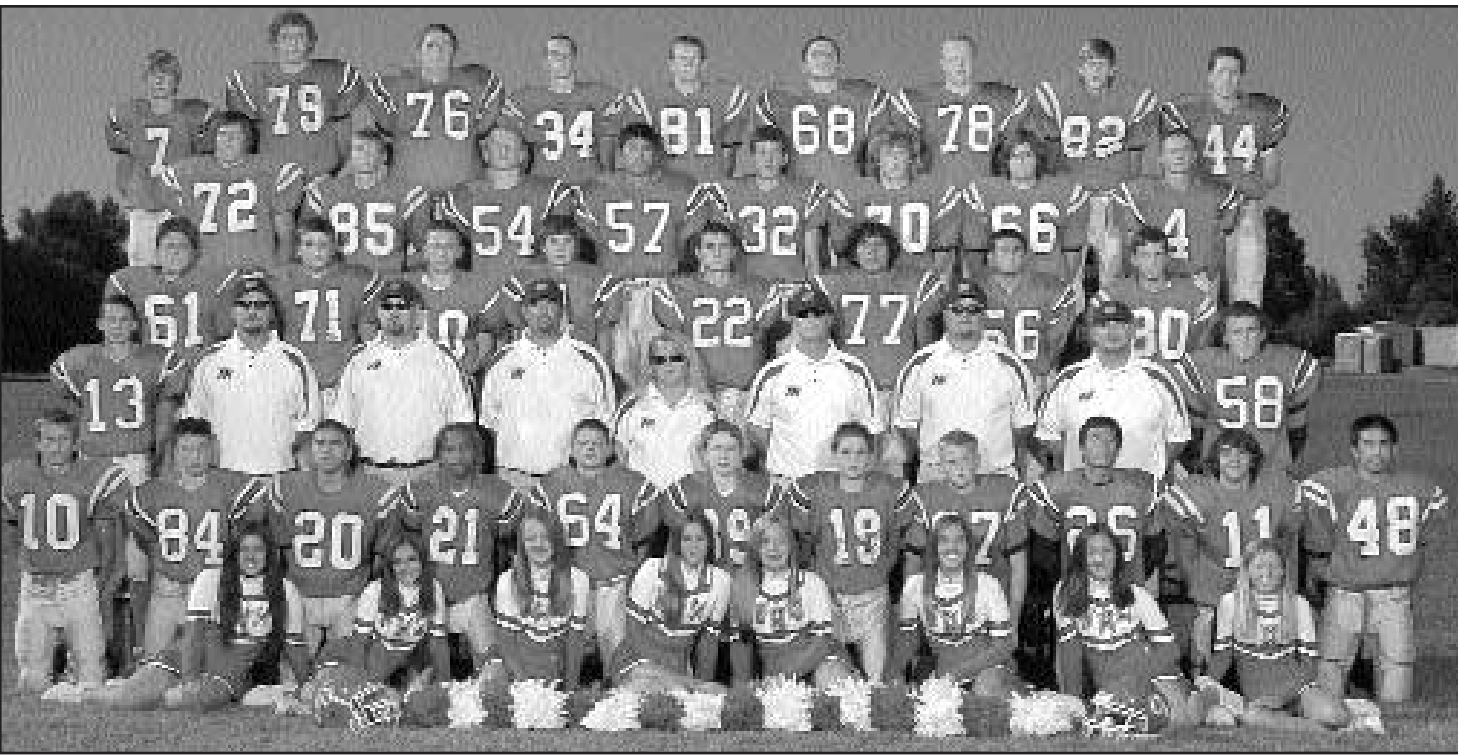
"Billy did a really good job," said Hausler. "That was his best performance so far."

Brandon White did a good job with a fifth place finish and that was after having to back out with an injury. Beau

Howard also placed fifth in the tournament.

"We have three other wrestlers that haven't had quite the success but have been working really hard and improving tremendously," said Hausler. "Joe Souza has been working hard; Steve Pine is overcoming a back injury and now has a 2-3 record and Jessica Rubio has been doing a great job of competing at a tough 130 lbs division."

This year's JV football team



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Members of this year's JV football team include, from left, (front) Holly Valenzuela, Aubree Cortez, Stacey Galispy, Haylee Peetes, Chelsea Corrales, Andrea Cordova, Courtney Corrales and Tyler Pearce; (second row) Patrick Kuehn, Jack Dickinson, Jose Munoz, Maurice Ackridge, Steven Pine, Scott Brace, Jackson Waldron, Colton Nichols, David Villagomez, Marcus Carasco and Riki Lucero; (third row) Dillon Miles, Eric Lucero, Josh Caton, Brad Burton, head cheer coach Sherri Corrales, head football coach Daniel Ward, Chris Kim, Eddie Marquez and Billy Rotenkobler; (fourth row) Joe Souza, Julian Hughes, Wesley Krantz, Brian Case, Patrick Leslie, Alex Pena, Andrew Medina and Ray McIntire; (fifth row) Wayne Holland, Tyler Berg, Jesse Hellinger, Daniel Silva, Max Mariani, Freddie Lewis, Daniel Lichwa and Steven Warren; (top row) Kyle Tobler, Woody DeVries, Don Adams, Cody Shafer, Ryan Hofstrand, Jesse Renaux, Taylor Brickey, Dylan Nye and Aaron Geerts.

Campos leads Warriors

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School varsity girls basketball team beat the Cardinals of Woodland Christian 56-39 on Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Yolo County fairgrounds in Woodland. The game was decided in the second period when the Warriors outscored the Cardinals 18-3.

After a 12-12 first period, the Warrior guards used their quickness to overcome the Cardinals' size advantage. The Cardinals played a pretty even game in the second half but were unable to comeback from such a large deficit.

Jenny Campos led the Warriors with a 24 point performance. Lauren Yehle scored 17 points,

Rebecca Salas scored 12 points and Chelsea Corrales scored 3 points for the Warriors.

Coach Matt Cooley was also pleased with the play of Elena Leal.

"Elena played great defense," said Cooley. "She had three steals for us."

The Warriors next game is at home against East Nicolaus on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

JV girls win two in a row

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School JV girls basketball team took it to the St. Helena Saints on Friday, Dec. 15, when the Warriors traveled to the Napa Valley and came home with a 39-18 victory.

Megan Avellar and Taryn Jones scored 30 of the Warriors points with 16 and 14 points respectively. Amy Avellar scored 4 points,

Olivia Wingard scored 3 and Brittanie Hedrick scored 2 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors played Woodland Christian on Thursday, Dec. 21, in Woodland and picked up another victory with a 28-18 win over the Cardinals. Hedrick led the Warriors this time with a game high 10 points. Wingard scored 6 points; Alyssa Oxley scored 5, while Jones and Holly Valenzuela each put in 4 points for the Warriors.

CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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David Hill

David Hill, a junior on the Winters High School boys soccer team, is this week's Athlete of the Week. Hill, one of the team's leading scorers kicked in the Warriors' only two goals last week against Esparto in a 2-3 loss.

"David has done really well for us," said coach Alfredo Rodriguez. "He works hard every day."

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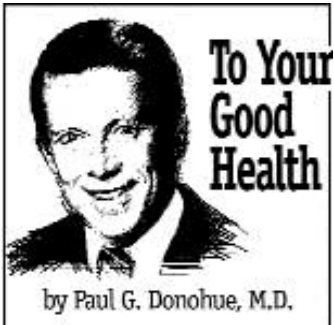
MRIs, CAT scans and sonograms

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you tell me if an MRI and a CAT scan are the same?—P.B.
ANSWER: X-rays were the first invention that enabled doctors to look inside the body without having to cut it open. They were and still are one of medicine's most valuable tools for making a diagnosis.

New techniques for exploring the body's interior arose in the last part of the 20th century. CAT scans — computed axial tomography — yield pictures of inner anatomy with computer-generated views of internal structures gained from X-ray beams passed through a multitude of "slices" of the body. CAT has now become just CT scan. CT scans are excellent ways of imaging bones and bleeding in the brain, among other things. MRI — magnetic resonance imaging — produces pictures of internal organs without any radiation. It employs powerful magnets to generate images. It's especially valuable for delineating "soft" tissues like the scars that multiple sclerosis makes in the brain and spinal cord. Because of the magnetic fields, MRI can't be used for people who have metallic joints or implanted metallic devices. Sound waves are used to capture pictures of internal organs too. They're called sonograms or echograms. Echocardiograms, for example, give great pictures of the heart and its valves. All these devices produce pictures of the body's interior, but they do so in different ways, and they have different applications.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you kindly repeat your recipe for relieving constipation? I clipped it out of the newspaper, and it worked for me. Then I stopped using it because I was no longer constipated. Now I find I am constipated again but cannot find the directions. I need them. — L.U.

ANSWER: So many readers wanted a repeat that I feel justified in having one more go at it. It's not my recipe. I got it from an unidentified source.



Mix 2 cups of bran with 2 cups of applesauce and 1 cup of unsweetened prune juice. Refrigerate the mixture and take 2 or 3 tablespoons twice a day. Bran is obtainable in all health food stores and in some supermarkets. You can embellish this recipe with anything your heart desires — nuts, slices of fruit, cinnamon, anything. The booklet on constipation and laxatives gives further information on these topics. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 504W, 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: Do you lose more nutrients from vegetables when you cook them in a microwave than when you cook them on a stove?—A.T.
ANSWER: You lose fewer vitamins and minerals when you microwave vegetables than when you cook them on top of a stove. Little water is needed when microwaving, so nutrients don't pass out of the vegetables and into the water.

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

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We must end Affirmative Action

By ROGER E. HERNANDEZ
King Features

It is an unfortunate fact of American political life that opposing race-based affirmative action carries a whiff of racism. Blame liberals eager to paint as bigots everybody who is against racial preferences. Blame conservatives unsympathetic to the notion that there is more than one way to be an American.

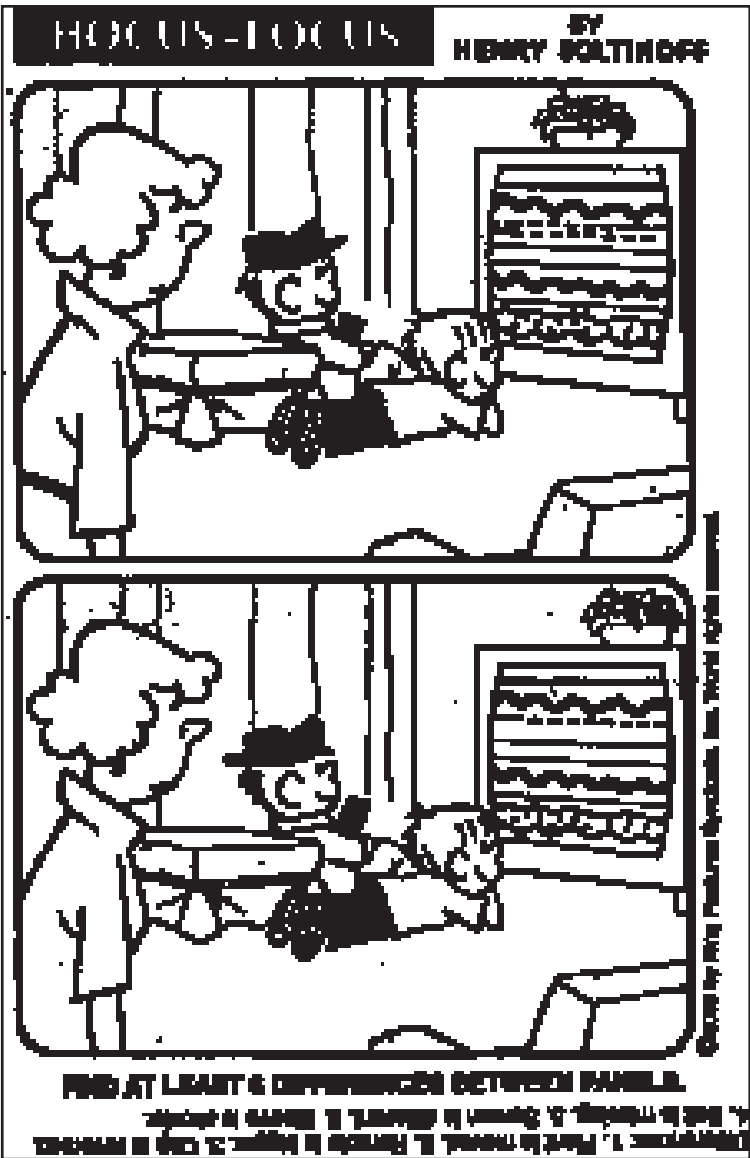
Both sides have been going at each other over Proposition 2, the ballot initiative to end race-based preferences in Michigan, which passed 58 percent to 42 percent in November. To some on the right, approval of Prop 2 goes beyond preferences in hiring and college admissions — it's all about Pat Buchanan's Culture War. "[I]t's time to admit that 'diversity' is code for racism," Jonah Goldberg wrote in National Review. What does that mean? Lefty foolishness is not behind. Pamela Gentry, of the Black Entertainment Network, wrote a story about Prop 2 backer Ward Connerly with this little jewel: "He won't disclose those who finance the organization from which he draws his salary — the misnamed

American Civil Rights Institute — but this month on the back page of the Klansmen's Voice, a national newsletter distributed by the KKK, there's an ad supporting the initiative 'to ban affirmative action.'" That sentence can serve as a model for the most repulsive kind of journalism-by-innuendo. Still, Connerly should not get as cocky as he seemed when he told the Los Angeles Times, "I think the end is at hand for affirmative action as we know it." To arrive at that stage, sincere opponents of race-based preferences must disengage from allies on the right who drag them down to the mud of One Culture, One Language, One People. At the same time, they need to silence left-wing critics practiced at the old hustle of pulling out the race card when they don't get their way. Connerly's people need to speak out louder than they have against the old-fashioned kind of racial discrimination, which continues in workplaces, housing, schools and — we now know — comedy clubs. Anti-racial preferences activists also need to be more aggressive about promoting the kind of affirmative action that takes into account social and economic factors regardless of ethnicity.

Clarity on those issues can bring aboard more moderate blacks and Hispanics. In the political brawl in Michigan it was not just the irremediably pro-affirmative-action Jesse Jackson who came out against Prop 2, but also Barack Obama and Colin Powell. The two are major figures who embrace cultural diversity and — maybe, perhaps, somehow, one day — can be made to see that race-based preferences are an insult to the very people supposed to be helped. Affirmative action dictates that Powell and Obama, and their children, are socioeconomically disadvantaged because of race and need a boost up. Meanwhile, an illiterate bricklayer from Romania and his children are not and do not.

Anybody who does not find that offensive is either joking or lying — or delusional.

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Occupation: Family heirloom
Hobby: *Objet d'art*
What's best about living in Winters: "The compassion of a stranger understanding the true meaning of Christmas."
Fun fact: Was returned anonymously to its "mother" (owner) on Christmas Day after being stolen recently, following a letter to the editor in last week's Winters Express.

King Crossword —

Answers
Solution time: 27 mins.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
With the new year's opportunities almost within reach, the Arian's courageous aspects are raring to go. And don't be surprised if a lot of people follow the zodiac's most trusted leader.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried and true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
This week promises a peek into what the new year holds for the Gemini Twins, both in love and careers. Family matters continue to be a factor in decisions you're going to be facing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
As you move into the new year, your travel aspects grow stronger, and you might find yourself making decisions about a destination and a traveling companion sooner than you'd expected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means Leos and Leonas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You might also want to pick up that project you put off a while back.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Someone close to you might feel you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
The new year could find you indulging in one or more of the hobbies you've always wanted to take up. And don't be surprised if they ultimately direct you toward a new career.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
The artistic Aquarian should find more opportunities in the new year. You might even make some potentially helpful contacts as you gather to ring in the year 2007.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
The new year offers challenges for Pisceans who want to make better use of the skills they now have and learn new ones. Personal relationships show stronger positive aspects.

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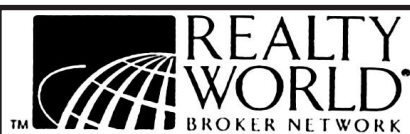


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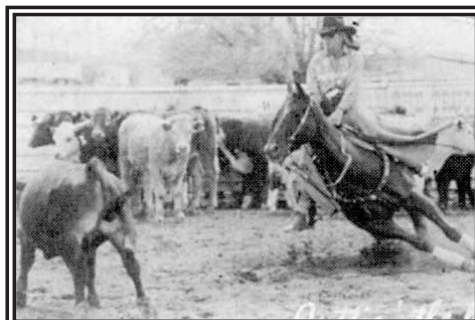
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