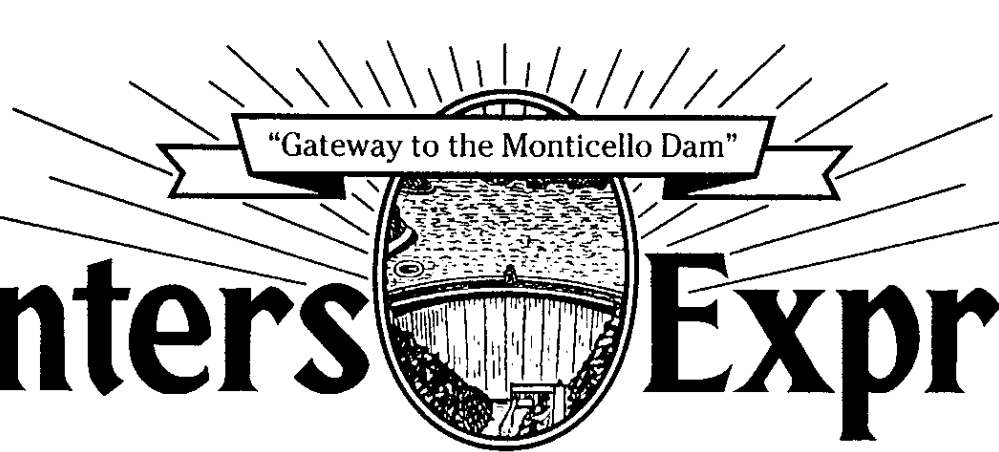




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Photo by Elliot Landes
Robert Adams is the new executive director for the Winters Chamber of Commerce.

Adams becomes director

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

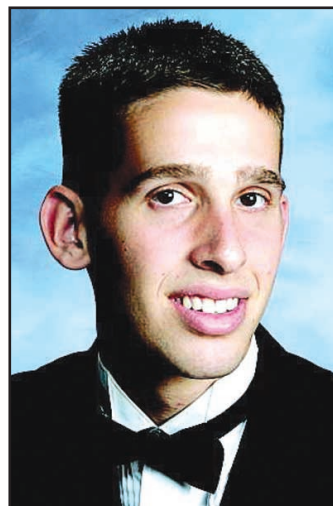
The Winters Chamber of Commerce has chosen its new director, Bob Adams, to fill the Executive Director position left by Dan Maguire, who is working in his new position at city hall as Housing Manager. Adams has lived in Winters five years, and has a background in business training and conflict resolution. Winters citizens got to meet him earlier last year when he facilitated the “Meet the Candidates” event at the Community Center before the election.

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Photo by Eric Lucero

The Winters High School varsity basketball team huddles at mid court after honoring Jared Davis and hanging his Number 21 jersey above the team bench on “Find a Cure Night,” held at Young Gymnasium on Jan. 23.



Former Winters High School student Jared Davis was honored at the inauguration of Find a Cure Night on Jan. 23. Davis died on Aug. 8, 2006 at the age of 19 from aplastic anemia.

Event honors Davis

◆ Team honors Jared Davis with “Find a Cure Night”

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

If there was ever a night to dig down deep inside and play from the heart, this was definitely the night. Before tip-off of the varsity boys basketball game against the visiting Sutter Huskies on Jan. 23, the team and fans honored Jared Davis, a 2005 Winters High School graduate and co-captain of the 2004-05 section championship team by displaying his number 21 jersey above the Winters bench. It was the inaugural “Find a Cure Night.”

Each year from now on, the Warriors

will dedicate one home game during the season to raising funds to help fight the rare disease of aplastic anemia that took the life of Davis on Aug. 8, 2006 at the age of 19.

Ben Geerts, the Warriors’ assistant coach and Davis’s “second father” addressed the crowd of over 400 people to explain what the disease is and where the donations will be allocated. There are two funds for donations. One is going toward research and the other toward the “Jared Davis Scholarship” that will be given to a Winters High School senior each year.

“This is just the beginning,” said Geerts. “Hopefully this scholarship will grow each year and be given to students

See DAVIS on page A-5

The Clayground opens Saturday

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Two local clay artists are opening Winters’ newest business Saturday. Shannon Moore-Jervis and Rebecca Bresnick-Holmes are giving birth to the Clayground, a public pottery studio that will offer many different ways for locals to sink their hands into clay. Their project is a much needed boost for the arts district, with the closing of Main Street Gallery last year. Textures last month and Winters Antiques next month.

The new studio is located in the arts warehouse building at Main and Elliott Streets, and will offer a long list of activities, including:

- ~ Pottery classes for children and adults.
- ~ Paint it yourself bisque ware, which is painting of pre-made ceramic items to be glazed. They will offer ready to paint pieces handmade by the owners, as well as man-



Photo by Elliot Landes

Rebecca Bresnick-Holmes (left) and Shanna Moore-Jervis are ready to share their pottery skills at The Clayground.

ufactured items.

- ~ Open studio hours for people to drop in and do their own clay work.
- ~ One on one private lessons.
- ~ A friendly place for people to get away, connect and relax and make things.

~ Materials and firing service for people that make their own work.

~ Studio use for birthday and social parties, including theme based parties. They can offer bisque ware items to be painted

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Public hearings on next agenda

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

~ Presentation of Rotary Park Master Plan phasing priorities.

- ~ Update on Winters Highlands Subdivision.
- ~ Public hearing regarding the Mary Rose Gardens Subdivision. The project is a proposed subdivision of 5.69 acres to create 28

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FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

SEBASTIAN D. RODRIGUEZ was born to Bobby and Karen Rodriguez of Winters on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007 at 8:29 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins a sister, Lilianna. Paternal grandparents are Francisco and Silvia Rodriguez of Winters. Maternal grandparents are Art and Gloria DeKleine of San Luis Obispo.

*OSCAR RAYMOND and RAPHAEL SIDNEY RIGOBERT are the new twin firstborn sons of Ethel Brennan and Laurent Rigobert of San Francisco. Born on Jan. 27, 2007 at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco, Oscar weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long and Raphael weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Raymond and Paulette Rigobert of Paris, France. Maternal grandparents are Donald Brennan of San Francisco and Georgeanne Brennan of Winters. Maternal great-grandmother is Florence Schrupp of Lafayette.

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- DRY JANUARY: With only .06 of an inch of rain recorded here, January, 2007 is the driest January in records going back more than 100 years.

The previous record was .25 of an inch, recorded in 1975.

Other low rainfall figures for January included .40 in 1898; .40 in 1947; .43 in 1984; .47 in 1976 and .67 in 1948. Total rainfall in the 1975-76 rainfall year was 6.17 inches, as compared with the annual 21.43 inches.

Maybe we'll have average rain for the rest of the spring.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Yolo County Farm Bureau. At its annual meeting held in Woodland last month, the organization created a \$1,500 scholarship for a Winters ag student as a memorial to the late Charlie Rominger.

ALSO CONGRATULATIONS to area resident David E. Levy, currently Chief U.S. District Judge, who has served on Sacramento's federal bench for a number of years, has been appointed as dean of Duke University's law school in Durham, North Carolina.

Levi, whose appointment is effective in July, is the son of the late Edward H. Levi, who served as attorney general in President Gerald Ford's administration.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US: the first issue of the Winters Express came off the press on Friday, February 1, 1884, which makes us 123 years old.

Founded by Edwin C. Rust, the newspaper begins its 124th year this week. Through depressions, wars, competition and even a severe earthquake, the Express each week continues to chronicle the events of the community.

On the upper left hand corner of the front page of the Express this week, you will notice "Volume 124, Number 1". Such a long tenure is possible because of the support of the people of the community.

Thank you, Winters, for making this birthday possible.

OBITUARIES

Patrica Loretta Reddick

Patricia Loretta Reddick passed away surrounded by family on Jan. 22, 2007 in Davis following a long illness. Born on Feb. 4, 1941 in Pixley to Wallace Birdwell and Retha (Birdwell) Stallings, she was 65 years old. She was a 55-year resident of Dixon.

She is survived by her son, David Whiteside; sisters Shirley Scribner and husband Jim of Dixon and Margurite Ruiz of Sacramento; brother and sister-in-law, Wallace and Sherry Birdwell of Sacramento; numerous nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Charles Whiteside and Harold Reddick; parents, sister Imogene Carpenter, and brothers, Donald, David, Gary and Stanley Birdwell.

Graveside services were planned for Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. at the Dixon Silveyville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Reddick's name to the diabetes or lung associations.

Walter Lee (Buddy) Spurlin

Walter Lee Spurlin, loving husband and best friend of Genevieve Spurlin for 67 years, passed away Jan. 25, 2007 in Sacramento. He was born in Green City, MO, on June 18, 1917. Graduate of Winters High School and University of California Davis. Member of Alpha Gamma Rho, IBEW#340, American Legion, Dixon Boat Club and Thousand Trails. Served in WWII aboard the destroyer, the USS McGowan in the Pacific Area. Returned to work as an electrician in the Sacramento area and was a member of Local #340 for 60 years. He enjoyed life to the fullest with hunting, fishing, square dancing, following the Kings, and traveling in his RV. He is survived by brother-in-law of Donald Johnson of Dixon and Steve Carlson of Davis. Dearest friends of Bill and Jackie Cotter of Sacramento, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister Lorene Gale, sister-in-law Eileen Carlson, brother-in-law Harry Johnson, and his beloved dog, Heidi.

Friends are welcome to attend Graveside Services on Wed., Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. at Silveyville Cemetery.

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YESTERYEAR



File Photo

In January 1991, at the annual Winters Fire Department's award dinner, Ron Karlen, left, director of the department's cadet program, is shown above presenting the Cadet of the Year award to Errett Crum.

35
YEARS AGO

January 27, 1972

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YEARS AGO

February 7, 1957

65
YEARS AGO

February 6, 1942

115
YEARS AGO

January 30, 1892

Local mothers will start the annual March of Dimes at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, 1972, with Mrs. Rex Hayes and Mrs. Joe Franke serving as co-chairmen of the local drive.

Charles Rominger, Winters High School senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rominger, has been selected as general chairman of the 36 annual Winters Youth Day.

The All-American Boy, a movie produced in the Vacaville, Winters and Esparto areas, is scheduled to be released in May, according to the movie trade paper "international Motion Picture Exhibitor."

Barbara Perry of Winters was one of the 16 licensed vocational nurse students to receive certification of completion last week at Solano Community College.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born Jan. 21, 1972 in the Woodland Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Park, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born Jan. 22, 1972 in the Woodland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. George Boyer was honored at a surprise birthday party last Saturday evening, hosted by her daughter, Miss Michelle Boyer and Miss Karen Matos, and given in the Boyer home on Taylor Street.

Isabel Rojo was elected Youth Day Sweetheart at an election held on Feb. 5. Alice Guerard, the runner-up, will be the attendant from the senior class.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ramos, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born at the Woodland Clinic Hospital Feb. 2, 1957.

Cal Holman and James Hulse, of Winters and Harold Holan, of Oakdale, took their water skis to Lake Berryessa to become the first skiers on the new lake.

Mrs. George Alcock, the former Veneva Fredericks, was honored last evening at a stork shower given by Mrs. A. Robertson in her Dixon home.

Richard E. Dozier, Winters pharmacist, was renamed a director of Central Solano County Hospital Foundation at a meeting held in Fairfield Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carrio, Bobbie and Betty Ann, visited briefly in Long Beach with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yandell.

Mrs. Joe Diaz has been named Winters chairman of the Heart Fund Drive to be held on Sunday, Feb. 24.

A group of nine couples met Saturday night at Wesley Hall to organize a Mariners Club at the Pioneer Presbyterian Church. Mr. And Mrs. Don Stephens were elected skippers.

The Wolfskill-Olive District has joined the ranks of Solano County 4-H Clubs by forming the Wolfskill-Olive 4-H Club. The new club is under the able leadership of Frank Martin of Wolfskill, assisted by Norman Gaddini.

C.H. Sackett reports the rain gauge at the California Fruit Exchange has a season's rain total of 20.11 inches, as against 21.83 last year.

George Crum has accepted a position as agricultural instructor at Lodi High School.

Herman William Ossenbrigen and Miguel Manas of Winters and Theodore Henry Roth of Woodland, formerly of Winters, are in the list of new draftees announced by the draft board Wednesday.

Roy Hiramatsu who has been in U.S. Army service almost a year, was a visitor at his home here last weekend.

Adolph Pisani of the Esparto-Madison district enlisted in Sacramento for Navy service and has been accepted.

Buel Sackett, who is stationed in Oakland was home for a weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Sackett.

Berryessa drops .05 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .05 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in temporary storage of 921 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

Faulkner reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 430.98 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,432,175 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 45 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 20 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 41 acre feet of water per day during the week.

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Peter Johnson, brother of Mrs. A.H. Anderson, arrived here from Iowa Monday and completely surprised his relatives here, as they were not expecting him. Mr. Johnson will probably purchase land in this neighborhood and eventually make his home here.

Henry Eversole, the Vacaville undertaker, who has a branch here in charge of E. Ireland, was in Winters between trains last Wednesday.

Arthur and Frank Bondurant, sons of Mrs. A.R. Ransch, have purchased twenty acres of land from William Baker, adjoining their mother's place.

Miss Salie Fenley is confined to the house with an attack of measles.

James T. Ish has invented a new orchard sprayer, which uses carbonic acid gas to create the requisite pressure in the tank for all purposes of spraying.

Clarence Wyatt of Capay has been the guest of his brothers, M.O. and F.M. Wyatt the past week.

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Caroline B. Graham

Caroline “Carol” B. Graham, 64 of Winters passed away Jan. 25, 2007 at her home surrounded by her family. She has been an area resident for the past 43 years. Carol met her husband Jack in 1964 in Winters. She was born Nov. 2, 1942 in St. Louis, Mo. to Kenneth and Catherine Coombs. She attended Solano Community College graduating with an associate’s degree in Registered Nursing, later attending Sacramento State University receiving a Bachelors degree in Registered Nursing. Carol’s nursing career began at Woodland Memorial in 1987. There she worked as a pediatric nurse and later became an ICU nurse. She worked at Woodland Memorial for 12 years. She left Woodland Memorial in 1975 and went to work for Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Vallejo. Her career at Kaiser took her from pediatrics to the ICU and later to join the Cardiology department. In Carol’s 32 years of nursing she loved working with the children the most and was known best for her patient advocacy.

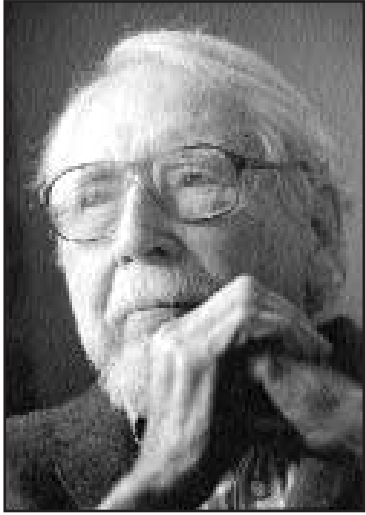
She was an avid gardener, she had a love for opera, sewing and doing projects around the house; from tiling her own counters to laying her own back patio. Carol loved spending time with her family, specially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Jack.

She is survived by her son John and wife Courtney, her daughter Cathy and husband Johnny, her daughter Caroline, and her grandchildren Jack, Jessica , Eryn, Caitlyn, and Kameron all of Winters.

Services for Carol will be held at the Epiphany Episcopal Church in Vacaville 300 West Street at 4 p.m. Sat. Feb. 3, immediately followed by a reception at the Vacaville Opera House in Vacaville 560 Main Street.

Lee William Gildart



Lee William Gildart

Longtime Winters resident, Lee William Gildart, died suddenly at Sutter-Davis Hospital on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007 from a pulmonary embolism. He was 96. Two of his four daughters were at his side.

Born on Oct. 24, 1910, to Emerson Osborne Gildart and Estelle Cross Gildart in Mason, Michigan, Dr. Gildart lived a long and interesting life, a life that spanned the era from the horse and buggy to the space shuttle, from hot lead type to the world-wide web. As a child, he evinced an early interest in science, conducting youthful experiments with electricity involving a steel clothesline and the household cat. Happily, the cat survived. He was fascinated by automobiles and began driving at age 14 on his grandfather’s apple farm. As a young man, he helped his father run a small weekly newspaper, the Utica Sentinel, in Michigan, running a linotype machine. For the rest of his life he was able to read upside down and backwards, astonishing his children.

He first attended Albion College in Albion, Michigan, transferring to Michigan State, and then to the University of Michigan, graduating in 1936 with a degree in Physics. After graduating, he obtained a job with Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan, where he developed a sealable rock-salt cell for infrared samples. During his time there he met his future wife, Marcella Faulds Markland, a reporter for the Midland Daily News. They were married, Feb. 22, 1941, at the height of World War II, and began married life in California, where Dr. Gildart worked for Beckman Instruments, doing war-related research and development. After the war, he entered Northwestern University, obtaining his Doctorate in 1950. Always interested in new situations and new ideas, Dr. Gildart worked and taught in many places, including North Carolina State University, the Uni-

versity of Kentucky, and Fairleigh-Dickenson University, in New Jersey. In 1960, while working for the University of Kentucky, he took his entire family with him to Bandung, Java, Indonesia, where he taught for three years, giving his daughters an experience of the world that has shaped their lives, and which they will never forget.

In 1971, on sabbatical from F.D.U., he packed up his family, including the dog, and took a 55,000 mile road trip around the United States, Canada, and Mexico. During the wonderful year-long experience for his family, he also managed to visit over thirty universities and colleges to see what innovations they had to attract physics students. After the year was over, he developed a successful program that tripled the number of students in the physics department.

In 1976, Dr. Gildart retired from Fairleigh-Dickenson, and moved to Winters, going on to fulfill his long-time dream of building his own house, on a property on Holmes Lane. Winters was

the perfect place to retire, he said. From his house, he could look out the west windows, and see beautiful hills, and his wife, a native of Illinois could look out the east and see her beloved flatland view. His wife Marcella died there in 1989, two days before their 48th anniversary.

From 1990 to 2003, he lived in Las Vegas where he stayed with his former college sweetheart Myra Hilpert. They took trips around the United States, Asia, and a trip to Alaska, where he fulfilled two of his remaining wishes: he stayed up all night to watch the sun never set, and he dipped his toe in the Arctic, the last ocean on his list to experience. In 2003, after a fall in Las Vegas, he moved back to Winters to live with his daughter, Rebecca, and her family. Here he spent his time reading, doing crossword puzzles and looking forward to the next dinner party or a lunch at Steady Eddy’s.

Last year, in May, a former student — space-traveler Greg Olsen — honored Dr. Gildart by donating money

to Fairleigh-Dickenson University, with the stipulation that the science building be renamed the Gildart-Hasse building after Dr. Gildart and another professor. Dr. Gildart, his four daughters, and his granddaughter flew to the East Coast for the dedication ceremony aboard a private jet, the gift of Greg Olsen, an experience Dr. Gildart thoroughly enjoyed.

A long-time leftist and liberal, Lee Gildart kept a lively interest in politics and world affairs until the end of his life. In 2003, he attended a Winters candlelight vigil and protest against the Iraq war, although by then, because of poor balance, he had to protest from a wheelchair.

Dr. Gildart is survived by his four daughters, Laura Gildart Sauter, of Bodega, Martha Cross Gildart, of Sacramento, Rebecca Gildart Fridae, of Winters, who lovingly cared for him during the last stage of his life, and Sarah Gildart Contreras of Davis. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and their spouses, Eli and Katie Peck, and Seth

and Heather Peck; Jemima Sauter and fiancé Travis Menke, Markland and Andrew Fridae; Joseph, Daniel, Isaac, and Stephen Contreras, as well as one great-granddaughter, Logan Peck, and three great-grandsons, Jakob Peck, Ethan Peck, and the newest addition to the family, Morgan Peck, whom he never met, born 11 days before his great-grandfather’s death. He is also survived by his long-time devoted companion Myra Hilpert, of Las Vegas. Other survivors include his four sons-in-law, Gary Sauter, Fernando Berton, Woody Fridae and Rick Contreras.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at a place yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Winters Healthcare Foundation, Winters Friends of the Library, Heifer International, or any radical left-wing organization of your choice. Those who wish to sign an online guestbook may do so at www.wiscombefuneral.com

PLANNERS

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they only offer residential units.

GBH development manager Sean Buchanan presented the project after Mayor Woody Fridae's magic touch ended 20 minutes of malfunctioning computer equipment. Buchanan said GBH had just signed a letter of intent with YFCU to occupy the building proposed for the northwest corner of the site. The plan also shows a building proposed for the southwest corner that will be the new home of the Winters branch of Sutter West Medical Group, now located on the other side Grant Avenue.

GBH development manager Beth Creswell introduced the site plan, which shows a round-

about opposite the outlet of Walnut Lane. She said the plan will accommodate a roundabout or a streetlight for that intersection, depending on the city's decision.

"The roundabout situation basically just shaves off the corners on each side. It actually offers an opportunity to landscape the center of the street, which would be really nice." Creswell said the plan calls for a lot of sidewalk buffer space to accommodate whichever intersection plan the city chooses.

Creswell described the architectural style as "Tuscany", chosen at a focus group meeting that took place in November at the Buckhorn. She said the plan would have the feel of a European town square, with iron work, rough stone, striped awnings, cobblestones

and tile work. The drawings show a clock tower, which she said would function as a focal point, visible from Grant Avenue. "People might say, 'I'll meet you at the clock tower.'" She said the focal point could be something different, such as a bell tower.

Planning commissioner Jack Graf expressed the need to slow traffic down, coming off I505, and said a traffic light would do a better job than a roundabout.

Commissioner Pierre Neu said he was glad to see the plans for this project, and added that a roundabout would slow traffic down "just fine." He objected to the drive-throughs. "I'd like to see people get out of their cars, instead of sitting in their cars, idling."

"Cars are at their dirtiest when they idle," said

Commissioner Albert Vallecillo, who also objected to drive-throughs. Commenting on the Tuscany style, "I always try to get people to look at the regional design, rather than something far away."

Commissioner Joe Tramontana said the project could hurt downtown by drawing visitors to the Grant Avenue site. "Most people will go to this site and won't even know there is a downtown."

Commissioner Bruce Guelden asked Community Development Director Dan Sokolow what the status is on the roundabouts.

Sokolow apologized for giving the long version answer, but said the study of the Grant Avenue corridor last year offered seven options, ranging from no roundabouts to four possible. The council

voted preference for a plan that has three roundabouts, including the one shown in the GBH drawings. Sokolow said an interim widening plan would take place with no streetlights or roundabouts, because the CalTrans final development would take many years.

Sokolow added that roundabouts call for a two lane solution as opposed to four lanes as envisioned in the General Plan. This will require a General Plan amendment.

"This is a CalTrans issue, right?" asked Guelden.

Sokolow said that is true, and traditionally CalTrans has just been concerned with how to move lots of traffic.

"But recently," said Sokolow, "they have been taking a broader, more

holistic view, looking at the effects on communities. There are other issues, for example, how user friendly is the state highway going through your small town? If you go to cross Grant at Walnut, how confident are you that you will be able to safely get across?

"There also is the question of whether this community can embrace roundabouts. Some will say that roundabouts just won't work. There are people hauling houseboats through town. There is an education process. Roundabouts will slow traffic. Our engineer from Fehr and Peers, Bob Grandy, says the advantage is you will move slower, but there is a psychological effect because you will keep moving, not actually stopping."

Commissioner Wade

Cowan said he didn't like the idea of roundabouts. "You're talking about people hauling trailers and boats – there's no doubt about it, I'm one of those people hauling a boat, and I'll drive right through the middle of that thing."

Neu asked about the drive-throughs. Clyde Brooker of YFCU was at the meeting and said the drive through for his bank was "pretty quick", and would be basically an ATM. "Think of the example of a mother with kids in the car. "William Schemel, also of YFCU, said it was basically a security issue, allowing people to stay in the protection of their car. Asked if the downtown YFCU ATM would be removed, he answered, "not necessarily."

Commissioner Don Jordan said he liked the

project because it does promote jobs, especially after the complaints about developments that don't "It is a step in the right direction."

The agenda originally included continued hearing of Fran Oremus' plan to put a manufactured house at 437 Russell Street. Sokolow said staff is recommending this be moved to the next meeting at the applicant's request, because Oremus is looking for a different design based on the comments of commissioners at the December meeting.

The meeting was short and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The Winters Planning Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. All interested Winters residents are invited to attend.

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single-family lots including two half-plex lots and an 18,433 square foot subdivision feature/green space area at 415 Grant Avenue (northwest corner of Grant Avenue and Cemetery Lane). Applicant: Dave Snow.

~ Approve the 2006 Water System Master Plan Update. City Engineer Nick Ponticello recommends that the city council confirm the city staff environmental assessment that the 2006 Water System Master Plan Update is not considered a project under CEQA and approve Resolution No. 2007-03, adopting the Water System Master Plan Update.

~ Approve the 2006 Sewer Collection System Master Plan Update. City

Engineer Nick Ponticello recommends that the city council confirm the city staff environmental assessment that the 2006 Sewer Collection System Master Plan Update is not considered a project under CEQA and approve Resolution No. 2007-04, adopting the Sewer Collection System Master Plan Update.

~ Winters Center for the Arts grant application.

~ Hispanic Advisory Committee recommendations on outreach and communication.

~ Winters Putah Creek Committee; update on percolation dam removal project

~ Strategic planning workshop — Feb. 2 and 3.

As the Community Development Agency, the council will address the following items:

~ Update on Monticello Redevelopment Project.

Flag retirement planned

The Yolo County Veteran's Coalition will conduct its annual American Flag retirement ceremony on March 3 at the West Plainfield Fire Station, 24901 County Road 95, Davis at 10 a.m. Citizens can drop off their worn, tattered and faded

flags to the following locations for proper retirement.

Flags may be dropped off at the Davis Chamber of Commerce, 130 G Street. For more information, call Ted Puntillo, Yolo County Veterans Service Officer, 406-4850.

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that will someday find a cure for these types of diseases. I just can't sit back and do nothing while so many of our loved ones pass on because of diseases like aplastic anemia, cancer, ALS or any other disease. So this is the start of something that will hopefully some day prevent this from happening to somebody else."

The Geerts and Davis families expressed appreciation to all of the friends, families and fans that came to the game to support "Find a Cure Night" by either donating funds or by their thoughts and prayers.

"It was a great turnout for a great cause," Geerts said. "There were some major contributors and those that just gave what they had, and both are greatly appreciated."

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

ALL WE ARE SAYING... is give war a chance..." George W. Bush — the Anti-Lennon. Our so-called President's solution to the Iraq catastrophe is to send 20,000 more soldiers to face a sea of rabid, genocidal fanatics. Retired General Barry McCaffrey labeled Bush's surge "a fool's game." But when did seasoned military advice ever slow Dubya down.

Face it. This war's over. Stick a fork in it, this turkey's done.

Have we lost? Not exactly. We (ostensibly) sought to give Iraqis freedom to do what they want. Unfortunately, what they want is not to erect a WalMart in Baghdad, but to kill each other. It's not exactly what we envisioned, but you know what? That's none of our business. We need to pull out and let Natural Selection take its course. The strongest will prevail. So the religious extremists wipe each other out. Here's my long response to that: Good. And should Iraq split into two countries, so what. Shed any tears over Yugoslavia lately? National boundaries shift over time, and yet the world goes on.

But Iraq isn't the only country suffering from Bush's folly. With this war, Bush has accomplished what Osama bin Laden could only dream of: dividing the American populace, making a mockery of our Constitution, sinking us into insurmountable debt, destroying our reputation worldwide, and depleting our armed forces.

Well done, George. Who's aiding the terrorists now?

What we have here is megalomania of proportions not seen since the Roman Empire. And we know how well that turned out. Bush is so stubborn, so unwilling to admit his catastrophic errors, so determined not to go down in history as the worst president ever (which he will anyway), that he'll risk 20,000 more lives on the chance that hell will freeze over, pigs will fly and we'll have victory in Iraq. Whatever that means.

What exactly is our goal again? Finding WMDs? There weren't any. Getting rid of Saddam? Done. Iraqi freedom? Oh please. Like we ever cared about the Iraqis. Bringing the 9/11 perpetrators to justice? Oops. Wrong country. Too bad we figured that out a few thousand lives and several billion dollars too late.

Why are we still there? Oh yes, I remember now. It's all about the oil, stupid.

At the Jan. 24 Senate Foreign Relations Committee meeting, Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Nebraska), a Vietnam veteran, chose integrity over party loyalty. He had the following fiery words for his peers:

"There is no strategy. This is a ping-pong game with American lives. These young men and women that we put in Anbar province, in Iraq, in Baghdad are not beans. They're real lives. And we better be damn sure we know what we're doing, all of us, before we put 22,000 more Americans into that grinder. That is the essence of our responsibility. And if we're not willing to do it, we're not worthy to be seated right here. We fail our country."

Hagel blasted the semantics game taking place regarding the resolution to oppose Bush's surge: "So we tinker. So we figure out word-smithing. So, should we oppose the president or just not support the president?"

"If you wanted a safe job, go sell shoes. This is a tough business. But is it any tougher, us having to take a tough vote, express ourselves and have the courage to step up than what we're asking our young men and women to do?"

With passion choking his voice, Hagel then challenged every senator in the room to face the TV cameras and justify her or his position about sending more troops into Iraq. The rest of us should do likewise.

If you oppose this war and think the best way to support the troops is to get them out of that hell-hole, speak up. Silence is complicity. And if you think this is a noble war and supporting the troops means sending in more, then demand that your taxes be raised to fund them. While you're at it, advocate the reinstatement of the draft so we'll have an endless supply of bodies to absorb shrapnel. And make sure your own kids are first in line. Better yet, enlist.

Or will you just support the troops in the usual way — by slapping a yellow "I Support the Troops" ribbon on the back of your SUV (without grasping the irony therein) plopping on the couch and staring slackjawed at the TV, with one hand in the Fritos bag and the other down your pants. Meanwhile, another American soldier just died.

Thanks for everyone's support

Dear Editor,

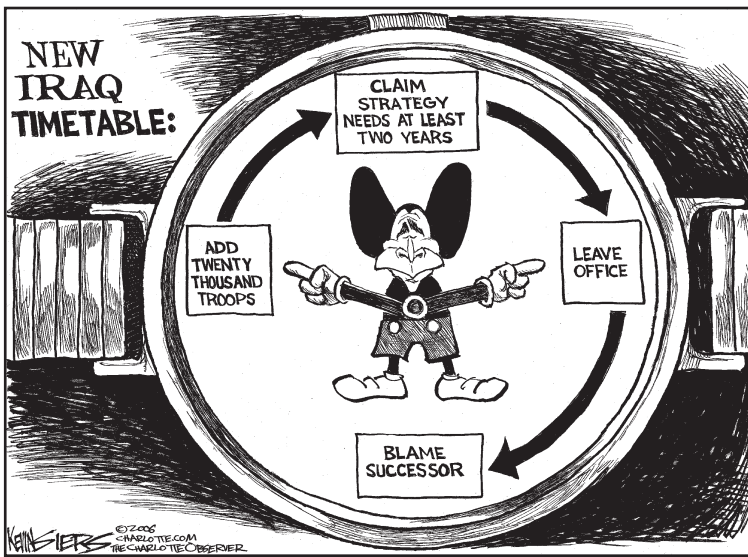
Hi, my name is Mrs. Jenyse Lichwa. I am a volunteer with the Winters Combined PTA. On Jan 24, 2007 I had the pleasure of overseeing our Science Night Event. The event attracted approximately 200 students and their families.

On behalf of the Winters PTA I would like to personally thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication, the Davis Explorit Center, and the out of town businesses

that supported the event. This event could not have been a success without the help of the approximate 32 volunteers. The volunteers consisted of high school students and PTA members as well as the PTA board.

I would also like to extend a thank you to the Winters Express and the city of Winters, which have continued to graciously publish our events and meetings.

JENYSE LICHWA
Winters Combined PTA



LETTERS

Seeking books for Bregovo

Dear Editor,

Before I start on this letter, I would like to send my long overdue condolences to the Marion, Borchard, Rominger, Martinez, and Mariani families as well as any others that I may have forgotten. All of your names are synonymous with my memories of Winters and the losses you have suffered in the past seven months have been felt all the way around the world. Winters has benefited greatly from them and it will not be the same to me when I return. They will be missed.

I wanted to write in response to Beth Barnat's letter to the editor about the words of President John F. Kennedy since his decisions have put me where I am today. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Daniel Schrupp and I am a class of 1999 graduate of Winters High, a 2004 graduate of Cal Poly, SLO, and a current United States Peace Corps Education Volunteer in the small Eastern European country of Bulgaria. It was with an Executive Order in 1961 that John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps and sent the first of what would be many envoys out into the world to promote the generosity and willingness of the American people to help those less fortunate than they. This is why I am writing you today.

On July 1, 2006 I was posted to a remote village called Bregovo on the border with Serbia in the Northwestern part of the country situated between the Timok and Danube Rivers and tasked with the job of teaching English. In a lot of ways it reminds me of my home in Winters — the terrain is roughly similar since we are about 30 km from the Balkan Mountains, the people are warm and friendly, and it is situated on a small river that, in some places, looks a lot like Putah Creek. With a population of right around 2,000 (including the surrounding areas) it is a community where everyone knows everyone and has for generations. Needless to say, they all know who the American is.

With Bulgaria's recent acceptance into the European Union, the importance of learning English has now dwarfed the once mighty role of Russian language training in this former communist nation

in the Eastern Bloc. The most massive and sweeping problem here is that the collapse of communism has left the country financially strapped and English language programs, while incredibly important and in demand, are left with little to no resources. I have on average one textbook for every four students. The best resource I have is the fact that I am a native speaker of English and I happened to bring a small grammar guide with me.

So what am I asking of you? I am in the process of creating an English Language Lab and am in desperate need of any and all English books. I am not being specific on this request because seriously, even the smallest bit can help. I am dealing with children of all ages and abilities so whatever you would be willing or able to donate would be greatly appreciated. I ask that you please look around your homes for any old Dr. Seuss or Berenstain Bears books that you may have for my 1-3 graders, maybe some Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys for the older kids. Any books of poetry would go a long, long way (I am about to introduce them to my favorite — Shel Silverstein).

To all of my old friends who have recently graduated or are still in college, I am sure that you have an old grammar guide left behind from one of those English classes you had your freshman year and if you are willing to part with them, they too would go a long way. Even magazines can be useful for art projects.

Unfortunately, due to my small budget and my smaller paycheck I will be unable to compensate you for any shipping costs so any donation would be entirely out of generosity. Again, I would appreciate any and all help that you could render but do understand if you can not. If you, or an organization that you are affiliated with, would like to make a donation, please send me an email at the_schrupp@hotmail.com with the subject title "Books for Bregovo." I thank you in advance for any help that you would like to contribute.

DANIEL SCHRUPP
Peace Corps Education
Volunteer
Bregovo, Bulgaria

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays for publication that week.

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

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

We reserve the right to edit

or reject any letter.

Letters must be legibly signed by the writer. However, we may withhold writers' names from publication if there is a legitimate reason, such as fear of reprisal.

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



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BUCKHORN. Tell someone you're from Winters and 99 out of 100 times they mention the Buckhorn. The other one percent mention either The Palms or Mariani Nut Company. Fifty years ago it would have been our apricots or peaches and then the Buckhorn.

Two years ago the California Cattle Producers recognized the Buckhorn with their Beef Backer Award, naming them the best restaurant in California. According to the California Beef Council, "The Beef Baker Award recognizes restaurants that promote beef and the beef industry through innovative menuing, promotions, and delicious beef entrées that draw customers back time after time."

Now the Buckhorn has received the National Beef Backer Award. In my book that makes them the best steakhouse in the United States. If you start seeing out of state license plates, and people asking for directions to the Buckhorn, you'll know why. It is quite the honor and well deserved.

Over the years the Buckhorn has had a few owners. After Vic Mentink closed the restaurant in the 1970s there were a few owners before John Pickerel showed up in 1980. He took over the Buckhorn after having worked at Cattleman's in Dixon. After a few years John had the bar going and had reopened the restaurant. With the help of Joe and Karen Ogando he expanded into the space vacated by Western Auto. Most of what you see today is a result of that partnership. When he married Melanie in 1987 the Pickerels tweaked the décor and John worked on the menu.

Having a business in the historic DeVilbiss Hotel doesn't hurt, but plenty of restaurants have come and gone in Winters since John took over. We may joke about the price of eating at the Buckhorn, but try eating out, anywhere. For someone who goes home everyday for lunch, it is sticker shock whenever I eat out at a "real restaurant." My favorite Buckhorn meal is still the Little Buck Special, which has gone up from \$9.95, when John got here to \$17.95 today. It comes with a nice piece of beef, bread, a glass of wine, soup and salad, it's the best deal going.

It takes a lot to be the best at anything, but to be honored as the best in the United States is something you don't see very often. The award presentation is Thursday, February 1, in Nashville, Tennessee, so tell everyone you heard it here first. When you see anyone you know associated with the Buckhorn congratulate them, they make us proud.

JUST ANOTHER RECYCLING REMINDER. I noticed quite a few recycling bins out last week. Waste Management is only picking up our recycling bins every other week. If you receive your Winters Express before your weekly garbage pickup, just look at the front page and if the issue number is odd, like this week's number 1, it's recycling time. If you haven't put out your old garbage bin for replacement with a new, smaller one, get moving.

With all the talk about diminishing natural resources, global warming, and the price of oil, recycling makes even more sense than ever. With the new single stream recycling program in Winters, it is as easy as it will ever get. Two bins, one for real garbage and one for putting glass, all kinds of paper, cardboard, and plastic with recycling numbers up to 7. Just put out your garbage bin every week and your recycling bin, every other week.

Remember to recycle and have a good week.

Network aims to reduce waste

Dear Editor,

Something new has come to Winters! The Freecycle Network is made up of many individual groups across the globe. It's a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving stuff away for free in their own towns. Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer. Membership is free.

Freecycle was started in May 2003 to promote waste reduction in Tucson's downtown and to help save desert landscape from being taken over by landfills. The Network provides individuals and non-profits an electronic forum to "recycle" unwanted items. One person's trash can truly be another's treasure.

The Winters Freecycle group is open to all who want to "recycle" that special something rather than throw it away. Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano or an old door, feel free to post it. Other nonprofit groups are also welcome to participate.

One main rule: everything posted must be free. Remember, we are a nonprofit organization and a movement of people interested in keeping good stuff out of landfills. E-mail WintersCAFreecycle-owner@yahoo.com to ask questions or make suggestions, or go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WintersCAFreecycle/> to join. Have fun and jump right in.

TOM McMASTERS-STONE

"Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, these ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

~ Robert F. Kennedy

Time to declare war on War

By DONALD K. SANDERS
Guest columnist

Lately I am starting to think again. This seems to happen every once in awhile whether I want to or not. I have tried to prevent this intermittent occurrence several times during my long life. When I was very young I told myself that I just wasn't going to think any more and I found that with a little practice I could just zone out to the great open space between my ears. But just when I thought I had a handle on it, something would happen and bam-bam-twang, it would happen again; I would have a thought.

This was very upsetting for me and I'll tell you why. When I think, it's usually about something that needs to be said. Something that I feel is important and needs to be vocalized and brought to the attention of others.

I need to say something about your sons and daughters. I'm worried about them because I have children too. Many of our children will go to war soon. This is Bush's war and it is not a virtuous war. We will send our happy, loving children over there and when they return they will not be the same people. Something within them will be broken.

You will notice the difference immediately. The experience and the hurt of war will not stop when your children come home. It is like a disease and it can spread throughout your family, ripping it apart. American families are suffering just as much as Iraqi families but in a very different way. Our suffering is kept far below the level of Iraqi suffering. Iraqi suffering is a whole different ball game. Those who have witnessed the cruelty of war can attest to this. Watching a war on television is not the same as living in a war — it never will be.

I was about 7 years old the first time I tried to stop thinking. Within a period of two or three months my father, just home from the war, tried to kill his three sons. He was taken away to a mental institution for the criminally insane. Shortly afterwards, my mother walked away and left two of her sons in a Catholic Orphanage in Little Rock, Arkansas. It was in this place that I taught myself not to think. In its stead, I developed other skills. Out of necessity, I taught myself how to hurt people before they could hurt me. I became very good at it. I became an expert at the sucker punch and the kick in the crotch. Sometimes I would wait until the sucker was asleep. I was very good at

it and I never had to think about it.

Years later I was delighted to find out that there was a place for people like me: the United States Army. I found that 90 percent of the people of higher rank were just like me — people who didn't want to think too much. The Army taught me new and better ways to hurt people with new and very inventive techniques. They gave me all sorts of cool things like a rifle, a bayonet, and even a flack vest. They fed me, clothed me, taught me, and introduced me to the world of hurting people on a massive scale. All this and I didn't have to think at all, not once, and apparently, neither did they.

Eventually they sent me overseas and it was there that I had my first "thinking" relapse. I won't go into detail but, (I don't know how to say this, so I'll just spit it out) I hurt someone as bad as they can be hurt. Kapow, just like that, a thought happened and there it was, inside my head and I couldn't get it out. It was followed in quick succession by more thoughts.

Well I don't have to tell you how upsetting this was for me because I hadn't developed a single thought for many years. I feared that I could no longer function in a hurting capacity and that my new companions would consider me a threat to their security. For advice, I went from Sergeant to Lieutenant, and on to a Lieutenant Colonel. The latter gave me a Bronze Star and ordered me not to think about it any more. Trying not to think about Vietnam gave me a headache so I got into an aircraft medical kit and took every pill that I could find. I found that drugs would keep me from thinking. This technique seemed to work because it was 35 or so years before I had another thought.

Back in the world, I found I could function very well as long as I took this pill or that. I could see that almost every veteran that I knew had the same habits as I, and we all shared an aversion to thinking too much. Of course, not being thinkers, we didn't consider that our activities were against the laws of man and God. One by one, my fellow non-thinking veterans went to jail and I was told, over and over, that when all of your friends are going to jail, you're next. This takes me full circle, back to the beginning of this story.

Like I said, "I am starting to think again." This happens when I look at my son. He is high school age now and I can see that he

is eager to get out in the world and start mixing it up. I don't want him to make the same mistakes that I made so I feel that I should have a talk with him. I would like to see to it that he will never have a reason to want to stop thinking. The problem is I can't think of anything relevant to say so I have sometimes neglected this duty. On the other hand my wife is a big time thinker, so she is always there pointing which way is right and which way is wrong. She knows that I'm not such a good thinker, but she loves me anyway and helps me keep it together. She knows that somewhere along the line, something within me was broken.

It is like there are two different worlds with a line drawn between them; thinkers and non-thinkers. It's very odd because one side doesn't want to admit that the other side exists and the opposite side has never even thought about it. It troubles me that I am not qualified to advise my son on what is and is not worth thinking about. Everything that he needs to know before he goes out into the world he has gotten from his mother. I can see that, like my wife, my son is a thinker. I can see that he has independent thoughts and discourages others from trying to think for him. Like most other fathers, I won't stand for anyone trying to tell my son how and what he should think about.

The time has come for fathers everywhere to revert to and use their other skills. It is an emergency situation. Our President wants to send another 20,000 of our sons and daughters to Iraq. I don't like that. I am saying so right now. There is nothing that I will not do to keep anyone from sending my son to die or to kill someone else's son. This is not a righteous war. You need to say something; anything. Put a sign in your yard, write your Congressman, demonstrate in the street. Do something.

"Declare war on war" — the famous words of Dr. Martin Luther King that I believe led to his murder. War is big business when you can sell arms to both sides. After all, big business does not have to send their sons to war but they want to send yours. One more thing and then I'll shut up. It is better to speak up and protest this war while your children are still alive because it is just a matter of time before someone who lives in Winters has a son or daughter that will come home in a flag-draped box.

All together now



Courtesy photo

On a recent visit to the Dominican Republic, Rick and Diana Baker celebrated Diana's 50th birthday, as well as the 32nd birthday of Richard Almonte, who was an 1992-93 AFS student visiting Winters from the Dominican Republic. From left are Raphael Huber (AFS Switzerland, 1993-94 in Winters), Outi Tanner (AFS Finland, 2006-07 in Winters), Rick Baker, Hazal Ozturk (AFS Turkey, 1997-98 in Winters), Diana Baker, Debbie Carbahal, John Carbahal and Richard Almonte. This is the first time the group was all together at one time.

Show benefits Yolo Family Service Agency

"Let's Murder Marsha" by Monk Ferris is a delightful mystery/comedy, in which a happy housewife overhears her husband planning her upcoming birthday surprise with an interior decorator. Having read too many murder mysteries, Marsha believes they are planning to murder her. Marsha plans to block their diabolical scheme. Comedy ensues!

The local production of "Let's Murder Marsha" will be performed by the Winters Theatre Company under the direction of Trent Beeby at the Winters Community Center. The March 10 production is a benefit for Yolo Family

Service Agency. The evening features a marinated tri-tip dinner buffet prepared by local Rotary Club volunteers that features the best of Yolo County's restaurants, grocers, and growers. The event will also include an extensive silent auction featuring gift baskets, one-of-a-kind opportunities, and weekend getaways.

Event tickets are \$40 each with tables of eight available for \$320. Ticket price includes the meal, a complimentary beverage, reserved seating and the performance, with a dessert intermission. Sponsorships ranging from \$150 to \$1,000 are available and include

event tickets with priority seating, complimentary beverages, and marketing benefits.

Tickets for the March 10 showing must be purchased from Yolo Family Service Agency. Tickets may be purchased at 455 1st Street between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets may be reserved by calling 662-2211. YFSA accepts Visa and MasterCard.

All event proceeds support Yolo Family Service Agency. YFSA has been Yolo County's provider of high quality, affordable individual, couples, and family counseling since 1959.

Teach Peace to meet Feb. 3

Teach Peace will hold its February meeting on Saturday, Feb. 3, 1-3:30 p.m., in the Blanchard Room in the Davis Library at 315 E. 14th Street. Topics of discussion will include member survey results, volunteer opportunities, and the movie program. In addition, there will be a training session for The Stand Up For Peace program from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

This event is not sponsored by the library nor does the presence of Teach Peace in the community room constitute Library endorsement of the policies or beliefs of the group.

For more information, call 758-2362 or 758-8431, or visit www.TeachPeace.com.

www.wintersexpress.com

Red Cross training for disasters planned Saturday

The local Disaster Action Team (DAT) is made up of 100 percent volunteers and is looking for some good people to join both the local and national disaster response teams.

The American Red Cross of Yolo County is offering two disaster classes, Fulfilling Our Mission and Mass Care, on Saturday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yolo Chapter located at 120 Court Street, Woodland

Fulfilling Our Mission teaches students how they can take their compassion and turn it into community

action, through volunteering with the Red Cross. Mass Care educates new volunteers the basics of caring for large numbers of people.

To register for these

classes contact Diana Gustafson, Director of Volunteer Management & Emergency Services, 662-4669 or comdir@yc-arc.org All disaster training is free of charge.

Community

A perfect place for pampering

◆ Aura Day Spa & Salon ready to welcome customers

When was the last time you did something nice for yourself? If you have trouble coming up with an answer, it's time to visit Aura Day Spa & Salon, which opened for business on Jan. 22. Located in a completely refurbished building at 14 Main Street, the spa offer a complete line of hair and skin care, manicures, pedicures, massage, body treatments (such as wraps), and body and facial waxing. For those who want even less activity than that, there are even private tub rooms, where you can relax in warm, scented water and soak your cares away.

Hairstylist and esthetician Paulette Weill started working on her new business in May of last year, and says she decided to get back into hair and skin care after retiring. After working as a corporate secretary in Richmond for 30 years, Weill decided that relocating to a quiet little town and retirement was just what she needed. Turns out she liked the relocation, but not the retirement.

"I found out retirement was boring," says Weill, who still had a valid hair-styling license from her years prior to the corporate world. She decided to build upon that and went back to school for her esthetician's license. Rather than go to work for someone else again, however, Weill decided this time around, she'd open her own day spa.

"I always wanted to," she says. "I love to go to spas. I liked going to a spa and feeling good, and I wanted to do it for other people."

Anyone who is already familiar with day spa treatments doesn't have to be told how wonderful they are. But for those who haven't given them a try, Weill says she understands the skeptics - she once was one.

Arbor Day celebrations planned

The Yolo County Historical Museum at Gibson Mansion will hold Arbor Day celebrations on Saturday, March 10, at the museum from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

The Gibson Gardeners will hold their first Victorian and Native plant sale of 2007 and UC Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening questions. Event plans include Museum garden tours with Warren Roberts, who has been the superintendent



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Paulette Weill sits by one of the esthetician's tables at Aura Day Spa & Salon, which opened at 14 Main Street on Jan. 22. Their grand opening is Saturday, Feb. 3, 3-6 p.m.

"I didn't believe in it until I tried it. It's an experience," she says. "You can have a long day and go get a facial or a body treatment and you feel like a whole new person."

She says men in particular need a little more coaxing than women to pamper themselves, and she encourages men to come in for a spa treatment too. She points out that in many areas, it has become common for men to have such treatments as facials, manicures and pedicures, and she's hoping to bring the local males up to speed.

"I want men to come in and feel the spa experience," says Weill.

Besides the traditional day spa treatment, Weill also has a Dermalife Spa-Oceana treatment capsule. With its slowly changing, soothing colors, the 53-gallon multisensory hydrospa tub contained within a body-length capsule looks a bit like some sort of spaceship pod, but Weill says not to be put off by its odd appearance. Once inside and relaxing

in the tub, the Spa-Oceana produces light and aromatherapy, a warm whirlpool and gentle steam. You can even view relaxing videos such as seascapes on a little screen if you wish, or just listen to music.

With so much to choose from, where do you start? Weill says not to worry. Just come down to the spa for body or facial "mapping," which defines which areas are rough or dry or delicate, and Weill or one of the other estheticians will outline the best treatment for you. Besides Weill, esthetician/hair-stylists Heidi Coy and Stephanie Woolley and nail technician Randi Perone are ready to fill their appointment books. The spa also offers Dermaligica hair and skincare products for sale.

Aura Day Spa & Salon is open for business, and everyone is welcome to stop by Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday by appointment. Their grand opening takes place on Saturday, Feb. 3, 3-6 p.m., featuring

hors d'oeuvres and champagne, catered by The Buckhorn.

Besides getting a chance to see one of Winters' newest businesses at the grand opening, visitors will also see how different the building at 14 Main Street is now. Weill makes a point of praising the work done JDS Builders.

"It's unbelievable, what they did, from a shell of a building," she says, adding that she was particularly impressed that John Siracusa, co-owner of JDS Builders, even participated in picking out paint colors, which she loves.

For more information about Aura Day Spa & Salon or to make an appointment, call 795-3678.

Winters man needs some financial help

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

William Smith is facing a literally life or death paradox. The 53-year old Winters resident suffers from Hepatitis C and needs a liver transplant if he is to survive. On disability, with only Medi-Cal for health insurance, he says Medi-Cal will pay for the liver and the surgery itself, but it will not pay for any of the necessary testing that must take place before he can even be put on the donor list, which may be his only hope of survival.

William and his wife, Diana, not only don't have the money for the tests, they don't have the money for transportation to San Francisco to have the consultation for the tests, which is scheduled for Friday of this week. William says he is not even sure how long he

can survive without a liver transplant until the tests are conducted.

Before becoming disabled by liver disease, William was a truck driver for 33 years. Diana works as a home health care aid here in town and does not have health insurance. Although they have 12 children and 21 grandchildren, William says none of them have the financial means to help them out. So far, the Smiths held a car wash last weekend at Pisani's Service to try and raise some money to get to San Francisco.

The Smiths opened a bank account with \$50 at First Northern Bank, and are making a plea to the community for help. Anyone willing to spare a few dollars can make a deposit at the Winters branch, to the Diana Smith and William Smith, Sr. Donation Account.

Skaggs serving in Southwest Asia

Air Force Senior Airman Matthew J. Skaggs is currently deployed in Southwest Asia to support the missions of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is assigned to the 386th Expeditionary Wing providing military aerial operations from its forward-deployed location to sites in Kuwait and Iraq.

Wing members are responsible for tactical air-

lift missions into Iraq, Kuwait, and the Horn of Africa region.

Skaggs is a C-130 aircraft loadmaster normally assigned to the 2nd Airlift Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, N.C. He is the son of Steve and Marilyn Skaggs of Winters. His wife, Victoria, is the daughter of W. and Maryanne Walker of Vacaville. He is a 1999 Winters High School graduate.

Entertainment

The characters of “Alice in Wonderland”



Photo by Keeley Nickelson

The characters of “Alice in Wonderland” have been cast. The members are busy memorizing their lines and becoming stars. Appearing in the play are, from left, (back) Chole Graf as the March Hare and Haley Tobler as the White Rabbit; (front) Alex Chusman as Tweedle Dum, Jill Oates as Tweedle Dee, and Molly Nickelson as the Mad Hatter. The community is invited to attend the premier on Feb. 23, or on Feb. 24. Both shows start at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children. The City of Winters Youth Drama program is producing the play, with Lynne Secrist and Tracy Nickelson co-directing.

Winters Center for the Arts to move

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

The Winters Center for the Arts will have a closing ceremony of sorts on Saturday, Feb. 3, as it prepares to relocate across the street to 18 Main Street, formerly the location of Classic Video, which closed its doors last year. The center’s last day at 31 Main Street will be celebrated with a wine tasting fund-raiser from 3-8 p.m. sponsored by the Rominger West Winery. The evening will include a display of artwork by Sande Kay and photographs by Lorenzo Kristov, and live Brazilian music. The art show and music are free, the wine-tasting costs \$10. Proceeds from the event will go toward the student art scholarships funded by the center each year.

The following weekend, on Saturday, Feb. 10, the community is invited to visit the Winters Center for the Arts in its new location, to be celebrated with a student art show from 6-8 p.m. Another feature of the event will be a raffle for a Native American blanket/wall-hanging, which is on display in the window at 18 Main Street. The raffle also supports student art scholarships.

Eric Doud, president of the board of directors for the Winters Center for the Arts, is looking forward to opening up in the new location. Its larger size will allow for community art classes, which the center hopes to offer this spring, as well as a retail section. Doud says the board envisions something similar to The Artery in Davis, which has ongoing art shows on one side of the building as well as art and handmade items

on the other.

Although the Winters Center for the Arts has struggled financially since it opened several years ago as the Winters Participation Gallery, Doud says it is managing to stay afloat, but just barely. The new retail feature should be a big help in boosting the center’s bottom line, and the center is expected to receive a \$2,500 grant from the city soon to help get the community classes off the ground.

Besides more income, Doud says the center is still in need of more volunteers on its weekend hours (Friday, 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, 3-8 p.m.) and is also looking for a store manager to handle the retail activities.

“The more volunteers we have, the more we can expand,” says Doud.

He encourages the community to attend both the upcoming wine tasting and the student art shows, em-

phasizing that these are the types of events that help foster a relationship between the center, the community and the schools.

“One of the primary missions of the Winters Center for the Arts is linkage between the school system and the community, and to aid emerging artists, particularly our youth,” says Doud. “One of the primary reasons we’d like to see these events well-attended is because all of the proceeds will go toward a high school scholarship fund.”

In all, Doud says things are looking up for the Winters Center for the Arts.

“I’m optimistic about its future, and the potential in the new space for classes and the retail component,” says Doud.

For more information about the Winters Center for the Arts, call 795-5301, or visit <http://yvm.net/go/winarts/>.

Closing reception planned at Winters Center

The Winters Center for the Arts announces the closing reception for its exhibit of works by Winters artist, Sande Kay, and Davis photographer, Lorenzo Kristov on Saturday, Feb. 3, 3-8 p.m. The show opened Jan. 6. At the same time, the Center and Rominger West Winery will host a wine tasting fund-raiser for the Center’s High School Art Student Scholarship fund.

The closing reception will offer refreshments, live Brazilian jazz, and is free and open to the public. The wine tasting costs \$10.

Lorenzo Kristov’s “Freights” is a new exhibit of 20 digital photographs of painted freight cars. Unlike the photographers who document sightings of freight train graffiti, Kristov hones in on small, abstract fragments of the graffiti images against the complex, multi-textured surfaces on which they are painted.

Sande Kay’s show, “Animism,” presents her ink drawings and paintings. Her animal portraits, while using the elements of classical composition of the old masters, express her subjects’ inner soul in slightly whimsical, often humorous ways such as in the seven-piece mural currently showing, “Crow Dance.”

Hours are Fridays 5-8 p.m., Saturdays 3-8 p.m., and Sundays 12-2 p.m.

For more information, call 795-5301 or visit <http://yvm.net/go/winarts/>

Rominger West Winery produces limited quantities of hand-crafted wines from fruit sourced from local organic and sustainably farmed vineyards. Their

goal is to produce wines that are an expression of the region and the individual vineyards. They are located at 4602 Second Street Suite 4 in Davis. For more information about Rominger West Winery, call 747-2044.



Coming up

Fri. 2/2 - Chuck Prophet and the Mission
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Sat. 2/10 - John Stewart
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CLAYGROUND

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on a particular subject, such as dinosaurs or Harry Potter wizards for birthday parties with various themes. They can offer plates and cups for people to make their own dinner ware this way.

~ An open studio for viewing and purchasing the owners' artwork.

~ One day workshops for instruction in various ceramics subjects.

The owners have been sprucing up the small space at the northwest corner of 9 Main Street (the building that is home to Blue Hills Gallery), and have created a bright, friendly space for clay work, complete with worktables, a potters wheel, sinks and an electric kiln.

"I've had requests from people, a group of women wanting a place for a mom's evening night out — there's really no where to hang out in Winters," says

Bresnick-Holmes. "It's a safe environment, a place for some friends to come, paint some stuff, bring some refreshments, chat."

When people come to paint bisque ware, they are actually glazing a pre-made partially fired clay piece. The studio has a sample board of resulting colors, and once the piece is completed, the piece is fired again in the studio kiln and the result is a finished piece of pottery, ready to be used.

"You can also come in to work with wet clay, whether you want to do tile work, coil building, pinch pots or wheel work," says Bresnick-Holmes. "We just packed up a box for a party — kids just love making things in clay. We just had a party for adults here — each women made a big tile of her own. And then I helped them throw a pot and each one threw a pot of her own."

"The great thing is, we can do whatever people

want. If someone wants help doing a particular kind of piece, or if a group wants a particular kind of party — it can be tailored to whatever people want.

"We'll have some set open hours, some regular drop in hours, and some scheduled classes as well. We'll have a sign up sheet for the grand opening . We'll have a feedback form at the opening so people can give us ideas about what they want."

"This is what I love doing — this is the main thing for me," says Bresnick-Holmes. She holds many jobs, including substitute teaching. She has been doing pottery since 1995, starting at the Crafts Center at UC Davis, where she has been teaching wheel-throwing pottery for eight years. Her pottery work can be seen on the tables at Steady Eddy's Coffee House and at the Briggs Gallery. She grew up in New York and San Diego, and went to college at UC Davis, where she earned a

law degree. She and her husband and two children have lived in Winters for four years. She worked as a lawyer for a few years, liked her job, but doesn't miss it now that she has found her true calling.

Bresnick-Holmes met Moore-Jervis only five months ago through kids' soccer. Moore-Jervis's background is in painting as well as ceramics, and she makes figure-based sculpture with highly worked finishes, some of which have a pre-Columbian effect. She studied painting in her native Tennessee, and after moving to Winters in 1994 began doing ceramic work in the studio of Donna Billick, a nationally known sculptor famous around here for the mosaic dancing pigs at the Marketplace in Davis. She worked with Billick doing numerous public art projects. She did more public art pieces as part of the Clay Moon Studio, which she opened with partner

Marcia Smith. She currently does commission work, including murals and mosaics.

The Clayground's grand opening will take place this Saturday, Feb. 3 from 3 to 8 p.m. Refreshments

will be served, demonstrations will take place, and the owners look forward to showing off their new space, the artwork they make and the many opportunities for people to make use of their studio.

Public hearing planned for County General Plan

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Erwin Meier Administration Center at 625 Court Street, Woodland, to consider a Preferred Land Use Alternative for the 2030 Yolo County General Plan update, addressing future land use throughout the unincorporated area. The Preferred Alternative will consider issues related to specific areas including, but not limited to: Clarksburg, Dunigan, Esparto/Madison/Ca-

pay Valley, Knights Landing, Monument Hills, Yolo/Zamora, Elkhorn Business Park, Yolo County Airport Industrial Development, commercial development along Interstate 5, agriculture, natural resources, and areas adjacent to the cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland.

Written comments can be addressed to David Morrison, Assistant Director, Planning, Resources, and Public Works Department, 292 W. Beamer, Woodland, CA 95695, or e-mailed to david.morrison@yolocounty.org.

ADAMS

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Adams sees this as an excellent time to encourage vitality and growth in the Winters business community.

"There are many businesses here that rely on more than Winters residents for their economic health, and we're going to do as much as possible to make Winters known as a place to visit." Adams has a lot of ideas for chamber projects, but looks forward to the board meeting on February 12 to work with board members to evaluate current projects and come up with a program of work.

In the near term, he looks forward to the chamber supporting Tour of California bike race that will visit Winters on Feb-

ruary 20. This will be a world class race modeled on the Tour de France, and thanks to the efforts of Velo City bike shop, will include speed sprints on Main Street. "We are going to use that as a "Visit Winters" program," says Adams.

Adams first chamber event as director will be the chamber mixer coming up on February 12 at the Main Street office of Solano Construction.

"I see the chamber being the forefront in directing downtown beautification and enhancement. My goal is for all the businesses to be working in harmony. When the business segment is healthy, the rest of the community is healthy. We want people to come to Winters, and see an enthusiasm about our town."

Adams has experience running volunteer pro-

grams and looks forward to motivating volunteerism in Winters. One of his ideas is to get people out to whitewash the old car bridge over Putah creek, in time for the Tour of California bike race. "It's dilapidated and it's one of our entries into town. I'm going to get some paint donated. It would take us two hours," says Adams. "I'm in the process of seeking volunteers for that."

Adams is currently handling training and facilitation for the firm Rocky Mountain Resolve. He has functioned as the binding arbitrator in labor disputes, and will continue in that field along side his half time position with the chamber. Adams background includes many years serving as a member of the Salt Lake City chamber of commerce, as well

as serving on the board of directors for two other chambers.

Adams moved to Winters when his wife, Lynne Chronister, received a position at UC Davis as a research administrator. Adams is very involved in veterans activities and served in the Air Force in Guam and Vietnam and lived in Vacaville 30 years ago, "when it was just an onion town," after leaving the service. He has a son in San Francisco and a daughter who lives in Salt Lake City, where Adams grew up. His daughter has a similar job as director of government liaison for the Salt Lake City mayor's office. She just gave birth to Adam's first grandson, Max.

I see this board of directors as a great team," says Adams. "I'm excited to be involved in this window of opportunity."

Sports

Injuries take a toll on Warriors

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School boys' soccer team lost a Butte View League game to the Sutter Huskies on Thursday, Jan. 25, by the a score of 5-0. The game started slow with both teams having equal amounts of scoring opportunities and neither putting one in the net. The game soon changed, though, after the Huskies scored off a header. "After they scored, our defense seemed disorganized," said coach Alfredo Rodriguez. "That allowed Sutter to get three more quick scores before the half."

David Hill and Jose Herrera both were able to create several attacks but were unable to score. After trailing 4-0 at the half the Warriors were able to hold the Huskies to just one goal in the second half. With Carlos Figueroa and Carlos Lona out due to injuries, the Warriors' mid-field was having a hard time recovering the ball. "Marshall Fredricks, Jose Duran and Cody Svozil worked hard for the team," said Rodriguez. "They played hard on both sides of the field. Svozil played forward in the first half and goal keeper in the second." Herrera also helped keep the Huskies from scoring after he dropped back on defense. "They had a hard time getting past Jose," Rodriguez added.

JV girls beat Sutter Huskies

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The JV girls' basketball team beat the Sutter Huskies 31-27 last Tuesday, Jan. 23, in Sutter. Holly Valenzuela scored 11 points to lead the Warriors and made three-3 point shots. Megan Avellar scored 10 points, while Brittanie Hedrick scored 6 points for the Warriors.

Warriors play with heart in victory over the Huskies

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity basketball team picked up the intensity that has been lacking in recent weeks and beat the visiting Sutter Huskies 60-54 on Tuesday, Jan. 23. It was the first "Find a Cure Night" in honor of Jared Davis, a 2005 Winters High graduate who passed away on Aug. 8, 2006, after battling Aplastic Anemia for 11 months. The Warriors gathered at center court before the game and played with a lot of heart for all four periods.

The Warriors were up by three at the half but tied at 41-41 to start the fourth period. Winters then out scored the Huskies 19-13 in the final eight minutes for the victory. Colton Crabtree led the Warriors with 12 points and 6 rebounds. Mateus Peruck scored 10 points and had 3 rebounds. Damon Miles scored 8 points with 4 rebounds. Alex Thomson also scored 8 points and had 2 rebounds. Brock Neil scored 7 points and had 4 rebounds. Justin Valenzuela scored 6 points and had 2 rebounds. Alexio Jurado scored 5 points and had 5 rebounds and 5 assists. Pierre Cooper scored 4 points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Jan. 26, the Warriors traveled to Wheatland to take on the



Photo by Eric Lucero
Brock Neil out jumps a Sutter player in the opening tip off of the Warriors 60-54 victory over the Huskies.

Pirates and lost 55-43. Winters had a hard time dealing with the half court trap and definitely did not play with the same intensity they did against Sutter. Crabtree led the Warriors

again with 18 points. Cooper scored 7 points, Thomson scored 6 points, Jurado scored 5, Peruck scored 4, and Neil scored 3 points for the Warriors.

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Lady Warriors win two in a row

◆Yehle scores 56 points in two games

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity girls' basketball team won two league games last week improving their overall record to 12-7 and put themselves in third place in the BVL with a 3-2 record. Winters played at Sutter on Tuesday, Jan. 23, and came home with a 54-30 victory over the Huskies. "We started slow," said coach Matt Cooley. "But we had a 39 point second half." After trailing 16-15 at the half, the Warriors out scored the Huskies 18-3 in the third and 21-11 in the fourth.

Lauren Yehle, the northern sections' leading scorer led the Warriors with 25 points, 7 steals, 5 rebounds and 3 assists. Jenny Campos had a double-double for the Warriors with 14 points and 11 rebounds, had 2 assists and a steal.

Rebecca Salas scored 6 points, had 4 steals, 2 rebounds and 1 assist and 1 block. Chelsea Corrales scored 5 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal. Taryn Jones scored 2 points and pulled down 10 rebounds had 3 steals, 1 assist and 1 block. Silvia Garcia scored 2 points and had 2 rebounds. Lauren Brownwood had a rebound and 1 assist, while Amber Ramos had 1 assist for the Warriors.

On Friday, Jan. 26, the Warriors traveled with the boys' team to Wheatland and upset the Pirates on their homecoming night with a 59-42 victory. Winters jumped out to a 22-12 first period lead and played solid throughout the game. "We started strong in this game and finished well," said coach Cooley.

Yehle had another big night for the Warriors with 31 points. Campos scored 10, Corrales scored 7, Jones scored 6, and Salas added 5 points for the Warriors.

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Turnovers costly for JV boys

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The JV boys' basketball team lost two league games last week and could blame turnovers as the common denominator. Winters had a tough time dealing with the defensive pressure from both Sutter and Wheatland. The Warriors played Sutter at home on Tuesday, Jan. 23, and suffered a tough 83-58 loss.

Aaron Geerts had a big night offensively with 29 points. Patrick Leslie scored 7 points. Woody DeVries scored 6 points. Jose Ceja, Dillon Miles and

Kyle Tobler each scored 3 points, Max Mariani and Miguel Del Rio both scored 2, while Jules Damey scored 1 point for the Warriors.

On Thursday, January 25, the Warriors hosted Wheatland and lost 65-42. "The game was really closer than that," said coach Brad Burton. "The score looked more lopsided than it really was." Geerts led the Warriors with 13 points. DeVries scored 9 points, Mariani scored 8, Damey had 6, Jeronimo Aguilera scored 4 and Del Rio scored 2 points for the Warriors.

CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Aaron Geerts

Aaron Geerts, a sophomore on the Winters High School JV boys' basketball team is this week's athlete of the week. Geerts has led the JV team all season long as a team leader as well as a scorer. On Tuesday, Jan. 23, against Sutter at Young Gymnasium, Geerts scored 29 points and made five three pointers to lead all scorers. Geerts then scored 13 points on Thursday, Jan. 25, against Wheatland.

FOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
Each Cody's Athlete of the Week receives a FREE Lunch

Schools

Students ready for the workplace

Eighteen Winters High School students were awarded Work Ready Certificates at the Winters High School Sports rally, held on Friday, Jan. 26, in Young Gymnasiums.

The Work Ready Certificate Program is sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce to assist students in the transition from school-to-career. Students awarded the certificate have demonstrated they possess work-ready standards such as integrity and punctuality, positive behavior and academic history verified by the school, and have participated in community activities.

These students prepare an appropriate resume and undergo oral interviews by members of the Winters business community.

The Chamber Work Ready Certificate Program is another example of business, community, educators, and students working together to build futures.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Students receiving their Work Ready certificates from the Winters Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 26 included, from left, (back) John Harper, Nicholas Hill, Bryant West, Emilio Vallecillo Bryan Maguire; (middle) Kyla Purvis, Osbaldo Arce, Hope Whittman, Jessica Jordan, Tiffany Walker and Ron Lewis; (front) Chamber Board member Howard Hupe, Lindsey Berg, Jazmin Lopez, Ari Hoover, Katherine Rominger, Katelyn Hill and Chamber Executive Director Robert Adams.

School board to meets

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the School District Office, located at the corner of Grant Avenue and Taylor Street. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Recognition of Wolfskill student Raul Murillo and the neighbors around the Wolfskill campus.

- ~ Public hearing regarding negotiations of the school district and Winters Area Pupil Personnel Services Unit (WAPPSU) for the 2006-2007 school year.

- ~ Public hearing regarding dedication of property to install sidewalks. The parcels under consideration are along Hemenway Street between Grant and Anderson avenues and along Edwards Avenue in from of Waggoner Elementary School.

- ~ Communication and reports.

- ~ Presentation on senior projects.

Action items

- ~ 2007-08 goals and directions.

- ~ Revised board bylaw regarding meeting conduct.

- ~ Negotiations with WAPPSU.

- ~ Tentative contract between the district and the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

- ~ Automated sub-finder.

- ~ Resolution regarding budget revision.

- ~ Resolution regarding dedication of property to install sidewalks.

- ~ Change order for Winters High School swimming pool.

- ~ Consent agenda (minutes, warrants, etc.)

- ~ Informal review of governance team's performance.

Annual student show at Vacaville Art Gallery

Visit the Vacaville Art Gallery and be justly impressed by the creative artwork of the middle and high school students of Solano and Yolo counties. Over 300 mixed media works will be on display.

The show opens to the public Tuesday, Feb. 6 and runs through Saturday, Feb. 24.

Gallery hours are: Tuesday- Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The gallery is located at 718 E. Monte Vista Avenue in Vacaville.

Class of 1957 seeks reunion information

It is time for the class of 1957 to prepare to celebrate its 50th reunion. Anyone with information, addresses, phone numbers or email addresses for anyone in the class is asked to contact Carole Parker Gardner, Lynn Brown Daly or Karen Christie,

so they can find out what ideas the rest of the class might have.

Christie's email is karen.christie@sbcglobal.net and her home address is 2544 Catalina Dr., Sacramento, CA 95821. People can contact her by phone at 916-481-4334.

PTA Science Night a success



Photo by Jenyse Lichwa

Valerie Lizarraga and Tiffany Lichwa enjoy the display of science during the PTA Science Night on Jan. 24.

Over 200 students and many of their families attended the PTA Science Night on Jan. 24. This was a free family night event presented by Explorit Science Center. The night included hands on activities, science experiments, animal displays, live hissing cockroaches, door prizes, and much more.

"The event turned out to be a great success," according to Jenyse Lichwa, of the Winters Combined PTA. "We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again next year."

The Winters Combined PTA is a forum where parents, teachers, administrators, and other concerned adults have an opportunity to discuss ways to promote quality education, strive to expand the arts, encourage community involvement, and work towards a healthier safer neighborhood.

The Winters Combined PTA represents two schools: Waggoner Elementary and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. Lichwa can be contacted at winterspta@netscape.net.

Winters Wrestling Kids wrestle hard in Natomas

By RORY LINTON
Special to the Express

Winters Wrestling Kids Club traveled to Natomas High School on Sunday Jan. 28 for a USA Folkstyle State Qualifier. Winters had a strong representation with 20 kids in divisions ranging from the Pee Wees to the Novice. Winters took home three first place, six second place, three third place and one fourth place award.

Leading the day were Winters Pee Wee brothers Dalton and Carson Lowrie, who both re-

ceived medals for wrestling hard.

Next up was the Bantam division, with William Moore (80 lb) placing first. Will Maldonado (50 lb), Gary Molina (80 lb), and Justin Hoekwater (70 lb) all placed second. Coming in third place was Nathan Dugan (60 lb).

Wrestling hard in the Midget division and getting first place was Devon Turner (60 lb). Jacob Lowrie (85 lb) and Mason Rodriguez (112 lb) took second place. In third place was Zachary Linton (75 lb). Also wrestling hard but not

medaling were Morgan Nicholas (70 lb), Vic Maldonado (65 lb) and Trey Sandor (75 lb).

Winters wrestlers in the Novice division were Dorian Rawls (195 lb), first place; Chaz Mathews (90 lb) and Bo Alvarez (80 lb) both took second place and Eric Iannone (70 lb) was fourth. Wrestling hard but not placing were Gage Sandor (85 lb) and Lathon Andrews (95 lb).

"With 20 kids going and taking home 13 medals. it's a proud day for Winters wrestling" said coach Mike Iannone.

Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Temporada de Impuestos

Nuevamente esta aquí, la temporada de impuestos, y el IRS tiene como cada año cambios a la declaración de impuestos, por ejemplo ahora se incluye reembolsos del impuesto telefónico, una nueva opción de depósito de reembolsos y alivios tributarios aprobados recientemente que requieren que usted este al pendiente de estos cambios.

La agencia ha enviado alrededor de 17 millones de paquetes de la forma 1040 para quienes el año pasado hicieron su declaración por correo. Sin embargo mas y más personas han decidido declarar sus impuestos por vía electrónica. El IRS a través de su pagina en Internet los invita a hacer uso de E-file y Free File - la declaración gratuita a través de www.IRS.gov. Ofrece mas ventaja y sobre todo la pagina esta actualizada con los últimos cambios que se le han hecho a las formas. Algunos de los cambios: Reembolso de Impuesto Telefónico. Contribuyentes individuales podrán solicitar un reembolso si pagaron el impuesto telefónico federal por servicio de larga distancia o servicio combinado.

Para solicitar los reembolsos, los contribuyentes tienen varias opciones:

Los contribuyentes individuales pueden usar cantidades estándares, basadas en el total de exenciones en la declaración federal de impuestos de 2006. El escoger la cantidad estándar ahorra tiempo y el problema de buscar facturas telefónicas de hasta 41 meses anteriores. Las cantidades estándares son \$30 para una persona presentando una exención, \$40 con dos exenciones, \$50 con tres y \$60 con cuatro o más. Por ejemplo, una pareja presentando una declaración conjunta con dos hijos dependientes (un total de cuatro exenciones) serán elegibles para la cantidad estándar máxima de \$60. Los contribuyentes completarán una línea adicional en sus declaraciones.

Para quienes no necesitan presentar una declaración tributaria regular, el IRS ha creado una forma especial y concisa para permitirles pedir el reembolso telefónico. Copias de la Forma 1040EZ-T estarán disponibles en IRS.gov, por teléfono y en varios otros sitios. El IRS anima a quienes califican a presentarla a través de Free File, que esta disponible gratis desde el mes pasado. Más de 10 millones de contribuyentes que normalmente no están requeridos de presentar una declaración pudieran reclamar la cantidad estándar o adjuntar la Forma 8913 para cantidades actuales.

El IRS está tomando varios pasos para que los contribuyentes aprovechen las leyes tributarias promulgadas en diciembre después de haber impreso las formas.

Esta legislación afecta varias áreas de la ley tributaria, pero lo más significativo para contribuyentes individuales incluye las deducciones de impuestos estatales y locales sobre ventas, de matrículas y cuotas educativas, y de los gastos de educadores. Los contribuyentes que declaren en papel tendrán que seguir instrucciones especiales si reclaman alguna de las tres deducciones. Las formas claves 1040 fueron impresas en noviembre, antes de que se dieran los cambios mencionados, por lo tanto se necesitará hacer anotaciones especiales. Para quienes declaren electrónicamente con e-file o Free File (el programa gratuito) del IRS, los programas serán actualizados para incluir las tres estipulaciones claves, además, e-file rendirá reembolsos más rápido que las declaraciones en papel, tomando la mitad del tiempo.

Por primera vez, los reembolsos pueden dividirse entre hasta tres instituciones financieras como bancos, fondos mutuos, o cooperativas de ahorro y crédito. Para dividir sus reembolsos, los contribuyentes deben completar la Forma 8888, Direct Deposit of Refund to More Than One Account (Depósito Directo de Reembolso a Más de Una Cuenta).

El programa de la presentación electrónica gratis empiezo los últimos días de enero con mejoras para beneficio de 93 millones de contribuyentes - 70 por ciento de todos los contribuyentes - quienes califican para el programa. Free File, es una asociación entre el IRS y la Alianza Free File del sector privado, está disponible para contribuyentes con ganancias de \$52,000 o menos. IRS.gov, E-file Ayuda a los Contribuyentes. Considerando los muchos cambios, hay varias opciones fáciles para ayudar a los contribuyentes. IRS.gov proveerá la información necesaria.

Presentar la declaración electrónicamente elimina problemas para muchos contribuyentes al considerar cambios tributarios de este año. Con e-file del IRS, pueden recibir sus reembolsos en la mitad del tiempo en comparación con una declaración por correo, y aun más rápido con depósito directo. Las computadoras del IRS también revisan con rapidez y automáticamente errores u otra información omitida, lo cual hace las declaraciones por e-file más precisas y reduce la probabilidad de recibir correspondencia del IRS por errores.

Ayuda Financiera

Desde el 16 de enero la comisión de Ayuda Estudiantil de California, dio inicio al periodo oficial para la solicitud de las becas CalGrant 2007, con la esperanza que esto ayude a aumentar las inscripciones de los latinos en las universidades del estado y lograr llegar a mas estudiantes para que soliciten ayuda económica y así poder asistir a los planteles de enseñanza superior y técnica. Lastendenciaseducativasrecientes en California indican que el estado ocupa el lugar número 40 en Estados Unidos respecto a la cantidad de estudiantes de preparatoria que van directamente a la universidad.

Las becas Cal Grant son una opción de ayuda económica para los estudiantes de recursos económicos bajos y medios; la fecha límite para solicitar una beca Cal Grant es el 2 de marzo. Los estudiantes y sus padres deben saber que Cal Grant cubrirá los aumentos propuestos a las colegiaturas en los planteles de la Universidad de California (UC) y la Universidad Estatal de California (CSU).

Durante el año escolar 2006-07, la Comisión de Ayuda Estudiantil de California ofreció cerca de \$900 millones de dólares en becas Cal Grant y otros recursos de ayuda económica a 290 mil estudiantes que calificaron en todo el estado. Con una beca Cal Grant, los estudiantes pueden recibir hasta \$9,700 dólares anuales para sus gastos universitarios o en escuelas vocacionales o técnicas.

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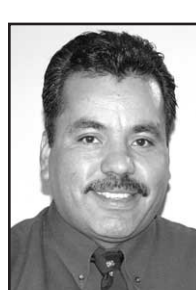
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Weekly police report

Jan. 19
~ Jose Ines Megia Torres, 22, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for speeding, being an unlicensed driver, and no proof of registration or insurance.
~ Lisa Marie Novak, 43, of Winters was exiting a parking lot with the intent to travel southbound on Dutton Street. Before entering onto Dutton Street, she looked to the north to make sure it was clear to enter the roadway. Debra Jay Leichter, 24, of Woodland was traveling southbound on Dutton Street just north of the parking lot driveway. As Novak proceeded onto Dutton Street, her vehicle collided with Leichter's vehicle. As a result, Leichter was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

Jan. 20-22
~ On the 100 block of Colby Lane, property was stolen from two unlocked vehicles. Loss: \$1,250.

Jan. 21
~ Two found bicycles were turned over to the police department.
~ At Interstate 505 and County Road 27, an officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff deputy with the report of a possible airplane crash. Officers were unable to locate an airplane crash.

Jan. 21-22
~ On the 100 block of Colby Lane, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$350.

Jan. 22
~ On the 200 block of Emery Street, an officer responded to an audible residential alarm. The residence was found secure.
~ On the first block of East Main Street, a 14 and a 15 year old Winters juvenile were involved in a physical altercation. An adult suspect brandished an imitation firearm at the 14-year-old during the fight. The case forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint of brandishing an imitation firearm.

Jan. 23
~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.
~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, property was stolen from a vehicle. It is unknown if the vehicle was locked. Loss: \$1,480.

Jan. 24
~ A set of found keys were turned over to the police department.
~ A 15-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for fighting in public and battery. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.
~ A 14-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for fighting in public. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to an adult on a notice to appear.

Jan. 25
~ Public Assistance, 800 block of Grant Avenue.
~ Medical aid, 1100 block of Roosevelt Avenue. Victim feeling ill.
~ Medical aid, Main Street possible broken leg.

Jan. 26
~ On the 1000 block of Village Circle, property was stolen from of vehicle. It is unknown if the vehicle was locked. Loss: \$50.
~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

Jan. 27
~ Bryan Lee Panzich, 18, of Winters was arrested for obstructing/resisting a police officer and violation of probation. Panzich was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.
~ Justin Lee Johnson, 18, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of a drug and possessing less than an ounce of marijuana. Johnson was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.
~ Andres Cruz Hernandez, 27, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. BAC results: .19/.19. Hernandez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.
~ During a property check on the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, a 17-year-old Winters juvenile pulled a pistol from the front of his waist/belt line. The pistol appeared to be real. At the order from the police officer, the juvenile dropped the pistol to the ground. It was determined the pistol was a pellet gun. The juvenile was counseled and the pellet gun was released to its owner.

Jan. 28
~ A 17-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and making a left turn without using a turn signal. Blood alcohol content: .10/.10. The Juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.
~ Adam Sandoval Mejia, 19, of Winters was issued a notice to appear fore being an unlicensed driver and failing to have vehicle lights illuminated during darkness.

Jan. 29
~ A found bicycle was turned over to the police department.
~ Alvaro Lizarraga Sanchez, 18, of Winters was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging him with exhibition of speed, reckless driving upon a highway, hit and run resulting in property damage, and no proof of insurance.
~ Keith Blaine Jones, 25, of Woodland was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging him with being intoxicated in public.

Jan. 28
~ Mutual aid to Solano County Putah Creek Road and Gaddini Road, vehicle fire.
~ Medical aid, 100 block of Liwai Village Court. Victim of a fall.
~ Medical aid, 1000 block of Roosevelt Avenue. Victim feeling ill.

Barbershop chorus

The West Valley Chorus of the Davis-Vacaville Barbershop Harmony Society's local chapter is presenting its annual show in Davis, February 2 and in Vacaville, February 3. The show, aptly named "A Barbershop Sampler", will feature songs from a variety of venues, from old time Broadway to the Beatles. Along with the Chorus will be several locally recognized quartets (High Rollers, Special Blend, Berryessa Gap), and, as its featured quartet, the award winning regional champions "Velocity".
The Davis show will be presented on February 2 at 7:30 p.m., at the Davis High School Performing Arts Theater. Tickets are available at Armadillo Music, 205 F Street, (530) 758-8058; prices are Adult (\$12), Students and Seniors (\$10) and at the door.
The Vacaville shows will be on February 3 at 2 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theater (VPAT). Tickets are available at the VPAT box office: Tuesday - Friday, 10 - 6; Saturday 10 - 2, up to 1 hour prior to the show. Phone: (707) 449-6217. Ticket prices: For the 7:30 p.m. show, adults \$15; students and seniors \$12. For the 2 p.m. show, \$12 all seats.
This "G" rated show is suitable for all ages and all musical inclinations. The West Valley Chorus invites the public to join them as they present a wonderful sampling of Barbershop harmonies throughout the 20th century.

New Preteen Vaccination Recommendations

Preteen Vaccination Week was Jan. 21-28, 2007. During this time, parents were encouraged to become aware of new preteen vaccination recommendations.
"Keeping our young people healthy and safe is one of our top priorities," said Dr. Bette Hinton, Yolo County Health Officer. "Preteen Vaccine Week is an opportunity to increase awareness of new vaccine recommendations."
This year, Preteen Vaccine Week is stressing the importance of regular visits to the doctor during the preteen and adolescent years. Regular doctor visits are one of the best ways to keep our young people healthy.
The preteen doctor visit is also an opportunity for 11- and 12-year-olds to get the vaccines they need, including meningococcal vaccine, a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) booster, a second chickenpox shot (if they have never had chickenpox), and the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for girls.
The recently licensed HPV vaccine protects girls and women against the two

Burns Supper planned in Dixon

The Dixon Scottish Cultural Association announces its annual Burns Supper, to be held on Feb 10, at Denverton Hall on the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 S. First Street in Dixon. Social hour starts at 5 p.m. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. The cost is \$35 for the general public, \$30 for DSCA members. The dinner will be catered by Cracciolo's of Woodland.
The dinner celebrates the life and poetry of Scotland's Poet Laureate, Robert Burns. The celebration consists of poetry recitation and music combined with the customs described in Burns' poetry. Everyone is invited to "come and enjoy a night in Scotland."
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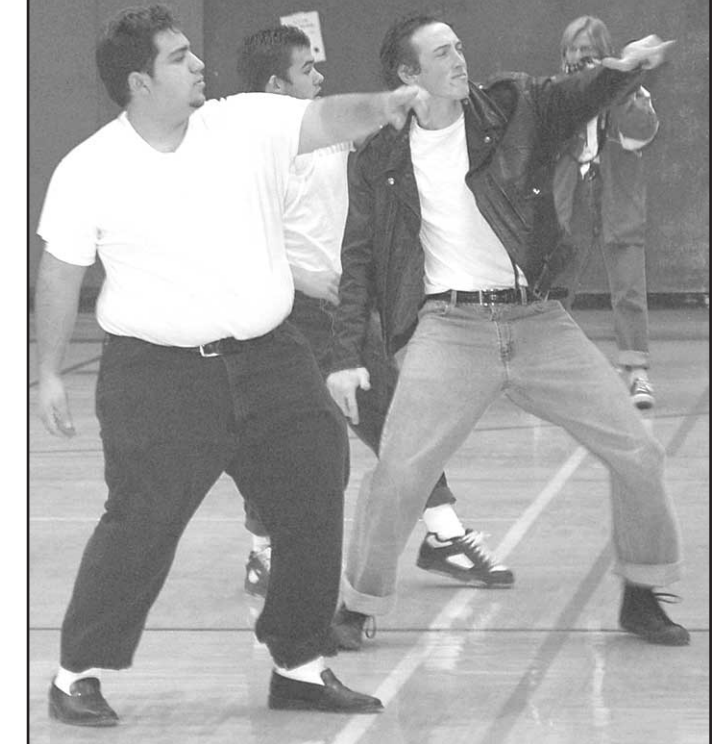


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Greg Contreras and Ron Lewis perform a skit with the Student Government class at a rally on Jan. 26 at the high school gym.