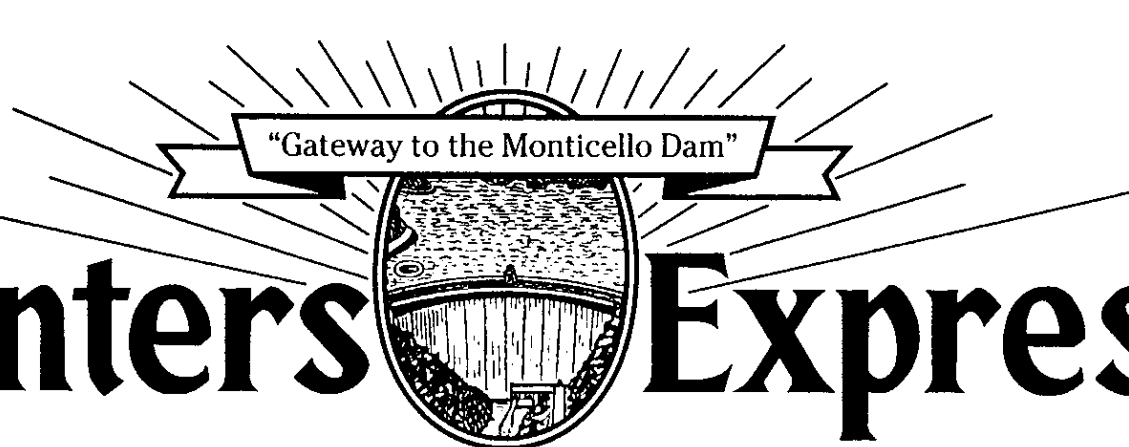




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The hometown paper of Barbi Kimble

Brrrrrr!

The low temperature in Winters has been at or below freezing every day since Jan. 11., reaching a low of 22 on Jan. 14.

Area farmers tried to protect their crops by spraying them with water, as did this citrus grower (right, photo by Bonnie McManus) and this almond grower (below, photo by Gary Beall) on Highway 128 west of town. Local residents were scrambling to pick fruit from their citrus trees before it became damaged by the unusually cold, dry weather. Statewide, citrus growers reported a 70 percent crop loss.



City negotiates sewer penalties

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The major 5,000 gallon sewage spill in August 2005 and the even more major 43,000 gallon spill in December 2006 have contributed to a series of severe notifications from the Central Valley Region office of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). These two spills, and some smaller ones in between, have provoked greater inspections and monitoring of the Winters system, along with greater tensions between the city and ECO Resources Inc., the contractor the city uses to manage the system. The

RWQCB is the authority community water treatment operators need to answer to, and the notifications take the form of new monitoring requirements and more frequent inspections. The increased monitoring scrutiny tends to identify even more violations, producing a snowball effect.

Winters' waste is pumped via four pump stations (called "lift stations") to the ponds at Moody Slough Road. There waste water is run through two stages of treatment in ponds, and the resulting water is

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Student performance remains a concern

By GARY BEALL
Express correspondent

More than half of the students in Winters schools are not proficient in mastering subject matter for their respective grade levels, the achievement gap between English-learners and non-English learners is decreasing little if at all, and two schools — Waggoner Elementary and Winters Middle School — face the risk of takeover by an outside entity if they don't turn things around within the next two years. The district itself faces the

same possibility within three years. As a result, school administrators are concerned, district trustees are frustrated, and changes are likely as district leaders ponder goals for next year.

More specific wording on grade level expectations, increased writing in the classroom, more frequent sharing of student performance with board members, and the possibility of longer instructional days are all likely to be on the table as trustees

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Failing grades abound in public records audit

◆ Winters Police Department scores among highest

By LAUREN KEENE
McNaughton Newspapers

Many of California's law-enforcement agencies are ill-prepared when it comes to compliance with the state's Public Records

Act, a recent statewide audit shows. They include several Yolo County police agencies, which received failing or near-failing grades from Californians Aware, a Sacramento-based public interest group that promotes access to open government.

Those grades were issued this week in response to the statewide

audit conducted on Dec. 4, when 68 volunteers from 31 news agencies — including The Davis Enterprise — posed as ordinary citizens, submitting oral and written requests for information from a total of 216 California police, sheriff and highway patrol offices.

Statewide, law enforcement received an average

F+ grade from CalAware, with many agencies failing to provide the requested information or reacting in other ways the organization felt were unreasonable or inappropriate.

Some Yolo County agencies fared better, with two — the Davis and Winters police departments —

See AUDIT on page A-8

Commercial development on planners' next agenda

The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

~ Workshop on a 4.92-acre Grant Avenue commercial project. The project site is bordered by Grant Avenue on the north, East Street on the west, East Baker Street on the south, and an existing commercial development on the east. Applicant:

Granite Bay Holdings, LLC.

~ Continued public hearing and consideration of site plan application submitted by Fran Oremus for the installation of a new single-story, single-family 1,979 square foot manufactured residence with three bedrooms and two bathrooms at 437 Russell Street. Staff is recommending that this item be continued to the Feb. 27 planning commission meeting.

Great year, great citizens



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters Chamber of Commerce board member Nancy Meyer and president Dave Fleming display one of the raffle prizes for the Year in Review event planned for Saturday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Cody's Deli, and the Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Thedodore Winters Award recipient will be honored. Tickets are \$35 per person, and space is limited. For tickets or reservations call 795-2329.

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Jan. 10		66	33
Jan. 11		64	32
Jan. 12		55	31
Jan. 13		47	27
Jan. 14		54	22
Jan. 15		53	26
Jan. 16		56	24
Rain for week: 0			
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Last year to date: 17.41			
Average to Jan. 16: 10.30			

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OBITUARIES

Georgianna C. Mariani

Georgianna "Georgie" C. Mariani, 65, of Winters, passed away Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007 surrounded by her family at her home. She had been an area resident for the past 42 years.

She was born May 13, 1941 in San Luis Obispo to Edward and Evelyn Sweeney, and attended Cal Poly, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in education. She met her husband, Dennis, while at Cal Poly and they married on Sept. 5, 1964 at the Old Mission in San Luis Obispo. She was a homemaker, never missing an athletic event that involved her children or grandchildren, a member of the Yolo Flyers Club and Beta Alpha Beta, and enjoyed golfing with friends and traveling. She especially loved family gatherings, the 4th of July and spending time at the Lake House.

Mrs. Mariani is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Dennis Mariani of Winters; children and their spouses, Dennis and Bridget Mariani of Winters, Mark and Shannon Mariani of Winters, and Molly and Tom Louer of Phoenix, Arizona; mother, Evelyn Sweeney of San Luis Obispo; brother and sister-in-law Thomas and Susan Sweeney of San Jose; grandchildren, Maxwell, Nicholas, Jordanne, Brooklyn, Abigail, Jack, Joseph, Lindsey, Lauren and Ben.

She was preceded in death by her father.

A Catholic Mass was held on Monday, Jan. 15, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Winters. A private family interment will take place in Winters Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mrs. Mariani's memory to Winters Little League, Winters FFA or Yolo Hospice. Those who wish to sign a guestbook online may do so at www.wiscombefuneral.com.

YESTERYEAR



File photo
At the annual Winters District Chamber of Commerce dinner on January 12, 1989, Wayne Ireland, left, was named 1988 Winters Citizen of the Year. He was accompanied by his wife, Winona, at right.

Berryess drops .20 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .07 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 1,293 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District..

Faulkner reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 431.09 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,434,204 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 40 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 19 acre feet of water per day during the week.

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Weekly police report

Jan. 5-6

~ On the 100 block of Broadview Lane, forcible entry was gained to a residence and property was stolen. Estimated loss: \$20,435.

Jan. 8

~ On the 300 block of Edwards Street, a vehicle was taken without the owner's consent. Loss: \$1,500.

Jan. 9

~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, two juveniles were seen shooting a BB gun on school property after school hours. The juveniles were not located.

~ On the 800 block of Jackson Street, during a probation search, a suspect was found to be in possession of a glass methamphetamine smoking pipe. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

Jan. 10

~ Kimberly Ann McClatchy, 57, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

Jan. 10-11

~ On the 200 block of Main Street, forcible entry was gained to a building and property was stolen. Loss: \$100.

Jan. 11

~ Carlos Juarez III, 27, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving

with a suspended/revoked driver's license and failing to stop at a stop sign.

Jan. 11-12

~ On the 200 block of Wildrose Lane, unsecured property was stolen from the bed of a truck. Loss: \$680.

Jan. 12

~ A found coat and communion set were turned over to the police department.

Jan. 12-13

~ At East Baker Street and Wildrose Lane, property that was secured in the bed of a truck was stolen. Loss: \$2,000.

Jan. 13

~ Victor Alfonso Alvarez, 22, of Fairfield was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, having unlawful tinted windows on a vehicle and no proof of insurance.

~ On the 600 block of First Street, parties were involved in a physical domestic disturbance. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

Jan. 14

~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

~ Jose Arturo Felo, 33, of

See **POLICE** on page **A-5**

The Winters and Esparto school boards held a joint meeting in Esparto Monday and discussed possible unification of the two districts, but took no action, both boards agreeing that there was little support for unification in either of the two communities.

Winters Mayor Ed Neel and Ralph Norfolk have taken out petitions of candidacy for the Winters City Council for the election to be held on April 11. Up to noon yesterday, no petitions had been taken out for the job of city clerk. The incumbent, Dorothy Thomas, has indicated that she will not run again.

The Yolo County Chamber of Commerce will hold its January meeting at the Winters Fire Hall on Thursday, Jan. 27. Mayor Ed Neel will be installed as president for 1972, succeeding Robert Smart of Woodland.

Funeral services were held in Kraft Brothers Chapel in Woodland for Mrs. Jean DeHaven Griffin, 49, who died of an apparent heart attack at her home on North East Street Friday morning.

Mrs. Ruth M. Bowman, 76, a longtime resident of Winters, died at her home in the Wolfskill District Sunday. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Smith's Colonial Chapel with burial following in the Winters Cemetery.

Mrs. Elwin Martin has been named to the board of directors of the Yolo County Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Tom Reeves, fullback and captain of the 1956 Winters High School football team, received the outstanding player trophy presented by the Winters Lions Club at the football dinner Monday night at the American Legion Hall.

Dr. Herbert Bauer, Yolo County health officer, will be the speaker at the Winters Rotary Club, which meets at noon today at the Buckhorn Dining Room.

Workmen for Peter Kiewit and Sons and Parish Bros., joint contractors, have about 600 more yards of concrete to pour on the Monticello Dam, with only 12 blocks remaining to be poured.

Rudolph and Irene George have purchased the Lael L. Young ranch west of town for an indicated \$28,000, according to a deed filed with the Yolo County Recorder last week.

George Conard and Buzz Willard left last week for a fishing trip to Mexico.

Bob Islip of St. Mary's College at Moraga, John Brinck of UC Berkeley and Tom Pearse and Mac Cody of Chico State are vacationing at their respective homes this week following mid-term exams.

City Engineer O. C. Homes reports tentative permission of the State Engineering Department to raise the percolation dam an additional two feet. This will bring the crest of the dam up to fifteen feet.

Local fruit growers in attendance Tuesday at the 41st annual meeting of the California Fruit Exchange were W.A. Brinck, Roy Brinck, Dr. W.P. Tufts, C. H. Sackett, T.E. Dunnagan Jr., P.W. Thornberry, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bigelow and Miss May Elzy. The meeting was in the Elks Building, Sacramento.

Emil Felix was among the business visitors in Woodland Tuesday.

Mrs. Wayne S. Ireland was honored in a layette shower party, Wednesday last week, by Miss Barbara Gwartney in the E. W. Fenley home.

The Winters Varsity won their second step toward the championship ladder Thursday afternoon by defeating a favored Davis team 34-27.

The eighth grade of the elementary school held a class meeting Friday and elected the following officers: president, Jack Baker; vice president, George Conard; secretary, Joyce Landrum; and treasurer, Delman Hague.



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sprayed on fields.

The city reported the August 2005 spill to the RWQCB (and other agencies) promptly, and took a number of steps to clean up the spill.

The RWQCB issued a “notice of violation” (NOV) in response. to the August 2005 spill. As a consequence of the NOV, the RWQCB inspected the Winters entire system and produced a “cease and desist” order (CDO) listing 49 findings, including various failures of monitoring systems, maintenance, and timely reporting. According to the order, many of the violations were minor, but because they took place after the September 2005 NOV, they “show a pattern of non-compliance with the MRP (monitoring and reporting program)”.

According to the CDO, the August 2005 spill was caused by a utility worker drilling under Highway 128. His drill punctured the pressurized line that carries all the city’s sewage from the old plant by Putah Creek at Elliot Street to the new plant 1.5 miles north on Moody Slough Road. The spill was contained quickly after the blowout, but a lot of the captured effluent was mistakenly put into a storm drain, increasing the original amount spilled to the creek from 850 gallons to almost 5,000 gallons. In January 2006 the Carter Ranch Lift station failed because of rags jamming the pumps’ impellers. An indicator incorrectly showed all was well, leading to an overflow of 350 gallons before the failure was noticed.

In May 2006, the El Rio Villa lift station failed, caused by debris in the impellers, including a broken broom handle. A small portion of the 1,500 gallons

that overflowed made it to Putah Creek through a storm drain.

Also in the CDO, ECO Resources said it made a number of recommendations between 2003 and 2005, calling for system upgrades including new pumps at two of the lift stations, backup generators and new wiring for the main lift station. In a February 2005 letter to the RWQCB, ECO says the city took no action on many of the recommendations.

The biggest spill took place in December. An ECO employee forgot to turn on a pump after the Yolo Housing lift station was shut down for replacement of equipment, and the failure was not noticed for a few days. The result was a spill of sewage into Putah Creek via a nearby storm drain that is now estimated at 43,000 gallons. The city and ECO Resources took quick action once the problem was identified. Staff began regular sampling of the creek, put up notices for people to avoid contact with the water, and disinfected the area of the spill. Reports were made to the RWQCB, the state Office of Emergency Services and the Yolo County Office of Health.

The revised CDO lists nine orders including:

~ The city is to perform a study analyzing hydrogeological conditions for groundwater moitoring.

~ The city is to implement a new monitoring and reporting plan.

~ The city is to complete by April 2007 a facilities retrofit report that covers engineering analysis of all

the lift stations and forced mains. The report is to cover all aspects of the system, including age of components, recommended improvements, and a schedule for the improvements.

~ Also by April 2007, the city is to submit a sewer system overflow prevention plan that identifies all spills in the past five years and analyses the problems and identifies problem areas.

~ The city is to report on construction of wells created for monitoring groundwater contamination.

~ Every two months the city is to provide progress reports on the various projects outlined in the CDO.

At the January 2 city council meeting, City manager John Donlevy described some of the measures in the CDO as “draconian,” including a requirement that the sample bottles be tested daily, and the requirement for daily sampling of water from the sewage ponds would keep a specific employee busy for hours daily. He has been successfully negotiating the requirements with the RWQCB and has a revised order that eases some of the requirements and provides more time to meet some of the goals.

“Frankly, we view where we are with the Regional Board as being pretty positive at this point,” says Donlevy. “The CDO is mostly like a “fix-it” ticket versus a felony charge. We genuinely are looking forward to the implementation of many of these elements.”

Spay Day appointment line open

Beginning Thursday, Jan. 18, low-income families in Sacramento, Yolo and Placer counties can sign up their dogs and cats for the eighth annual Spay Day Sacramento. Hosted by the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition (SAAC), Spay Day Sacramento is the largest one-day spay/neuter event in the nation.

Spay Day Basics

~ Eligibility: Households earning less than \$35,000 per year are eligible to have up to two pets (cats and dogs only) spayed or neutered at participating veterinary clinics and the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

~ How: To sign up for an appointment, eligible families can call (916) 808-SPAY (7729).

~ Cost: For \$15 per cat and \$20 per dog, each animal will receive approximately \$250 worth of services, including spay/neuter, permanent microchip identification, vaccinations and flea preventative. A cash co-payment of \$15 per cat and \$20

per dog will be required on Spay Day. Maximum of two animals per household.

~ When: Spay Day is Sunday, Feb. 25. Surgeries will take place at participating veterinary clinics in the Sacramento area. Appointments are required and fill up fast; eligible pet owners should call right away to schedule an appointment.

~ Benefits: Spaying or neutering dogs and cats leads to better health and

improved behavior. It also helps prevent pet overpopulation. More than 20,000 dogs and cats are killed each year at shelters in this three-county area because there are not enough homes for them.

~ Spay Day is organized by the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition, a local nonprofit committed to eliminating pet overpopulation in the Sacramento area through aggressive spay-neuter efforts.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

BUT IF WE DON'T SEND more troops, Iraq will fall into civil war!
Hello... it's already fallen. And as long as US troops are there, it can't get up.
The Bushies and their pro-war minions speak of civil war like it's a bad thing. Moreover, they insist that if the US pulls out and allows Iraq to wallow in the muck and mire of its own self-destructive hatred, it would be our fault. We removed Saddam Hussein, therefore, we're responsible for everything that follows and must clean up the mess — that old Pottery Barn “you broke it, you buy it” logic.

Bullpuckey. Maybe we broke a pot or two, but the Iraqis are making a shambles of the whole shop. The sectarian violence in Iraq goes back for centuries. There's a line in a Billy Joel song that says, “We didn't start the fire...” What makes us think we can put it out? With promises of Salad Shooters in every home and a Starbucks on every corner?

The Sunnis and Shiites are hell-bent on destroying each other, and obviously it required Saddam Hussein's iron fist to keep things under control. Maybe it takes poison gas, gang rapes and flesh-ripping attack dogs to keep religious fanatics in line. Think long and hard about that.

In retrospect, Daddy Bush wasn't the limp-wristed wussie he was portrayed to be after backing away from capturing Saddam the first time around in Desert Storm. (Side note: Should the names of activities designed to maim, kill and destroy sound like a pack of sage and sandalwood incense?) No, Daddy Bush was very wise in merely pulling Kuwait out by the scruff of its neck and leaving Saddam in place.

Sadly, what Daddy Bush feared is exactly what Junior made happen: Take the Saddam lid off the pot and it boils over. But the fire was lit underneath it long before we got there. We can blow on it all we want, but the religious extremists have unlimited reserves of hatred to keep stoking the fire.

Why are we even trying to stop the pot from boiling? We're only prolonging the inevitable. Why not pull our troops out and let the civil war run its course? So what if religious radicals kill each other? This would be a bad thing because... why? Aren't they doing us a favor? If we can get cancer to eat cancer, we'd be crazy to cure it. Let 'em have at it. Dog eat dog. Survival of the fittest. If it's good enough for Mother Nature, it's good enough for Iraq.

Before you go all apoplectic in shock and horror, might I point out the incredible hypocrisy of attempting to deter a civil war in Iraq, when “we” wouldn't even exist without the same. Our own Revolutionary War was, in essence, a civil war — British citizen fighting British citizen. Had Spain or France stepped in to prevent it, we wouldn't be the United States of America, we'd be the biggest of the British Isles.

Then there's “the” Civil War, North against South. More Americans died in that war than any other. Was it worth it? The short answer is no. Had we let the South go, good riddance, I say. The long answer, however, is that the Civil War was the beginning of the end of slavery in this country. As long as slavery existed here, “We The People” were just pretty words on pretty paper. The Civil War put democracy's money where its mouth is.

This weekend, we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, which is only possible because of the Civil War. That war opened the gate to the path of equality. Blacks have come a long way down that path, and they aren't quite “there” yet, not as long as anyone still asks “Can a black man be President?” They'll be “there” when that question sounds as ludicrous as “Can someone with brown hair be President?” But at least we're moving toward it, and only because no one prevented our Civil War.

So. Why deny Iraqis their own civil war? Don't they too have the right to fight for what they believe in, even if they believe in reverting to the 9th Century and keeping their women under tablecloths? If that's what they really want, who are we to tell them they can't have it? Isn't that what Democracy's all about? Or do we only want Democracy for Iraqis as long as they want what we want them to want?

Time running out to get tickets

Dear Editor:
Tickets for the “2006 Year in Review” Citizen of the Year dinner are available at Winters City Hall, Pacific Ace Hardware and the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Please join us for this fun evening honoring Citizen of the Year Charles Wallace, Chamber Business of the Year Pisani's Service,

Theodore Winters Award recipients Keith and Diane Cary, and Senior Citizen of the Year Pat Jordan. This year's Citizen of the Year dinner is Saturday, Jan. 20, starting with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For additional information, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 795-2329.

DAN MAGUIRE

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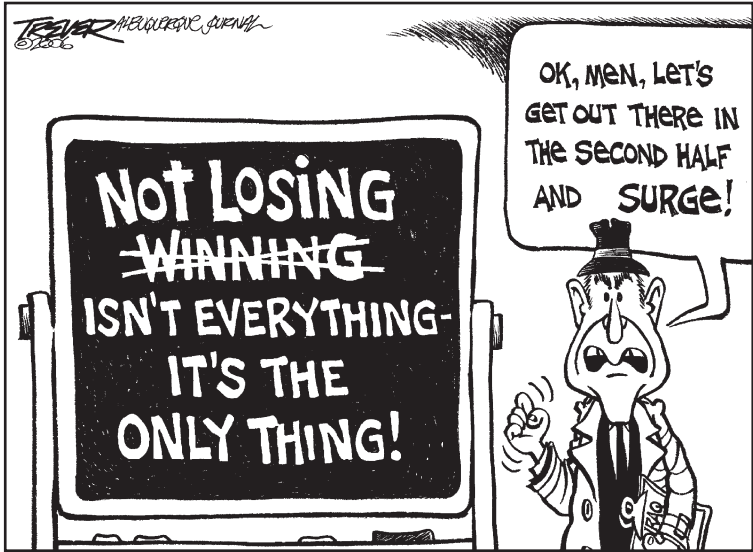
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LETTERS

King deserves honored day

Dear Editor,

As I write, it's Monday morning, Martin Luther King Day, and my daughter is in school. I am not writing this as an indictment of the WJUSD, not even sort of. However, the holidays we have set up to honor Washington, Lincoln, MLK, Columbus, and Señor Chavez are for just that — to honor them, not to provide convenient days off for us.

When we first did it, I had mixed feelings about

moving our holidays to Monday, fearing that the message of these great men would be lost in a three-day weekend and, to some extent, at least, that has taken place. However, bundling holidays and vacation days goes too far, sends the wrong message, and should not happen again. It is for good reason that City Hall is closed today and there is no mail.

TOM McMASTERS-STONE

Wrong not to observe holiday

Dear Editor,

Last week's article by Dr. Mitchell explaining why the Winters School District chose not to observe Martin Luther King Day in order to add time to the winter break and streamline the school calendar missed the mark in teaching our students, school staff and community the value of honoring the slain civil rights leader and his dream for a better America. It's more than just a day off for students. Martin Luther King was a visionary, a true man of God and American hero.

I am not an African American but some of my closest friends are. To not observe this day may be considered as an insult to

our fellow countrymen and does nothing to bridge the racial divide that exists in our nation. We need to embrace multi-culturalism and esteem those from diverse ethnic groups to promote unity and peace in an already divided nation.

This is the spirit that America was built upon and Dr. King's dream of freedom and equality is as American as Independence Day. I appreciate and esteem our Winters School District leadership and hope that the Winters School Board considers observing Martin Luther King Day on the 2007-08 calendar.

AL CALDERONE

Papa Chief will be missed by all

Dear Charlie,

You either thought he was the nicest man around or you knew he could be a tough cookie — whichever, the man who sat on his front porch and enjoyed the kids walking by during his last years will be missed. Our father, grandfather, great grandfather — “Papa Chief”, Christopher P. Martinez, Jr. passed away on Dec. 25th, 2006. It was 10 and one half years ago that his wife, our beloved Dolores Martinez, the girl from the city, passed on.

In 1946, just out of the Army, having fought in the Battle of the Bulge and spending 6 months in hospitals in Germany, France and England, he returned to his home. Dad met Mom at “Low Water Bridge” and was smart to marry her within months.

Because of family constraints the word of his funeral service did not reach all who would have attended, but many did. Our sincere thanks to John,

Melanie and Heath at the Buckhorn, and you, Charley, for managing to get the notice of his death in the Express. Many thanks to each of you who knew him, honored him, waved at him — tolerated him at times — and expressed your condolences so generously, with great stories, cards and gifts of flowers and donations in his name.

Winters Little League expressed many acts of appreciation over the years for Dad's meticulous park maintenance — he loved that work. His daughters will be forever grateful for such a hard-working, honorable father. The lessons we learned from him, from how to cut peaches and apricots, how to drive on the old dump road... and, yes, how to make megas, are vivid and will forever warm our hearts. Thanks Dad, for everything.

Your daughters,
SANDY and LINDA
and their/your wonderful families

Thanks to everyone who helped

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Debbi and the Damon and Cahill families, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the help and support we received following the loss of our home last week. The level of generosity many of you displayed can only be described as extraordinary. Offers of rooms, temporary housing, storage space, meals, financial assistance and child care were common.

Many thanks to the Winters Fire Department for their professionalism and to our great neighbors in the Almond Orchard area. Special thanks to Mike Boles for spotting smoke and getting everyone out safely, and to Gary and Kathy Pranke and Mrs. Winona Ireland for getting us through those terrible first few days. We are truly blessed to live in a community like Winters.

DAVE DAMON



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

SOMETHING YOU JUST DON'T THINK ABOUT, or is this just a quick slam at the Winters Cemetery District. I've written before about the ban on new raised headstones at the Winters Cemetery. It may make it easier to mow ground level grave markers, but I like headstones. Some tell about the individual or add a little family history, and why shouldn't a family that wants a nice headstone be able to have one.

Walking through old cemeteries is always interesting. Next time you're on a road trip and have a little time to kill, walk around the local cemetery and see what I mean. You might even walk through the Winters Cemetery, and you'll notice the old part is more interesting.

I wouldn't want the job of cemetery sextant, but during the winter it has to be part time. Not a lot of lawn to mow, plenty of time to catch up on paperwork, kind of like farming. Working in the summer heat may make up for any down time during the winter, and maybe working on frozen tundra the past two weeks gives one the right to kick back a little. There should be time to help make someone's grieving process a little easier. Having to bury a loved one is hard enough without being caught in a bureaucracy that won't budge.

I've never thought about it, but our cemetery is closed on weekends and holidays. If you want to bury a loved one on a Saturday or Sunday, forget it. Adding a three-day holiday might extend the burial date further than the family wants. Your options in Winters, none, forget it. You can bury your loved one when the cemetery board, and or employee, tell you, you can.

You wouldn't have this problem if you lived in Davis or Woodland. They work around your schedule and try to accommodate the family, even on weekends and most holidays. I've heard complaints about scheduling in the past, mostly having to do with weather, but if you work at a cemetery can't you schedule your time around grieving relatives? I've heard that Brett works hard to make sure everything goes smoothly, and the grounds always look good, but I don't think a cemetery should work on a 9-5, Monday through Friday schedule.

There may not be many employees responsible for our cemetery, but could someone else step up to help with the preparation of a grave, or just have the funeral home take care of the gravesite until someone can make time to close it up?

After bringing up the subject I was surprised at how many people talked about having to take their kids out of school, or take an extra day off work, just so the burial could take place during the week. Other cemeteries make arrangements to bury your loved one at your convenience, not theirs. It may cost a little more, but they are accommodating. Rules don't have to be carved in marble, and maybe if enough people bring up the subject, the cemetery board will change their rules.

If you know Larry Justus, Gail Wingard or John Knabke, let them know what you think. If you think I'm full if it, let me know. You can email me at charley@wintersexpress.com

A side note: I hope I don't need their services any time soon.
Have a good week.

Americans don't appreciate much

Dear Editor,

I wonder how many of us realize how lucky we are to have been born in the United States. I am inclined to believe that the majority of us don't even care and have never even thought about the fact that we are so rich in just about anything we could ever want. The world is at our feet. If we work hard enough we can get anything that we want. Sometimes we don't even have to work for it; we can just take it.

We are in the 20 percent of the population that consumes 85 percent of the world's food. We can buy new cars that enable us to work farther and farther from our new houses over highways that are resurfaced almost yearly. If we need something, we just go to a store and buy it. Anything that we make with our hands today, we call arts and crafts.

We can grow tomatoes here in California, harvest them, and send them to Canada. Canada in turn sends them back as ketchup. We can export half a million dollars worth of almonds to Italy and import half a million dollars worth of almonds from Italy at the same time. We can stuff ourselves with exotic foods from around the world until 70 percent of us are

overweight.

Annually, women spend more money on makeup than they spend on providing healthcare for all women, rich or poor. We spend more money on dog and cat food than we spend on hunger and malnutrition. We spend more money on perfume than we spend on universal literacy. Our ocean cruises receive more money than we spend on clean drinking water and we spend more on ice cream than the immunization of our children.

There are some poor in the United States but we don't have to see them because we build barriers and walls to hide them. We don't even want to think about the 14 percent of our citizens that live below the poverty level because we give them yearly increases in the minimum wage. We don't seem to care that millions of people in the world have to live on less than one dollar a day; they should go to work, right.

We have seen huge strides in the area of civil and women's rights, thus we call each other brothers and sisters in our struggles. There is no limit to how far women and people of color can climb in our society. We are so rich. It doesn't seem to matter

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that statistics tell us that such people are more likely to hold lower paying jobs and less likely to hold higher paying jobs. Even if they are allowed a good paying job, our workplace networks can keep them out of anything important. In parts of Africa our sisters leave home before dawn to get fresh water for their families. They carry it on their backs all day long and sometimes well into the night. With the invention of ultrasound technology, there has been a decrease of 7,000 female children a day in India and similar numbers are coming from China. Our urban sprawl is out of hand but we don't seem to care that if you build a few more houses or commercial buildings then you have to have more police, more medical care and hospitals, schools, and city maintenance personnel. We don't care much about all of the other species that we force out or the plant mutations arising out of our pollution. The fact that we are the dirtiest people on earth, generating mountains of garbage and pollution that will choke us all someday doesn't seem to matter either. We don't care that the world's consumption levels have already exceeded the planet's ecological capacity and that one third of the planet is experiencing famine and thirst to such an extent that only the most powerful groups will survive. We cry for every American soldier that dies in Iraq but don't seem to think about the half a million Iraqi dead. Our current government, the most secretive and unaccountable of any in US history, has a presidential cabinet that are the richest of any administration in US history. Condoleezza Rice has an oil tanker named after her. They have succeeded in creating the largest government department bureaucracy in the history of the United States, called the "Bureau of Homeland Security". I could go on and on, but I have to stop now; I'm making myself sick. I'll just say one more thing and then I'll shut up. Why wasn't I nominated for "Citizen of the Year" and for the "Theodore Winters Award"? I didn't get anything! I get phone calls from people trying to reach Keith Cary because his number is similar to mine. It's the same old story. The pretty faces always win! Cary and Wallace, pretty faces, but who the heck are these guys! Oh well, I guess you gotta love them because they give us so many gifts that we didn't have before; like something to listen to while we read. Well, whatever! I guess you won fair and square. I'm going to be the bigger man and say it for us all — Thanks Wallace and Cary, I guess you're alright after all. Oh yeah, those Pisani guys are alright too.

DONALD K. SANDERS

Local color: A reflection on AIDS in Africa

By MIKE McGRAW
Guest columnist

December 1 was AIDS Awareness Day. A few weeks ago, the drama of Madonna adopting a baby from Malawi unfolded. Both news events hit me, causing me to reflect on a disease and a country I know well from two years of Peace Corps. In Malawi and the rest of Africa, AIDS is heaped upon communities that already struggle under burdens. The disease has become an additional weight that impedes and slows. Yet, HIV is singular, something people are told is not an ordinary condition of poverty or merely the consequence of inadequate health care. AIDS is accorded the frightful status of a pandemic. Its parallels are the plagues and influenza's of history, but the suffering it causes deceives by not claiming lives in a sweeping wave; rather it gnaws, weakening incrementally. Return visits to Malawi since the end of my Peace Corps service in 1993, have allowed me to see at intervals how the disease has progressed. The assault has been steady. Parents dead. Children, if lucky, being raised by grandparents — an older generation whose years

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Winters was arrested on an outstanding Solano County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on a previous charge of battery and an outstanding Madera County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and speeding. elo was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration on the above warrants. Felo was also issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and having unlawful tinted windows on a vehicle.

~ Francisco Javier Garcia, 27, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department warrant of arrest charging him with taking a vehicle without the owner's consent and vandalism. Garcia was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Jan. 15

~ Frank Deleon, 46, of Winters was arrested for

make them less vulnerable to infection. However, when relatives are unable to support an additional responsibility, the burden of another mouth to feed, children become orphans often left to survive on their own. Communities across the entire country are full of such outcasts. I know many people who have died. Some have been good friends whose lives were shortened by many decades — aspirations never to be realized. The government of Malawi has struggled to keep a necessary cadre of skilled civil servants to perform the duties of the nation. I have heard of two people being trained in desperation for a single job to ensure that at least one person will survive to carry it out. Development is muted and productivity languishes as private and public institution's battle to keep a workforce alive. AIDS is incurable. Western medicine to extend life is costly and largely unavailable. People go to the hospital to die. But before they do, herbalists, spiritualists, the Singanga are consulted. They are the repositories of knowledge, yet the best of them will admit an overwhelming frustration. They cannot perform the miracles requested of them.

Almost two decades into the pandemic, AIDS awareness and education programs are evident. Billboards with the president's face on it implore citizens to act responsibly and avoid risky behavior. Few can claim ignorance about how the disease is contracted and spread but still many act as if invincible, refusing to believe it could touch their lives. Dangerous pursuits are continued and when what is denied is realized there is still a refusal to see the consequences as a direct link to a particular action. Instead the explainable is explained away and replaced by the irrational thus removing any need for the individual to confront themselves. Bewitching or retribution by black magic allows a person to see things beyond their control and to find others that are to blame for circumstances. But, superstitions also give hope that bad can be counteracted with more magic. In this sense, intangibles offer peace of mind whereas self-reflection about behavior only anxiety. People die in their homes, out of view and mind. Coffin-makers are kept busy. Relatives might be reluctant or unable to give money for medicine

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but when death comes a body must be properly buried. Poverty is a reason for neglecting the living but not the dead. I imagine that one day it will end or at least diminish. Some countries show hopeful signs in combating the disease, but the lethal nature of HIV will probably bring about its own demise. It is easy to become cynical when a virus is clever and the host fragile.

(Express readers are invited to submit guest columns for our Local Color feature. Columns should be no more than 700 words and may be humorous or serious in content. We reserve the right to edit or reject any column. The deadline for submission is Monday at noon.)

Meeting features Western history

Albert Hurtado, who teaches courses in Western and Native American history at the University of Oklahoma, will discuss his book, "John Sutter, A Life on the North American Frontier," at the Yolo

County Historical Society's General Meeting, Sunday, Jan. 28, 2-4 p.m. at the Springlake Fire Department Community Room, 1550 Springlake Court in Woodland. The public is welcome.

Community

Club planning annual fashion show

By AUDREY THURMOND
Special to the Express

The Winters Fortnightly Club held the first meeting of 2007 on Tuesday, Jan. 9, with club president Audrey Thurmond presiding. The first order of business was to thank Gayle Andersen for hosting the club's Holiday Salad Luncheon on Dec. 12. A good time was had by all, with Darlene Benson adding her special touch to the gift exchange. The club also extended thanks to Betty Frisbee for the success of the Bean Soup fund-raising venture.

Looking forward, the Winters Fortnightly Club will hold what has become an annual fashion show on Saturday, March 31, and committees are busy making plans for a great event. This is the club's big fund-raiser, supporting the \$1,500 scholarship given each year to a girl from Winters High School.

Following the business meeting, club member Barbara Taylor gave a brief talk on her lifelong interest in stamp collecting, which started in her youth in her native Australia. She shared a table full of colorful and important stamps with the group.

The hostesses for the meeting were Isabel Snow, Claire Stark, Joan Gates and Jacqueline Avellar. The table was decorated elegantly for the New Year.

The bridge group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the home of Rina Waddell.

Hispanic group plans to meet at City Hall

The city of Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at City Hall in the conference room at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda items will include improvements to services and youth programs. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

For more information, call 795-4910.

Bennetts renew vows on 60th anniversary

Orie and Pat Bennett renewed their wedding vows on their 60th wedding anniversary at the Main Street Church on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. A potluck party followed at the church, with friends and family in attendance. The night prior, a dinner was held at Tomat's, hosted by the couple's children, Audette Dillon of Germany, Orie D. Bennett of San Jose, Laura Owens of Phoenix, Arizona, Marlene Anderson of Rescue, and Lloyd Bennett of Winters.

The Bennetts were married on Jan. 11, 1947 in St. Eugene's Church in Los Angeles. They spent their honeymoon in Yosemite National Park and have moved over 50 times throughout Northern California. They moved to Winters from Pollock Pines three years ago. Orie was



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employed by the City of Fairfield public works department and is retired. Pat was a bus driver for special education children in Solano County, and retired in 1975. They

also worked as apartment managers in Auburn.

The Bennetts have 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. They enjoy church activities and watching football.

Theater group presents Rhythmics evening

Visiting professor Elena Druzhnikova of the Russian Schukin Theatre Institute will be teaching acting using her system called Rhythmics, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Community Center at 7 p.m.

Druzhnikova is a graduate of the PhD Program of the Russian State Academy of Theatrical Arts in Moscow and specializes in teaching this unique method, which serves to improve the actor's sense of movement on the stage. Her approach is considered one of the most important movement disciplines in Russian drama

schools.

She has been an invited professor conducting movement workshops at Stanford University, Harvard University's American Repertory Theatre, the National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts in Sofia, Bulgaria, and the Russian State Academy of Theatrical Arts in Moscow.

She is currently visiting her father, UC Davis Professor Yuri Druzhnikova, who will begin the evening with a background talk on the evolution of the dramatic arts in Russia. He has a distinguished career

as a novelist, critic, and historian of Russian culture.

The evening is being offered by the Winters Theatre Company to persons interested in the arts of Russia and the application of Rhythmics to improved stage movement and performance.

Anyone interested in attending can call Linda Glick, 795-3683, or Howard Hupe, 756-6187. Pre-registration is necessary, and attendees should wear casual clothing since some practical exercises are involved. There is no charge for the event.

Future of Yolo County Fair to be discussed

A community workshop on the future of the Yolo County Fair will be held at the fairgrounds on Monday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. in the Home Arts Building, 1250 East Gum Street in Woodland.

The workshop is part of a joint study on the future of the Yolo County Fair, commissioned by Yolo County, the city of Woodland and the 40th District Agricultural Association (DAA). The purpose of the workshop is to gather public input regarding potential uses and planning features for the existing fairgrounds site if the fair were to be relocated.

Among the issues that will be addressed at the workshop are:

- ~ History of the fair.
- ~ Current fairground activities and conditions.
- ~ Potential future uses of the fairgrounds if the site is redeveloped.

For more information regarding the workshop or the technical report, contact Lonny Wunder, chief executive officer of DAA, 402-2201 or lonny@yolo-countryfair.net.



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revamp their goals and expectations for 2007-08 and emphasize the need for improvement in student achievement.

“When less than half of our students aren’t proficient or above, we don’t need somebody from the outside to tell us that we aren’t getting the job done,” trustee Jay Shepherd commented during a discussion of district goals and program improvement needs at the Jan. 11 school board meeting. He pointed out that successful school districts with demographics similar to those in Winters have leaders and staff “all rowing in the same direction.” Trustee Rick Romney questioned whether the district is “teaching the right stuff the right way.”

Although the district has made progress over the last six years in producing more students who perform at proficient or advanced levels, superintendent Dale Mitchell cautions that there is a “fair amount of variability” in the assessment data. For instance, only 19 percent of the district’s second graders were performing at proficient or advanced levels in 2000-01; last year 45 percent were at those levels. Yet, only 29 percent of the district’s tenth graders were rated proficient or advanced last year, the same level as in 2000-01.

“It’s frustrating to hear that we are improving, but not enough,” trustee Rodney Orosco commented.

Despite the frustration, trustees are cautious about making too many changes too fast.

“We have to focus on things that are working and double our efforts there. Don’t jump ship for something new,” trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa said.

The district has been making changes over the last few years. These have included teaching to state standards, using pacing schedules to ensure that all standards are covered, differentiated instruction based on assessment results, and opportunities, both within and outside the school day, for students to pass required benchmarks.

This year Waggoner Elementary and Winters Middle schools are getting outside help with a couple of special programs to bolster both teacher and student performance, an option mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act as the two schools try to rise above their “program improvement school” status under the Act.

“What we’re doing hasn’t gone on long enough to see if it really works,” trustee Robert Nickelson said. However, time is no longer a luxury and a sense of urgency is creeping into discussions among board members and district administrators.

“Leadership is not satisfied with what we’re seeing in terms of results. We need to keep focusing on instruction,” Emily Sim-

mons, director of educational services for the district, said. She said that the district doesn’t use assessment data the way it should or as frequently as it should, that not all teachers are truly versed in standards-based education, that essential standards have to be selected before instructional materials are developed, and that principals will be in the classrooms more frequently.

“The leadership team is rowing in the same direction. That’s a big improvement,” Simmons said.

Trustees will continue their discussion of goals and directions at their Feb. 1 meeting.

Enrollment slide continues

Student actual daily attendance of 1,731 after the first four months of school (Nov. 30) shows a continuing decline in enrollment, with 59 fewer students than projected for the period. If that number holds, it would mean a 5.4 percent enrollment decrease from last year and a funding loss for next year of \$331,352.

Awards

Board members recognized Waggoner student Tyler Williams for his achievements in the school’s Read Aloud Pro-

gram and Waggoner students Angel and Angalina Tunstall for their outstanding progress in the district’s Dual Immersion Program. They also recognized Angel and Angalina’s grandmother Kimberly Hicks and Marge Sebastian for their volunteer work at Waggoner.

Personnel changes

Trustees approved an employment status change for Wolfskill teacher Deborah Lee, extended maternity leave for Winters Middle school counselor Tanya Hart Beverly, retroactively approved maternity leave (which ended Dec. 17, 2006) for Winters High School RSP teacher Andrea Hurst, and accepted the resignation of Waggoner School aide Dawn Rhodes. Colleen Tufts was hired as a short-term service provider and Luz Bravo-Rios, Lisa Nalbone, and Mary Zuniga-Savage were added to the district’s list of certificated substitutes. Maria de la Torre was approved as an on-call classified employee substitute.

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, at Winters High School, 101 Grant Avenue.

Freedom From War documentary focuses on Iraq

Robert Greenwald’s documentary “Iraq for Sale” will be screened in the Blanchard Room of the Davis Public Library, located at 315 E. 14th Street, on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Greenwald’s documentary is “the story of what happens to everyday

Americans when corporations go to war. It uncovers the connections between private corporations making a killing in Iraq and the decision makers who allow them to do so” (www.iraqforsale.org).

This event is another in the Freedom From War film series and is not spon-

sored by the Library nor does the presence of Freedom From War in the community room constitute Library endorsement of the policies or beliefs of the group.

For more information, calling 758-2362 or 758-8431 or by visit www.freedomfromwar.org.

Planning a community event?
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earning B+ and B grades, respectively, from the watchdog group. The West Sacramento Police Department received a C and the Yolo County Sheriff's Department, a D+.

Failing the audit were the Woodland Police Department and the California Highway Patrol office in Woodland, which serves all of Yolo County.

Across the state, auditors reported encountering a variety of obstacles to receiving public records, including police employees who were rude, misinformed or generally unwilling to help.

In Napa, a sheriff's employee told a reporter he needed permission from the County Board of Supervisors to view crime

and arrest reports, while the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department required an auditor's Social Security number so she could be checked for outstanding warrants, according to CalAware's findings.

In 13 percent of the cases, agencies refused entirely to accept an auditor's written requests for information. None of them were in Yolo County.

"I was prepared for the barriers to be interpretations of the law that we happen to disagree with, but not all these really kind of startling instances of severe misinformation and complete indifference," said Terry Francke, general counsel for CalAware. "The average agency doesn't appear to be prepared for requests for information from unknown people.

"We hope this audit puts a little bit of pressure on agencies to see if they need training, and if they're willing to provide it."

Audit method

On the day of the audit, reporters visited their local law-enforcement agencies and asked to speak to the person responsible for handling public records requests. Auditors then made several oral information requests, followed by a written request seeking 10 additional documents to be viewed at a later date.

The reporters were instructed to pose as everyday citizens, identifying themselves and their employers only if required to receive the information. Auditors were not to provide false information or argue their legal rights to

receive the desired documents. In several instances, however, Enterprise reporters were almost immediately recognized.

After 10 days, the auditors submitted reports to CalAware, which then graded each agency on their compliance, or lack thereof. Scores began at 100, with points deducted for actions such as failing to respond to the requests or filing late responses, omitting information from crime and arrest reports, demanding an auditor's identification or sending auditors elsewhere for the requested information.

CalAware officials said the ideal performance would have involved an agency providing orally requested information

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Adult Protective Services protects dependent adults

By **BETH GABOR**
Yolo County Public Information Officer
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UC Davis Intern
Special to the Express

Within the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services, the Adult Services Division houses two separate programs – In-Home Supportive Services (described in last month's feature) and Adult Protective Services. Each program provides services to those in need. Adult Protective Services serves elders or dependent adults in danger of abuse or neglect, and IHSS provides in-home care services to individuals with disabilities at risk of needing out-of-home placement.

Adult Protective Services (APS) contributes to the well-being of elder and dependent adults in the community. Under Yolo County APS, social workers investigate reports of self neglect or abuse against the elderly (65 years and older) and dependent adults (18 to 64 years) who have physical, mental, or developmental disabilities. The types of investigations by APS range from self-neglect — the most common form — to physical or financial abuse by others.

Anyone can report suspected abuse. APS receives approximately 450 calls annually concerning elder abuse from friends, neighbors and family, as well as mandated reporters such as doctors, community agencies, or those involved in the cus-

tody or care of elderly and dependent populations.

Child Protective Services (CPS) differs from APS in that while CPS services can be mandatory, APS services are voluntary. In other words, the client (victim) has the right to refuse services. The social workers, of course, do make every effort to engage the client, encouraging and offering help and services. If an adult accepts assistance, the social worker, with the client, designs a plan to meet his or her needs.

Each case is different. Some need help with the day-to-day activities of maintaining a household, while others need protection from financial or physical abuse, in which case law enforcement becomes involved. Whatever the problem, Yolo County social workers coordinate with a variety of resources to serve their clients.

"Our goal is to have a person live as independently as possible, in a safe and stable environment," explains Debra Thomson, social worker supervisor, Yolo County Adult Protective Services and In-Home Supportive Services.

APS is not a long-term case management service, but instead investigates and stabilizes the situations of at-risk adults. If clients do need long-term care, the office looks to other agencies for assistance, namely Alta Regional Center or the Yolo County Public Guardian's office. Family members, who simply may be unaware a problem exists, or

unaware of what to do about it, can also provide the assistance required. APS can assist families by providing information, guidance, and connecting them to appropriate resources.

Starting this year, APS has a new tool at its disposal. Thanks to Senate Bill 1018, authored by Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (D-Davis), banks and financial institutions are

also mandated reporters of elder financial abuse. Yolo County APS employees are hopeful this measure will facilitate early intervention in cases of financial abuse, thus protecting the finances of one of our most vulnerable populations.

For more information regarding Yolo County Adult Protective Services, call (916) 375-6239, or toll free, (888) 675-1115.

Alzheimer's caregivers support groups planned in Winters

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver support groups will take place on Mondays, Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and March 26, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Winters Healthcare Foundation office, located at 7 Main Street.

The facilitator is Sandy Webster. The group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. There is no charge to attend.

For more information, call (916) 930-9080.

Entertainment

Slow Food Yolo features citrus tour, tasting on Feb. 10

Join Slow Food Yolo on Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, on a private tour and tasting at Four Winds Growers, a wholesale citrus nursery tucked in the hills behind Winters. Mary Helen Seeger, co-owner, and great-granddaughter of the founder of Four Winds Nursery, based in Fremont, will be leading the tour.

Participants will visit the citrus orchards, with their full grown trees, the extensive greenhouses and outdoor growing areas, while Mary Helen ex-

plains about nursery production, and the characteristics of the different citrus. The tour will be followed by a tasting of the many citrus that are in season, including the Indigo kumquat and mandarin cross, a pale pink lemon, and blood oranges.

Participants may want to bring a clipboard for the information sheet Mary Helen will give them, including where to buy the trees locally, and to take notes on the trees and the tasting. Participants will meet at a design-

nated spot near the nursery at 9:30 a.m., then carpool up the hill 9:45 a.m.

After the tour, everyone is invited to sample some of downtown Winters' restaurants for lunch, such as Ficelle, Putah Creek Cafe, Steady Eddy's, Cody's Deli, Chuy's Taqueria, or El Pueblo Taqueria.

The cost is \$10 for Slow Food Members, \$15 for non-members. To reserve a spot, mail checks to Slow Food Yolo c/o 1436 Pinnacles Street, Davis, CA 95616.

Citizens Who Care present annual concert

Citizens Who Care presents its 15th annual benefit concert "On the Sunny Side of the Street," in the Veterans' Memorial Center Theatre, 14th & B Streets in Davis, on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m.

"On the Sunny Side of the Street" salutes lyricist Dorothy Fields, the first woman to make it to the top of the songwriting heap. Her career spanned five decades and was as prolific as it was long and successful. The story of this amazing woman will be told through the songs she wrote for the Broadway stage and Hollywood musicals.

The concert is produced by Martha Dickman (the 2006 A.G. Brinley award winner for consistently bringing her passion for music to the people of the community), and written and narrated by Stephen Peithman (host of Capital Public Radio's "Musical Stages"). Along with Dickman and Peithman, performers include Joe Alkire, Bob Bowen, Gwyneth Bruch, Rebecca Plack, Lenore Sebastian, Peter Shack and accompanist James Croghan.

All proceeds will benefit Citizens Who Care, Inc. a non-profit agency dedicated to improving the quality of life of the frail elderly and their families through social support programs and respite services.

Tickets are \$25 general admission, and \$15 students, and are available at the Citizens Who Care office, 1260 Lake Blvd, Suite 208, Davis (Westlake Plaza, Stonegate Executive Offices second floor, above the pizza shop). For tickets and information call 758-3704. Concert details and other information about Citizens Who Care are also available at www.citizenswho-care.org.

About Citizens Who Care



Coming to the Palms Eliza Gilkyson

On Friday, Jan. 26, 2007 Eliza Gilkyson will perform her powerful poetic songs from her new recording called Paradise Hotel at the Palms.

Performance starts at 8:30 p.m. with opening show by Tony Gilkyson.

Tickets are \$20. For more information visit The Palms website at palmsplayhouse.com.



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Citizens Who Care supports these programs and services:

- ~ The In-home Respite Visiting Program provides family caregivers of older adults with a weekly break from caregiving. Companionship and social support are provided to both the older adult and the caregiver. Respite volunteers receive training from CWC's professional staff.

- ~ The Convalescent Hospital Visiting Program provides companionship and mental stimulation to socially isolated,

elderly residents. Volunteers of all ages are matched with residents. Volunteers with pets bring their friendly, well-behaved pets to lift the spirits of residents.

- ~ The Time-Off For Caregivers Program offers site-based social activities at the Davis Senior Center two Saturdays a month, giving caregivers a five-hour break each program day. A healthy lunch and stimulating activities are provided.

Join the art while wine tasting

By: KATHERINE ROMINGER
Special to the Express

Come see and taste the artistry of Yolo County at the Winters Center for the Arts at two special events coming up in February.

On Saturday, Feb. 3 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Winters Center for the Arts gallery located at 31 Main Street, the public is invited to view fine art by Sande Kay and Lorenzo Kristov, taste wine from Yolo County's newest local winery, Rominger West, enjoy hors d'oeuvres from the Davis Co-op and support art education. This is a very special art display. Although entrance to the art show is free, for those wanting to taste wine the cost is \$10 per person. The proceeds will go into a fund initiated by the Winters Center for the Arts, to be used as art scholarships supporting local high school students.

Kay's pieces go under the theme "Animism: the radical notion that all beings have souls" and includes paintings and ink drawings. One of her most extraordinary pieces of art is "Crow Dance" which consists of seven different crow paintings. Kay kept dreaming of crows before this art show, which is what inspired her. The first piece of the mural is hanging in the gallery and the other six pieces will be added over the next three weeks. The pieces are all different sizes, yet all come together to form a masterpiece.

Kristov's "Freights" includes an array of photographs of graffiti on freight trains. His work is unique because he focuses on small pieces of the graffiti. He makes it possible to see the smooth work of the paint against the rough surfaces of latches, dents and door handles.

On Feb. 10 the Xenter will celebrate the opening of its new location at 18 Main Street. The public is invited to help celebrate by attending a reception on Saturday,



Courtesy photo

This piece is in the "Freights" exhibit of photographs by Lorenzo Kristov, to be featured at the closing reception and wine-tasting fundraiser at Winters Center for the Arts.

Feb. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Artwork from several local high school students will be on display. There will also be a raffle to raise more funds for art scholarships for our local high school students. Raffle prizes include an authentic woven rug worth \$500 and a variety of wines from the Rominger West Winery. Raffle ticket prices are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Tickets are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and Warrior Video. All money collected will also go towards the scholarships.

Coming to these events will be pleasant experiences and will support the Center for the Arts and the high school art program. The Center has established a lasting legacy, to help all artists, but especially high school artists pursue their goals. The Center provides art classes and promotes art education through scholarships.

Five best science authors to meet at the Davis Center

Named one of the "Five Best Science Reads" by the Wall Street Journal, here's your chance to meet the authors of Bedrock: Writing on the Wonders of Geology! Co-author Eldridge Moores is a Distinguished Professor

Emeritus of Geology at UC Davis. Co-author Judy Moores, a local activist, was awarded the Covell Award (Davis, Citizen of the Year 1999) for her outstanding career of volunteer work. The public is cordially invited to

hear these local Davis authors discuss their book on Friday, Jan. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street. For more information call the Davis Senior Center (530) 757 5696.

Art instructors share their art work at art gallery

Art Instructors from Solano Community College share their own work. The Vacaville Art Gallery is pleased to exhibit the

gifted & distinctive work of twenty-one Solano Community College art instructors. You are invited to a "Meet the Artists" re-

ception on Friday, Jan. 26, 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit is open Jan. 6-27, Gallery Hours: Tuesday- Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m.

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AUDIT

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within three days of the visit, with notification within 10 days that most of the other information would be made available, combined with no demands for the requester's identity, affiliation or purpose.

The lowest grade received by a Yolo County agency was an F- given to the California Highway Patrol office, which fulfilled only part of the oral records request and provided no response to the written request. In fact, none of the 32 CHP offices audited statewide responded to the — written requests, many of which were forwarded to the agency's legal division. Six offices refused to accept the written requests altogether, according to the CalAware report.

The Woodland office was one of only seven statewide to provide DUI arrest information, and only five provided reckless driving citation information, CalAware said. Woodland was not one of them. Capt. Darren "Ike" Iketani, commander of the Woodland CHP office, could not be reached for comment about CalAware's findings.

The Woodland Police Department also received a failing grade.

Although the agency complied with the written request, it was docked numerous points for not providing the orally requested documents. On the day of the audit, records staff, although courteous, said no one was available to provide the police chief's economic interest form, and while the agency keeps a blotter of crime and arrest reports, those

for the first two weeks of November had been shredded, they said.

Emily Francke, CalAware's executive director, said the law calls for an agency to be responsive to such requests during normal business hours.

"Somebody should be there to take requests at all times," she said. "That is a failure on their part and it's an unfortunate one, but it's just a learning lesson for them, we hope."

Lt. Charlie Wilts, spokesman for the Woodland Police Department, acknowledged that there appears to be a need to heighten the records staff's awareness of public records requests.

"I'm not sure they realized there was some formality and a timeline for the response," Wilts said, adding that the department strives to provide its records employees with public-records training whenever possible.

"However, I don't think that anybody acted in anything less than good faith.

Higher scores

The Davis Police Department was the county's highest-scoring agency, receiving a B+ from CalAware (which raised the agency's grade from a B- in light of a scoring error discovered Thursday night).

The Winters Police Department also came in well above the state average with a B. The agency received several minor point reductions for actions such as asking the purpose of the written records request and referring the auditor to another agency — the next-door City Hall — for the chief's economic interest form.

Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto was

pleased with the results, though acknowledged that his agency's small size likely made it easier to provide a swift response.

"My idea is that whatever can be released, should be released," Muramoto said Thursday. "We absolutely follow the law, and that's the way it should be."

Steve Pierce, Davis interim police chief, agreed. Although Pierce was inadvertently tipped off about the audit by an Enterprise editor on the day of the event, he said it did not affect how his agency responded to the requests.

The Davis Police Department received a score of 86 out of 100, taking point reductions for late responses to the oral request, as well as for missing information from crime and arrest reports that CalAware felt should have been provided. But Pierce took issue with some of the deductions, saying additional time was needed in some cases to properly fulfill the auditor's requests. Collecting the desired crime and arrest reports was particularly time-consuming, he added.

Pierce said while the department could have provided the auditor with the agency's media log, which offers brief capsules of incidents that occur in the city each day, "we would have been insufficient in our response." By taking extra time to collect the reports, we actually provided full disclosure under the law," he said.

The economic interest form, Pierce added, is kept on file with the city clerk at City Hall and could not be immediately provided. Similar findings were made across the

state, where 43 percent of audited agencies sent their auditors to other locations to obtain the forms, according to the CalAware report. Only 17 percent of the agencies made the form available, and 23 percent said they were unaware of the form.

The Yolo County Sheriff's Department was one of the few agencies to provide the form immediately. But its final grade, a D+, reflected shortcomings such as not providing the crime and arrest reports and a late response to the written records request.

Sheriff Ed Prieto said Thursday the failure to provide the crime and arrest reports likely was due to his department's recent switchover to a computerized records system. At the time of the audit, he said, those records had to be sought by hand, a lengthy process at best. Despite the poor grade, Prieto contends his agency strives to be accountable to the public.

"I open the doors — I don't hide anything, as long as it's not protected by confidentiality laws," Prieto said. "Whatever we approved should have been (released), but if it wasn't, it was because our computer system wasn't up and running."

The complete results of the law-enforcement audit can be viewed on the Californians Aware Web site: www.calaware.org. Results of previous audits conducted by the organization also appear there.

Report card

California Highway Patrol, Woodland: Score: 26; grade: **F-**
Davis Police Department: Score: 86; grade: **B+**
West Sacramento Police Department: Score: 66; grade: **C**
Winters Police Department: Score: 82; grade: **B**
Woodland Police Department: Score: 35; grade: **F**
Yolo County Sheriff's Department: Score: 56; grade: **D+**

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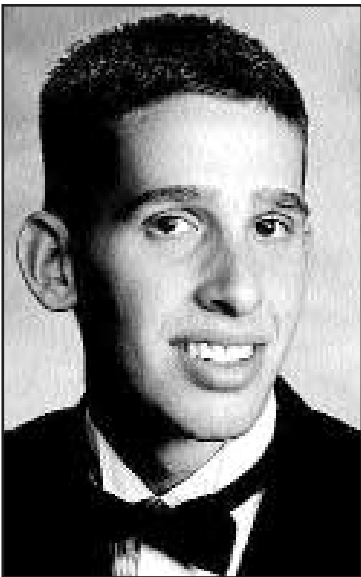
Sports

Event will honor former student

Winters High School will host “Find a Cure” night at Young gymnasium on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. with a basketball game against the Sutter Huskies, in honor of former Winters High School student Jared Davis.

Davis, a graduate of Winters High School, lost his life on Aug. 8, 2006 to a very rare disease called aplastic anemia, which attacks bone marrow. He battled this disease for 11 months, during which time “he showed everyone how precious life is and how to enjoy the little things in life,” said a family friend.

In memory of Davis, Winters High School will honor his jersey on Jan. 23 night as well as accept any donations to help find a cure for aplastic anemia. To make a donation to find a cure, make checks payable to UCFS Adult Bone Marrow



Jared Davis

Transplant Program, Attention: Dr. Charles Linker, 400 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94143. To make a donation to the Jared Davis scholarship fund, send a check to Winters High School, Attention: Jared Davis Scholarship Fund, 101 Grant Avenue, Winters, CA 95694.

Freshman fall hard to Gridley

Winters freshman boys basketball team lost their league opener to Gridley on Friday, January 12, 49-16.

“We did not play well as a team at all,” said coach Matt Baker. Winters had a hard time scoring with Fabian Carillo leading the

team with 7 points. Kyle Bowen, Ed Latimer, Cody Romiro and Zach Pangburn each scored 2 points, while Ricki Lucero scored 1 point for the Warriors.

“Riki, Vince Doyle and Israel Aguilera all did a good job on defense,” said Baker.

JV boys lose close one to Gridley

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters JV boys' basketball team traveled to Gridley to take on the Bulldogs in their league opener and lost a close game 58-52.

“We are getting better at making adjustments,” said coach Brad Burton. “We got out rebounded, but we are starting to play more as a team. Geerts did a good job and was making some big

three pointers and Max Mariani did a great job on defense and hit some key shots.”

Geerts led the Warriors with 22 points. Cody Shafer scored 8 points. Mariani scored 5 points, Jules Damey also scored 5, Jeronimo Aguilera scored 4 points, Jose Ceja and Kyle Tobler each scored 3 points, while Patrick Leslie put in 2 points for the Warriors.

Girls soccer team downs Gridley

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Lady Warriors traveled to Gridley on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and came home with a 2-1 Butte View League victory over the Bulldogs. Winters scored one in the first half and one more in the second with Arlett Chavez and Danielle Murphy doing the damage.

Jessica Jordan added an assist for the Warriors in a game that Winters dominated offensively. The Warriors totaled 16 shots to the Bulldogs' six. Fabiola Silva took six shots, Chavez had five, Murphy had four, and Kaelene Callison had one shot at the goal for the Warriors. Mari-

bel Escobedo had 11 saves as goalkeeper to help seal the Warriors' victory.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the Warriors played the Wheatland Pirates at home and had to settle for a 0-0 tie. It wasn't for a lack of trying that Winters didn't get on the board as they took 18 shots at the goal. Once again Silva was very aggressive taking six shots, Murphy had five shots, Chavez took four, Jordan had two and Callison took one shot at scoring. Escobedo had seven saves for the Warriors.

The Warriors next home game will be against Las Plumas on Thursday, Jan. 18, at Shirley Rominger School.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Ari Hoover passes the ball to Danielle Murphy for the Warriors in a recent game against Orland.

Warriors beat Gridley in league opener

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity boys' basketball team traveled to Gridley to take on the Bulldogs in their league opener and came home with a 46-38 victory. After leading 21-16 at the half the Warriors came out and had a big third period to take a commanding lead.

Despite a four point fourth period, the Warriors came home with an eight point victory.

“We are still trying to find the right chemistry,”

said coach Jason Davis. “We had guys come off the bench and play well and now we have an eight man rotation instead of five or six.”

The Warriors also played a good defensive game against a good three point shooting team. Winters held the Bulldogs top scorers to just eight points each.

Brock Neil, Mateus Peruck and Damon Miles dominated the boards especially in the third period to help the Warriors pull ahead. Neil pulled down 13 rebounds, while

Peruck grabbed 9 and Miles had 8. Nathanael Lucero and Peruck led the Warriors in scoring with 12 points each. Colton Crabtree scored 7 points.

Pierre Cooper scored 5 points, Neil scored 4, while Miles, Alexio Jurado and Kelven Leverett each added 2 points for the Warriors.

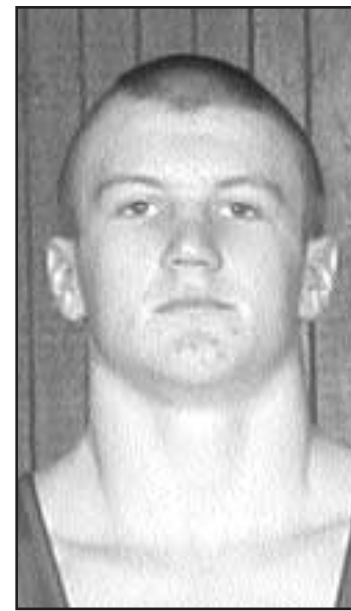
Avellar scores 24 in JV girls game

Megan Avellar led the Winters High School JV girls' basketball team to a 39-13 blowout over the visiting Gridley Bulldogs in the Warriors league opener. Avellar almost doubled the Bulldogs team total with a game high 24 points. Amy Avellar scored 6 points for the Warriors. Holly Valenzuela scored 5 points, while Olivia Wingard and Alyssa Oxley each scored 2 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors now 1-0 in

league will play their next home game on Friday, Jan. 19, at Young Gymnasium. Tip off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

CODY’S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Jesse Hellinger

Jesse Hellinger, a sophomore on the Winters High School wrestling team, is this week's athlete of the week. Hellinger has been dominating his opponents all season and has compiled a 14-4 record with 13 pins. All of Hellinger's losses have been against top section ranked wrestlers and one was because of an injury.

“Jesse is an amazing wrestler,” said coach Tim Hausler. “He will be competing for the state tournament as a sophomore and has a legitimate chance of making it.”

FOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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

Go Warriors!

Schools

Warriors having a tough time on the field

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Warriors took on the defending league soccer champs on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and suffered a 7-1 loss to the Gridley Bulldogs. Winters played stingy defense for the first 15 minutes before the Bulldogs scored their first goal.

The Warriors were down 3-0 before David Hill put Winters on the board. Francisco Martinez made a good pass on the play to make it a

3-1 game. Unfortunately for the Warriors the Bulldogs were not done as they scored two more goals before the half.

"In the second half our offense created more opportunities to score but were unable to cut the lead," said coach Alfredo Rodriguez.

On the Thursday, Jan. 11, the Warriors hosted Wheatland.

"With Jose Herrera back on the team, the team got a boost of confidence," Rodriguez said. "With so much time off, Herrera seemed

rusty and was unable to score even though he had several opportunities. It was a very physical game on both sides which earned some of our players 3 yellow cards for aggressive play."

Wheatland didn't waste any time putting the ball in the net as they took a 4-0 half time lead and won the game 6-0.

"They were able to score on several occasions from set plays that our defense was unable to clear out of the box," Rodriguez said.

Warrior wrestlers win matches, lose meet

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School wrestling team had a dual meet with the Gridley Bulldogs on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and

turned out some impressive performances despite losing the meet.

The Warriors only had five wrestlers competing and won four of the matches. But due to the rest of the weight classes being forfeited, the

Bulldogs walked away with the victory.

Beau Howard won the 135 class. Jesse Hellinger won at the 160 class. Brandon White won the 171 weight division and Billy Rotenkolber won his weight class at 189 lbs.

Christopher Kays competes as Aerials gymnast

Christopher Kays traveled to Petaluma on Dec. 9, 2006 to compete in the season opener for Aerials Gymnastics of Vacaville. Kays competed in six events at the Level Four competition for boys ages 8-9. He finished the meet with a second place on High Bar with a score of 7.1, a fifth place finish in the Pommel Horse with a score of 7.7, second place finishes on the Floor and the Parallel Bars with scores of 8.5, a second place finish also on Rings with an 8.75 and a first place finish on the Vault with a 9.6.

Kay's overall compulsory score totaled 50.15 and he medaled for fifth place

overall out of twenty-one gymnasts. The Aerials boys team, ages 8-9, finished second overall.

On Jan. 6, Kays competed in Level 4 Competition (all ages) at the Novato Invitational. He finished with a third on High Bar with a score of 7.8 and five second place finishes, scoring 8.5 on Vault and the Parallel Bars, an 8.6 on the Pommel Horse, an 8.65 on Rings and an 8.9 on Floor. Kays overall compulsory score was 50.95 and he received a medal for his second place finish. Andrew Clarke of Aerials medaled for first place with an overall compulsory score of 51.

Kays also competed at the 2007 High Tech Invitational in Rancho Cordova on Jan. 14. He again competed in Level 4 Competition against nineteen other gymnasts his bracket of competition. Kays medaled in four events with an eighth place on Floor scoring an 8.9, a third place on Rings with a score of 9.3, and his second place finishes on High Bar with a score of 8.6 and Parallel Bars with a score of 9.15. Kays received a medal for his fifth place overall finish with his personal best compulsory score of 53.1. Kays will travel this weekend to compete in San Bruno.

Winters Wrestling Kids Club places in state

By RORY LINTON
Special to the Express

The Winters Wrestling Kids Club sent 14 wrestlers to the Bay Area Wrestling Association state qualifier held at Marin Catholic High School in Kentfield.

Brothers Dalton and Carson Lowrie wrestled very tough for first year Pee Wee wrestlers both getting medals for wrestling hard. The Pee Wee (ages up to 6 years old) division does not qualify for state.

In the Bantam Division (7 & 8 years old) Winters wrestlers Gary Molina, William Moore and brothers Vic and Will Maldonado all received medals and qualify for state.

Winters Wrestlers in the Midget Division (9 & 10 years old) all did excellent. Zach Linton (75lb) and Jacob Lowrie (87lb) took first place, followed by Morgan Nicholas (65lb) and Mason Rodriguez (112lb), who both took second place.

Fighting hard in the Novice Division (11 & 12

years old) were Ben Case (95lb), Chaz Mathews (90lb), Erik Iannone (70lb), Doran Rawls (140+lb) and Bo Alvarez (80lb). Placing first were Ben and Erik, taking second was Chaz and Doran and third was Bo.

"Every kid took home a medal which was a great showing for Winters Wrestling" said coach Dan Nicholas.

The Winters Wrestling

Kids Club has 28 kids and is coached by head coach Rod Johnson and assistant coaches Tim Hausler, Mike Iannone, Dan Nicholas and Rory Linton. Any kids interested in wrestling can still join. Practices are at the Shirley Rominger School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. To participate, contact Rory Linton, 795 3321, or come by the school.

Drum major wins 2nd place



Courtesy Photo
Winters High School band led by drum major Mattilyn Long (left) took 2nd place in the Woodland Christmas Parade.

Lady Warriors fall to Bulldogs

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

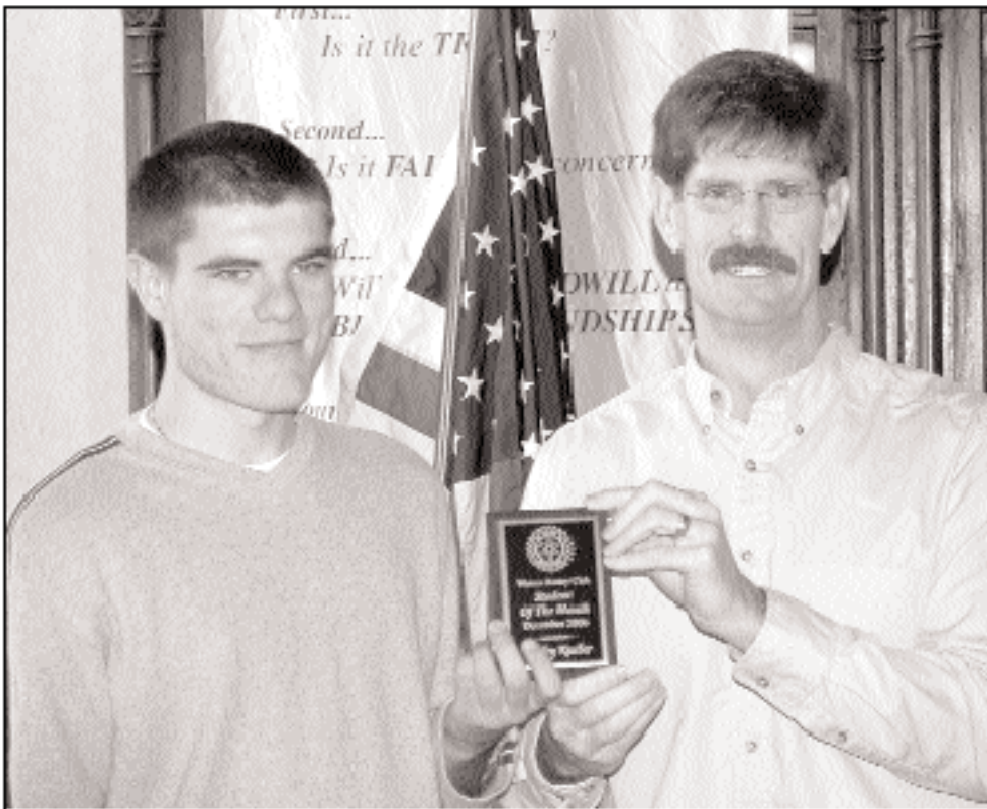
Friday, Jan. 12, was a cold night in the Winters High School gym, which seemed to affect the Warriors more so than the visiting Gridley Bulldogs. Winters was held to their lowest scoring game this season in a 44-35 loss. The game was tied 25-25 at half time but the Warriors were outscored 12-5 in the fourth period.

"The gym was cold and so were we," said coach Matt Cooley. "We could have won this game. Gridley is good, but we can beat them if we play better. It wasn't that they stopped us, we just had a bad night."

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ROTARY CLUB OF WINTERS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Wesley Karber



Evan Barnes presented Wesley Karber with a plaque honoring him as a Rotary Student of the Month. As 'Wes' parents, JoAnn and Steve Karber, looked on, Mr. Barnes thanked Rotary for giving him the chance to honor 'Wes'. "Wes is one of those students who deserves recognition, not just in one of my classes, but both applied science and physical science. He has received the highest grade I've given out in over 4 years," Mr. Barnes told the lunchtime crowd. He went on to say, "Wes is a stand up guy and likes helping other students. He's like having a teacher's assistant!"



Rotary Club of Winters
Meets every Thursday, 12:15 p.m.
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to help celebrate our 50 years
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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

¿Cobertura médica para todos?

Vivimos en el país de la abundancia, en el país más rico del mundo, pero desgraciadamente existen mas de 40 millones de personas sin cobertura medica, el sistema de salud de este país es sin duda por mucho el mas caro del mundo, equilibrar los altos costos del servicio medico, con relación al numero de personas que se atienden, siempre resulta ser muy comprometedor para los políticos cuando se aventuran a tratar de resolver este crucigrama, quizá es por eso que los políticos han dejado que este problema se les vaya poco a poco saliendo de su control.

Pero el Gobernador ha dado una sorpresa muy positiva, con su propuesta de una cobertura medica universal, incluyendo a los indocumentados, esta dando una buena señal de que quiere ser el líder que se necesita para esta área. Por lo menos parece que se decidió a mantener su compromiso con el principio básico de que la atención médica debe ser un servicio que esté al alcance de todos los californianos

El alto costo de los servicios médicos ha sido siempre el gran obstáculo que siempre se ha interpuesto cuando se ha tratado de implementar algún tipo de reforma. Pero aquí el plan del Gobernador es repartir la responsabilidad del costo a todos los participantes del sistema. Según el plan el sector empresarial, trabajadores, médicos, hospitales y compañías de seguro deberán hacer contribuciones monetarias a un fondo general. De igual manera, se prometen mayores reembolsos estatales por servicios prestados bajo Medi-Cal. A esta propuesta se vendrán los pros y los contras, sobre todo de aquellos a quienes se les pedirá una aportación económica, para poder sacar adelante esta propuesta.

Seguiremos de cerca todo lo relacionado con esta propuesta, esperamos que la legislatura Demócrata haga su parte, analizando cada detalle del plan. La crisis que se tiene en California no debe esperar mas tiempo. Aquí en California se estima que el numero de personas que carecen de seguro medico es de 6.6 millones de personas, y este problema no abarca solo a los sectores más pobres, sino que también hay sectores de la clase media que carecen de cobertura. Por otra parte, la falta de seguro médico, aparte de los problemas de salud, es uno de los responsables principales de la bancarrota personal. Basta una enfermedad seria para llevar a una familia a la ruina financiera.

El derecho a una cobertura básica de salud debiera ser un derecho básico para los residentes de California, ojalá la propuesta del Gobernador nos acerque a ello, lo más importante de este plan es el financiamiento, debemos esperar que los políticos hagan su trabajo para garantizar que este proyecto sobreviva.

Cinco Años Después

Cinco años han pasado ya desde que el gobierno puso en efecto la ley federal Que ningún niño se quede atrás, y lamentablemente de poco beneficio ha sido para los hispanos, porque en el aprovechamiento académico seguimos retrasados en comparación al resto del país. El consejo nacional de la raza publico la semana pasada un estudio sobre la educación hispana en los Estados Unidos, y en donde presentan al sistema educativo de este país como una barrera para el aprovechamiento de los hispanos en lo que se refiere a la educación. Y se demuestra que aunque sea un mandato legislativo, los hispanos siguen teniendo el aprovechamiento educativo mas bajo, entre todos los grupos étnicos.

El problema es que pese a que hay numerosos programas y recursos para ayudar a los estudiantes, desgraciadamente en las escuelas donde están registrados los hispanos, no se cuenta con los recursos, imagínense el problema empieza desde el preescolar y sigue hasta el nivel universitario. Con esta falta de apoyo no podemos esperar que nuestros estudiantes mejoren como la ley federal lo establece, por el contrario se esta mirando que realmente no hay un indicio de que esta situación pronto pueda cambiar.

El cambio vendrá cuando los estudiantes his-

panos tengan mejor acceso a buenos programas educativos.

La tendencia que se presenta en los varones hispanos, es que ellos, tienen una probabilidad significativamente menor de terminar la escuela secundaria que sus congéneres blancos no hispanos. El estudio también menciona que las escuelas que atienden a mas hispanos y a otras minorías, por lo general ofrecen menos cursos académicos. El informe resalta que los latinos constituyen una proporción significativa de la población estudiantil desde los niveles preescolares hasta el grado 12 y que el porcentaje de latinos en las instituciones de educación superior representaba un 17 por ciento de toda la matrícula estudiantil en 2005.

El estudio dice que por lo menos un 80 por ciento de los alumnos que muestran carencias en el idioma ingles son de origen hispano. Todas estas barreras que no están permitiendo que los estudiantes tengan éxito en la escuela, por consecuencia hace que nuestras esperanzas se reduzcan de ver una comunidad hispana educada y preparada.

El congreso de los Estados Unidos debe cumplir con lo que promete la ley, que ningún niño se quede atrás, y debe comprometerse a cerrar los grandes abismos que siguen persistiendo en la educación de nuestros niños.

La educación lo primordial

Hablando de educación diremos que la mejor noticia hasta ahora fue la reducción del costo por unidad en los colegios comunitarios, 23 por ciento. El costo por unidad el año pasado era de \$26, y los analistas señalan que esa fue una de las causas principales que provocó una baja en las inscripciones en universidades comunitarias del estado.

Gracias al estado de California por pensar en todos esos estudiantes a los que no les es posible asistir a la universidad, mas sin embargo se inscriben en los colegios comunitarios con la esperanza de obtener una buena educación. Sin embargo el estado de California debe comprometerse con la educación de nuestros niños

Clases de Ingles gratis

La Iglesia de los Santos de los Ultimos Días, esta ofreciendo de nueva cuenta clases de ingles, enfocadas en la conversación, estas clases se ofrecieron el año pasado, y debido a la buena respuesta, las personas voluntarias han decidido ofrecerlas otra vez. Las clases se enfocan en la conversación en ingles, y se ofrecen clases para los principiantes y para los intermedios. Las clases son ofrecidas gracias a la Iglesia de los Santos de los Últimos Días, la

biblioteca de Woodland, y la asociación de estudiantes de la iglesia.

Las clases se ofrecen los Jueves de las 7:30 hasta las 9 PM. En la Iglesia, que esta localizada en las esquinas de las calles Elmwood y West eight st. Las clases ya comenzaron y se pueden registrar el día que vayan a la clase. Si quieren mas información pueden llamar al (707) 693-9031, ahí les atenderán en español y contestaran las preguntas que tengan.

Nuevo Congreso en EE.UU

El nuevo congreso entro en funciones el pasado jueves, con una mayoría demócrata por primera vez en 12 años, y el hecho de ser mayoría demócrata deja como una pequeña rendija para que pueda colarse una reforma migratoria que se esta necesitando para millones de personas. Recordamos como el anterior congreso aprobó la construcción del muro de papel, pero hasta eso inclusive podría revertirse. Hay mucha expectativa de que en estos días el senado Kennedy que preside la Comisión de Asuntos Judiciales del congreso presente un borrador de la reforma migratoria. Que sacaría de su situación incomoda a mas de 12 millones de personas.

Sin embargo no porque sea mayoría demócrata esperemos una reforma, pues lo que pasa es que aun entre los demócratas hay legisladores que se oponen a una reforma, así como entre los republicanos hay legisladores que apoyarían un proyecto de reforma.

Mas sin embargo en este congreso hay senadores y congresistas que estarían dispuestos a trabajar por un cambio en las leyes de migración. El mismo presidente propuso un plan el año pasado, pero este plan nunca fue mas allá de las palabras, ya que la mayoría de los legisladores de

su propio partido lo rechazaron. Por el contrario trataron de establecer leyes mas duras en contra de los inmigrantes ilegales.

El tema de inmigración podríamos estarlo viendo ligado a las elecciones presidenciales del 2008. Bill Richardson, gobernador de Nuevo México uno de los posibles candidatos demócratas a la presidencia ha sido el primero en dar el primer paso y hablar abiertamente a favor de una reforma integral. Dijo claramente que sus prioridades serían abogar por primeramente, un plan de legalización para los 12 millones de inmigrantes que están en los EE.UU. Y manifestó que es importante incrementar la seguridad en la frontera, pero no con muros. El presidente Bush recientemente reiteró su compromiso con la reforma migratoria e hizo hincapié en la necesidad de trabajar en conjunto con los dos partido políticos. Inclusive la Casa Blanca anuncio que esta a favor de un documento de identidad a prueba de falsificación. Queda por verse si los demócratas y republicanos lograrán ponerse de acuerdo en un tema que podría ser clave para atraer la lealtad de muchos votantes hispanos en las elecciones presidenciales de 2008.

Features

“Sugar alcohols” is a confusing label

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband has diabetes, so I read food labels carefully. Often, I see “sugar alcohols” listed. What are they? Are they sugar, and should he not eat foods with them? I’ve been ignoring them, but I am beginning to wonder if I’m doing the right thing. — B.K.

ANSWER: Sugar alcohols are neither sugar nor alcohol, and the name confuses people. They’re found in many “sugar-free” foods as the sweetener. Their chemical structure looks a little like a sugar and a little like an alcohol, but that’s as close as they get to being either.

These substances can raise blood sugar a bit, but the rise is slow. They contain from 0.2 to 2.5 calories per gram. Sugar (carbohydrate) has 4 calories per gram.

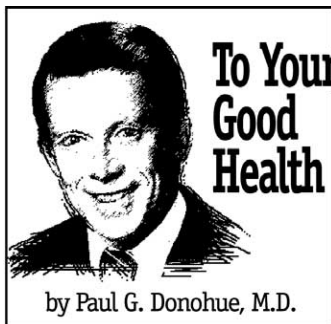
You can safely ignore them if a food contains less than 10 grams of sugar alcohol.

If there’s more than 10 grams of sugar alcohol in a product, take half the amount of listed sugar alcohol and deduct that from the total grams of carbohydrate listed on the label. That’ll give you the carbohydrate load of the food.

Names of sugar alcohol include sorbitol, mannitol, xylitol, lactitol and isomalt. Many sugarless gums contain sugar alcohol. The kind I chew has 1 gram of sugar alcohol in each stick.

The diabetes booklet explains the ins and outs of diabetes and its treatment. Readers who would like a copy can order one by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 402W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order 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: I am 34 and began walking to lose weight. I lost the weight, but I have continued to walk. Where I walk, there are many people, much older than I, who whiz by me. I have tried to run, but I get too winded to continue far. What can I



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

do? —D.J.

ANSWER:

You’ve changed your goals. Now you want to be a runner. Start the change by mixing in a little running with your walking. Run for a short distance, a distance that doesn’t make you breathless. Then shift back to walking.

As the weeks go by, increase the time you run and decrease the walking time. You’ll be running the whole route within a year.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: You mentioned involuntary eyelid closing without mentioning its cause or treatment. My wife has this condition, and I would appreciate your providing the answers we need. —H.E.

ANSWER: The condition is blepharospasm (BLEFF-uh-row-SPAZ-um) — uncontrollable, rapid eyelid blinking that virtually blinds a person. Or the eyelids can be locked tightly closed. The cause is a disruption in the brain center that controls eyelid muscles. Botox injections, by weakening eyelid muscles, can often stop the blinking. Medicines can also be prescribed.

Your wife should see a neurologist or an ophthalmologist (an eye doctor).

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

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Cubans have turned Miami into “a third world country”

By ROGER E. HERNANDEZ
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Cuban-American reader. Please allow me to start today’s rant by noting that in socio-economic measures — from educational level to median income to rates of home ownership — Cuban-Americans do better than Hispanic-Americans in general, about as well as non-Hispanic whites.

Yeah, I’m bragging. Bear with me.

Not least among the reasons for this success is that most Cuban-Americans hate to be labeled “underprivileged, oppressed victims of society.” We do OK, thank you very much, paying no heed to clueless bigots that get in our way here and there. Many Cubans look down on Latinos who would obediently reduce their cultural identity to that of aggrieved minority, Chico becoming discouraged ‘cause The Man, he is so hard to understand.

Cuban self-esteem is almost wholly positive. An excess of it, though, has blinded the community to a negative aspect of American life.

Late in November, Congress’ top xenophobe, Colorado Republican Tom Tancredo, made headlines when he said Cubans have turned Miami into “a

Third World country. You just pick it up and take it and move it someplace. You would never know you’re in the United States of America.”

It took Tancredo’s “Third World” attack for Cubans to start snapping out of it.

Tancredo blames immigrants for Miami’s crime rate, but neglects to say most crime is not committed by immigrants or that relatively immigrant-less Cleveland, Detroit and St. Louis, for instance, have more crime.

He draws scary parallels between South Florida and Canada, even though no Hispanic community in this country has a separatist movement remotely like French Quebec’s. He accuses Cubans of corrupting Florida with corrupt Latin culture, while here in my corrupt New Jersey, corrupt politicians have names like Barnes, Lynch, Scannapieco and Janiszewski.

And he takes the patriotic stance that “English is the language of American democracy, and for that reason we should embrace it,” as if espanol-speaking hordes were refusing to learn the national language (a 2004 Pew Foundation study found that 93 percent of second-generation Hispanics were Eng-

lish-dominant or bilingual).

Tancredo’s speech pulls the rhetorical trick that characterizes xenophobic discourse these days: First you blast “illegal aliens,” then you conflate illegals with all Americans of Hispanic descent, who are slowly but surely turning This Once Great Country into a cesspool of crime, disloyalty, corruption and furrin’ language-speakin’ — whether it’s fifth-generation New Mexico Hispanos, Puerto Ricans whose grandparents came in the 1950s or newly arrived Colombians.

And, yes, Cubans. Cuban-Americans will continue to snub the “minority” mindset the left tries to impose on Hispanics. It’s a culturally healthy attitude all ethnic groups should adopt.

But Tancredo made Cuban-Americans aware that being whiter, richer, better-educated and more Republican than most other Hispanics makes no difference to the nutty right. To that crowd we are as prone to criminality, disloyalty, corruption and furrin’ language-speakin’ as the poor guy who crossed the Rio Grande last night to feed his family in Oaxaca.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don’t dissipate your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

You’re eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you’ll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn’t the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest. LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leone heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the “just friends” level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There’s still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter’s influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you’ve learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

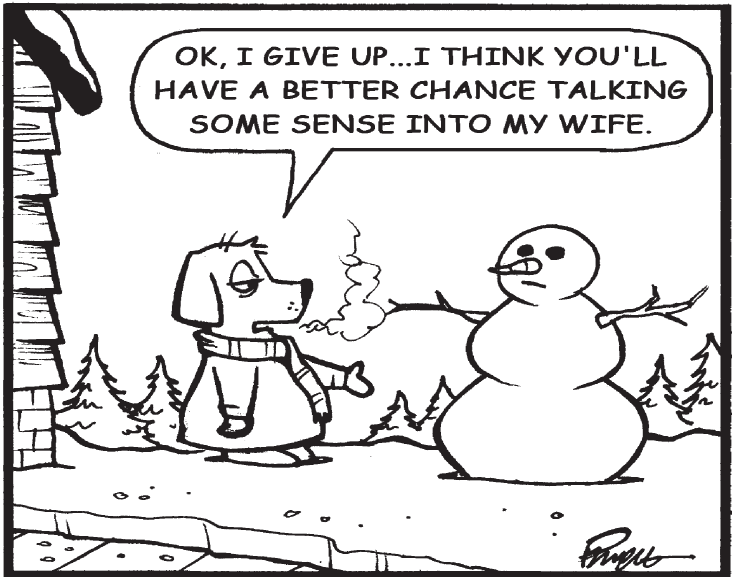
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you’re not ready to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what’s new and challenging.

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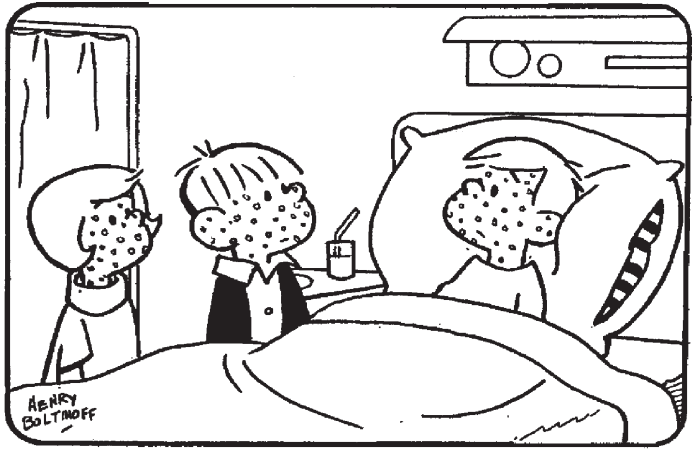
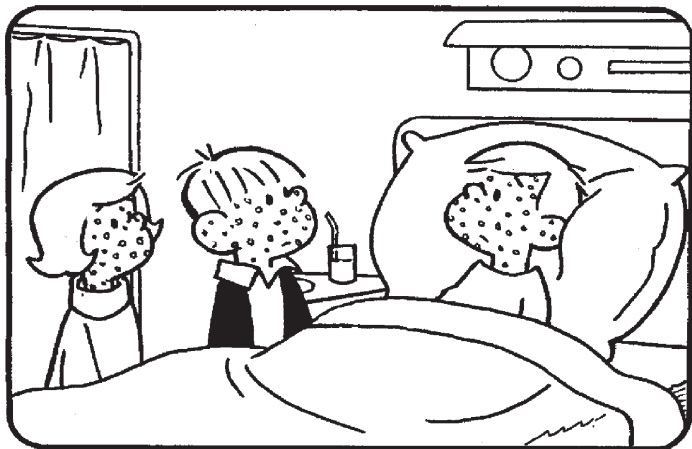
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Button is added. 2. Straw is moved. 3. Pillow is different. 4. Hair is different. 5. Knob is moved. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

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Pleased to meet you



Name: Sherri Wallace

Occupation: Third grade teacher at Patwin Elementary

Hobby: Crossword puzzles and quilting.

What’s best about living in Winters: “I feel safe here.”

Fun fact: Has been married to the citizen of the year for almost 32 years.

Want to be the next person of the week?

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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bag
- 5 Dracula, sometimes
- 8 In addition
- 12 Colonel Mustard’s game
- 13 Kimono sash
- 14 Profound
- 15 Well-ventilated
- 16 Become insufficient
- 18 Paging device
- 20 Sports venues
- 21 Ox of the Celebes
- 23 Man-mouse link
- 24 Summaries
- 28 Therefore
- 31 Candle count
- 32 Within the law
- 34 Modern-day evidence
- 35 Therefore
- 37 Car style
- 39 Eminem’s genre
- 41 Adam’s third son
- 42 Woman’s shirt
- 45 A gender
- 49 Fork with curved prongs
- 51 Novice
- 52 Theater trophy

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- 8 Stick (to)
- 9 A Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle
- 10 Antitoxins
- 11 Chooses
- 17 “No seats” sign
- 19 Carbon compound
- 22 Breed of beef cattle
- 24 Snitch
- 25 “This tastes terrible!”
- 26 Re nerve-tissue cells
- 27 Rationality
- 29 Wildebeest
- 30 Feedbag tidbit
- 33 Tardy
- 36 Hollandaise and béarnaise
- 38 Himalayan nation
- 40 Next-to-last Greek letter
- 42 Family biz abbr.
- 43 Garage job
- 44 Recedes
- 46 Glitch in print
- 47 Gaelic
- 48 Bucks’ mates
- 50 Old card game

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The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the, 30th day of JANUARY 2007, at 11:00a.m., On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Winters Self Storage, 807 Railroad Ave., Winters, CA. County of Yolo, State of California, Bond # RED 1006865 the following:

Customer RICHARD GALLAGHER (brief description of goods being sold: A15' Sailboat, and trailer.) Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Jan. 18, 25, 2007

Fictitious Business Name

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 Carol Grein, Deputy
 FBN NUMBER 2007-0025

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: J&F Transport
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Assisted Living Marketing Coordinator

Paradise Valley Estates, a premier continuing care retirement community in Fairfield, is currently recruiting for a qualified applicant to join the Marketing team in the sales effort to support the achievement of required occupancy levels for its new Quail Creek Assisted Living apartment building. The Marketing Coordinator will make reservations and wait list deposits, coordinate all move-ins and outs and must enjoy working with the senior aging population, their families, and staff. Related experience in sales and marketing, preferably in the field of senior aging helpful. Salary Range is Base + Commission up to \$50,000. Must provide your own reliable transportation.

Paradise Valley Estates offers a great benefit package along with competitive wages, a beautiful facility, professional environment, and wonderful staff!

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Notice of Trustee Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 06-19768 Doc ID #000706221802005N Title Order No. 3099042 Investor/Insurer No. 1044468518 APN No. 038-203-09-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/30/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by OMAR MARTINEZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND ERNESTO MARTINEZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 03/30/2005 and recorded 04/06/05, as Instrument No. 2005-0015554-00, in Book, Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 01/25/2007 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 213 WILD ROSE LANE, WINTERS, CA, 95694. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$353,361.16. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/29/2006 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SVVW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 810592 01/04/2007, 01/11/2007, 01/18/2007



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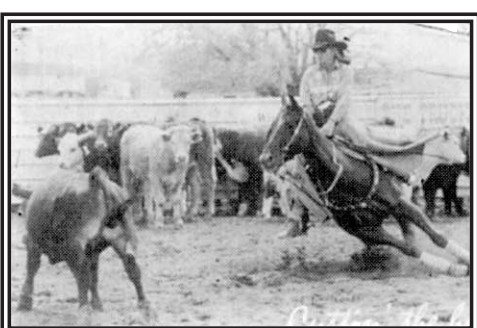


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