



Photo by Robbie Rubio

This brush fire consumed just under 400 acres along Highway 128 on Tuesday, Aug. 14, and destroyed one home.

Scorched earth

◆ Fire burns 400 acres, one home near Winters

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The ground is scorched every direction close to Steve and Lee Wilce's home atop Las Positas Road, seven miles west of Winters along State Highway 128. What you see is the methodical work of the firefighters, who set back-burns all around their home and a dozen other buildings along the west side of their road, successfully executed to fend off the wildfire that burned almost 400 acres on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 14. The one exception was the home of Tim Caro and Monique Borgerhoff Mul-

der, whose home down in wooded draw was completely destroyed.

“It could have been a lot worse,” said Steve Wilce, viewing the blackened hills. “It hasn’t been too hot lately, not too dry, and there was only mild wind.”

While the Wilces packed their pets, pictures and valuables in the car that night, they watched the line of flames as it paused for a long ten minutes on the next ridge.

“Then we saw a flaming pine cone roll down the slope, and a wedge of flame tore down the hill in its wake, said Wilce.”

The fire, which started further west along Route 128, started around 9:30 p.m., and burned south and east towards Las Posi-

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New library plans making progress

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The road to the new Winters Public Library has been so rough, supporters are wary of optimism. That said, there is reason to hope for the best. Design of the joint school-city-county 10,000 square foot facility is progressing under the direction of Mike Leighton of NTD Stichler Architecture in Auburn. The library steering committee expects the project to come in under the \$5.2 million budget, and hopes to benefit from the lagging building climate when the project goes out to bid in March of next year.

Earlier this year, the library partners, Yolo County, Winters Joint Unified School District and the City of Winters, dismissed the first architecture firm,

Paul Roberts, when a professional estimate of the design underway came in 50 percent over budget. The partners in April selected NTD Stichler, after the selection committee interviewed the top three of six respondents to the new request for proposal. NTD Stichler overhauled the Paul Roberts design to meet the budget target, but was able to make use of the groundwork for the project, which included a needs assessment study by a consulting firm.

The funding will come from:

- ~ \$3,242,600 from Yolo County.
- ~ \$874,000 from the City of Winters.
- ~ \$400,000 from the Margaret Parsons' Trust.

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Fun, food, festivities planned at Earthquake Street Festival



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Michele Drumright, owner of Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a hula studio in Winters, choreographed all the Hawaiian dances that will be performed by her students at this year's Earthquake Street Festival. She is pictured here while dancing at last year's festival.

◆ Annual event takes place Friday, Aug. 24, 5-11 p.m.

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Downtown Main Street is the place to be this Friday, as the annual Earthquake Street Festival gets underway. Free live entertainment and food will be in abundance from 5-11 p.m., all sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce.

The highlight of the festival is the street dance, and this year's featured live band is Four Barrel, a Yolo County based band featuring the musical talents of Phillip Lovejoy on guitar, Tim Peregoy on bass, Hector Moreno on drums and lead vocalist Ericka Davis.

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Three file for three open seats

Because only three candidates applied for the three available trustee seats on the Winters School Board, there will not be a school board election on the ballot in November.

David Hyde, Matt Brickey and incumbent Thomas Harding filed for the Area 2 (city) seats. Incumbents Richard Romney and Katherine McIntire did not file candidacy papers.

The new trustees will begin on Jan. 1.

FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

ALYSSA ANNE HEMBREE is the firstborn child of Jeremy and Jennifer Hembree of Woodland. Born on July 31, 2007 at 5:48 p.m. at Woodland Memorial Hospital, she weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Anthony and Bonnie Passantino of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Tim and Julie Froman of Woodland, and the late Michael Hembree. Maternal great-grandparents are Harold and June Hewlett of Auburn, and the late Frank and Anne Passantino. Paternal great-grandparents are Lucille Hembree of Woodland, Fred Schuyler and Donna Beebe of Winters, and the late Border Hembree.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Aug. 15		98	55
Aug. 16		97	64
Aug. 17		98	55
Aug. 18		93	56
Aug. 19		97	63
Aug. 20		94	62
Aug. 21		96	63

Rain for week: 0

Season's total: .16

Last year to date: Trace



Courtesy photo

Four Barrel will rock the 2007 Earthquake Street Festival this Friday at 8 p.m. The Yolo County based band is known for its high energy stage show and a wide variety of music from the 60's to the present. Four Barrel features (from left) guitarist Phillip Lovejoy, bassist Tim Peregoy, lead vocalist Ericka Davis and drummer Hector Moreno. For more information on the band, visit www.fourbarrelrocks.com.

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OBITUARIES

Francis Eugenia Marcum

Francis Eugenia Marcum entered into rest on Aug. 16 in Winters. Marcum was born Francis Eugenia Burgess on April 14, 1912 in Nebraska.

Eugenia graduated from Park College in Parkville, Montana in 1932 and continued her college education while teaching in California. She was an elementary school teacher in Vacaville until she retired at the age of 62. After retirement, she became a substitute teacher in Winters and Vacaville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Curtis Marcum, and her oldest son, Roy Curtis Marcum Jr.

Eugenia leaves behind a son Mike Marcum from Arizona, and four grandchildren: Michael Burgess Marcum of Roseville, Roy Curtis Marcum of Elk Grove, Kenneth F. Gooden of Roseville, and Leslie Amos Marcum of Roseville. She also leaves behind thirteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service held on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Pioneer Presbyterian Church located at 205 Russell Street in Winters.

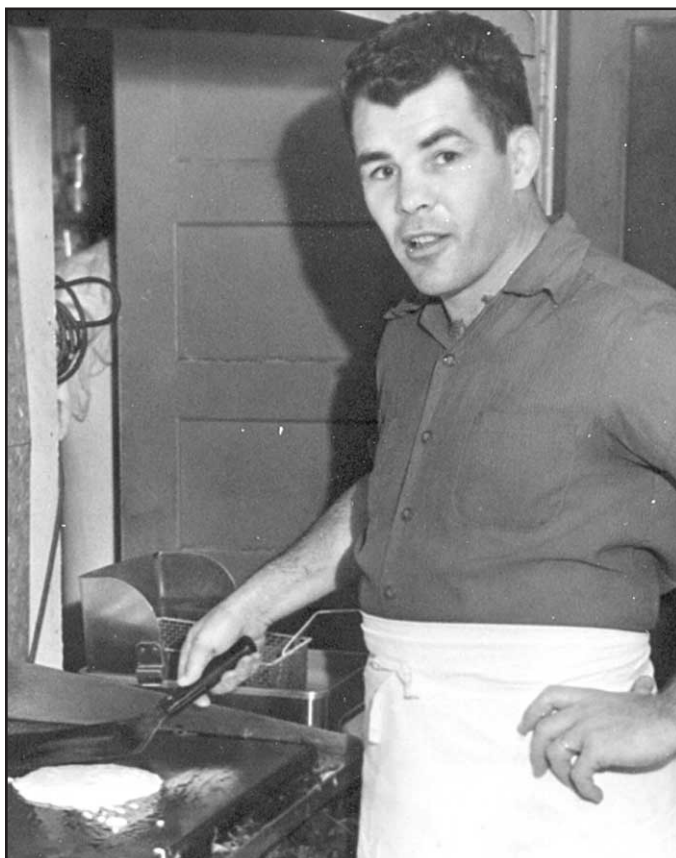
Mary “Mae” Newcomb

Mary “Mae” Newcomb passed away in Woodland following a short illness on Aug. 18, 2007. Born on July 6, 1924 in San Jose, she was 83 years old.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Robert Newcomb, daughter Frankie Newcomb, son, Dane Newcomb, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A visitation is planned for Monday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. at McCune Garden Chapel in Vacaville. Burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. in Vacaville. Pastor Stan Caylor will officiate.

YESTERYEAR



File Photo

Pictured above is George Duke at the stove as he and his wife, Colleen, operated the County Club, where Creekside is now located. This photo was taken in 1953. Duke was elected to the Winters City Council and served until he moved to Yuba City. A former professional boxer, his claim to fame was defeating Carl “Bobo” Olson. The sports center in Vacaville is named for Duke.

Berryessa drops .69 of a foot this past week

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .69 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 12,193 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District. The lake is now about 17 feet below the lip of the spill way.

Emigh reported Tuesday morning that the lake was

423.12 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,290,476 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 460 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 43 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 322 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Weekly fire report

Aug. 13

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Lenis Avenue. Difficulty breathing.

Aug. 14

~ Medical aid, 20000 block of County Road 87. Chest pains.

~ Medical aid, 700 block of Hill Place. Difficulty breathing.

~ Public assistance, 200 block of Abbey Street. Lift assist.

~ Medical Aid, 700 block of Hill Place. Unknown medical.

~ Fire call, west of Pardesha Store on Highway 128. Wildland fire.

Aug. 15

~ Medical aid, 600 block of Foxglove Circle. Seizures.

~ Investigation, west of Pardesha Store on Highway 128. Smoldering embers.

~ Investigation, 300 block of Railroad Avenue. Pulled alarm.

Aug. 16

~ Investigation, Highway 128 at County Road 86. Tree on fire.

Aug. 19

~ Medical aid, 100 block of Broadview Lane. Unknown medical.

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Abbey Street. Lifeline activation.

Weekly police report

Aug. 7

~ A Winters resident reported that someone had used his social security number to purchase a vehicle in Southern California.

Aug. 9

~ On Interstate 505 at SR 128, Shanna Reese was stopped for expired registration. She was found to be an unlicensed driver and cited. The vehicle was towed per vehicle code.

~ Leslie Cliche reported a hit and run on his vehicle. It had been parked on Abbey and Second streets. The rear quarter panel was dented.

Aug. 13

~ On the 700 block of Aster, unknown suspect(s) broke the driver side taillight lens and vandalized the mailbox.

~ Audible Alarm sounded on the 700 block of Main Street.

~ Exterior was deemed secure and no signs of forced entry.

Aug. 14

~ A 17 year old Winters juvenile was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol. The juvenile was released on a notice to appear to his parents.

~ Winters High School was vandalized with toilet paper and items were thrown into the swimming pool and caused damage to the pump and as a result the cost has an estimate cost of over \$400.

Aug. 15

~ Audible alarm sounded on the 100 block of East Grant Avenue. The front and rear doors were secure. No signs of forced entry.

Aug. 16

~ A robbery occurred at Fourth and Main streets. Unknown suspect hit a juvenile victim in the back of the head with an unknown object, rendering the victim unconscious. The victim discovered that his belt buckle, some cash and house key were missing.

Aug. 17

~ Rashad Paul Lamon Martinez, 24, was cited for being an unlicensed driver at Grant Avenue at West Main Street.

~ Officers were dispatched to a family disturbance on the 100 block of Broadview. Investigation determined Luis Arthur Pena, 18 years of age, committed an assault with a deadly weapon. Pena was arrested and taken to the Yolo County Jail.

~ Officers were dispatched to a stolen vehicle sighting on the 100 block of Wolfskill Street. The vehicle was found unoccupied and recovered.

Aug. 18

~ Audible alarm sounded on the 90 block of Martinez Way. A door was found open. The officer entered and found no signs of forced entry nor did anything seem out of place. He secured the door and cleared.

~ John Anthony Drummond, 50, of Hutto, Texas, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving under the influence with blood alcohol content over 0.08 percent, and failure to stop at red light. Blood alcohol contents results were .22/.22. Drummond was booked at the Winters Police Department and was released to a sober adult with a notice to appear.

~ Micheline Moore, 19, was cited for driving on a suspended license at Railroad and Baker streets.

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YEARS AGO

September 5, 1957

B.P. “Barney” Bellport, of Winters, construction engineer for the Solano Project, Monday was appointed director of Sacramento Region of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kidwell, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born at the Yolo General Hospital, Woodland, August 24, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fulton are the parents of a son, Edward John, born at Woodland Clinic August 23, 1957. John is at present in Japan aboard the Bon Homme Richard.

Lake Berryessa is now at the 318.75 foot level, with storage at 115,517 acre feet of water.

Funeral services will be held this morning at 10 o'clock for Mrs. Ida A. Johnson, 87, a pioneer resident of this area, who died in her buckeye district home Tuesday morning.

Roddy Baker's 9th birthday anniversary was observed last Thursday when his grandparents, Judge and Mrs. R.E. Degener entertained the following boys at a patio barbecue party: Wally Sellers, Larry Baker, Mike Lowrie, Steve Baker, Richard Tortosa, Bobby Graf, Dickie Graf, Scotty Graf, Paul Whaley and the honoree, Roddy Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haywood and children, of Inkster, Michigan, are visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkston.

Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Sager of Oakland visited briefly Sunday with Mr. Sager's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Udell, en route to Corning to spend the holidays with friends.

65
YEARS AGO

September 4, 1942

At the meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening, Mayor Culton's resignation offered August 18 was unanimously accepted and the Council adjourned without reorganization or selection of a new member or mayor.

Miss Florence Veall and parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Veall left yesterday to reside in San Jose.

Mrs. Sallie Ish of Olive district observed her 83rd birthday Monday, with numerous remembrances of friends and relatives.

Malcolm and Frank Mahoney have been on furlough, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mahoney.

Mrs. R.W. Thurber received a letter from her son, Kenneth saying that he had landed overseas, but his whereabouts was unrevealed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Judy of Esparto picked up Alice Mae Chapman Saturday afternoon and all were off to visit Yolo Briggs in Fresno, returning home next day.

Clifton Perkins visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Perkins, from Thursday until Saturday en route from Camp Lewis to Pittsburgh.

Robert Gale completed Air Force Advance Flying School training at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona, and received a second lieutenant's commission. Graduation ceremonies were August 27.

C.C. Fehl is in the Woodland Clinic recovering from an operation sustained there. Fred Sims is in charge of the Variety Store in the owner's absence.

100
YEARS AGO

September 6, 1907

Three big six-mule teams belonging to R.E. L. Stephens came down from Moticello Wednesday with all the wood they could haul.

Lawrence Wilson went to Sacramento Tuesday to attend the irrigation congress.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinck and Mr. and Mrs. August Brinck have secured passage on the Hawaiian steamer sailing from San Francisco the 12th, and will spend a month enjoying the salubrious climate of our mid-ocean possessions.

The post office was moved Saturday from the south side of Main Street to the Owen Building at the corner of First and Main Street.

Mrs. Comber has sold her property on Grant Avenue to C.M. Isaacs. The deal was made through W.P. Womack.

Apricot School will open Monday with Mrs. L.H. Gregory as teacher.

Born Saturday, August 31, 1907, to the wife of T.E. Dunnagan, a son.

There will be a social dance next Saturday night on the platform. The floor is fine, the music will be good, and a happy evening for all who attend is assured.

115
YEARS AGO

September 3, 1892

Col. Samuel Taylor, wife and children and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Wolfskill came up from Alameda on the train Tuesday morning.

William Sims went to San Francisco last Wednesday to see Hon. John Swett in relation to high school matters.

Humphrey Brothers have added a line of buggies, surreys and carts to their saddlery and harness establishment.

R.L. Day is having a new woven wire fence, similar to Dr. Magill's, put around his lot adjoining that of the Doctor's. T.E. McFall is doing the work.

The school trustee of Apricot, Buckeye and Winters district met last Saturday afternoon to organize a board of trustees for the new Winters Union High School District. Messrs. Sims, Campbell and Brinck were elected trustees, with Mr. Sims named a chairman of the board and Campbell as clerk. The board voted to purchase seats and desks for 30 scholars, and plan to open the new school on Monday, September 12.

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FESTIVAL

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Four Barrel is a local favorite and has performed at Winters area venues, and promises to get the crowd moving with classic rock music from the 1960s on.

The band has opened for classic rock groups, such as Eric Burdon and the Animals, and recently played the Dixon May Fair and Yolo County Fair. Last weekend, Four Barrel gave Winters a sneak preview of their rock-ability at the Creekside Country Club. If the packed dance floor was any indication, Four Barrel will have the festival crowd in high spirits, with its lively covers of everything from Lynard Skynard to Santana.

Returning to the festival this year will be the dancers from Winters' own Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a hula studio, owned by Michele Drumright, a native of the Big Island. Drumright has been dancing for 35 years and opened her hula studio in Winters about 3 years ago. She started teaching and sharing about her Hawaiian culture in 1992, and enjoys performing at the Earthquake Street Festival because it's yet another opportunity to share about her homeland.

"I just want the people of Winters to know that we have a variety of cultures here in Winters," says Drumright. "I want people to see the whole total spirit and feeling of 'aloha' and the culture."

This year's performance, scheduled for 6 p.m., will feature Hawaiian dances exclusively, all choreographed by Drumright. Her studio's Royal Court, which represents all eight Hawaiian islands, will be featured. Also dancing this year is Drumright's Tiara group, comprised of her advanced dancers.

Drumright explains that

Hawaiian dances always tell a story of a person, place or event. She draws inspiration from Hawaiian songs and creates moves that illustrate the words. Many of the movements are traditional, passed down from generation to generation. Drumright leads trips to the Islands each year so her dancers can experience the places described in the songs, and earlier this year took a group to the Big Island. Last year, Drumright's dancers were the first Americans ever allowed to perform in the annual dance competition in Tahiti, which she says was quite an honor.

Drumright says the Earthquake Street Festival performance will offer a taste of what will take place at her luau, planned for Sept. 8, at the Community Center, 4-9 p.m. Tickets for the luau are \$30, and are available at the door, or in advance by calling 795-3133.

The complete entertainment schedule for this year's Earthquake Street Festival is as follows:

~ 5 p.m., City of Winters Summer and After School Youth Recreation programs. Youth recreation staff will lead children through a variety of fun games and activities.

~ 5:30 p.m., the Studio C dancers will perform their latest jazz and modern dance moves.

~ 6 p.m., the Royal Court and Tiara dancers from Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a perform Hawaiian dance.

~ 6:30 p.m., vocalist Vatrene King and her band of musician friends will rock the crowd.

~ 7 p.m., the belly dance groups Naimas Hips and Sacred Fire will perform tribal and fusion style dance.

~ 8 p.m., Four Barrel takes over Main Street with live classic rock.

Besides entertainment, food and vendor booths will line both sides of Main Street. If you're hun-



Courtesy photo

The Royal Court of the Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a hula studio features, from left, (front) Zachary Williams, Princeton Leslie, Ka'imi Drumright; (back) Trichelle Leslie, Cody Svozil, Morgan Anderson, Amanda Rogers, Hayley O' Neil, Sara Williams, Gina Wingard, Ashley Shaw, Hope Wittman, Patrick Leslie, Sydney Stewart and Madeline Bick. The group performs at 6 p.m. at this year's Earthquake Street Festival, planned for Friday, Aug. 24, 5-11 p.m. on downtown Main Street.

gry, choose from tri-tip sandwiches, corn on the cob, ceviche tostadas, pizza and hot dogs. If you're thirsty, there will be sodas and beverages, and of course, the always popular Chamber of Commerce beer booth. Vendors will offer handmade jewelry, beaded items, art and novelties. For youngsters, there will be face painting, bounce houses and pony rides.

This annual event is sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce, free of charge, and is a major fund-raiser for the Chamber. The event is made possible through the efforts of volunteers, as well as private donors and sponsors.

The Earthquake Street Festival got its start in April 1992 as a centennial celebration of the rebuilding of the downtown following a devastating earthquake in April 1892. Winters residents John Pickerel, owner of The Buckhorn, and Charley Wallace, publisher of the Winters Express, began the original festival, which was later taken over by the Chamber of Commerce in subsequent years and moved to August so it wouldn't compete for funds and volunteers with Youth Day.

For more information about the festival, call the Winters Chamber of Commerce, 795-2329.

Al-Anon helps relatives, friends of alcoholics

Al-Anon meets weekly at the Winters Library community room on Thursday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Following the Al-Anon meeting, an AA meeting meets at 8-9:30 p.m.

Al-Anon is a support group of friends and families dealing with alcoholic/addicts in their lives.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO
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BESIDES VISITING ANOTHER state and state of mind on my summer vacation, I also visited another era: the Middle Ages. It's an annual event called Pennsic, and the word "event" really doesn't do it justice. Under the umbrella of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) on a sprawling campground in western Pennsylvania called Cooper's Lake, Pennsic is the staging of a weeklong medieval war. Warriors are grouped by kingdoms, and dress in full period armor.

The weapons, of course, aren't real — rattan and duct tape — but the injuries are. A six-foot 275 pound brute in full armor hurtling at you headlong with a four-foot rattan sword can pack enough of a wallop to send you off the battlefield in a modern-day ambulance.

From a "castle" erected on a hilltop adjacent to the battlefield, you can watch swarms of warriors slashing and crashing their way around the field, moving as one like a school of fish, trying to outflank each other. The wounded fall to one knee and fight from there, or if "killed," leave the battlefield. At the end of the week, one side emerges victorious.

Surrounding the battlefield, an entire medieval city of about 11-12,000 people springs up, with the goal of creating living medieval history. From attire to tableware, they immerse themselves in the years spanning from 1000 to 1600 by doing rather than by reading. All things "mundane" (modern) are shunned (except port-a-potties!), and anyone walking around in mundane street clothes is "naked." Using a cell phone is a definite social faux pas.

People camp in groups with names and heralds, often in medieval-styled pavilions, which hold up amazingly well in torrential Pennsylvania downpours. The bazaars are a shopper's paradise of handmade jewelry, medieval attire, shoes, pottery and kitchenware. And although the weapons on the battlefield aren't real, the ones for sale are, and each is a handmade masterpiece.

Then there's the classes. Oh me oh my, where to begin. Here's a partial sampling of just one time slot on just one day: Beginning Thrown Weapons, Conversational Arabic, Embroidering Needle Lace Shapes, Making Elizabethan Buttons, Bread in Medieval England, Beer Brewing for the Total Beginner, Advanced Viking Wire Weaving and Beginning Belly Dance. That's just one hour. On one day. Raises the "overwhelming" bar a bit, no?

Then there's the nightlife — party after party, hosted by camps. You must bring your own cup or goblet to partake of the homebrewed beer and mead (honey wine), and utensils as well if there's a feast. Entertainment is live, and songs come from people and instruments, not amplifiers. My favorite was "Put the Budwiser back in the Clydesdale, boys..." Hear, hear!

During Pennsic, you shed your "mundane" life and go through the looking glass into another world. You choose a new name and "persona," through which you experience whatever medieval culture and century interests you. As a newbie, I didn't have a name or a persona, but did my best to be a 16th century Hindu, mainly because I found someone who could make a week's worth of garb for me and because Hindu clothing is light and breezy. I was worried about staying cool in the withering Pennsylvania heat. I should've been more worried about drenching rain and ankle-deep mud.

Besides learning that I really loathe being wet and muddy (think: spoiled housecat in a mud puddle), I learned that while my wire jewelry-making skills suck, I'm a dead aim with a javelin. I also learned about the origins of the Runic Norse alphabet, Christianity's impact on the Pagan community, and India's role in medieval trade. I took four belly dance classes and still look like an epileptic monkey, but hey, it was fun!

It was during a 15th Century Italian dance class that it dawned on me — my Italian ancestors likely danced that very dance, and wasn't it a pity that the steps were lost in time. Until I went to Pennsic. And that's what it's really all about — not the battles and royalty and fancy gowns, but an opportunity to reach back in time and touch your own ancestors by learning to hand-stitch a perfect seam, forge a knife blade from a steel bar, make wine from honey or curtsy on the dance floor. You can almost feel your ancestors reaching out for you across the centuries. It's familiar, on a cellular level, like déjà vu. Maybe that's why when you arrive at Pennsic, they don't say "Hello." They say, "Welcome home."



LETTERS

Teach children bike laws

Dear Editor,

Last November, I was hired by the Yolo Superior Court as a Referee. I was assigned responsibilities including traffic court and small claims court. The traffic court calendar includes juvenile offenders.

A number of the traffic citations involve bicycle violations. While most of the violations are committed by minors, adult violators are not uncommon. It has been surprising how many adult violators do not know that the same traffic safety laws apply to bicyclists as well as motor vehicle drivers. For instance, bicyclists are required to stop at stop signs and red lights. Bicyclists are required to ride on the right side of the road or in a bike lane in the same direction as motor vehicle traffic. If you ride on the wrong side of the road or the wrong way in a bike lane you may be cited.

Many juvenile offenders are under the age of 16 or do not have a drivers license. Unless they have learned the rules of the road, their knowledge of traffic laws tends to be limited. For those bicyclists, it is important that they be taught the rules that apply to them. Parents are the obvious candidates to teach their children the rules.

A significant number of juvenile offenders involve bike helmet violations. Nearly everyone knows that young people under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet while riding their bike. It is not as widely known that the same law requires helmets to be worn by under-18 skateboarders, scooter riders and in-line and roller skaters. The law was enacted for safety reasons to protect minors.

As the kids approach the

age of 18, they undoubtedly feel unjustly constrained by the helmet law. I suspect that many believe that wearing a helmet is uncool. Regardless, they are expected to obey the law or suffer the consequences if cited.

It is not widely known that riding double (or triple) on a bike is illegal unless the extra passengers are on a "permanent and regular seat". Bicyclists are not permitted to ride on a sidewalk. Bicyclists must have lights when riding after dark. Bicyclists are not allowed to have both ears covered with headphones.

As a parent, it is important that we teach our children these rules. Some of the rules have obvious safety reasons. It is easy to give examples why bicyclists should stop at traffic signals or use a light after dark. Aside from the safety reasons, it is important to teach our children that there are consequences if the rules are not followed as expected. No one can force anyone to follow the rules all of the time. But, if we know the rules and we choose to disregard the rules, we should know that there may be consequences.

The court can only impose a fine to punish a violation. However, a fine is nothing compared to the harm caused when a motor vehicle strikes a bicyclist. Many car-bicycle collisions are preventable. We owe it to our children to teach them how to be safe and to make responsible choices. Your local police and the Department of Motor Vehicles can provide you more information about bicycle traffic safety laws.

DAVID W. REED
Yolo Superior Court Referee

Utah, Iraq tragedies similar

Dear Editor,

The tragedy of the Utah coal mine collapse is eerily similar to the tragedy in Iraq.

Some multinational corporations have been trying to extract and "cash out" as much as possible of the world's natural resources, especially carbon fuels. They, e.g. Halliburton and Enron, have manipulated the Bush administration into de-regulating these necessary industries and into putting the corporations beyond the range of law enforcement.

Instead of "safety enforcement," the Bush administration has changed the mission of the Mine Safety and Health Administration of the U.S. Labor Department into "compliance assistance specialization." Why have laws if you are only requested to volunteer to comply with them? The reason is that the same Bush administration is mandating that private contractors make "maximum economic recovery" from the natural resources. The maximum economic recovery seems to have neglected maxi-

mum human recovery.

This sounds bad. The first day of the collapse, the owner corporation denied any liability by declaring an earthquake, an "act of God." Later, it was revealed that the mine collapse is what caused the seismic recordings, the "earthquake," not the other way around.

The previous mine owner had left the mine when that corporation could no longer extract petrochemicals without collapsing the roof. The new mine owner had a sweeter deal with the Bush administration. The new corporation started pulling the pillars, the walls, even the barrier pillars.

This is similar to the Bush administration employing 400,000 Iraqi soldiers and sending them home without any jobs, and trying to replace them with foreign contractors.

Is this why there are 180,000 U.S. private contractors in Iraq and only about 130,000 U.S. soldiers? Our military did a fine job testing for WMDs

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

**A QUICK
OPINION**

IT'S ABOUT TIME. Every once in a while the city does something right. After years of planning, and hours and hours of meeting by concerned citizens, there is a new bathroom facility at Rotary Park. For a town that is trying to attract tourists and new business, having port-a-potties just doesn't make it.

You would think that adding a new bathroom to a park would be a simple matter, but it took a dozen people several weeks of meetings and a split vote to get the bathrooms installed. Picking the bathroom was relatively easy. Picking where to put it wasn't so simple.

There were votes for attaching it to the Community Center, but it turns out that the plumbing at the center can hardly handle the center. The old plumbing from the co-op was going to be used, but it was too old and decrepit. The only good sewer lines were on Main Street, but no one except the plumber wanted it behind the gazebo, next to the street and the main line.

If you want to try out the new facility, it should be ready by the Earthquake Street Festival this Friday afternoon. If you are into bathrooms, this one is pretty nice. Everything looks indestructible, but time will tell. Hopefully the bathrooms will be open during the day and for events held at Rotary Park.

There are other parks in Winters that could use bathrooms, but having bathroom facilities in the downtown area is something that should have happened long ago. The port-a-potties served us well, but it is time for them to go.

The high school just tore down the old bathrooms and announcers booth at the football field. They haven't used the bathrooms for years after the fire department condemned them after the high school put up a fence around their property. It seems the fire department didn't think the bathrooms were good enough and the announcers booth lacked an elevator and fire escape, hence the red tag.

School districts are stuck between a rock and a hard place when it comes to building anything. The state tells them what to do and it usually means triple the cost. Hopefully these new style pre-fab bathrooms that are being installed in parks across the state will be deemed suitable for schools. If you think I'm joking, just take a look at the bathrooms at the new pool. Nice doesn't go far enough to describe the portable trailer that houses the new urinals and toilets next to the "new gym."

There are plenty of jokes floating around in my head, but I'll let you come up with your own T-shirt humor. For all the flack about naming the bridge after Bob Chapman, we now have a new bathroom that needs a name.

NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. If you wanted to be on the Winters School Board, you're too late, unless your name is David Hyde, Matt Brickey and Thomas Harding. If you don't want to vote for these three new trustees, too bad, the elections are already over. There were three seats available and three people filed, end of story.

Truth be told, no one in their right mind would want to be on the school board. Rick Romney spent 20 years trying to make Winters a better place to raise a family. He finally took a look around, didn't see any kids at home, and decided to get off the board. If you see him walking around town with a big smile on his face, thank him for his service to his community. I'm not joking about the smile on his face. See it for yourself.

With a lot of local school decisions now made in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., the real issues facing school districts are funding and testing. Getting your students to pass a performance test when you don't have all the tools you think you need isn't an easy task. Giving your students a good education, safe environment, and an enriching experience could take a back seat to other demands. Quite a balancing act, that is being watched by parents who only want the very best for their children.

If we make a mistake at the Express, we get another chance to fix it next week. If you make a mistake with someone's education you may not get a chance to fix it.

I wish the new trustees good luck. My first request, get some decent bathrooms on the football field, and make sure that every child that completes your requirements for graduation gets to walk across the stage with his or her classmates.

Have a good week.

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays for publication that week. On Monday holidays, such as the upcoming Labor Day holiday on Sept. 3, letters are due at noon on the Friday prior to the holiday.

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

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ital letters.

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.

Thanks to all the firefighters

Dear Editor,

We arrived home from our vacation to charred land resulting from the brush fire that enveloped much of our property Tuesday night, Aug. 24. Due to the fine work of the responding fire depart-

ments, our house was spared, though unfortunately, a neighbor's house was not. Nonetheless, we thank our firefighters for their courage and great efforts.

**MERLYN and TOM
POTTERS**

Early deadline next week

All submissions for the Sept. 6 edition of the Express are due in the office by noon on Friday, Aug. 31, due to the Sept. 3 Labor Day holiday.

School board debates staff reduction

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The one discussion item at the August 16 board of trustees meeting was a proposal to reduce counselor staffing at the Middle School.

“We have a resignation by the counselor at the Middle School,” said Superintendent Dale Mitchell. “Friday is her last day. The vacancy provides us with the opportunity to evaluate the staffing level in light of declining enrollment. The District will begin discussion this fall about a comprehensive restructuring for expenditure reductions.”

In proposing a reduction for the position, Mitchell said it would be difficult to fill the position with the caveat the position might be cut later, as part of the comprehensive restructuring.

Mitchell said the District is looking at government “7-12 funds” — for funding counseling. However, Mitchell thought the state or federal government would look at this as “supplanting” rather than creating new services. He said the dollar amount the district will need to cut as part of the fall restructuring will be more than will be to be saved with the proposed change.

Mitchell said an alternative is to develop a position that is 70 percent part time counselor and 30 percent part time psychologist. The two part time positions would add up to a full time position. He suggested the district could save over \$22,000 by this arrangement, along with hiring a part time psychologist. He said Emily Simmons, who has a background in school counseling, thought the two jobs were compatible.

As another option, he offered hiring a substitute counselor, until the later comprehensive review.

“This person would probably be in place through January 2008,” said Mitchell. He reminded the board that 85 percent of district costs are personnel-related.

“Whether now or later, the restructuring will have to impact personnel,” said Mitchell.

“We have a concern about the reduction of the Middle School position,” said Jeff Sims, representing members of WAPSU, the Winters Area Personnel Service Unit.

The group understands the impact of declining enrollment, said Sims. He said the amount at the Middle School appeared to be 30 students, and reducing the position that much was disproportionately high.

“The perception is that it is a reduction of convenience,” said Sims. “Let’s look at it more than just cost savings. Is this good for kids?”

Traci Calvert spoke against the proposal, bringing up her objection in the past to the board’s hot-button decision last year to not allow students, who had failed the exit exam, to participate in commencement ceremonies. This includes student Amber Johnston, who was awaiting test results for a repeat test at the time of commencement.

“I would like to thank Mrs. McIntire and Mr. Romney for their vote of confidence,” said Calvert, referring to the school board members that did vote to allow the students to participate.

“Amber passed that test,” said Calvert.

Mitchell objected to Calvert’s comments, saying her comments were not related to the agenda item.

Calvert agreed to move

to the subject at hand.

“I think we can all agree that Amber fell through the cracks, and now I read that we are cutting our only one counselor at the Middle School. I can’t help wonder, if there had been a counselor somewhere along the line who could have intervened on Amber’s behalf, then maybe things would have been different for her.

“Cutting the counselor’s hours at the Middle School — not a good idea,” said Calvert. “Sharing it with the overworked psychologist — an even worse idea. As a parent, I think Middle School needs a full time counselor, at the minimum one. I would hope you would leave the position in place, so there aren’t any more issues like Amber.”

“The counselor we had was gone for most of last year, is that correct?” asked trustee Rob Nickelson. How did we fill that work?”

Mitchell answered an intern was used, along with extending the work of school psychologist Jeff Sims.

“The only thing I will say is, next year I’m going to put the graduation thing back on the agenda,” said Nickelson.

Trustee Rodney Orosco said he was curious how Winters did in the latest round of STAR tests.

“Is this going to be one step forward and two steps back, because we are going to reduce a counselor?” asked Orosco.

“I think reducing the counselor is a mistake,” said Orosco, “because they need someone that really cares about them. A 70 percent counselor who is also working on IEPs (individual education plans), is a counselor that’s going to say, ‘Take these courses — now I have to go.’ These kids need someone sometime just to listen.”

“Too often, the right person is right under our nose,” said Orosco, speaking in favor of hiring people that live in the community.

“I’m suggesting we don’t reduce the position, not ever,” said Orosco, asked by Mitchell for specifics.

“One’s not enough,” said Nickelson, supporting Orosco’s position. “Hire a person, and if it gets cut, then it gets cut.”

Action is scheduled on this item for the September meeting.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Dale Mitchell reported that school began on the previous Tuesday.

“It was a very quick transition into the school year,” said Mitchell. “I was hoping for complaints about overcrowding because of more students than anticipated, but that was not the case.”

He did not have numbers yet on actual enrollment, because of the adjustments in the first week and tracking down absentees.

Mitchell said he too attended the county fair, and had seen Winters students do well at the Lamb Showmanship event.

Rob Nickelson asked if the school district receives money for AFS (foreign exchange) students.

“Only regular ADA” (average daily attendance) answered Mitchell.

Closed session

After a closed session, the board admitted a student back into school.

Other items:

~ Board President Mary Jo Rodolfa swore in High School Senior Julia Millon as the new student representative to the board.

~ Orosco, in his member report, said he had visited

all the school sites and said they “all looked fantastic”. He thanked Steady Eddy’s Coffee Shop for the dollar-off for teachers’ purchases on the first day of school.

~ Trustee Kathy McIntire said she went to the Yolo County Fair, and Winters was well represented there.

~ Rodolfo said she also visited the school sites, and all looked good.

~ “The wireless is up

and running at the high school, and they’re all pretty excited about that,” said Rodolfo. “And I saw our swim team holding practice in the new pool. That was pretty wonderful. There were lots of positive comments.”

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6, at the school district office, 909 West Grant Avenue.

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and deposing one dictator. The U.S. military mission is successfully completed.

But the Bush administration has no policy for stopping the civil war it has unleashed. Occupa-

tion for maximum oil extraction is our policy, and that diplomatic policy is not in the long-term interest of our or any nation.

Bush has dug us into a hole. If we allow him to keep digging deeper, the roof will collapse.

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LIBRARY

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~ \$400,000 from the Winters Joint Unified School District.

~ \$50,000 from Winters Friends of the Library.

~ \$201,006 from a Winters capital campaign.

In addition, the architects did well in the past few weeks, by successfully winning a grant of \$588,000 from the California State Allocation Board, which parcels out funding for school site improvements.

The timeline calls for design documents to be completed this month, construction documents to be completed in November, and construction to take place June 2008 to June 2009.

The Margaret Parsons Trust and Winters Friends of the Library started the ball rolling back in the mid-90's. Parsons, who moved to this area in the 1960's, willed her estate to the city to create a library that would incorporate her vision of a cozy place to read, a place for viewing nature and creating artwork, and an emphasis on reading for children.

Under the direction of Mary Stevens, former Yolo County Librarian, the city and county embarked in 2002 on a new \$3.2 million library project with a program that called for a parcel tax on Winters residents, requiring a 2/3 voter approval. The city — not joint with school — library would have been located next to the Community Center. The failure of Measure B at the polls was a demoralizing setback for the Friends, and a couple years went by until Stevens, along with City Manager John Donlevy and Superintendent of Schools Dale Mitchell, developed the idea of a joint school-city library that would not require a tax or voter approval.

Parsons' trustee for her estate, Theresa Sackett, disbursed the trust's funds to the city for the project in 2003. Sackett surprised the July 17 city council meeting by announcing she would be withdrawing the funding, to protest naming the railroad bridge for the late Mayor J. Robert Chap-



Image by NTD Stichler

This drawing is of the new design for the Winters joint school-city-county library, by NTD Stichler architects of Auburn, under the direction of Mike Leighton. The 10,000 square foot library will be located on Railroad Avenue, next to the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center. Construction is expected to start in June 2008 and to be completed in June of 2009.

man. She would have preferred naming the bridge for Jack Lindeman.

During the public comment period that opened the August 8 city council meeting, Ed Dawkins, neighbor and confidante of Parsons, spoke in support of Sackett. "The last thing Theresa would want to do would be to withdraw funds from the library project," said Dawkins, "and the next to the last would be to have these funds placed willy-nilly in the library project without regard to the intentions of Margaret Parsons."

Dawkins said Sackett's "unfortunate outburst" was the last straw in Sackett's frustration with a series of slights from the city. He is concerned, along with Sackett, that Parson's original vision not get lost as the project has grown and morphed from one version — Measure B — to another — Paul Roberts' failed design — and now to the NTD Stichler design. The Parsons funding was the sole source at the outset, but now is a minority part of the funding for the whole project.

Dawkins is forming a committee, along with Sackett, Eric Doud, Diane Cary and Jeff Hesemeyer, to make sure the library

retains the values important to Parsons, particularly the need for comfortable reading spaces for children, indoors and outside, and a place to create art as well as appreciate it. Some of Parsons' ideas that Dawkins mentions may not happen, like a coffee shop, location next to the gazebo that Parsons worked for and donated to, and location on city-owned property. The library will be leasing the site adjacent to the high school from the school district.

City Manager John Donlevy met with Dawkins, Sackett, Doud and Cary on Friday, Aug. 10.

"They reiterated the money will not be pulled from the project," said Donlevy. "They did have a number of questions about how art will be incorporated into the library. Many of the concerns were very answerable, and some are already included in the project. They would like the community room to be dividable and have facilities for teaching art. I invited them to attend the next steering committee meeting, which the architect will attend, and I suggested they meet with the architect to go over things. I

thought it was a positive meeting."

It is also important to Dawkins that the community room in the new library be named after Margaret Parsons.

Dawkins, who purchased his acreage on Central Lane from Parsons, said he wanted "to re-institute some of the vision of Margaret Parsons, and to gently chide the city council and management for maybe not getting enough input from citizens and volunteers."

"What Margaret Parsons wanted," said Dawkins, "as the biggest fund donor in Winters history, now \$400,000 plus and growing; she wanted a library building that was associated with visual arts and a warm cozy place with inside and outside looks at nature."

"Margaret Parsons' vision got largely forgotten," said Dawkins, mentioning the loss of librarian Mary Stevens when she retired and the other changes with the library design.

The steering committee meeting will take place Aug. 27, 6-7 p.m. at the Winters School District Office on West Grant Avenue, and is open to the public.

Planners meet Tuesday

The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

The following discussion items are on the agenda:

~ Public hearing and consideration of parcel map application submit-

ted by Thomas Pearse to subdivide the existing 8.85-acre parcel located at 101 Third Street into four lots and a designated remainder lot.

~ Update from Granite Bay Holdings on Winters Highlands Subdivision project.

Coman listed on dean's list

Vasey L. Coman of Winters is listed on the Bates College dean's list as a result of her scholastic standing during the second semester of the 2006-07 academic year. To qualify for the dean's list at Bates, a student must maintain a better than "B+" average for the semester, for a minimum point ratio of 3.66.

Coman, a first-year stu-

dent, is a 2006 Winters High School graduate. She is the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Coman. While at home in Winters for the summer, she was employed as an editorial assistant at the Winters Express. When she returns to school for the fall semester, she will be serving as the news editor of the Bates College newspaper, the Bates Student.

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Chamber meetings open to public

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

Chamber is involved in promoting local business, as well as coordinating community functions such as the Earthquake Street Festival and the Citizen of the Year celebration.

For more information, call 795-2329.

‘Give a pint, get a pint’ offered for summer blood donors

BloodSource and Baskin-Robbins have partnered again this summer to thank blood donors. Through Aug. 31, everyone who donates blood at any BloodSource center or mobile drive will be thanked with a coupon for a free pint of ice cream from Baskin-Robbins.

During the summer months, blood donations tend to drop. Regular blood donors are busy with vacations and summertime activities. High school and college student donations decline because school is out for the summer. Couple the drop off in donations with the potentially increased need for blood due to vehicle and recreational accidents and community blood supplies become stressed. BloodSource’s long-standing relationship with Baskin-Robbins helps maintain a safe and plentiful blood supply over the summer, ensuring patients at community hospitals receive the blood they need.

“Every day someone donates blood it means another life is saved, and another family is left intact,” said BloodSource Director of Operations Debbie Milios. “We are truly thankful to Baskin-Robbins for our longstanding partnership. Our donors enjoy the ice cream in the summer!”

Giving blood is easy, safe and takes less than one hour. Blood donors must be in generally good health, at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh 110 pounds or more. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. A photo ID is required when registering to donate blood. To make an appointment or to find a mobile blood drive in your area, call 866-822-5663.

Laughter Club invites new members

The Davis Hysterical Society Laughter Club cordially invites the public for laughter exercises on Thursdays at 7 p.m. the International House 10 College Park in Davis. The group meets in the lower meeting room down the stairs on the right.

Laughter Club is a place where people come together to laugh their stress away. The meeting includes various easy to follow laughter actions, breathing and some gentle stretching. (Club participation can easily be done seated). Jokes and comedy are not needed, only the joy of laughing. Research shows that laughter strengthens the immune system, improves breathing and arterial flow, aids digestion and sleep. Laughter adjusts blood pressure and blood sugars, relaxes muscles and reduces pain. Most important it helps folks get along together better. The group support lifts members’ spirits. The atmosphere is relaxed and up beat. The club session lasts about 30–40 minutes.

There is no cost to attend Laughter Club and everyone is welcome. The Laughter Club leader is Deb Roquet a Certified Laughter Leader/AATH member — Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor. For more information, contact Roquet, 400-9310 or droquet@sbeglobal.net.

Television listings offered to visually impaired customers

Visually impaired Californians can now independently access their local television listings through one telephone call thanks to an expanded service supported by the California State Library’s Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL).

The television listings are a new feature of NFB-NEWSLINE®, a free electronic newspaper service for the visually impaired which carries 242 newspapers and magazines including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today. By simply entering their zip code, source of television reception, and time zone, visually impaired customers have quick and easy access to their local television listings.

NFB-NEWSLINE®, a service of the National Federation of the Blind, uses Zap2it television listings, a product of Tribune Media Services and the leading source of entertainment list-

ings in the country.

“It is so important to find quality television programming for young children. Now I can choose appropriate television shows for my children, just like any other sighted parent,” says Eric Duffy, a blind parent of two children.

“I know that our sight impaired customers will enjoy this new service provided through California State Library’s BTBL,” State Librarian of

California Susan Hildreth says. “Disseminating information to our customers is a key mission of the California State Library and this new feature of NFB-NEWSLINE® gives us an excellent opportunity to do that.”

For more information about BTBL’s NFB-NEWSLINE® service contact BTBL at (800) 952-5666 or btbl@library.ca.gov.

Assessed value of Yolo cities increases

Yolo County Assessor Joel Butler announced the recently completed 2007 local assessment roll of 19,670,376,090 net taxable dollars, which reflects a 8.27 per cent increase of \$1,577,529,248 over 2006. This increase while not as great as the past few years due to the declining residential market, still provides the major local finding source in Yolo County.

The assessor's staff, after reviewing a substantial number of properties acquired around the current peak of the real estate market, identified approximately 2,250 residences where the market value had declined below their Proposition 13 Base Year Value.

All areas of the county experienced increases in assessed values: Davis, 6.11 percent or \$331,979,867; Winters, 6.08 per cent or \$27,713,781; Woodland, \$8.08 percent or \$349,018,425; West Sacramento, 11.94 percent or \$596,189,877; and the unincorporated area, 9.44 percent or \$272,034,125.

In addition to the local assessment roll, the State Board of Equalization assesses public utilities and railroads in Yolo County. The State Board Roll assessed value to Yolo County was \$414,988,080 for 2006. The value for 2007 is not yet available from SBE.

Dance therapy classes offered for cancer survivors

Cancer survivors are invited to join dance movement therapy classes on Thursdays beginning Aug. 30 through Nov. 15 as a way to enhance healing and wellness through improved body image, energy level and sense of self.

Dance movement therapy is based on the interrelationship of body, mind and emotion. It uses movement to further the emotional, physical and spiritual integration of the individual. Nandi Szabo, M.A., ADTR, Registered Dance Movement Therapist, will lead the classes.

Limited body movement does not preclude participation, but consulting a physician is required prior to class. Space is limited; the class is free. To register, or for more information, call Szabo at (916) 529-1079.

The classes will be held Thursdays, Aug. 30 through Nov. 15, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 237 D Street in Davis.

This program is sponsored by the Sutter Cancer Center, Sacramento through funding from the Sutter Medical Center Foundation.

Potties in place



Photo by Elliot Landes

New restrooms, manufactured by The Public Restroom Company, were lowered by crane, on Friday Aug. 17, onto a pad at Rotary Park, just in time for the Earthquake Festival. The total job is expected to cost just under \$90,000, including site work by K.O. Construction and delivery by Bragg Crane Co. The capital budget for the park is \$120,00 and funds will be next used for improvements on the gazebo.



Photo by Steve Wilce

Although everything surrounding them was charred by fire on Aug. 14, these clothes hanging on a clothesline were untouched.

FIRE

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tas.

“We had fire units from almost every department in Yolo County and some from Solano County,” said Winters Fire Chief Scott Dozier. “The fire was in the state responsibility area and a joint command was made between Winters Fire and Cal-Fire. Captain Lopes was the Operation Chief, with the Cal-Fire battalion chief as Incident Command.

“We had fire units staged on County Road 34 so if the fire changed directions, the folks on 34 and Golden Bear Estates would be protected.”

Dozier said the Caro home could not be safely defended, being at the end of a box canyon, with no clearing of vegetation, at the end of a narrow road.

“It would simply put the engine crew in too much danger to stay and try to protect the structure,” said Dozier. “We did save the houses at the top of Las Positas, which would certainly have been lost without our efforts. Those folks did provide us with defensible space for us to work and protect them.”

Caro and Borgerhoff Mulder are researchers with projects that take them to Africa for months every year. Two months ago they left with their son Barnabas for a two-year stay in Dar Es Salaam in Tanzania. They took time finding the ideal tenants to take care of their place: sisters Arlene and Nola Kennedy, who were not at home the night of the fire. The Kennedys lost everything they owned that night, and did not have insurance.

Caro and Borgerhoff Mulder can only check email infrequently and learned of the fire Friday, three days later. Fortu-

nately, they do have fire insurance.

“If that fire had happened the previous night, it would have burned out Golden Bear Estates,” said City Manager and volunteer fireman John Donlevy, who was at the command post set up at Parde-sha Store, listening to the chatter on the tactical channel.

“Those guys — Scotty and Kidder and Art Mendosa — they were heroic,” said Donlevy. “This is in the middle of the night. Our guys were cutting hand lines to break in front of some of those houses. When it came to the structures, Winters Fire was a real star up there.

“Scott was the first at the site of the fire, and he immediately ordered in the strike team And he’s not one to panic. The mutual aid really worked out. He put all the Winters units in the key positions. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

“As all the trucks were rolling out of our station, they could see the big glow of flames reflecting off the smoke. It looked like it was going right for Golden Bear. For some reason, there was not the usual breeze.

“At 10:30, we started talking about evacuating everybody. At 11:00 I’m calling (City Clerk) Nanci Mills, waking her up, to open the Community Center for an emergency shelter, coordinating with the Red Cross. By 11:30 Scotty was sounding more optimistic. Which is good — that road was jammed with equipment by then.”

After the fire burned Caro’s house, their propane tank could be heard throughout the area periodically blowing off 20-foot jets of flame from the pressure valve, according to Steve Wilce.

The Wilces had to face

interviews the next morning from TV crews. Steve Wilce thought Channel 3 did all right, but 13 kept trying to prompt the Wilces to play the part of panicking homeowners.

“We weren’t panicking, I told them, we were busy,” said Wilce. “The real story is how professional the fire teams were. They planned on using our house for emergency shelter if the fire got out of control. They were polite and direct. They asked me to stop watering the ground around the house — they would be setting back fires there — and water the house instead.”

They ended up resting on chairs until morning, in case hot spots flared up.

Neighbor Carroll Sloper, a few houses down the hill from the Wilces, was also impressed with the firefighters. He was convinced the fire would move off in another direction, until Chief Dozier showed up in his pickup and said the fire would be at his house in a few minutes.

“What did you say?” asked Sloper.

He and wife Maxine evacuated their home with the help of son-in-law Dwight Howard, just before the mass of equipment would have made it impossible. Sloper said the firefighters minced no words, were upbeat and courteous, and gave every evidence of being totally efficient.

The cause of the fire is not known at this point, and possible arson is being investigated.

Next curbside collection scheduled Sept . 7

Waste Management offers one curbside collection annually of up to five cubic yards of unwanted bulky items as part of your trash collection services. (One cubic yard = a wash-

ing machine; three cubic yards = sofa) There is no additional charge for this cleanup. Pickup days are scheduled on Sept. 7, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, and Dec. 14. Pickups must be sched-

uled at least one week in advance. Residents are allowed one bulky waste pickup per year.

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Entertainment

Winters artist and his co-author celebrate publication of their book

Winters artist and Solano Community College professor Marc Lancet welcomes Japanese artist/co-author Masakazu Kusakabe back to California to celebrate the publication in their book ‘Japanese Wood-fired Ceramics.’ Their collaboration has included exhibitions, workshops, lectures and the building of the Dancing Fire Wood Kiln at Solano Community College in 1998.

Now the collaboration continues with four events throughout the Bay Area to celebrate their book, which they describe as the “field guide to wood-fired ceramics.” “The book was intended to be an accessible and thorough guide to the very subtle and complex process of wood-fired ceramics,” Lancet explains. “We hoped to contribute to the understanding of practitioners, collectors and ceramic art aficionados.”

Lancet and Kusakabe will attend four events:

- ~ The first is a book signing at Leslie’s Ceramics Supply, Thursday, Aug. 23, from 4-7 p.m. The store is located at 1212 San Pablo in Berkeley. For more information call (510) 524-7363

- ~ Kusakabe and Lancet will lead a workshop at Solano Community College on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost of the workshop is \$100. Contact Marc Lancet at marc.lancet@solano.edu for more information.

- ~ A casual workshop, lecture and book signing will be offered by the Sonoma Community Center. Billed as “An Evening with Masakazu Kusakabe and Marc Lancet,” the program will be held on Thursday, Aug. 30, from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$20. Wine and refreshments will be served. The Sonoma Community Center is located at 276 East Napa Street in Sonoma. Call (707) 938-4626 ext. 4 for more information.

- ~ Finally Kusakabe and Lancet will offer a lecture and book signing at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco entitled, “Japanese Wood-Fired Ceramics: A Lecture & Booksigning with Masakazu Kusakabe and Marc Lancet” on Friday, Aug. 31, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Masakazu Kusakabe is co-author with Marc Lancet of ‘Japanese Wood-fired Ceramics.’ His work encompasses traditional Japanese forms (tea ware, sake ware, and other functional pottery), as well as contemporary functional pottery and ceramic sculpture. His



Courtesy Photo

Marc Lancet, a Winters artist demonstrates how to build a Dancing Fire Wood Kiln during the celebration of ‘Japanese Wood fired Ceramics,’ a book written by Lancet and his partner Masakazu Kusakabe.

work has been exhibited internationally.

In his forty years of ceramics experience, Kusakabe-sensei has built over thirty kilns in Japan, America and Canada, the largest 10 meters long and the smallest just over one meter. He lives in Mi-haru, Japan, two hours north of Tokyo. In addition to his ceramic work he teaches art, presents workshops internationally, paints and pursues his passion for astronomy.

The book grew from an ongoing artistic collaboration between Kusakabe-sensei and Lancet which began when they first met in Japan in 1992. For six weeks they worked together in Kusakabe’s studio in Mi-haru, Japan. Since 1995 Kusakabe-sensei has visited America joining Lancet in presenting a series of workshops, wood firings and exhibitions. In July 1998, Kusakabe and Lancet built the Dancing Fire Wood Kiln, a unique double chambered wood fire kiln at Solano Community College.

About his work in America Kusakabe-sensei explains, “Coming to California, I was inspired by the relaxed feeling here, the spaciousness, and somehow the work came easier to me than at home. I don’t know why, really. I always feel it important to express myself in my works as naturally as possible, inspired by the energies born into my frame and muscles inherited from my mother and grandmother. And this means producing heart-warming and life-inspiring forms, after absorbing both natural and artificial forms into myself.”

Marc Lancet is in his twenty second year as professor of three-dimensional art at Solano Community College. He has been a visiting professor of sculpture at Portland State University in 1993-94 and at the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1984. As an invited artist at The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park he created sculpture, demonstrated and lectured.

In 2001, Lancet was an invited artist in England and Denmark. At the Gillingham School in Gillingham, England he directed a public art project involving art students and local artists which has been honored with a national awarded for best artist-in-residency in England for 2001. At the International Ceramic Center in Skaelskor, Denmark, Lancet worked for five weeks where in addition to making sculptures and ceramic vessels he created a participatory installation in their Kartoffel Haus Gallery, fired their unique wood kiln and presented workshops.

For six months of 1991 Lancet created sculpture as an artist-in-residence at Gladding, McBean & Co., one of America’s few remaining large-scale architectural terra cotta manufacturers. He was surrounded by kilns larger than football fields and industrial processes capable of producing building facades 35 stories tall.

Lancet holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in sculpture and a Master of Arts degree in Education from UCSB. In addition he has studied at L’Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux Arts, Paris, France and apprenticed in fine art casting at a foundry also in Paris.

McAsey featured at Performers Circle

Village Homes Performers Circle will meet on Monday, Aug. 27 from 7:15-9 p.m. in Davis. This free event is for performers of all levels and listeners. It is held the 4th Monday of each month. Performances by signer-uppers are from 7:15-8:15 p.m. followed by a short break. The featured act will perform from 8:30-9 p.m.

The featured performer for August is David McAsey. A ‘solo acoustic warrior’, McAsey started out as a percussionist (congas) at age 13. McAsey picked up the guitar in the 70’s, continu-

ing to use a percussive style in his playing, along with classical and fingerstyle influences, developing his own eclectic sound of homegrown funk/jazz/ambient tunes. McAsey also croons a variety of covers from John Prine to Mos Al-lison. McAsey currently plays weekly at Bistro 33 in Davis.

This is a free event. It is held at the Village Homes Community Center 2661 Portage Bay, Davis. For information call 530-759-8479.

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Sports

Fall sports are off and running, swimming and spiking

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors fall sports teams are in full stride as they get ready for the upcoming season. Winters High School has a huge turnout for the swim team, just one volleyball team at the varsity level and both football teams.

The swim team has 28 swimmers total and is one of the favorites to win not just the league but the sections as well. Ada Lake is the new head coach for the swim team with Kevin Chester as the assistant.

“Kevin will be doing most of the coaching,” said Lake. “He is a good coach and I am just going to try to learn from him.”

The Warriors will host their first home meet on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

The volleyball teams were short on numbers and had to drop the JV team to combine with the varsity.

“Unfortunately some of the younger players won’t get the playing time that they would have if we had a JV team,” said coach Maribel Chavez. “But we have a great group of players. I am very excited about this season. The attitude is so much better than last year and the girls are enjoying themselves.”

With key returning players and some young new talent the Warriors look to be a threat in the Butte View League.

The football teams are getting ready for their annual jamboree this Saturday in Sutter. The varsity team lists 31 players on the roster but not always suited up.

“We have some injuries and some players that are not showing up,” said coach Brad Burton. “We are pretty young and have a very tough schedule this year just like we did last year.”

The Warriors will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, and play Pleasant Valley, Live Oak and Wheatland.

The JV team, however, has 37 players with key returning sophomores and a freshman class that went 12-0 last year in the youth football program.

“We only have 11 or 12 sophomores,” said coach Daniel Ward. “But they are doing a great job of leading the team, especially Steven Warren, Marcus Carrasco and Billy Rotenkolber.

“The freshman, on the other hand — I have never seen such a large group of players excited about playing football. They are fun to be around and to coach. But we will see how we do this weekend.”

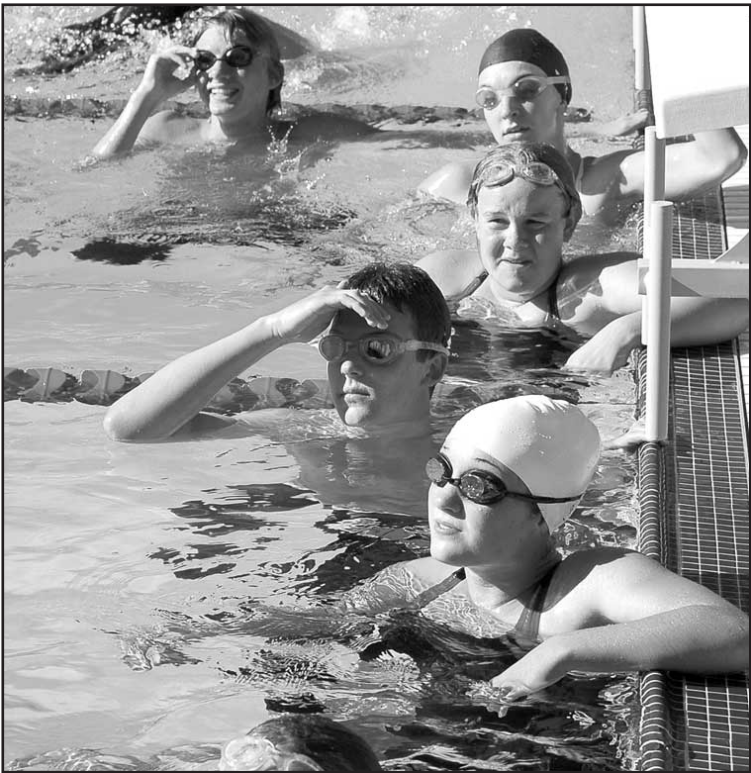


Photo by Eric Lucero

The Winters High School swim team goes through their daily workouts as they prepare to go after the league championship and section title.



Photo by Eric Lucero

Head coach Maribel Chavez runs the varsity volleyball team through preseason drills to help prepare them for the new season.



Photo by Eric Lucero

Tony Breavor runs the ball and tries to avoid teammate Zack Higgins as the Warriors JV football team gets ready for the 2007 season.

DLC Lawn Maintenance are softball champs

In the final game of the City of Winters Recreational Adult Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball League, played on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m., DLC Lawn Maintenance defeated Valley Oak Tree Service with a final score of 11-8. The tournament champions, DLC Lawn Maintenance, remained undefeated throughout the tournament; the second place team, Valley Oak Tree Service, suffered their only losses to the DLC Lawn Maintenance team.

“It was a great first season for the City of Winters recreational softball league,” said a spokesperson.

Deadlines are changing because of Labor Day Weekend. All items are due on Friday, August 31 BEFORE NOON.

Winters Little League will be having an election meeting at the end of August. Anyone interested in joining the board, please contact Debbie Harding at dharding24@sbcglobal.net with the position you are interested in running for.

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Derek Riley

Derek Riley, a senior on the Winters High School swim team, is this week’s athlete of the week. Riley is a first year swimmer but is pushing himself like a veteran as he prepares for the 2007 season.

“Derek has been to every practice and works very hard,” said coach Kevin Chester.

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Schools



Photo by Jon Tice

This year's Winters Swim Team award winners include, from left (back) Maya Tice, Tyler Berg and Natalie Roberts-Kane; (middle) Trevor Ray, Gabrielle Jurado, Megan Jurado and Nicholas Muldong; (front) Sammy Gonzales, Ashley Drummond, Alexis Garcia and Melissa Nitzkowski. (Not pictured: Daniel Carrion, Justin Nitzkowski, Abbey Mast, Justin Rominger, T.J. Andersen and Darian Lopez.)

Swim team awards presented

The swim team awards ceremony was held at Bobbie Greenwood Community Swim Center on Thursday, Aug. 16.

All swimmers received their medals and ribbons from the Championship swim meet held the last weekend in July. Swimmers who attended the Sacramento Valley Meet of Champions held in Woodland during the first weekend of August also received their awards.

High point champions for dual meets for the season in each age group are:
~6 and under girl: Alexis Garcia; 6 and under

boy: Daniel Carrion; 7-8 girl: Ashley Drummond; 7-8 boy: Sammy Gonzales; 9-10 girl: Melissa Nitzkowski; 9-10 boy: Trevor Ray; 11-12 girl: Natalie Roberts-Kane; 11-12 boy: Justin Nitzkowski; 13-14 girl: Abbey Mast; 13-14 boy: Tyler Berg; 15-18 girl: Maya Tice; 15-18 boy: Justin Rominger

Overall high point champion for the Championship meet was Maya Tice with seven gold medals and one silver medal.

A four-way tie for second place high point champion with six gold

medals and one silver medal each were Tyler Berg, Natalie Roberts-Kane, Justin Nitzkowski, and Trevor Ray.

Record break certificates were presented to Maya Tice for three individual events in girls 15-18 age group (100 yard IM, 100 yard freestyle, and 50 yard butterfly); Jamie Andersen, Meghan Hyde, Cheyenne Burrall, Maya Tice for 15-18 girls 200 yard freestyle relay; Justin Hyer, Cheyenne Burrall, Maya Tice, Justin Rominger for 15-18 co-ed 200 yard freestyle relay.

Coaches' awards were presented to Nicholas Muldong from Coach Richard Atherton; T. J. Andersen from Coach Sam; Darian Lopez from Coach Christine Avellar; Megan Jurado from Coach Kevin Chester,

A special award was presented to Dolores Sorenson for being a dedicated Winters Swim Team supporter for many years.

Volunteers sought to speak for abused children in court

The CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Program of Yolo County is a nonprofit organization that uses community volunteers to speak for abused and neglected children in court.

Each year in Yolo County, more than 2000 children are abused and neglected by their families and sent to live in foster care. "Too often," a spokesperson for the CASA Program of Yolo County says "many of these children are hurt a second time by a system too overburdened to pro-

vide sufficient attention. Some children actually are moved from one temporary placement to another until they reach 18, never knowing what it is like to have a safe, permanent and loving place to call home."

The CASA Program of Yolo County is seeking volunteers. CASA volunteers are men and women trained to work for the judge to watch over these cases, and speak for the children's best interests in court. CASA volunteers, says the spokesperson, make sure kids don't "fall

through the cracks."

Local sessions will be held to provide further information about the CASA Program of Yolo County and its volunteer program. Monday sessions will be held at the Yolo County CASA Office, 327 College Street, Suite #204 in Woodland at 6 p.m. on Sept. 3, Sept. 17 and Oct. 8. Sessions will be held at the Davis Public Library, 315 East 14th Street in Davis at 6 p.m. on Aug. 29, Sept. 11 and Oct. 4.

For more information, visit www.yolocasa.org.

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JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Fiesta del terremoto

Si se quiere divertir y pasar una tarde llena de música y alegría, asista al festival del terremoto que se realiza anualmente en Winters, venga a divertirse, traiga a su familia y amigos, es una ocasión especial para celebrar con toda la comunidad. El festival se llevara a cabo el viernes 24 de agosto de las 5-11 pm. En la calle Main, en el corazón de Winters. Habrá música en vivo, y a las 8 pm comenzara el baile que lo amenizara el grupo Four Barrel. El evento comenzara con juegos y actividades para los niños a las 5 pm, lo coordinaran los encargados del programa después de la escuela y el personal que tiene a su cargo el programa de verano.

Se tendrán presentaciones en vivo desde las 5:30, entre otras actividades se tendrá la rifa de la Cámara de Comercio antes de comenzar el baile, y claro que no podían faltar los puestos de comida y bebidas que se colocaran a los lados en la calle Main. Se estarán ofreciendo sandwiches de tri-tip del Buckhorn, y los clásicos hot dogs en el puesto de VFW, se tendrán mas puestos de comida y suficientes actividades para los niños incluyendo casitas para brincar y paseos en cabalitos. Este evento anual esta patrocinado por la Cámara de Comercio, y es gratis. Siempre se esta necesitando personal voluntario para que el evento tenga éxito, los fondos recaudados son para la Cámara de comercio, si quiere ayudar o quiere saber mas sobre esta fiesta callejera puede hablar al Tel 795-2329.

Reunión de graduados

Los graduados de la escuela Winters High del año 1997, celebraran sus 10 años el 25 de agosto a las 6:30 pm. La reunión tendrá lugar en el salón de banquetes del Restaurante Buckhorn. La clase 1997 celebrara esta reunión para darle la bienvenida a los estudiantes teniendo como marco la belleza del Restaurante Buckhorn. Todos los graduados son bienvenidos para que se reú-

nan con otros de la escuela Winters High. Vengan a ver a sus amigos del pasado y a compartir sus memorias mientras hacemos un brindis por nuestro éxito como adultos. Los boletos para el evento cuestan \$35.00 si se compran antes de la fecha, y \$40.00 el día del evento. Para mas información puede llamarle a Gabrielle Harris al 530-400-9598.

El mismo destino para todos

Los accidentes en pasados días, en las minas de Utah, y la caída de un puente en Minesota, ponen de manifiesto la relación tan compleja que tienen, México y Estados Unidos, dos de los mineros que se quedaron atrapados en la mina eran mexicanos, y en el accidente del puente, ha saber uno de los muertos era mexicano, amen de otros que gracias a Dios solo se llevaron un buen susto, vemos como los mexicanos participamos en la fuerza de trabajo, y que ahora ya andamos por todos lados.

No es agradable nombrar los sufrimientos que sufren muchos paisanos, pero debemos ver las implicaciones que esto trae, les guste, quieran o no quieran a todos esos americanos radicales, se esta comprobando una ves mas el papel que los inmigrantes tenemos en la sociedad y en la economía de este país. Y, además, el hecho que haya habido mexicanos involucrados en las dos tragedias, nos pone también frente a otra realidad, cualquier problema que afecte a la gente de este país, indudablemente que afectara a México.

Prácticamente no hay ciudad estadounidense de cierto tamaño en la que no haya migrantes mexicanos y, por ende, cualquier tragedia de grandes proporciones que ocurra aquí golpeará

directa o indirectamente a mexicanos. Sabemos que en el ataque terrorista de nueva York murieron mexicanos, y sabemos que un eventual ataque terrorista en donde quiera que se lleve a cabo nos va a afectar a todos.

Aquí la paranoia es una forma de vida, y ahora estamos en uno de esos ciclos en donde todo lo malo que le pasa a este país, se lo achacan a los inmigrantes, y nunca faltan las personas racistas y xenofobicas. La sola presencia de millones de mexicanos aquí, debe obligar a una alianza de seguridad entre los dos países.

Y no debemos olvidar los millones que son descendientes de mexicanos, y tienen familia en México. La dureza que esta mostrando este país hacia los inmigrantes indocumentados, hacen mas dramática y compleja la relación entre los dos países, afecta a los inmigrantes como personas y a México como país y sociedad que económicamente depende del dinero que los inmigrantes envían a México.

Para bien o para mal, el destino de nosotros los inmigrantes esta ligado al de Estados Unidos, si a Estados Unidos le va bien, a nosotros nos va bien, y si por el contrario a Estados unidos le va mal, nosotros sufrimos también.

Cuide su seguro social

Tenga cuidado con su numero de seguro social, hoy en día el robo de números de seguro social, así como el robo de información personal, y el robo de cuentas bancarias y tarjetas de crédito, ha ido aumentando en todo el país. Cuando una persona obtiene su numero de seguro social, por el medio que sea, esta puede conseguir información personal, ya que el numero de seguro social esta relacionado con nuestro trabajo, con nuestras cuentas bancarias, nuestras tarjetas de crédito, nuestros prestamos, etc.

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Lo mismo en el gobierno

El gobierno del presidente Bush, en vista de que no pudo lograr una reforma migratoria, ahora le ha dado por voltear la tortilla, ya que no pudo ayudar a los inmigrantes ilegales, ahora los va a combatir, y para eso anuncio una serie de medidas para combatir la contratación de trabajadores ilegales en todo el país. Según ahora quieren hacer cumplir las leyes migratorias vigentes, y lo van a hacer en todo el territorio, en la frontera, centros de trabajo, se tratara de desalentar a los indocumentados, quitándoles las fuentes de trabajo. Indudablemente esto va a traer mas inseguridad y desconfianza a los indocumentados. No sabemos que pueda pasar si el gobierno se va a poner a arrestar a todos los ilegales.

Aquí están las nuevas medidas: A partir del mes próximo, las empresas tendrán 90 días para esclarecer o corregir discrepancias de cualquier tipo en los documentos de sus empleados, previamente cotejados contra las bases de datos del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional y la Administración del Seguro Social. Las empresas tendrán que despedir a los trabajadores con documentos falsos, o enfrentarán severas multas y hasta cargos criminales. La multa por una infracción inicial sería de 2.200 dólares. El Gobierno reducirá el número de documentos que las empresas podrán aceptar como prueba de identidad o estatus legal. En la actualidad, hay 29 categorías, y la idea es eliminar aquellos documentos que no están a prueba de fraude.

Además, a partir del 31 de enero de 2008, Gobierno exigirá uso de pasaporte para todo viajero con destino a EE.UU. y procedentes de Canadá, México o el Caribe. El Gobierno continuará la capacitación de centenares de policías locales y estatales para responder a la “amenaza” de las pandillas, y a la presencia de inmigrantes indocumentados en las comu-

Los ladrones de identidad obtienen su información personal al: Robar billeteras, bolsas, carteras y correspondencia (estados de cuentas bancarias y tarjetas de crédito, ofertas de crédito previamente aprobadas, tarjetas de llamadas telefónicas e información sobre impuestos); También se pueden robar la información personal que usted provee en sitios de Internet que no están protegidos, o de los registros de negocio o los registros de personal en el trabajo e información personal en su hogar; Buscan información personal en la basura; Se hacen pasar por alguien que legítimamente necesita su información, tales como un empleador o arrendador; o Compra información personal a fuentes «internas». Por ejemplo, un ladrón de identidad puede pagar a un empleado de una tienda por la información que usted proveyó en una solicitud para obtener mercancía, servicios o crédito.

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Avísele a la policía. Comuníquese con el departamento de fraude de los principales negociadores de crédito. Pídale que: Pongan una anotación especial en su registro, que requiere que los acreedores se comuniquen con usted antes de aprobar más crédito bajo su nombre y número; pida que le informen cuánto tiempo esta anotación será vigente y cómo puede extenderla, si es necesario; y pida que añadan una declaración al registro de crédito — incluya su nombre, y provea una explicación del problema y un número de teléfono donde se puedan comunicar con usted.

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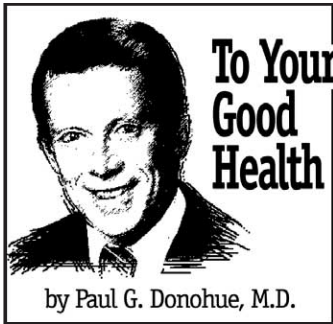
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Usually a person having a heart attack feels crushing or squeezing pain in the left chest. Pain can radiate from the chest to the neck, jaw, teeth, shoulders, arms or the back. In older people, pain is often less intense, and they might complain of suddenly feeling very short of breath or of feeling quite dizzy.

In as many as one-quarter of victims, regardless of age, there is no pain, or, if there is, it is so minor that people dismiss it as being nothing. Standard treatment of a heart attack is the administration of clot-preventing drugs like aspirin and heparin. Oxygen, morphine and medicines to raise blood pressure are given as needed. Then a decision is made about using clot-busting medications or arranging for immediate angioplasty.

Angioplasty is the procedure where a catheter — a flexible, soft tube — is passed into the clotted-off heart artery from an artery in the groin. When the clot site is reached, a balloon at the catheter tip is inflated to smash the clot. The heart attack booklet gives the details of heart attacks and their prevention and treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue —

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have been told that sleeping pills can affect your memory and can cause Alzheimer's disease. I am 78, and sometimes I find it hard to fall asleep. When that happens, I take a temazepam, and it helps me very much. Is what I have been told true? — R.

ANSWER: Your medicine, temazepam (Restoril) is a member of the benzodiazepines. One of the other members of that family, Halcion, has been noted to cause antegrade memory loss in some users, particularly those who take it when on an overnight flight to fall asleep. Some of them wake up unable to learn new things (antegrade amnesia). It's not a permanent condition, but it is disconcerting. I can find no information that says temazepam causes a similar memory loss.

No drug of this family causes Alzheimer's disease.

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

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I am a paragliding groupie

This is not what I had envisioned for my retirement: being mesmerized by online tracking of the Red Bull Glacier to Sea Paragliding Race.

It all started when Kermit, my cat, pointed my attention to a paraglider who was flying over my house and landed in the south gully.

Honza Rejmanek, a UC Davis student in Atmospheric Sciences, was in training for this 850 kilometer race across the Alps from Austria to Monaco. The race is a first class adventure and endurance contest of skill and will.

For the past two weeks I have been following the GPS color-coded tracking online. Honza's color is salmon.

The athletes (30 of them from all over the world) must travel only by paragliding or hiking. They have one support person in a vehicle who gets supplies, cooks, cleans, and provides advice and encouragement.

I am fascinated because I am a devout physical coward with a fear of heights. These athletes jump into bare air at five or six or seven thousand feet and throw themselves on to the wind, traversing thermals to carry them as far as possible. When they aren't flying, they're hiking up and down mountain roads and trails, looking for a good launch site and praying for good weather.

There was not much good weather for the first 10 days of the race. Clouds hung over the stony Dolomite mountains, and the winds were too strong to fly in and it rained, rained, rained. Their online diaries showed pictures of drenched feet, soggy parkas and foggy mountain passes.

By the time the pilots reached the second major convergence point, The Eiger, in Switzerland, they had shown their strengths. The leaders were three Swiss guys with lots of experience. (Besides, this is their home territory!) Honza had the terrible luck of an intestinal bout on the day of the race start. He was able to start, but then rested for a day while doctors made sure he was hydrated. He lagged behind and only slowly caught up with the others. Thanks to his stamina and training, he avoided one of the worst pitfalls of this race: the elimination of the last contestant every forty-eight hours. Every two days, the person in last place has to withdraw. Honza brought up his standing to #20 or #21 early on in the race and avoided being yanked from the lineup while gaining on the other competitors.

Alex Hofer, who won the X-Alps in 2005, took an early lead by choosing a route to the south of all the other contestants. He maintained this lead easily until the front pack was at the Eiger. Then Urs Lotscher, a Swiss mountaineer, put on his



MARGARET BURNS

MIDNIGHT OIL

crampons, grabbed an ice axe and walked across glaciated mountain peaks and came right up behind Hofer. In third place is the third Swiss competitor, Martin Mueller.

Bad weather for pilots was good weather for the Rumanian contender, Toma Cocone. His incredible endurance set him, literally, running the mountain roads and passes at the same pace (ca. 4 km per hour) that the fliers could average for the first 10 days. The online data shows that the Swiss guys fly about 60 percent of the time and walk about 40 percent. Toma flies about 20 percent and walks 80 percent.

That was true until this morning. This morning (August 4, Saturday), the sun came shining through the Alps. The front pack of four has passed Mont Blanc and is heading south in the French Alps toward the endpoint: Monaco.

Here I am, still in front of the computer 13 days after the start of the race. And there they are - still flying and hiking in the Alps. The end is in sight.

As I write, Honza Rejmanek's salmon colored line has passed the Eiger, gone through Interlaken and is 511 km from the start, as the crow flies. He actually has covered 828 km on the ground. He has flown 36 percent of the time and walked 62 percent. He is now at position #14. His diary shows he is having a good time. This morning at 10 a.m. he sent a picture of a Punk Swiss Cow with heavy metal on its snout. Two days ago he sent a picture of a Swiss cat to Kermit.

The four leaders are not so relaxed. It is nearly midnight in France. Mueller, with a pink line, is in the lead with 41 km to go to the end. He could be there early tomorrow morning. He has covered 1209 km in total, 168 of them today. Right now he is hiking. (The competitors only get a few hours of sleep a night.) Cocone (the green line) is also hiking and has 67 km to finish. By now he has a 25 percent flying and 75 percent hiking ratio. Lotscher is resting at the moment. He has 122 km to go and has already covered 109 km today. He is the oldest competitor, aged 50.

Hofer made a decision yesterday to take the westernmost route, at the edge of the Alps, which meant that he had more miles to cover but was probably counting on his superior flying ability. This may have turned out to be a mistake. The news reports say that he did not have the thermals he

needed for lift and has been walking more than anticipated. He is 133 km from the finish line and has traveled 1305 km so far, nearly 1000 km more than anyone else. He is hiking now.

Here is the kicker! Mueller, in the lead, was dealt a penalty yesterday because he accidentally went into restricted airspace near Sion, Switzerland. Since it was an accident and he could not safely land there, the officials have not expelled him from the race. His penalty? When he gets to the last checkpoint, Mount Gros, just a few miles from Monaco, he has to wait there for 36 hours until he can finish the race! Is that the punishment from Hades? Sit and watch while all your closest competitors reach the finish line!

It is now midnight, Aug. 4 on the Extreme-Alps Glacier to Sea Race Route.

What do I think will happen?

Cocone will walk to Monaco and officially win the race sometime early in the morning on Aug. 5. Lotscher will come in second, by early morning, as soon as he has finished a good night's sleep, and has some thermals to allow him to fly to the finish line. Hofer will be third, not far behind Lotscher. And Mueller, who really won, will never get into the record books for this year.

The race only officially ends forty-eight hours after the first competitor reaches Monaco. It is theoretically possible for some of the other racers to finish within those 48 hours even before Mueller. However, Team #5, Aidan Toase of Great Britain, is far enough away that it is highly unlikely he will be in Monaco by the morning of Aug. 7.

And Honza? I hope he reaches Mont Blanc. He certainly has had one of the great adventures in life. There may be more to come.

Maybe Kermit knows!

Race results, as of August 8, 8:30 p.m., PDT:

~ 1) Alex Hofer: Impossible! He came from behind, and made it first!

~ 2) Toma Cocone

~ 3) Martin MFCiler

Honza Rejmanek came in ninth!

What am I going to do with my time from now on?



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) As eager as you are to take on that new challenge, it would be best to temper that spurt of "Ram"-bunctious energy until you have more facts to back up your decision to move.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time for hardworking Bovines to take a break from their hectic on-the-job schedules to bask in the unconditional love and support of friends and family.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay attention to what you hear in the workplace. You could pick up some hints about possible changes. Meanwhile, a new infusion of creative energy sets in by week's end.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try to be more flexible in dealing with a suddenly difficult situation, whether it's on the job or in the home. Others might have some good points to offer. Listen to them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might think you're not getting the royal treatment you deserve. But be careful not to become a royal pain by complaining about it. Be patient and allow things to work out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Watch that penchant for being super-judgmental at work. It might create a bad impression with someone whose decisions could determine the course of your career.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've been your usual busy-bee self, gathering nectar wherever you can find it. But now's a good time to kick back, relax and just enjoy smelling the roses.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That pesky personal situation seems to be improving. But change comes slowly, so be patient. Expect someone to bring more positive news by week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Whoa! Ease up on that hectic pace you've been putting yourself through. Take time to recharge your energy levels before going full gallop again.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) New associates freezing you out of their inner circle? Never mind. Put a warm smile on that friendly face of yours, and you'll soon thaw them all down to size.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your wise guidance helps colleagues agree to compromise and move forward. Meanwhile, there are still vital issues you need to deal with in your personal life.

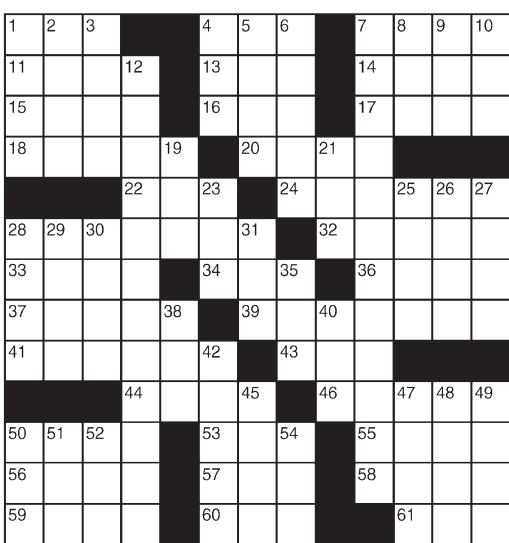
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- Hammerhead part
- Dine
- Musical passage
- Nassau's islands
- Distorted
- Actor
- Guinness
- Payable
- Tortoise's opponent
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- Mighty
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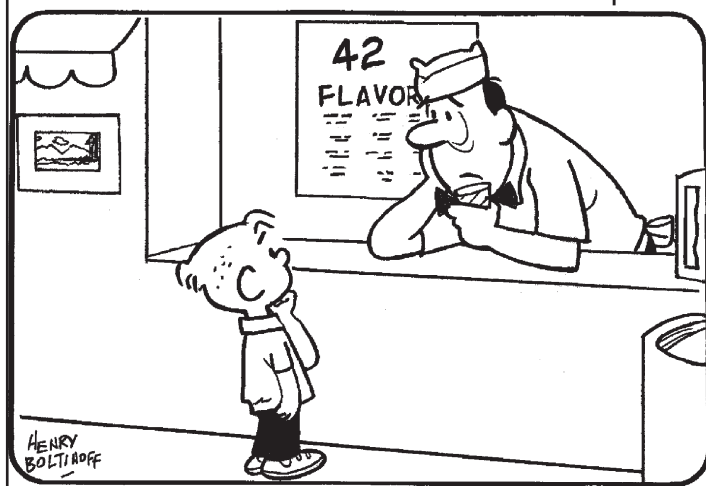
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture has been added. 2. Boy's sleeve is different. 3. Man has a bow tie. 4. Napkin dispenser is larger. 5. Number of flavors has changed. 6. Partial window sign is miss-

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3 bedrooms, 2 baths. New flooring, Oak cabinets, finished garage with epoxy floor coating.

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Better than new. 5 bedrooms 3 baths. 3100sq. ft. Lots of upgrades. Fully landscaped w/colored stamped concrete patios. No rear neighbors.

1331 Valley Glen Dr., Dixon, \$487,400:
3 bedroom 3 full baths with large bonus room. Lots of upgrades looks like a model.

137 Dover Way, Vacaville, \$429,000:
4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths. Tri-level in quiet neighborhood with separate living rooms and family room. 2 car garage.

255 Diane Place, Dixon, \$547,500:
Custom home in one of Dixon's most desired neighborhoods, with pool and spa. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms. Spacious kitchen and much more.

4127 Mountain View Lane, Vacaville, \$699,000:
Country property, 3 bedrooms 2 baths with over 3 acres. Shop and storage shed. Must see.

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