

Winters Express



Ready to Rumble

Photo by Rory Linton
The Winters Jr. Warriors started their season against the Willows Coyotes on Saturday, Aug. 25, with a pre-season opener at home.

The Peewees won 27-0, the Jr. Midgets lost 33-12, and the Midgets won 15-14. (Jr. Pee wee game scores are not officially listed, as this age category is intended to be for learning only.)
At right, Jr. Midget Eli Layne catches a pass and runs for Winters' first 6 points. Midget Brently Wiesman (top) takes a hand off and runs up field for a first down. The Winters Jr. Warrior football program is in its 11th year this year. Hundreds of football players and cheerleaders ages 7-13 participate each year, learning the athletic skills they will take to the high school level.



Planner blasts city department

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

City Community Development Director Dan Sokolow introduced discussion of Tom Pearce's proposed parcel split at the Aug. 28 planning commission meeting. The split of the property at 101 Third Street calls for four lots, plus a "designated remainder lot." The site, currently a walnut orchard, is zoned residential.

"The lots are rather large," said Sokolow, "they range from 13,000 to 14,000 feet. They are proposing a private street about 100 feet in length, that would access Third Street. It goes into a cul-de-sac bulb."

Sokolow said staff is looking into changes to the low-income housing ordinance to accommodate smaller projects, including allowing these pro-

jects to pay in-lieu fees. It is more practical to require low-income homes to be built on site in the case of larger projects, according to Sokolow.

"We haven't really had to address this in recent years," said Sokolow, of the low-income housing requirement in small developments. "This is something we should have addressed, and staff is looking at a more flexible approach. In looking at other communities, Davis makes a distinction in encouraging infill development — they are extremely flexible."

The complexity of the city rules became apparent, as Sokolow explained the Pearce project would be exempt from the affordable housing in-lieu requirement, but only if the commission exempts them from building affordable

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Library partners OK new library design

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Architects Mike Lindberg and Mike Leighton of NTD Stichler in Auburn, presented the design for the new Winters Public Library to the library steering committee at their Aug. 27 meeting.

City Manager John Donlevy chaired the meeting, introducing the library partners Roger Pearson, the interim Yolo County Librarian, Superintendent of Schools Dale Mitchell, School Board President Mary Jo Rodolfo, Yolo County General Services Director Ray Groom, and Gary Cook, school facilities director. Also attending were Theresa Sackett, of the Margaret Parsons Trust, and Rebecca Fridae of Winters Friends of the Library.

sign process earlier this year from the previous firm, Paul Johnson Architects, when the cost estimate for the Paul Johnson design came in way over budget. The partners, Yolo County, the City of Winters and the Winters School District, expect to be able to build NTD's redesign with the current \$5.2 million budget.

The architects were looking for approval of the schematic design at this meeting, according to Leighton. In architecture, the schematic design gives an overall view of the design, but not the details required for actual construction.

Leighton's drawings showed changes made to the materials and the height of the original design, to reduce costs.

"We reduced the height

NTD took over the de-

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Hunt on for hit-and-run driver who injured motorcyclist

By LAUREN KEENE
McNaughton Newspapers

As they have many other nights, Kyle Daubert, Daniel Mastrup and Jonathan Pinkerton set off Monday, Aug. 27, on one of their regular motorcycle rides along Russell Boulevard west of Davis. On this night, however, something went terribly, horribly wrong.

At about 8:45 p.m., a hit-and-run driver struck 24-year-old Pinkerton from behind, causing major injuries that left the Davis man hospitalized at the

UC Davis Medical Center. Officer Phil Gruidl of the California Highway Patrol, which is investigating the hit-and-run collision, had no new information about the incident last Thursday but said the search for the suspect is continuing.

Mastrup, 24, recalls riding slightly ahead of his two friends, approaching County Road 96. He heard the sound of a vehicle accelerating, then a metal-on-plastic sound as a sport-utility vehicle struck the back of Pinkerton's Honda motorcycle.

"There was no swerving, no clipping — he was dead-center run over," said Mastrup, who saw Pinkerton fly off his motorcycle and strike Daubert, 25, who also went to the ground. "It was like a horror movie."

The next thing Mastrup recalls is seeing Daubert running down the roadway and finding Pinkerton pinned underneath Daubert's motorcycle along the side of the road. When he lifted off the bike, he discovered major injuries to Pinkerton's abdomen.

"I had to hold his pancreas and a lung shut" until medical personnel arrived, Mastrup said. What followed, he added, were a series of maddening frustrations.

He said it took numerous tries to notify authorities of the crash because calls to 911 were met with busy signals. Emergency personnel had a difficult time finding the crash scene, Mastrup said, and he believes the CHP is not doing enough to find the person who hurt his

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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. 29		102	70
Aug. 30		107	71
Aug. 31		105	72
Sept. 1		107	63
Sept. 2		105	61
Sept. 3		102	61
Sept. 4		105	67

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PLANNER

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housing on-site. The in-lieu ordinance exempts projects four units or smaller, but the city has avoided allowing projects to make use of the in-lieu approach.

Commissioner Wade Cowan, managing partner of the project, stepped down from his role as planning commissioner and, wearing his developer hat, made a statement scorching the planning department about this parcel split.

“Our first meeting with staff was in Feb. of ‘06,” said Cowan. “We asked about doing four custom lots. The subject of affordable housing came up, and based on Mr. Sokolow’s math, we would have to make one of the four lots affordable, which we weren’t real happy about. We were also told at that time we would only need a geotechnical report and a title report. All the other studies were left with a question mark.”

Cowan said he asked, at a May 2006 meeting with staff, about tying into existing sewer and water connections at Third Street, and was told this would be possible. He also then asked if the affordable home could go to a family member and was told this would be possible, too.

Cowan presented what he believed was a complete application in Nov. 2006.

“December 6 we were told it was incomplete,” said Cowan, “and we would need a group of additional studies — we needed cultural re-

sources, we needed endangered species, we needed haz-mat — anything Granite Bay needed, we needed to do, too, for our little four lots.”

Cowan said he turned in all the additional studies in March, spending an additional \$10,000.

“Everything was deemed complete,” said Cowan. “In April of ‘07, Mr. Pearce went golfing with the mayor (Mayor Woody Fridae). The mayor informed Tom that affordable housing could never be designated to a specific person. It would have to go out to a lottery.”

Cowan said this would put the project back, because the developer would, in effect, give up 25 percent of the project. Cowan then asked for written copies of the affordable housing ordinance.

Cowan learned from the ordinance that projects of four units or less would be exempt from the affordable housing requirement. Cowan met with Sokolow, and quoted Sokolow as saying, “I do not have to do what that paper says; I make the decisions about affordable housing, and I would never accept the \$9000 in-lieu fee.”

Cowan and Pearce requested a meeting on the subject in May, but got no response for two months, according to Cowan’s statement. On July 17, Cowan spoke at the city council meeting, complaining of no staff responses to three written requests for meetings. At that meeting, City Manager John Donlevy agreed to meet the following Thursday.

“At that meeting we in-

sisted on being heard at this August planning commission meeting,” said Cowan. “We’d been waiting eight months since we turned in our stuff, over a year of getting pushed around on this affordable housing and all these studies.”

Cowan said the staff report for this meeting arrived late, and he was not able to meet with staff or the city engineer. He objected to a number of items in the report, including stipulations about the houses to be built, even though the project was just a parcel split.

“This particular item,” said Cowan about a structure height limit, “I know is on there, to stop this project.” He said this was because of a neighbor that does not want two story homes on that property.

“There are 77 conditions of approval put on that parcel,” said Cowan. “We believe that 50 of these do not apply to this parcel.” He gave as example conditions for foundations and for size of house numbers.

“These have to do with the city wanting us to give them a blank check for them to charge us however much they want for as long as they want for whatever they want,” said Cowan. “I can’t buy into that.”

Cowan objected to the city requiring him to put detention ponds on his site, referring to them as “West Nile ponds.”

Cowan ended his statement accusing Sokolow of not acting in good faith and making every effort to burden the project with unnecessary conditions.

“We request we be given the opportunity we were never given,” said Cowan,

“to meet with staff, in hopes of finally moving our project in a positive direction, in hopes of avoiding legal action against Mr. Sokolow and the City of Winters.”

Planner Jack Graf asked for time to review the information before commenting.

Neighbor Celia Racine had a number objections. Despite planning chair Don Jordan’s caution not to discuss home designs for what is a parcel split, she said the time to discuss the future design is at the beginning of the process. She objected to building four two-story homes in a neighborhood that has a mixed skyline of one-story and two-story homes.

She noted the engineer the team is using is a land surveyor and not a civil engineer, and the project would have moved forward better with a civil engineer.

“What are sidewalks and curbs and gutters for?” asked Racine. “Why are we allowing all these private developments with private streets that have ditches and no curbs and gutters?”

The commission moved to continue the discussion to the September meeting.

Asked if issues could be worked out in time for the next meeting, Sokolow said he would do his best.

“It’s not a slam dunk,” said Sokolow.

The next planning commission will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall. All Winters residents may attend. Meetings open with an opportunity for the public to comment on items not on the agenda.

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Yolo County plans first Aging Summit

On Thursday, Sept. 20, Yolo County convenes its first Aging Summit, co-sponsored by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, the City of Woodland, and the Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services, chaired by Yolo County Supervisor Mariko Yamada. This day-long event is free and open to those providing services to seniors and persons with disabilities, as well as to those interested in learning more about aging-related issues. The summit will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street in Woodland. Registration is limited to 250 participants and may be for half- or full-day attendance.

The summit begins with an opening plenary by Dr.

Michael McCloud, UC Davis Health Systems Geriatrician on “The Silver Tsunami: How it will Change Yolo’s Landscape,” followed by four concurrent morning workshops. The Yolo County Elderly Nutrition Program will assist with a box-lunch, and the lunch hour discussion, “Dare to be 100,” will feature Dr. Herbert Bauer, former Yolo County Public Health Officer, psychiatrist and nonagenarian. After lunch, four additional concurrent workshops will be offered.

The morning program includes:

~ Aging and the Law: Scams on the Elderly – From Prevention to Prosecution

~ Aging and Housing: From Independent to??? What Are the Choices?

~ Aging and Health: Whatever the Stage, Rage

Your Age!

~ Aging and Mobility: Moving Road Warriors from Freeways to E-ways

The afternoon program includes:

~ An Aging Agenda for the 21st Century: View from the State

~ When Roles Reverse: Parenting Your Parents — Caregiver Challenges

~ Since I Fell For You: Addressing Elder Falls — #2 Trauma Call in the Region

~ Getting Your House in Order: Retirement and End-of-Life Planning

The summit will conclude with a performance by the Woodland Stompers, a local senior country-line dancing group, a wrap-up and evaluations.

For more information on the Yolo County Aging Summit contact District 4 staff, 666-8235 or aging@yolocounty.org.

Animal Control seeks dog that bit woman

Yolo County Animal Control Services is searching for a dog that bit a woman at the intersection of Railroad and Grant Avenue in Winters on Tuesday, Aug. 21 around 1:30 p.m. The dog is a medium sized black and white Rotweiler, wearing a black collar. The dog’s owner is described as a Caucasian female, about 5’ 2”, with short hair.

Information regarding this incident is important for rabies prevention mea-

sures. Rabies is a deadly disease, so if the dog is not located soon, the victim may have to undergo rabies treatment.

Anyone having any information regarding this incident, or knows who owns this animal, please contact Yolo County Environmental Health Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 666-8646 or Yolo County Animal Control Services 24 hours a day at 668-5287. Callers can remain anonymous.

Man injured in car crash

An unidentified man suffered head trauma and was lifeflighted to the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento after crashing his car into a telephone pole. The accident occurred on Sunday, Sept. 2, at approximately 8:42 p.m. on Grant Avenue across from Taylor Street.

At press time, the Winters Police Department had not completed a report on the accident and could not provide a name or any information about the victim. The Winters Fire Department refused to provide any identifying information, citing confidentiality laws.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

THREE YEARS AGO, I started looking at life differently – quite literally. I was at my annual eye exam and the doctor leaned back, clicked off the little light he’d been flashing in my eyes and informed me I had drusen.

Huh?
“There’s waste accumulating in the cells in the back of your eyes.”
Which means?
“You’re developing macular degeneration.”
Which means?

“Eventually you’ll go blind.”
Not “might.” Will. Ooo-kay. Not what I was expecting, Doc. A little increased myopia, more astigmatism, a new contact lens prescription maybe. But blind? That’s so not on my anxiety radar, which happens to be quite expansive. I worry about things other people never even considered, like, could the pole connected to my steering wheel come loose at the axel, vault my car into the air and impale me through the chest? THAT I’ve actually worried about. Blindness? Not even a blip on the screen. Until now.

I asked him when it would happen.
“One to 50 years.”
Well, that’s just the sort of ever-so-helpful precision one can plan one’s life around. With any luck, I’d go blind after I die. But, since I went from normal to “drusened” in one year, (apparently the eyeball equivalent of zero to 60 in five seconds), I had a sinking feeling it wouldn’t play out like that. So, what’s the cure?

No cure, he said. No treatment. Only luck. My only hope was mega-doses of particular vitamins and supplements, which sometimes stop the progression of macular degeneration. And that was only a longshot. The best I could hope for is no change. I would never get better.

So, I did what any rational human being would do upon being informed she might soon go blind: I freaked out. He pulled me right up short and said panic wouldn’t help. It was what it was.

“You can’t cure it and you can’t predict it,” he said matter-of-factly. Take the vitamins, hope for the best and learn to deal with it.

Dealing with it was easier said than done. I’d look at things and wonder if that would be the last time I’d ever see them. My last sunset. Last full moon. Last rosebud or cat napping on the couch. Last computer screen to write a column. Last time I’d see my children’s faces. And never my grandchildren’s. If tears could wash away drusen, I’d have cured myself.

On the verge of complete psychological meltdown, I sought a second opinion. The ophthalmologist unfortunately confirmed the diagnosis exactly. The drusen was as bad as it could get without progressing to actual macular degeneration. She also encouraged me to take the vitamins, and offered this comfort: “It’s a slow-progressing disease. It won’t happen overnight.”

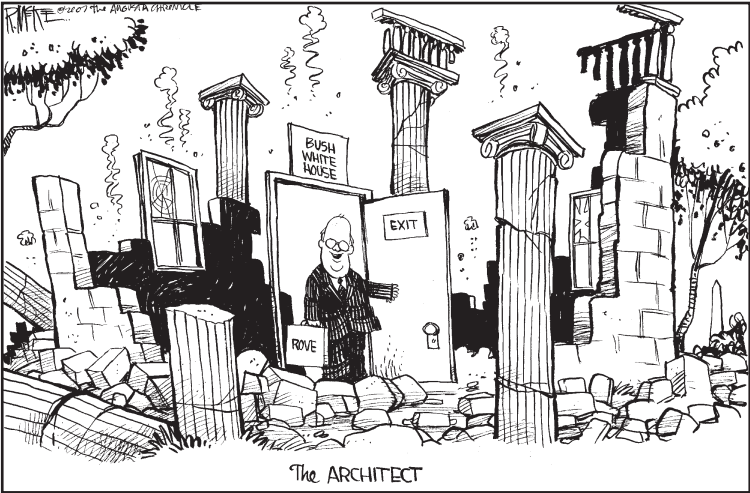
What a relief, just knowing I wouldn’t wake up one morning completely blind. I would, quite literally, see it coming. First, the center of my visual field would blur. Straight lines would bend. Over time, the blurriness would expand, and eventually turn dark. The lights wouldn’t suddenly go out, they’d slowly dim and fade to black. But not without warning.

That helped. Every morning, I’d look off into the distance, first with one eye, then the other: Everything’s still clear! Today isn’t the day I start going blind! Today I can still see! Everything else that happens today is just a bonus!

I spent the next year gulping vitamins and winking out the window every morning. When the eye doctor said, “No change” after one year, I was elated. Two years and one doctor later, same thing. Just last week, I got the same news: “Zero change.” The doctor said, “Whatever you’re doing, keep doing it.” Absolutely.

So, I wasn’t going to write about this. I didn’t want people looking at me with that “Poor Debra” look in their eyes, nor did I want an avalanche of unsolicited advice. I didn’t want to talk about it at all. I still don’t, not really. But after keeping blindness at bay for three years, it occurs to me that maybe someone else out there is facing the diagnosis I got, and is in despair and desperately needs some hope. Here it is.

Show this column to your eye doctor, have him or her tell you the supplements you need, and take them faithfully. And every day, look down the street, first with one eye, then the other. If everything’s clear and that telephone pole still looks straight, remind yourself, “Today, I’m the luckiest person alive! Today, I can still see!”



LETTERS

Art classes offered at gallery

Dear Editor,

We want to bring attention to our new classes at the Winters Center for the Arts at 18 Main Street. I have listed a schedule of times, dates and prices. Do not let fees stop your attendance, as we have scholarship assistance. If you do not see the class you want, suggest that we develop it.

To register for classes, go to City Hall weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or the Winters Center for the Arts on Fridays, 5-8 p.m., Saturdays, 3-8 p.m. or Sundays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The classes are as follows:

~ Cartooning as an Art Form, with Robert Armstrong; Mondays through Oct. 1, 5:30-7 p.m. at the gallery, 18 Main Street. An introductory course in the art of cartooning. Students will learn the basics of expressing their ideas through pictorial narra-

tive by combining drawing with writing. Registration fee: \$60, includes materials.

~ Painting with Chalk Pastels, with Diana Jahns; Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In this all-day introductory class, participants will explore several techniques for applying pastels to a variety of papers and boards. No prior experience is necessary. Registration fee: \$65, includes materials.

~ Watercolor, with Mary Neri King; Tuesdays, Sept. 18 and 25, 6-8 p.m. Students will learn simple watercolor techniques, such as paper wetting, painting wet into wet, color gradation and special effects. Drawing experience is not necessary. Registration fee: \$30 per class.

For more information, call 795-3506 or 795-2009.

MICHAEL BARBOUR
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CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

HELP. Every once in a while you realize how dependent you are on computers, or cell phones. When you travel you forget about the daily grind of answering emails or returning phone calls. That might be one of the best parts about getting out of town and away from cell towers.

I have been pushing an electronic version of the Express that I call eXpress. It is for out of town subscribers who can’t get their newspaper delivered in a timely manner by the post office. I thought it was the best thing since sliced bread, but I may be changing my mind. Last week someone in the office mentioned that the email had quit working. As I sat down at my computer I had a sinking feeling in my stomach. Sure enough, the Netscape icon didn’t bring up my email, but asked me to open a new account.

It isn’t that I can’t retrieve my email from another computer, but I’ve lost my eXpress mailing list and old emails, sent and received. I also lost the email of a subscriber who offered to help me the last time something went wrong with our computers. If you are an expert at Netscape and think you can help retrieve my old emails and address list, write a note to charley@wintersexpress.com.

Vasey Coman, temporary assistant publisher, is one of my eXpress subscribers and had an old email with the subscriber list attached. She rebuilt the list the best she could and we sent it out, twice. There will be a few more glitches before I have the list back to where it belongs, but it is a rude awakening when you realize that you can’t, or don’t know how, to back up your email files. Where is my son when I need him?

REAL CLOUT. A week ago there was a motorcycle fun run from Sacramento’s Arden Fair Mall to the Auburn Fairgrounds. This was a fund-raiser for Make-A-Wish and was put together by Channel 3 newsmen, Walt Gray. This is the fifth annual Make-A-Wish ride and it has grown to be the biggest ride of the year.

It is impressive to see 4,000 motorcycles in one parking lot. After eating donuts and drinking a few cups of coffee I was ready to leave, but the official starter, Stan Atkinson, wouldn’t let anyone out of the gates until 10 a.m. There were a couple of us from Winters, or formerly from Winters along on the ride. My permanent tenant enjoys looking at motorcycles, especially the 1915 Harley with sidecar. The owner, and his sidecar passenger, rode for about a mile and turned off the freeway for home.

When Stan Atkinson told everyone to “gentlemen, start your engines” you could hear a nice roar as 4,000 motorcycles came to life. We were in one of the first groups to leave the parking lot, escorted by the California Highway Patrol. Cameras were flashing and everyone had a smile on their face. As we entered the Highway 80 something was differently different. There were no cars, just motorcycles. At first I didn’t get it, but then I realized that Walt Gray had closed the highway, just for us.

Every on ramp had a CHP cruiser blocking traffic, people were standing on the overpasses waving and taking pictures. The motorcade stayed in the right hand lane and slowed to around 50 miles per hour all the way to Auburn. As far as I could see in front of me there were motorcycles. The same when I looked in my rear view mirrors.

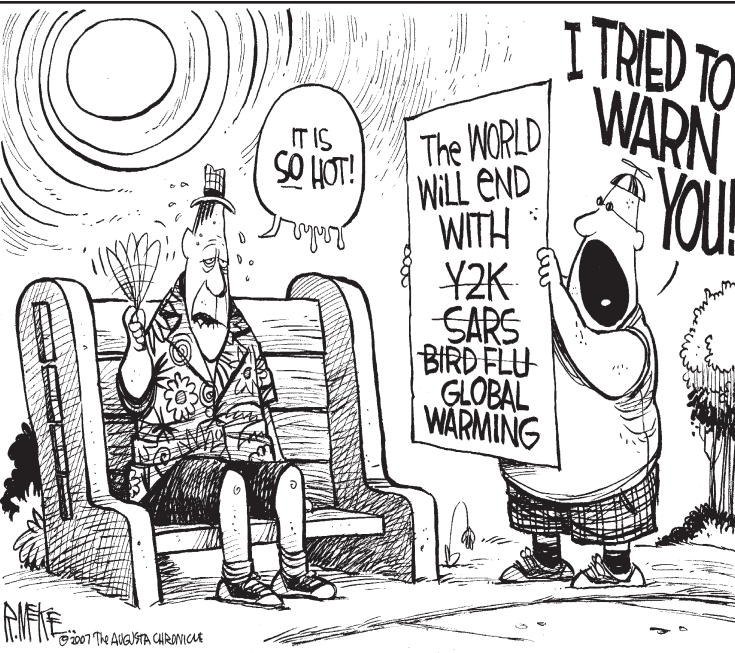
When we turned off Highway 80 in Auburn, city police, along with CHP, blocked every side street and intersection. Red lights didn’t slow anyone down as officers waved everyone through. There was a box lunch for everyone and free drink tickets. We didn’t stay long, and the joke was that people might still be arriving when we were leaving.

I’m not sure how long the people trying to get to Lake Tahoe had to wait on the freeway, but if it was 30 minutes, they weren’t happy campers. Maybe if they knew it was for Make-A-Wish they would understand. All I was thinking was, who has the clout to close down a major freeway on a Sunday morning? The obvious answer is Walt Gray, and or, Channel 3.

When Youth Day rolls around, we should make Walt Gray our Honorary Grand Marshal. If anyone can get CalTrans to allow us to close Highway 128 it’s Walt Gray. How hard could it be to get a detour around the high school for a couple of hours so the parade can finish in the high school parking lot like it is supposed to.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation(s). I’m glad to be back at work, believe it or not.

Have a good week.



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LIBRARY

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of the building to bring the cost down, but we believe the scale is more appropriate as well," said Leighton.

The design has areas for children, young adults, text storage for the high school, a curving line of computers work stations, and book stacks laid out diagonally. A separate community meeting room is dividable into two rooms. It includes work areas for the Friends of the Library and a store for selling books. The design features many openable windows for natural lighting and passive ventilation.

The schedule calls for design development – developing the design details – to begin immediately, followed by construction documents to be completed near the end of 2007. The plan is then scrutinized by the Division of the State Architect's office, as is any school related proj-

ect, which takes about three months. The project will then go out to bid, with construction expected to start in summer of 2008, and completion a year later.

The architects reviewed the costs, which include a ten percent contingency, which gets reduced to five percent later in the process. The designers applied for and won an additional \$580,000 grant from the state. In another optimistic note, they are hopeful the actual costs will come in 10 to 20 percent below estimate, because of the slow building climate.

Asked about the future of the high school, Superintendent Mitchell said the district will probably not consider a new school for 20 years, even if all the scheduled new homes are built out. If a new high school were built, the current high school would become a middle school, so the joint use library would still make sense.

Questions were asked

about photovoltaics for solar power and building a raised floor to allow under-floor heating and cooling systems. The architects liked both approaches, but said they were costly and some other important component would have to be eliminated to make these happen. They are looking at a new energy storage method called "ice energy", which stores night cooling for daytime air conditioning.

The temperature in the room was raised by a request from supporters of the Margaret Parsons Trust to make changes to the design. Theresa Sackett, trustee of the \$400,000 trust that jump-started the library dream in 2000, read a statement.

"A committee formed after Margaret Parsons death has come up with a unique plan, that fleshes out her vision," read Sackett. "Margaret Parsons certainly wanted more than just a library to display art. She reiterated over and over to me that she wanted children

to be involved."

With that, she introduced Winters architect Eric Doud, who presented ideas for changes to NTD's design to allow an art room on site, for students to create art work.

"When we met," said Doud, "it was apparent to us that the program did not meet the original vision of the Margaret Parsons trust, which was two-fold; to display art, as well as to do art."

The carpeted community room isn't suitable for children learning to create art, according to Doud. He passed out a site plan that proposed a 600 foot space, which would be simple, utilitarian, and would stand alone.

"What we've come up with is a slight alteration and addition to the plan. We are envisioning a space that will be very rough and ready," said Doud, "with very minimum levels of finish, because it will be used for the production of art."

Doud's plan "tweaked" the layout of the meeting

room at the northern portion of the site, rotating it to align with the north-south grid of the high school layout, at an angle to the rest of the library, which aligns to Grant Avenue. Doud suggested this change to increase the patio area at the northwest part of the site to make room for a new studio, and still allow for outdoor patio space.

"I'm sure you guys are just appalled at this kind of late intervention," said Doud, "but I see some real benefit in that it expands the joint use capacity of the building, which could help with grant funding. We see it as filling out the vision of the Margaret Parsons Trust.

Architect Leighton said his greatest concern is the funding mechanism from the state.

"We've been very careful to call the community room a community room," said Leighton. "It's quite possible if we put the new room there, the state will call it a classroom, and penalize the school district."

"We are within like ten square feet of qualifying for the joint use money," said facilities director Cook. "We've been out there with tapes, measuring every square inch of the existing library to get to the joint use funding – it's really tight there."

"Right now the project is over budget," said Donlevy. "You're suggesting a \$350,000 add. Where would you take away to make this happen?"

"I think we are a creative enough group to address the funding problem, without taking away," said Doud. He offered the contingency funding and the expected 20 percent drop in construction costs as funding sources.

Leighton suggested adapting the meeting room. Doud answered a carpeted space would be unsuitable.

Fridae reviewed the history of the arts component of the Trust.

"We had about \$380,000 at the time and we designated \$200,000 to go to the library and the rest was

saved for the arts program. Over the years, the arts program committee did not continue, it just fell apart. Theresa decided to put another \$100,00 to the library, and later another \$100,000, so that all of the funds ended up going to the library, because nothing ever came of the arts committee. I think it was Margaret's vision to do something like that. It's too important to have the library — we've been working on this since 1976, really. I don't want to see the library slowed down, but it would be good to do something like that."

The architects said

adapting the community room for creating art was quite possible, by using finishes that are actually less expensive. Facilities Director Cook said heating the community room would be a problem in winter with concrete floors, making the room less usable.

Superintendent Mitchell saw no benefit for the school for the additional building. He did offer the school's arts classrooms as an alternative.

"The Civic Center Act enables and authorizes agencies to access and utilize school facilities outside of the school day," said Mitchell.

"Westward of the site, about 50 yards, is where our art facilities currently exist. Assuming you have the resources in terms of personnel and materials and insurance, that's an existing facility. But a 20 by 30 foot building has limited value to the school district."

"Less is more, when it comes to the creative process," said artist Jeff Hesemeyer, speaking in favor of a minimal structure that could be opened to the outside, to make creating art an outdoor activity when possible.

Fridae reiterated her concern the current library project needs to proceed, but asked if

funds could be generated from the library project for an arts studio at a different site. She said Parsons was willing to consider the arts component located elsewhere from the library.

Donlevy suggested a structure on the site of the lot the city owns at 33 Main Street, which is intended for the future Winters Center for the Arts.

County Services Director Groom estimated a change of this sort would cause a 12 week delay.

"We would need a modified contract and I would need to go back to my board to authorize this,"

said Groom. "This project has been to this point a number of times. I've built a lot of buildings, over three million square feet in my career in government, and I can tell you, lots of projects get to this point and the same thing happens and you lose the inertia."

Mitchell moved approval of the schematic drawings and Rodolfo seconded, and the motion carried, with no resolution as yet of the Margaret Parson's Committee's proposed art work space.

Chamber meets every month

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 events.

For more information, call 795-2329.

Community

Let’s clean up creek

By **DAWN CALCIANO**
Special to the Express

The 2007 Coast and Creek Cleanup planned for Saturday, Sept. 15 marks the 23rd year of the California Coastal Cleanup Day program. In 2006, 56,273 volunteers turned out to remove just under 1 million pounds of debris from California’s shorelines — the largest single event in the Cleanup’s history.

All 50 states and over 100 countries took part in the International Cleanup sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy, making this effort the largest marine-related volunteer event in the world. In the state of California, the Coast and Creek Cleanup is sponsored and organized by the California Coastal Commission and Whole Foods Market. In 2007, volunteers will cleanup trash at 700 locations around the state and remove trash and debris from 1,100 miles of the California coast as well as another 1,000 miles along the inland shorelines of bays, creeks, rivers, and lakes throughout California.

The Coast and Creek Cleanup Day is important for inland counties as well as coastal communities. It is estimated that 60 to 80 percent of the debris found on California’s beaches originates from inland or urban areas and washes out to the ocean. The Coast and Creek Cleanup Day is a great event to involve families in caring for and protecting their local water bodies. It is also an opportunity for students to earn community services hours by helping to cleanup trash in their local communities.

This year’s local events in the Davis and Winters area will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. Events will take place on city of Davis property and multiple sites along Putah Creek in the vicinity of Winters.

For City of Davis sites contact John McNerney, 757-5680 or jmcnerney@ci.davis.ca.us. For Putah Creek locations contact Dawn Calciano or Megan Harns, 795-3006 or dawn@putahcreekcouncil.org or megan@putahcreekcouncil.org.

For Yolo County, the cleanup event is being organized by a committee including representatives from the Cache Creek Conservancy, City of Davis, City of West Sacramento, Clarksburg Recycles, Putah Creek Council, Yolo County Public Works, Yolo County Parks Department, the Delta Protection Commission, River City Row-

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Mary’s mural



Courtesy photo

This is a 4x8 foot mural painted by Mary King of Winters will be hung in the Sunset Bay Kayak store in Suisun this month. It is a mural of what the marsh and sloughs may have looked like over 100 years ago when the Patwin Indians lived there.

Housing Rehabilitation Program offers help

By **BETH GABOR**
Special to the Express

Under the Yolo County Housing Rehabilitation Program, eligible homeowners in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County may qualify for low interest loans to assist in making repairs to their homes. Facilitated through the county, this program is funded through the state’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. Mercy Housing California is Yolo County’s consultant and administers the county’s housing programs.

Romelia Castillo’s home in Madison has flooded many times since she built it in 1977 with assistance from Mercy Housing’s Self Help Program. This year, after applying for and receiving loan funds from the Yolo County Housing Rehabilitation Program, and additional grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), facilitat-

ed through the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Castillo was able to repair all previous flood damage, including installing new bathroom floors, a new heating and air conditioning unit, new double-paned windows and carpet, interior and exterior paint, and repairs to water damaged wood beams underneath the house. Castillo was also able to elevate her home approximately two feet to avoid future flood damage.

Castillo’s daughter, Lorie noted, “(the Yolo County Housing Rehabilitation Program helped) salvage the home so my mom can live the rest of her life there.”

Similarly in Guinda, Lemuel Nelson, an elderly veteran on a limited income living alone, was also able to benefit from the county’s rehabilitation program. A fire left Nelson’s home uninhabitable last winter. Yolo County was able to provide emergency grant and deferred loan funds to repair Nel-

son’s home. The repairs included a new water heater, roof replacement, electrical rewire, bathroom repairs and interior and exterior paint.

“I was in bad trouble, up a creek without a paddle,” said Nelson. “The county’s program has been a tremendous amount of help to me. I couldn’t be in the house without it being fixed.”

In addition to the housing rehabilitation program, Yolo County has a down payment assistance program for qualifying first time homebuyers. Current homeowners, landlords, and renters are can contact Mercy Housing California, Yolo County’s non-profit housing consultant, at (800) 995-0431, extension 4412, for more information on both programs.

Annual luau Saturday

This year’s annual luau given by Halau Hula O Lei Hali’a takes place on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Winters Community Center. Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner is at 4:30 p.m., and the performance is at 6:30 p.m.

Michele Drumright’s hula students will present their accomplishments in Hawaiian dance, and will feature their Royal Court of Hawai’i which performed at the Earthquake Street Festival last month. At the luau, the Court will share songs and dances that are specific to the island each one represents, and their Queen will also

grace the audience with her hula.

In Hawai’i, children are taught many things about the beautiful islands in which they live. Each island has a specific color, song and flower. During any huge event in Hawai’i, a Royal Court is chosen to represent each of the eight islands. These representatives wear the appropriate color and adornments for their island and dance their island song as a gift back to their people.

Tickets for the event are \$30, and are available at the door.

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Yolo County brochures available

The Yolo County Visitors Bureau (YoloCVB) has many free brochures available to both residents and visitors. These brochures offer Guide & Maps for the cities of Davis, Winters and Woodland as well as Yolo County. Each Guide & Map features things to do, places to stay, attractions, festivals, and other information.

The YoloCVB also has a County-wide Restaurant

Guide, the Davis Gallery & Public Art Walking Tour Guide, and many flyers for local, and regional, attractions and areas.

To pick up a brochure, visitors are asked to stop on by the YoloCVB offices Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Suite 300 on the 3rd floor of 105 E Street in Woodland, or download any of the guides on the YoloCVB website at www.yolocvb.org.

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NAMI offers help for mentally ill

Serious brain disorders, sometimes called mental illnesses, occur worldwide. Statistics show forms of schizophrenia affect 1 in a 100, bipolar disorder 1 in 50 while cases of major depression and severe anxiety disorders — of which obsessive compulsive disorder is one — are even more prevalent. Most of these disorders exhibit bizarre behaviors that because they are misunderstood carry a stigma that fosters denial in both the sufferer and their family.

NAMI-Yolo offers “Keys to Understanding” (NAMI’s Family to Family education program) these classes help caregivers understand the biology of the disorders while learning coping skills for unusual behaviors through effective communication.

Twelve weekly sessions are planned on Mondays in Woodland from Sept. 10 through Nov. 19, 6:15-9 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. Call NAMI-Yolo, 756-8181; leave name and phone number.

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friend.

Specifically, Mastrup alleged that officers did not embark soon enough on a search for the driver — the CHP said it searched the area for about two hours to no avail — and that officers seemed to have a difficult time understanding witnesses’ accounts of the crash.

Gruidl, the CHP officer, declined to respond to Mastrup’s allegations, but said the CHP is a professional law-enforcement organization.

“We do a thorough job, and we’re going to investigate all leads to completion,” Gruidl said. “But we can only work with what we have.”

Pinkerton remained in serious condition last week at the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, where he was taken by helicopter following the crash. Mastrup said he lost his spleen and is on a ventilator but is expected to survive.

Meanwhile, the driver who caused Pinkerton’s injuries remains at large. Following the collision, the SUV continued traveling westbound on Russell Boulevard with Pinkerton’s motorcycle wedged underneath it. The CHP reported finding the bike abandoned about a mile from the crash scene.

The hit-and-run vehicle — a maroon or dark-colored SUV, similar to a Chevy Tahoe or Suburban — may have moderate damage to its front end, the CHP has said. The driver is facing felony hit-and-run charges.

Mastrup implored the public to help authorities in their search. He said he has tried to get numerous media organizations to report on the incident, but many are treating it as a simple motorcycle accident.

“This was not an accident. This person tried to kill my buddy, and he’s out driving around scot-free,” said Mastrup, who said he also witnessed the 1997 hit-and-run that killed popular UC Davis student Ellie Gerhardy. “The way Davis erupted (after Gerhardy’s death) — that has to happen for my friend.”

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Woodland CHP at 662-4685.

Foundation establishes grant program

Yolo Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization, announced today that it has recently established its Community Impact Funds. Dollars contributed to these funds are distributed by the Foundation’s Board of Directors in the form of grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Yolo County. The new Community Impact Funds include the Agricultural Heritage Fund, the Arts and Culture Fund, the Basic Human Needs Fund, the Education Fund, the Environment Fund, the Community Health Fund and the Community Development Fund.

With their Community Impact Funds, Yolo Community Foundation raises funds in order to make grants to support local community issues and identifies organizations capable of making the greatest impact in the specific issue area. Yolo Community Foundation encourages individuals, families, and businesses to partner with them to fulfill their financial and charitable goals in the Yolo County community.

The Agricultural Heritage Fund supports programs that preserve productive farm resources and open space in Yolo County. Funded programs may be complementary to other non-profit efforts such as land-trusts and public efforts such as an effective General Plan that continues the commitment to maintaining farmland and open space.

The Arts and Culture Fund is intended to nurture a creative, healthy and welcoming arts and culture environment that engages the community and contributes to the quality of life in Yolo County. The Arts and Culture Fund supports nonprofit organizations that provide projects, programs, and facilities that enhance artistic development and expression. The Basic Human Needs Fund will support community welfare and provides funds for non-profit pro-

grams that create healthy human communities and address the basic needs of those who live in Yolo County.

The Education Fund will focus on nonprofit projects that address the emerging issues in education and/or expand access to learning. Examples include accredited public education institutions and educational support organizations.

The Environment Fund will make grants to support non-profit organizations and programs that help maintain a healthy, natural landscape through land use planning, preservation, conservation, restoration and environmental education. It is also dedicated to providing for the preservation and protection of wildlife and their habitats, as well as the rescue and care of injured and orphaned wildlife.

The Community Health Fund will advance health-related causes and make grants to non-profit organizations that improve the health and healthcare of communities through medical education, research, public health policy, safety, prevention, and treatment.

The Community Development Fund is dedicated to promoting community building and connections and is available to address the community’s most pressing needs and most important opportunities. Community development seeks to empower individuals and groups of people by providing the skills they need to effect change in their own communities.

Cath Posehn, Executive Director of Yolo Community Foundation said, “We are committed to building civic investment and community involvement. We hope to establish a tradition of generosity that has led many people to invest their time and philanthropic dollars to support the common good. Because we address local needs, we are the best source for strengthening the community through

projects that encourage leadership and capacity from within, while respecting and valuing the rich heritage and diversity represented in our geographic region.”

Formed in 2001, Yolo Community Foundation is a nonprofit public resource created by and for the people of Yolo County for community philanthropy that helps donors make a positive impact on their community. Yolo Community Foundation enables individuals of both modest means and significant wealth to support nonprofit organizations that provide vital programs and services and to contribute to a permanent endowment for the people of Yolo County. Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. They offer a variety of giving tools to help people and businesses achieve their charitable goals. Donors can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, charitable IRA transfers, or other assets and receive maximum charitable and tax benefits.

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

Planning a local event?
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ing Club, and the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. In addition the CALFED Bay-Delta Authority, Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee, Waste Management, and Vacaville Sanitary have provided support for this event.

At last year’s Coast and Creek Cleanup over 240 volunteers collected 13,375 pounds of trash and recyclables and cleaned up 14.5 miles of waterways in Yolo and Solano Counties. Volunteers helped to rid our local creeks of broken beer bottles, plastic

bags, old newspapers, aluminum cans, and countless other items that have been thoughtlessly strewn along the waterway’s banks.

Volunteers should wear long pants, sunscreen, close-toed shoes, and hats. Water, gloves, and trash and recycling bags will be provided. For any special needs, contact the local coordinator.

There are other site locations throughout Yolo and Solano Counties. For more information on any of these sites, visit the Putah Creek Council website at <http://www.putahcreek-council.org/documents/Cleanup2007.htm>.

Auditions planned

The Winters Theatre Company will hold auditions for the fall production of “The Sound of Music” the week of Sept. 10-13 at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue.

Adult auditions will be held Monday, Sept. 10, and Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Bring sheet music, if desired. An accompanist will be provided.

Readings will be from the script and will be provided at the auditions.

Auditions for children, including the teenage roles of Rolf and Liesl, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

The production of “The Sound of Music” will be performed week-ends from Nov. 16 through Dec. 1.

Entertainment

Yolo Land Trust event features ‘A Day in the Country’ and local produce, beef

By ANN M. EVANS and
GEORGEANNE BRENNAN

Imagine this: Fourteen hour days, up before dawn and to bed after dark, harvesting the crop or overseeing those who do. This is what many area farmers with tomatoes, summer stone fruits, melons and vegetables are doing right now. And yet, many of them are volunteering their time at the height of harvest to support something they believe in: The Yolo County Land Trust. Yes, it's time for the county's best kept culinary secret, the 19th annual “A Day in the Country.”

It's seems like a secret, but it isn't. It's a major fundraiser for the Yolo Land Trust. “A Day in the Country” is open to the general public — to everyone who wants to support and celebrate agriculture in our county. In our view, this is not to be missed. Renowned San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento regional chefs will be there serving up Yolo County food and wine in honor of those who grow it, the farmers of Yolo County.

Chefs like Judy Rodgers of Zuni Café in San Francisco are there every year, very loyal to the produce of Yolo County. The chefs from Chez Panisse in Berkeley are there every year, as are the chefs from Greens Restaurant in Fort Mason, San Francisco. Closer to home, Patrick Mulvaney of Mulvaney's B & L and Rick Mahon of The Waterboy, both in Sacramento, are regulars and feature Yolo County produce on their menus with the help of produce distributors who specialize in local, farm fresh produce deliveries like Jim Mills of Produce Express and Dave Levin of Growers Collaborative.

Yolo County restaurateurs are great supporters as well. John Pickerel, of the long time favorite Winters' Buckhorn Steak and Roadhouse, usually attends as does Tony and Rhonda Gruska of Tastebuds Catering and Monticello Bistro, which is moving to a new location in Winters soon. Leonardo Fasulo of Osteria Fasulo and Paul and Robyn Bergman of The Mustard Seed are also regulars. As we say, “A Day in the Country” is a culinary showcase for Yolo County produce and those who prepare it.

One of our favorite aspects of the event is getting to go to a different farm in the county each year, one you wouldn't otherwise have access to or know about or perhaps be in the position to meet the owners of, and yet it allows us all to more deeply feel the vast history many families have on this land we call Yolo County. This year the event is at the Harlan Ranch, in between Davis and Woodland. Since 1852, the Harlan family has been farming in Yolo County.

“I can't think of a more appropriate place to celebrate farmland preservation in Yolo County than the Harlan Ranch,” Casey Stone, cattle rancher and vice president of the Yolo Land Trust told us. “The historic family homestead, meticulously restored by Blake and Melissa, provides a spectacular backdrop for our event.

“What really makes Day in the Country special is the emphasis on locally grown commodities prepared by our participating restaurants. While there has been a movement lately to focus on locally grown products, this has been a mainstay feature of our event for many years, long before it was fashionable. Our past President, Paul

Muller, had the vision to steer the event in that direction, and it is the reason for the event's huge success.”

Muller, a partner in Full Belly Farm in Capay Valley, is one of the guiding lights of organic farming, the land trust and a principle organizer of the event. Like other farmers, he volunteers his time for many reasons, not the least of which is to help the rest of us experience the land on our plate in a convivial setting. Our hats are off to the many hours of community service invested by people in putting this premiere event together for such an important value in our county — maintaining and preserving farm lands for posterity. This is the concept that Supervisor Helen Thomson and former Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and long-time Yolo farmer Richard Rominger, and others, had in mind when they founded the Yolo Land Trust in 1988.

Back in 1988, there were few wineries in Yolo County, one in the north — R.H. Phillips in Dunnigan Hills, and one in the south — Bogle Vineyards and Winery in Clarksburg and a handful of other boutique wineries sprinkled in between, like the first one in Yolo County, Harbor Winery in West Sacramento. Harbor is still there though without a tasting room. Today there are 14 wineries, and four appellations (Merritt Island, Clarksburg, Dunnigan Hills, and Capay Valley.) Many of those wineries will be there, joined by others in the region.

Like many of the family farmers who once grew commodity crops, and now grow grapes and turn them into wine, Blake Harlan has had to find a way to make a living farming the land his family has had for six generations, reinventing how to use the land to make a profit, which is the only way for farmers to stay in business. Through Harlan Feed, Blake Harlan, produces, processes, and packages several types of alfalfa cubes for horses. He direct markets those cubes as well as markets them through feed stores. (For more product information, go to www.harlanfeed.com.) He also grows processing

tomatoes, something his ancestors wouldn't have grown.

We toured through the historic home which Blake, his wife and three children live in. In the parlor, there are two large paintings of his great, great grandfather and great, great grandmother. The portraits look across the room on a grand piano. One can imagine the parties over the decades in that room. His great, great grandfather was a state senator in the late 1880's representing Yolo County. The house is beautifully restored, and includes a root cellar hand dug in the 1940s. The tales that cellar could tell. Blake Harlan can tell a few stories himself.

An early ancestor, George Harlan, was the captain of the wagon train that the Donner Party didn't go on. George Harlan of course made it over the Sierra Nevada, on into Yolo County, and the family has lived here ever since, respecting and cultivating the land. Until the 1970's, the bunkhouse was above the main house and Blake's grandmother cooked for the help who lived there. It wasn't until the 1970's, he said, that kids moved up there — he was among them.

We asked Harlan Blake why he was opening his ranch to this event. He told us, “The Yolo Land Trust is the best respected organization there is to hold easements. The Yolo Land Trust is a stand out in the nation for being a success. I thought it was fine we do the event, and that it might be fun given the history of the house.” Harlan added that he'd hate to see Yolo County look like Los Angeles or Natomas and that although farming doesn't always line the county's pockets with funds and it's not the easiest business to be in, it's a net gain for the county. The key to making farming possible, he says, is making sure the infrastructure like water and roads stays.

Blake Harlan has had a crew cleaning up the grounds to get it ready for the event for several weeks now. The property shines with the love and history that distinguishes it as a sixth generation family farm. Indeed, this location will be a historic

backdrop for A Day in the Country this year. Some of the most outstanding local food found in Yolo County is at public events such as “A Day in the Country.” We've listed several of them at the end of this story. See you there.

A Day in the Country takes place Sunday, Sept. 9, 3-8 p.m. at the Harlan Ranch, 37587 Harlan Lane in Woodland. Tickets are \$60 in advance, \$75 at the door; Children 6-12 years, \$15.

For more information and to purchase tickets, send email to www.yololandtrust.org Tickets are also available at Steady Eddy's in Winters, The Next Chapter in Woodland and The Avid Reader in Davis.

Upcoming events

~ Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m. — The Feast at Bear Flag Farm, Winters, A Gastro-nomic Benefit for the Center for Land Based Learning featuring roasted organic lamb, fruits and vegetables from the farm, prepared by Patrick Mulvaney of Mulvaney's Building and Loan. Tickets: \$100 per person. Limited Seating. For more information and for tickets, call 530-795-1520

~ Sept. 30, 2-5 p.m. — “Harvest Sunday” at The Center for Land-Based Learning, acclaimed author Mas Matsumoto reads from his new book “Heirlooms.” Reception with local wines and food created by Tuco's Pru Mendes and Mulvaney's B & L's Patrick Mulvaney, plus a raisin tasting. Tickets: \$30 per person. For information go to www.landbasedlearning.org.

~ Oct. 6 — 20th Annual Hoes Down Harvest Festival at Full Belly Farm in Capay Valley. The event is a benefit for local and statewide projects which benefit sustainable agriculture and rural communities, with activities, music and food for the whole family. For more information go to www.hoesdown.org

~ Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Pre-Harvest Tour & Feast at the Historic Wolfskill Ranch in Winters presented by UC

Davis Olive Oil, Yolo Agricultural Marketing Initiative & Slow Food Yolo. A guided walking tour of the ranch, followed by a tasting of Yolo County Olive Oils, an aperitif, and a three course meal featuring Capay Valley Lamb. Slow Food Members: \$65. Per person, non-members: \$75.

Proceeds after expenses go to Winters Unified School District to assist in purchasing fresh, local food for school lunches. www.slowfoodyolo.com.

Sports

Warriors pull out narrow victory over Rams

◆ Campos rushes for 134 yards in season opener

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity football team pulled off a narrow victory over the visiting Rio Vista Rams in their season opener on Friday, August 31, with a 15-14 win. The Warriors relied on tough defense, a bad play turned good, a missed two point conversion by the Rams and the legs of running back Cody Campos.

Winters trailed 8-0 in the second quarter until senior running back Cody Campos scored on a 13 yard run just before the half. David Borges kicked the PAT to make it an 8-7 ball game. The Warriors scored again on their opening drive of the second half when Kyle Tobler scored on a 24 yard run. The Warriors lined up to kick the PAT but a broken play ended up giving Winters two points instead of one when Borges ran it in for the score. That play ended up being the difference in the game. The Rams scored in the fourth quarter to make it a 15-14 game and decided to go for the win instead of the tie. An over thrown ball to an open receiver ended the Rams' chances of victory as the War-

riors held on for their first win of the season.

Campos ended the game leading all rushers and carried most of the load with 134 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown. Tobler carried the ball nine times for 66 yards and a touchdown. Wes Karber carried the ball six times for 42 yards. Max Mariani had four carries for 17 yards and sophomore Marcus Carrasco carried the ball two times for six yards. Kaplan Smith completed one of five passes for 34 yards. Borges was on the receiving end of the pass.

Defensively, the Warriors had a balanced attack with several players making tackles. Mariani, Ramon Bermudez and David Hill led the team with six total tackles each. Marcus Carrasco and Jon Cummings each had four tackles, Borges had three, Campos, Aaron Geerts, Patrick Leslie and Jesse Reyes all had two tackles, while Taylor Brickey, Jordan Carrasco, and Billy Rotenkolber all had one tackle for the Warriors.

The Warriors will travel to Willows to take on the Honkers this Friday, Sept. 7. Willows just defeated the Gridley Bulldogs 25-7 in their season opener.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Brandon Kuehn runs across the goal line behind the big red wall in last Thursday's 33-0 victory over the visiting Gridley Bulldogs.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Alex Evanoff kicks a PAT for the Warriors while Zach Higgins holds and watches the ball in the freshmen's 33-0 victory over the visiting Gridley Bulldogs.

Where are they now?

◆ Former Warriors competing at next level

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Winters High School has had plenty of individual student athletes succeed in the Warriors athletic programs and some are still making the most of their opportunities to continue in sports at the next level. There are recent graduates and graduates of old that are still playing a sport or coaching a sport at various levels. Here are just a few that have been tracked down in the fall sports.

Nick Hedrick, a 2007 graduate played in his first game at Butte College. Hedrick kicked two field goals including a 22 yard boot in the Roadrunners 35-16 victory over Sac City on Saturday, Sept. 1.

Daniel Callison, a 2006 graduate has transferred to Butte College for his second season of college football. Callison played his freshman season at Solano College.

Danny Campos, a 2006 graduate is starting his second season at Butte College. Campos was injured last season so he will be a red-shirt freshman. In the season

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Volleyball team loses close match to Pierce

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity volleyball team traveled to Arbuckle on Thursday, Aug. 30, to take on Pierce High School in a preseason game and suffered a close loss to the Bears in three games. The Warriors almost pulled out the first game but fell 26-24, lost the second game 25-15 and then came back on the third game and lost another close one 25-23.

"We took a tough loss," said coach Maribel Chavez. "We came very close and there were times when we were up but lost the lead to mental mistakes."

The Warriors had a slow start but turned things around in the

third game with the help of Jenny Campos and Katie Anstead doing a good job of serving the ball.

"Jenny and Katie kept us close with their serves," Chavez said. "It was a good eye opener for the girls and I think they were able to see where their mistakes were coming from and that they needed to communicate a little better."

"Overall the girls learned a lot about each other and having to work as a team. We have a lot of young bodies on the squad and for most it was

their first time playing together. We are going to continue to practice hard and bring the mental game in on game days. We have a strong team this year and we just need to work through our barriers and play hard."

The Warriors will travel to Rio Vista on Tuesday, Sept. 4, and then return home on Thursday, Sept. 6, to host the Dixon Rams. The Rio Vista game is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. and the home game against Dixon is set to start at 6 p.m.

CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Tony Breavor

Tony Breavor, a freshman on the Winters High School JV football team, is this week's athlete of the week. The Warriors freshman football players hosted Gridley's freshmen team on Thursday, Aug. 30, and led by Breavor won 33-0. Breavor led the Warriors with 161 yards rushing on just eight carries and had two touchdowns. Breavor also caught a pass for an 11 yard gain.

"Tony had a great game," said coach Daniel Ward. "He could have had a lot more yards if we weren't so far ahead."

FOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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

Schools

Freshman shutout Gridley

◆Breavor rushes for 161 yards and 2 touchdowns

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors freshman football team played host to visiting Gridley on Thursday, Aug. 30, and sent the Bulldogs home wondering what just happened. The Warriors scored early and often from four different players and played stellar defense in a 33-0 shutout.

“Everything came together pretty well,” said coach Daniel Ward. “I didn’t know what to expect because we looked horrible in practice this week. We definitely looked a lot better than I thought we would.”

The Warriors only had a week to prepare as just a freshman team compared to Gridley who actually has a freshman and a JV team.

“We had so many players playing out of position on defense but they really stepped up and did a great job,” said Ward.

The Warriors held the Bulldogs to just 47 total yards in 25 plays and 44 of those yards came on three plays late in the game.

“Zack Higgins, Joe McIntire and Sebastian Mahnke really stood out on defense,” said Ward. “Zack had seven tackles, two sacks and caused a fumble. McIntire had two tackles and recovered a fumble and Sebastian had six tackles and was playing a position he had never played before.”

Offensively the Warriors were unstoppable. Tony Breavor led the attack with an impressive performance in his first high school appearance. Breavor carried the ball just eight times for 161 yards and two touchdowns. Brandon Kuehn also shined as he carried the ball nine times for 93 yards and a touchdown. Darien Flores carried the ball nine times as well for 53 yards and a touchdown, while Higgins carried the ball three times for 25 yards and a touchdown. Higgins also completed 3 for 4 passes for 42 yards.

“Zack did a great job of running the offense,” Ward added. “He made some nice passes. I wanted to throw more but the game got out of hand so we just kept it on the ground.”

On the other side of those passes were Breavor, McIntire and Jared Nae. All three showed great hands on their receptions. Nae gained 16 yards, McIntire gained 15 and Breavor picked up 11 yards on his catch.

“This was a really good game for the freshman to play and as coaches we learned a lot about the players and their potential,” said Ward. “Now I am excited to get back to the regular season and put the whole team together. Four out of our five starting offensive linemen this year are freshman and they did a great job of controlling the line of scrimmage. I am looking forward to see how they do next week against Willows.”

School board meets Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, located at 909 W. Grant. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Recognition of Wolfskill students Francisco Lopez.
- ~ Recognition of Wolfskill community supporter, Soroptimist of Winters.
- ~ Recognition of the following employees who became tenured/permanent employees at the beginning of this school year: Sandra Ayon, John Barsotti, Maribell Chavez, Denise Draper, Carrie Graf, Lisa Henry, Veronica Hernandez, Angela Hofstrand, Kim Kimes, Ada Lake, Thomas Locker, Tina McComas, Gegg Moffitt, Laura Rodman, Barbara Russell, Donnie Whitworth.
- ~ Welcome to new employees: Mariaelena Ochoa, Dorothea Bell, Renee McEwen, Alicia Penze, Savador Ramirz, Linda Fox, Leanne Rutherford, Raquel Ul-

loa-Mendoza, Mark Watcon, David Reese, Molly Bentley, Olivia Campbell, Kate Humphrey, Samuel Mora, Bonnie Walker, Kathlyn Tipton.

~ Communication and reports.

- Action items**
- ~ District Assessment Report.
 - ~ Curriculum Master Plan and Curriculum Planner.
 - ~ 2007 summer school.
 - ~ Resolution regarding 2007 budget revision to General Fund #1, Child Development Fund #12, Cafeteria Fund #13 and Deferred Maintenance Fund #14.
 - ~ Winters Middle School counseling staffing.
 - ~ Consent agenda (minutes, warrants, etc.).
 - ~ Informal review of Governance Team’s performance.
 - ~ Closed session regarding public employment: middle school principal; student readmission case 07/08-6.
 - ~ Open session to discuss any action taken in closed session.

Auditions planned for youth opera

The North Bay Opera is holding auditions for its annual Young Performers Concert on Sept. 30, 1-5 p.m. at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. The auditions are open to students ages 13-18. Students are asked to prepare one piece from the classical vocal repertoire and one

musical theatre piece. Those students selected will perform in concert at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre on Oct. 28 at 3 p.m.

For more information and an application, contact Carol Krusemark, (707) 451-3817.

Swim photos to be distributed

Photographs for members of the Winters Swim Team will be distributed at the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center on Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 am. to noon.

“The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.”
~Robert M. Hutchins

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opener against Sac City on Saturday, Sept. 1, Campos carried the ball 14 times for 91 yards and had a four yard touchdown run.

Nick Ramos, a 2005 Winters High graduate is starting his third season at Eastern Washington University as a red-shirt sophomore on the football team. In his freshman season Ramos earned Honorable Mention All Big Sky Conference as a special team’s standout and was chosen as the Special Teams’ Player of the Week after his performance against Northern Colorado. On Saturday, Sept. 1, Ramos helped his team beat Montana Western in their season opener with a big game. Ramos recovered a fumble on a punt then three plays later caught a 30 touchdown pass. Ramos ended the 52-13 victory with two receptions for 33 yards, a touchdown, a fumble recovery and two tackles.

Keri Anglin, a 2004 graduate of Winters High is finishing her college volleyball career at San Jose State. Anglin is starting her senior season with the Spartans as a middle blocker and an outside hitter. Anglin started her collegiate career with a scholarship to Loyola Marymount, transferred to Sac City her sophomore season where she earned All-Big 7 Conference and was an All-Northern California selection. Anglin then accepted another scholarship to San Jose State her junior season where she was an Academic All-WAC

selection. Anglin helped the Spartans win the ASU/Bancorp South Classic in Jonesboro Arkansas, on Saturday, Sept. 1, as she averaged 11 kills in the last two games and was named to the all tournament team.

Sean Shoffit, another member of the 2004 graduating class at Winters High School is finishing his second season with the Toronto Blue Jays organization the Lansing Lugnuts. Shoffit was drafted in the 2005 draft and started his pro career in the Auburn Class A short season then was moved up to the Midwest League A division. In June of 2007, Shoffit was selected and played in the mid-season all star game and is now getting ready for the 2007 playoffs. Shoffit currently leads his team in games played, runs scored and in triples.

Phil Snow, a 1973 graduate of Winters High School has reached the highest level of competition in his sport as a coach. Snow is in his third season coaching in the NFL with the Detroit Lions and is now the linebackers coach for the team. Snow definitely paid his dues climbing the coaching ladder as he started his career coaching Berkeley High School in 1976, coached at Winters

High School in 1977-78, moved up to Laney College in 1979-81 and then coached at Boise State from 1982-86. Snow then moved up to the Pac 10 and coached at Cal from 1987-91, relocated to Arizona State from 1992-2000, came back to California and was the defensive coordinator at UCLA from 2001-02, took on the same position at Washington University in 2003-04 then decided it was time to move on to the NFL as he joined the Lions in 2005 as the defensive assistant. Last year Snow was promoted to the linebackers coaching position.

If anybody knows of other former Winters High

School graduates that have taken their talents to the next level, send information to news@wintersexpress.com.

Nuestras Noticias



Nueva biblioteca

Los planes para una nueva biblioteca siguen avanzando en Winters, y aunque el camino no ha sido nada fácil, el comité que tiene la responsabilidad de los planes y el financiamiento se encuentran optimistas, y la razón se debe al progreso que se ha hecho en el diseño del proyecto bajo la dirección del arquitecto Mike Leighton. El comité espera que el proyecto no sobrepase el presupuesto que se tiene destinado que es de \$5.2 millones. Al principio del año se le retiro el diseño al arquitecto Paul Roberts, ya que el presupuesto que él presento rebaso el dinero que se tiene destinado para la construcción.

El dinero destinado para la biblioteca es aportado por diferentes socios, el condado de Yolo con \$ 3,242,600; la ciudad de Winters con \$847,000; el fideicomiso Margaret Parsons con \$400,000; el distrito escolar de Winters con \$400,000; los amigos de la biblioteca con \$50,000, y \$201,006 de la campaña capital de Winters.

El proyecto avanza tal como esta planeado, el diseño tuvo que ser completado en agosto, en noviembre se llenaran los papeles y formas en lo referente a la construcción, y si todo marcha bien, la construcción empezara en junio del 2008, y terminara un año después, en junio del 2009.

¿Conoce la función de una biblioteca publica?, Cuando mencionan biblioteca, lo primero que se viene a nuestra mente son libros, pero las bibliotecas también llenan otras necesidades, las bibliotecas también tratan de responder a las diferentes necesidades de los usuarios, se pueden encontrar obras literarias, libros sobre servicios sociales, obras de referencia, discos, películas y libros recreativos. Aquí en Winters, los amigos de la biblioteca organizan diferentes actividades en el año, muchas bibliotecas patrocinan y organizan actos culturales complementarios, tales como conferencias, debates, representaciones teatrales, conciertos musicales, proyecciones cinematográficas y exposiciones artísticas.

Parte importante de la biblioteca son los servicios infantiles, sección característica de las bibliotecas públicas que promueve sesiones literarias, procura la existencia de una pequeña biblioteca infantil y, en ocasiones, hasta dispone de dependencias con juguetes. Dado que el objetivo de las bibliotecas públicas es satisfacer las necesidades del mayor número posible de ciudadanos, también suelen contar con máquinas de lectura y audición, así como con libros impresos en formatos especiales (por ejemplo con el sistema Braille) para personas que padecen problemas de visión. La financiación de estas bibliotecas procede de los poderes públicos locales, tal como lo estamos mirando aquí en Winters, les informaremos de los avances que vaya teniendo el proyecto.

¿Batalla Perdida?

Ha causado controversia la deportación de Elvira Arelano, la activista mexicana, que desafío una orden de deportación, se ha convertido en la voz de los que muchos no se atreven a decir, o a pedir. Ella representa el fenómeno que están viviendo los paisanos indocumentados, si migración en una redada arresta a un padre, o a una madre indocumentada, migración los deporta, y si tienen hijos nacidos aquí, ahí es donde todo mundo protesta, porque se esta llevando una autentica cacería de indocumentados, teniendo como consecuencia, la separación de familias, con la actitud que tomo Elvira Arelano, ella trato de llamar la atención a nivel nacional, para presentar a todo el país, lo que esta sucediendo con las familias, en donde el padre y/o la madre son ilegales y son deportados. Ella se ha ganado el respeto de mucha gente, porque siendo mujer tuvo el valor para sobrellevar la situación por un año.

Horas ahí, fue arrestada y deportada, migración actuó rápido, no quiso esperar mas tiempo, para no dar lugar a que Elvira Arellano siguiera participando en actos públicos. Elvira fue deportada a Tijuana, sin su hijo, el decidió quedarse aquí. Gracias a Dios el hijo tiene una tutora de este lado, ¿tendrán tutores o tutoras los niños que se quedan sin su padre o su madre, cuando los padres tienen la mala suerte de caer en una redada? Por supuesto que no todos tienen esa misma oportunidad, es un dilema al que los padres indocumentados deberían de antemano tener un plan para cuando por mala suerte los arresten. Y volvemos a la misma pregunta ¿porque siguen arrestando a agente trabajador, y los terroristas siguen

amenazándonos y tan libres para hacernos daño? ?

No discutimos que su delito fue utilizar papeles falsos para trabajar, lo hizo para trabajar y darle una mejor vida a su hijo, no hay razón alguna para que este país siga persiguiendo a los extranjeros más débiles y desprotegidos, ellos no son enemigos de los Estados Unidos,

Los políticos que están en contra de la inmigración ilegal juzgan a los indocumentados como si estos hubieran sido los culpables de los ataques terrorista, y no solo lo piensan, sino que con sus acciones y con sus palabras están llenando de ese mismo sentimiento a muchos americanos. Sinceramente no habíamos visto en mucho tiempo el clima antiinmigrante, que esta creciendo en todo el país. Hay miedo, hay temor y habrá más redadas mientras no cambien las leyes. Si tan solo los congresistas se pusieran de acuerdo, y apoyaran la reforma pensando que a los Estados Unidos le conviene saber quien vive aquí. Pero el panorama político no es ahora en estos momentos el adecuado, quizá lo sea hasta el segundo mandato del próximo presidente.

Mas, sin embargo, las marchas pro-inmigrantes se llevan a cabo en diferentes ciudades del país, y la pregunta obligada seria ¿estas marchas valen la pena? ¿No son una batalla perdida?, bueno eso solo el tiempo lo dirá, lamentablemente una pequeña minoría esta creando este ambiente de odio y de prejuicios, están imponiendo su mensaje en contra de los inmigrantes, lo podemos oír en el radio, o en la televisión. Resulta difícil creer que este país, que tradicionalmente le ha abierto las puertas a los inmigrantes, ahora se las este cerrando.

Programa Después de la escuela en WMS

El programa después de la escuela, se ofrecerá también en la Middle School, será un programa adicional al que ya existen en las escuelas Romingery Waggoner. La oficina estatal de seguridad y educación después de la escuela autorizo a la Middle school la implementaron de este programa, que será financiado con fondos de la proposición 49. la ciudad aplico para tener el programa en las tres escuelas, pero solo califico para dos escuelas, que es en donde se tuvo el pasado año escolar, pero ahora se tendrá el programa

en las tres escuelas.

La escuela waggoner tiene inscritos 60 estudiantes, la escuela Rominger tiene inscritos 40, y la meta para la Middle school son tener 111 registrados. El programa todavía tiene lugar para mas estudiantes, los padres pueden ir a la oficina en el City Hall, los paquetes para registrar a sus niños están disponibles en la oficina, de 8 a.m. a 5p.m. el programa de la Middle school, se planea empezar en octubre, este al pendiente de mas información.

Hipotecas y la Vivienda

La pérdida de la propiedad de vivienda como resultado de ejecuciones hipotecarias esta afectando mayoritariamente a minorías, incluido el ocho por ciento de los recientes compradores de casa hispanos, según un nuevo estudio. El estudio fue hecho por una organización no lucrativa de investigación sobre la propiedad, afirma que los latinos y los afroamericanos son los más afectados por la crisis en el mercado de los préstamos subpreferenciales, que son los que tienen mayor incidencia en el actual incremento de las ejecuciones hipotecarias (pérdida de la propiedad por falta de pago).

El 40 por ciento de los préstamos hipotecarios otorgados a compradores hispanos son subpreferenciales, y el 52 por ciento en el caso de los afroamericanos, índice que baja a 19 por ciento entre los anglosajones. Como los hispanos y afroamericanos tienen una proporción de préstamos subpreferenciales desproporcionadamente mayor, el centro prevé que el impacto de ejecuciones hipotecarias será más grave para estas minorías.

Los préstamos subpreferenciales se caracterizan por ser más costosos, con tasas de interés más altas, y con condiciones de contrato menos ventajosas que los prestamos preferenciales o convencionales. Durante los años recientes proliferaron este tipo de préstamos diseñados para prestatarios “subpreferenciales” o con historiales de crédito deficiente.

Durante la presente crisis, varios prestamistas de hipotecas subpreferenciales han quebrado, dejado de ofrecer préstamos, o endurecido las condiciones que exigen para prestar, lo cual ha llevado a muchos a preguntarse cómo esto afectará a los nuevos compradores.

Para muchos analistas, los nuevos compradores de casa, se enfrentarán a mayores probabilidades de que no se les otorguen créditos, o de no tener acceso a tipos de crédito que estuvieron en auge durante los últimos años,

como los de cero por ciento de interés, los que no exigen prueba de ingresos, los de solo interés, o los de amortización negativa, muchos de los cuales facilitaron el establecimiento de mensualidades más bajas.

Pero aunque estos préstamos han permitido mensualidades más bajas, también éstas tienden a incrementarse dramáticamente al terminar plazos de tasas de interés fija, o el crédito venía junto con pagos de grandes sumas tras un periodo, o impedía o limitaba el incremento de capital a favor del comprador y, por tanto, su capacidad para poder refinanciar la hipoteca si se disparan las mensualidades.

Ahora tenemos la imposibilidad de refinanciar por no tener capital acumulado en la propiedad, unido a la baja general en el valor de las propiedades en el mercado, representa un papel fundamental en empujar al propietario a la ejecución hipotecaria.

Las “ejecuciones hipotecarias” entre los subpreferenciales están un poco por encima del 4 por ciento, lo que es significativamente más alto que otros tipos de préstamos. Tienes cuatro personas por cada cien yendo a ejecución, y 96 que no. ¿Estamos castigando a los 96 para beneficio de ocuparnos de esos cuatro con problemas?

En otras palabras, los préstamos subpreferenciales tienen un beneficio como instrumento para el acceso a la propiedad de la vivienda que no se debe pasar por alto en las actuales circunstancias. En general los especialistas coinciden en que los agentes prestamistas usureros, que otorgaron créditos con tal de ganar dinero pese a la alta probabilidad de que el comprador no podía asumílos, los que cargan un gran peso de responsabilidad en la presente crisis.

En caída libre

Todo objeto que sube, siempre baja, es una ley física, pero ¿se puede decir lo mismo cuando hablamos de política? El gobierno del presidente Bush se asemeja a una piedra que viene en caída libre, sin nada que lo pueda frenar, a mas de un año para que termine su presidencia, la infraestructura de su política, sé esta resquebrajando. Su gobierno empezó en forma ascendente, y así se sostuvo por un tiempo, se sostuvo lo necesario para ganar la reelección, la cual gano prometiendo muchas cosas, pero su gobierno se empezó a venir abajo tras la prolongada estadía del ejercito en Irak, por los problemas de la economía, y los abusos del poder de algunos de sus colaboradores.

Su gobierno se parece, si vale la comparación, como cuando se esta hundiendo un barco, el agua esta llegando a los diferentes sectores de su gobierno, y en un acto de desesperación política, para salir lo mejor librados posibles, optan por abandonar el barco y al Presidente. Y el Presidente como el capitán del país, tiene que salir al paso para defender a sus amigos que lo han abandonado, Rumfeld, Rove, y ahora Alberto González.

El ultimo funcionario importante en abandonar el barco ha sido González, que lo hizo la semana pasada, Rumfeld abandono el barco meses atrás, y Rove hace un mes. Sin lugar a dudas abandonaron el barco por presiones políticas, y por el fracaso en el cumplimiento de su deber, se dieron cuenta que el barco se estaba quedando sin control, y optaron por brincar, antes de ahogarse. Lo cual nos lleva a pensar que el abandono de su trabajo es una falta de responsabilidad. Después de ser los malosos de la administración, dejan con toda la responsabilidad al presidente, el cual en incontables ocasiones dio la cara por ellos, se retiraron con excusas injustificadas y carentes de razones válidas. Por eso, se lanzan al mar dejando solo al pobre capitán.

A Rumfeld se le atribuye ser uno de los responsables directos de la desatinada decisión de invadir a Irak y el desastre posterior, debido a la carencia de una política clara para enfrentar los problemas que vinieron. Además, con su estilo para con-

ducir el departamento de Defensa, como un autentico dictador, en donde no se permitían ideas contrarias a las de el. Por su intransigencia, se complicaron las cosas en Irak, no corrigió el rumbo de la guerra a tiempo, y la situación se salió de control, y así es como esta hasta el día de hoy, sin control.

Karl Rove ha estado con el Presidente desde que es Bush era gobernador en Texas, fue su mano derecha, fue su arquitecto en las campañas políticas, fue la persona que con su estrategia, lo llevo a la Presidencia, y la estrategia de presentar al Presidente como un verdadero cristiano, le valió el voto de los grupos cristianos conservadores y que determinó sus dos triunfos. Su trabajo de asesorar al presidente no fue tan efectivo, Rove tenia la impr3esion de que todo lo que le aconsejara al Presidente se debía de hacer, pero se le olvido que donde hay poder, hay intereses, y que no todos pensaban como él.

No supo tratar con el congreso republicano, lo que no ayudo a la relación entre el presidente y el congreso, razón por la cual se quedaron muchas promesas y proyectos de campaña en el tintero. El presidente se quedo sin el apoyo de su partido.

Bush no pudo reformar el seguro social, que fue su promesa en su reelección, y el proyecto de reforma migratoria, fue sepultado por los propios republicanos, los cuales tenían una agenda diferente a la del presidente, tan solo en palabras se quedaron los intentos de reformar el sistema de salud, solamente en el arrea de educación se logro mas o menos lo que se deseaba, el programa conocido “No child left behind”, sigue funcionando, pero a ciencia cierta, no sabemos que tan efectivo van a ser sus resultados.

El gobierno de Bush sigue en picada, y no nos extraña que sigamos mirando mas funcionarios abandonando el barco. Un barco que en su navegar ha dado muchos tumbo, y tal parece que no va a llegar a buen puerto.

Features

Hugo's Celebs

By ROGER E. HERNANDEZ

Sean Penn spent a week playing journalist in Venezuela. He was in the company of Hugo Chavez, a man with such abiding respect for journalism that he tries to shut down any news operation critical of his move toward tyranny. Chavez did manage to shut down RCTV, the country's oldest and most popular television network, by denying the renewal of its broadcast license. RCTV then switched to cable. And now Chavez is trying to close it down there too. But for now RCTV is still in operation, even if with a greatly reduced audience and under threat. Its status is indicative of where Venezuela is under Chavez: a nation whose democratic forces sometimes win and sometimes lose in a struggle to prevent a president from governing with unrestricted powers and without public challenges to his policies. How much of that is going to end up in whatever story Sean Penn writes? Penn claimed he was in Venezuela to take in what was going on and then write about it. Nothing wrong with that, ostensibly. It's what journalists do. But journalists are not supposed to let them-

selves be used for propaganda. Which is what happened with Penn's visit. The actor and the dictator wannabe traveled around the countryside in an open jeep, cameras rolling. Together they attended rallies where Chavez made much of the similarities between his politics and Penn's, while Penn mostly smiled and nodded before the cameras. And when Penn visited Miraflores — the Venezuelan White House — he didn't head to a little desk in the press-room but was given a public welcome and tour. Cameras rolling, of course. So Penn simply became one more in the line of celebrities who think dictators are all right, as long as they are on the left. Hugo's list also includes Danny Glover and Harry Belafonte. But the Venezuelan strongman has a long way to go before he can match the master. Castro's list has Steven Spielberg, who called his dinner with Castro "the eight most important hours of my life." It has Jack Nicholson, for whom Castro is a "genius." It has Ed Asner, Naomi Campbell, Kevin Costner, Leonardo DiCaprio, Woody Harrelson, Spike Lee, Shirley MacLaine, Kate Moss, Sidney Pollack, Robert Redford and Oliver Stone, who made an em-

barrassingly bad hagiographic film about the Maximum Leader. Those celebrities helped forge the international image of the romantic revolutionary leading his poor but proud country against the imperialistas from the north. That legend, so powerful it lives on even with Castro so sick he can no longer rule Cuba, played no small role in allowing the regime to survive 48 years and counting, and in letting it crush dissent with impunity. Now some celebrities are starting to empower Chavez in a similar way. Sean Penn can shake things up, though, if the article he eventually writes takes a clear-eyed, critical look at the dictatorship that looms over Venezuela. But will anybody be shocked if Penn ends up writing an embarrassingly bad hagiographic article about Chavez?

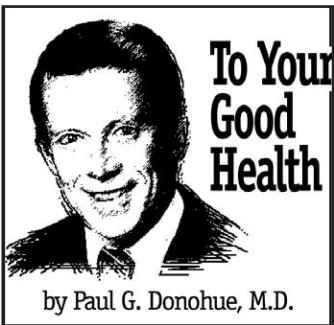
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Different drugs for migraine treatment, prevention

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: As an adolescent and young adult, I was plagued with migraine headaches. Finally, one of my doctors prescribed Inderal, which I took twice a day for about one and a half years. It totally controlled my headaches. Eventually I tapered off of it. I was migraine-free for several years. I restarted it when the headaches returned, and it again controlled them. The cure seemed like a miracle to me. I've often wondered why it's not a commonly prescribed medicine for migraines. Would you comment? — M.R.

ANSWER: For those not familiar with migraine headaches, be thankful. They're some of the worst headaches imaginable. In about 60 percent of people, the headache is on one side of the head. The remainder feel it on both sides. It's a throbbing headache. The pulsations are in time with the heartbeat. Nausea frequently accompanies the headache and might precipitate vomiting. Activity, bright light and loud sounds aggravate the pain, so a migraine sufferer seeks out a quiet, dark room to lie down until the headache subsides. That can take from four hours to three days. Triptan drugs have revolutionized migraine treatment. Brand names include Imitrex, Zomig, Maxalt, Amerge and Frova. Ergotamine, a medicine that's been around for many years, still comes to the rescue for many. You don't see Inderal on the list for migraine treatment. It doesn't work for that. However, it is on the list for migraine prevention. Here it does work. How it does so hasn't been fully defined. I'm happy to hear that it has been a success for you. It is for many. Inderal is a beta blocker drug. Other beta blockers are also prescribed for migraine prevention. If none of them achieves that goal, there are other medicines that can. The headache booklet delves into the many causes of headaches and their specific treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 901W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. En-



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

close a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery. ***

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Eighteen months ago, while sleeping, my arms and legs shook violently. I stayed asleep while it was happening, but my husband woke and observed the whole thing. He took me to the hospital, and I was admitted for observation. During the hospitalization, I had brain-wave tests, many brain scans, X-rays and a spinal tap. All the tests were normal. No definite diagnosis was made. What do you think I had? — R.C.

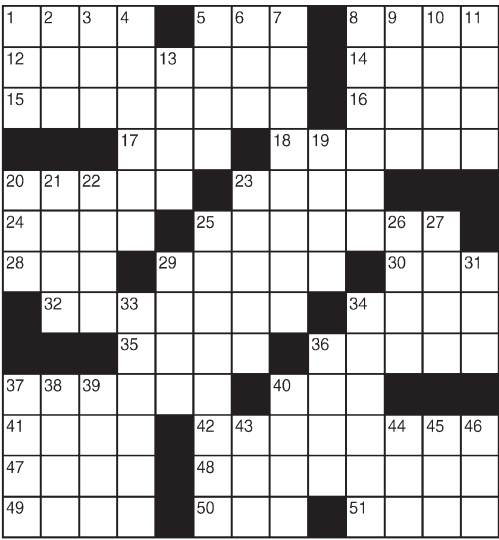
ANSWER: I'd say you had a seizure. Brain seizures are sudden discharges of electrical activity in the brain. Often tests — even the brain-wave test, an EEG, electroencephalogram — can be normal. The tests were important. They have proved that you don't have other things, like a brain tumor. Many people have one seizure without ever having another. In the meantime, there isn't anything you can do to prevent a seizure from happening. I wouldn't dwell on this. It can make you a nervous wreck. You've gone a full year and a half without a repeat seizure. That's a good sign. *** 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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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Talks on and on
5 Insult, nowadays
8 Benevolent fraternity
12 Leave the premises
14 String instrument
15 Literary comparison
16 Reverberate
17 Chat-room chortling
18 Irritate
20 Groom fastidiously
23 Scenery chews
24 Scuttles
25 They "shower" in outer space
28 Pooch
29 Mideast nation
30 "Eureka!"
32 Having preprinted postage
34 Pesky insect
35 Deserve
36 Insinuating
37 Jungle trek
40 Witness
41 "Oh, woe!"
42 Louisiana city
47 Exceptional
48 Tending to shun
49 Weaponry



DOWN

- 1 Jewel
2 St.
3 Diamond club
4 Libra symbol
5 Willy Wonka's creator
6 "Who am - argue?"
7 Having teeth, as a knife
8 Nevertheless
9 Defeat
10 Former German chancellor
11 - gin fizz
13 "Once - a time, ..."
19 Prayer ender
20 Third degree?
21 Leeway
22 Advantage
23 Macho types
25 Monitor rival
26 Hindu princess
27 Roe provider
29 Calendar quota
31 Packed away
33 Ribs
34 Metamorphic rock
36 Burn slightly
37 Poet
38 Teasdale
39 Winged
40 Old MacDonald's place
41 Footfall
43 A Gabor sister
44 Tear
45 "- Got a Secret"
46 Common

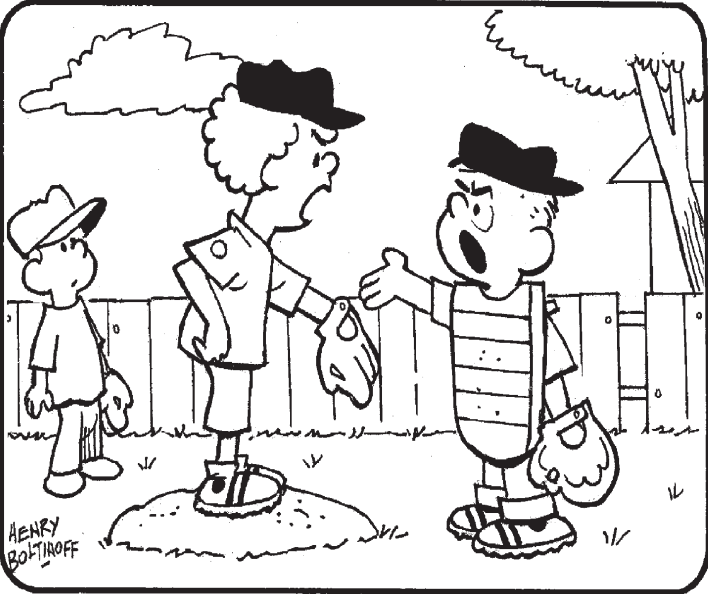
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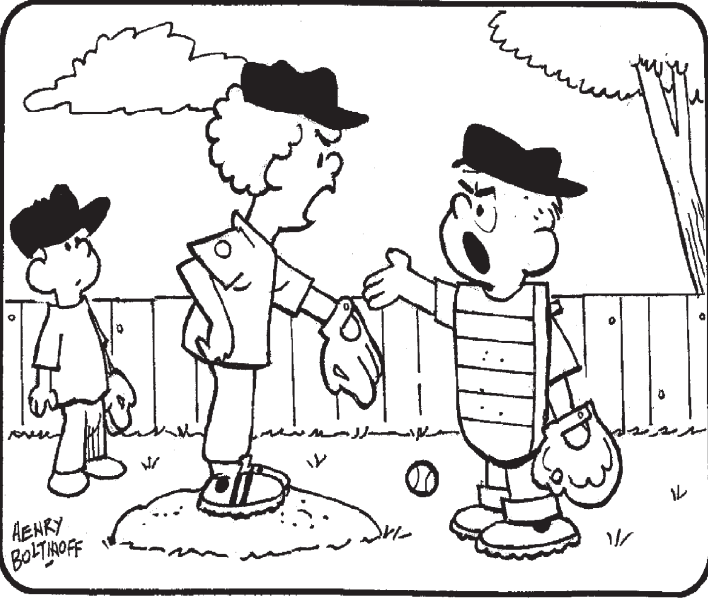
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Baseball has been added. 2. Building is gone. 3. Catcher's shoes are different. 4. Fence has been repaired. 5. Pitcher's pants are longer. 6. Boy's hat is different.

Pleased to meet you



Name: David Jarrett
Occupation: Financial advisor with Edwards Jones
Hobby: Driving his Jeep
What's best about living in Winters: "I like towns where everybody knows each other and it reminds me of Williams, where I grew up."
Fun fact: I was a volunteer fireman for 12 years

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.												
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like the sudden setback in your plans. But keep that headstrong Arian temperament in check and wait for explanations. Things will begin to clear up by week's end. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the respite from your recent hectic schedule, but be ready to plunge into a new round of social activities. A new contact holds much potential for the future. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A trusted colleague has news that could change your perception of a current workplace situation. What had seemed unfair might prove to be highly favorable after all. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to watch what you say and how you say it. What you assert as honesty, others might perceive as Crab-biness. Be patient. This difficult period clears up by the weekend. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Royallness needs time away from the limelight to catch up on things, from tidying your desk to making those calls you've put off. You're back in the center of things by the weekend. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Honesty is the best policy, of course. But you'll do better at achieving your goals if you can be less aggressive and more circumspect in how you phrase your comments. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain your balance in confusing situations continues to work for you. Stay on the steady course, one step at a time. The weekend shows improvement. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your indecisiveness could simply be your keen Scorpion sense warning you to be wary of making a commitment. Take this time to do a more thorough investigation. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: New information comes your way to help you make a more informed decision on how to deal with the opportunity that has opened up for you. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce your self-confidence by acknowledging your good qualities to yourself. A lull in your social life ends by the weekend. Have fun. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to let those recently pent-up emotions flow more freely. Why not start by letting the people you care for know how you really feel about them. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Resist offers, no matter how well-intentioned, to help with a personal decision. Only you know what must be done, and you have the emotional strength to follow through. BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for getting things done. You also have a gift for bringing people together in both personal and professional relationships.

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Help Wanted

Asistente del Programa de Lectura Familiar Puesto contratado de un año: 10 horas por semana, \$15 por hora. Ayudar a planear y coordinar los programas de lectura familiar y programas de alcance o enlace comunitario, con énfasis especial en la comunidad hispana de Winters. Ayudar a re-educar y entrenar a voluntarios. Asistir y trabajar en los programas y acontecimientos especiales. Ayudar a guardar los expedientes sobre asistencia a los programas, el servicio voluntario, y los gastos del programa. Requisitos: Hablar bien inglés y español. Poseer excelentes habilidades de organización. Tener experiencia con Microsoft Word, Excel, los navegadores del Internet, y el correo electrónico. Es preferible tener experiencia trabajando con los niños y las familias. El puesto requiere trabajo los martes y miércoles por la mañana y a veces por la tarde o durante el fin de semana. Las aspirantes deben llevar una carta de solicitud con el currículum a la Biblioteca de Winters o enviar al: Family Reading Program, Winters Friends of the Library, PO Box 963, Winters, CA 95694 antes del 6 de septiembre 2007. 30-2tc

Personal Care Asst. All Shifts Available \$250 Hiring Bonus for Night Shift Only! Duties include loving personal care to our residents, hshld. chores & meal prep. 1 yr. exp. Oakdale Heights offers ben., vac./sick, & more! Apply: 431 Nut Tree Rd. Vacaville, CA 95687 Phone: 707/449-1350, Fax: 707/449-9950.

Family Reading Program Assistant. One-year contract position: 10 hours per week, \$15 per hour. Assist with planning and coordination of family reading programs and community outreach programs, with special emphasis on Winters' Hispanic community. Assist with volunteer recruitment and training. Attend and work at outreach programs and special events. Help keep records on program attendance, volunteer service, and program expenses. Requirements: Good spoken English and Spanish. Excellent organizational skills. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, internet browsers, and email. Experience working with children and families preferred. Must be available Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Occasional evening or weekend work required. To apply, bring resume and cover letter to the Winters Library or send to Family Reading Program, Winters Friends of the Library, PO Box 963, Winters, CA 95694 by September 4, 2007. 30-2tc

DENTAL RDH: 1 day, flexible hours. Bonus & bnfts. Call (707) 422-8282 or fax resume 422-8280. 29-4tp

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Automotive Watson AutoBody Inc., Solano County's leader in quality collision repair is looking for experienced Technicians to join our team. Competitive hourly pay DOE. Please call 707/427-2417 to arrange a shop tour & interview or fax 707/427-8207 30-3tp

Engineering ASSOCIATE /ASST. CIVIL ENGINEER Solano Irrigation District Vacaville, CA SLRY Associate: \$71,032 to \$86,341 Assistant: \$62,754 to \$76,274 Exc. bnfts. including PERS 2.7% @ .55 w/paid employee contribution, no Social Security. Requirements: Associate: BSCE or close related field, 3 yrs. exp. & PE. Assistant: BSCE or close related field, 2 yrs. exp. & EIT. Open until 5:00 pm September 7, 2007 to obtain app.materials: 508 Elmira Rd. Vacaville, CA 95687 or 707/448-6847 ext. 4011, or ncardenas@sidwater.org www.sidwater.org EOE 30-3tp

LABORERS LOAD CREW / PLANT CREW We are seeking Load Crew/Plant Crew members in our Suisun City, CA Office to provide labor requirements at the location and handle products while complying with MSHA regulations. Individuals will maintain a safe working environment in compliance with regulations and company policies; load/unload products; load tanker trucks; check product bins; yard work and general maintenance of equipment. Candidate must be able to drive company vehicles and complete necessary paperwork as required by company policies/procedures, DOT or federal/state agencies. The individual must possess the ability to read and interpret product bulletins, safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions and procedure manuals, and the ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide in all units of measure. Candidate must be at least 21 years of age. Truck driving experience is a plus. \$12.50/hour. Please forward your response information via fax: 707-429-0122 31-2tp

Wellco Mincing now hiring experienced in truck trailer repair or farm equipment. Salary starts at \$13/hr and benefits.(707) 678-9236 31-2tp

Help Wanted

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Apartment Leasing Consultant needed for lg., busy apt. comm. Leasing or sales background helpful, bilingual/Spanish a +. 24 hrs. per wk., some wknd work req'd. Hourly rate + commission. Fax 707-425-7287 30-3tp

REAL ESTATE Licensed or Not We're Hiring Now! ERA offices in Green Valley & Fairfield will pay for your license & training 800-400-5391 x888 31-4tp

DRIVERS (3) F/T positions Start Now! S & S Supplies, a local distributor is looking for route delivery drivers. All deliveries are local to the bay area. Must have exp. in 26' bobtails. Lift up to 50lbs. Clean DMV & at least 25 yrs. of age. Dependable & able to read maps. Reply at: S & S Supplies 2750 Maxwell Way Fairfield, CA 94534

Apartment Leasing Consultant needed for busy apt. community. High energy, sales oriented with exc. customer service skills. Knowledge of tax credits & Bilingual Spanish helpful. 24 hrs per week, some weekends req'd. Fax resume to 707-425-7287

Help Wanted

DELIVERY DRIVER WANT-ED FOR WINTERS The Daily Republic is looking for an Independent Contract driver to deliver the Sunday Daily Republic to our Winters subscribers. Sunday delivery only! Must have reliable transportation and proof of insurance. Approximately earns \$150 a day determined by subscriber base. If interested please contact Amanda J Marcel 707/427-6908 at the Daily Republic Monday through Friday, 1250 Texas St. Fairfield, CA or fax a resume to Amanda J Marcel 707 425 0608 or by email at amarcel@dailyrepublic.net

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Commercial Cabinet Shop Shop-foreman and Head installer for European 32 mm shop. Experience required. Med.-Vac-Sick-Holiday-IRA. 428-1647

Help Wanted

MANAGEMENT AIDE City of Dixon \$3,855-\$4,686/mo. + bnfts. The City of Dixon has an immediate need for a F/T, permanent, mid-mgmt. position in the Finance Dept. Responsible for providing a variety of professional level mgmt., administration & analytical duties in the development & allocation plan update, research, analysis & report writing; back up for payroll. Educ. & Exp.: Equiv. to a BA degree in Business or Public Admin or related field with no exp. OR an AA degree in Business or Public Administration w/4 yrs. of increasingly responsible administrative exp. in public agency. APPLY by Sept. 7, 2007 at Dixon City Hall 600 East A Dixon, CA 95620 Job Line 707/678-7005 or www.ci.dixon.ca.us AA/EOE 31-2tp

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Sub Teachers Needed
Call HR: 530-795-6103
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Student Supv. Aides \$10.95-\$12.67/Hr.
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Subs Needed For:
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Application Packets & Add'l Info at District Office, 909 W. Grant Ave. or call HR/530-795-6103 32-1tp

Help Wanted

Education FACULTY POSITIONS (2) P/T faculty positions in Social Science/Liberal Studies & Special Education/ Social Science & also (1) F/T faculty position in Psychology/ MFT are avail. at Chapman University College's Fairfield campus. This is a 45% position teaching 4-6 evening courses per/yr. An earned doctorate is req'd. Exp. in adult education & multiple subjects teaching is desirable. Submit cvr. ltr., curriculum vita & names of (3) references to Dr. Karen Graham Dean, University College One University Drive Orange, CA 92866 Email apps. in MSWord format to: cucfacultysearch@chapman.edu Chapman University values diversity and is committed to providing equal career opportunities to all individuals.

Apartment Maint. Supervisor needed. 2 yrs. hands on exp. in the following areas is req'd.: Supervision of staff, ordering supplies, inspections, plumbing & electrical. Must have thorough knowledge of apt. turns. Positive can do attitude is a must. F/T hrly. rate + benefits. Fax resume to 707-425-7287

Childcare for 10 yr. old, 14 mo. old & 3 mo. old. 15-20 hrs/wk., lt. housekeeping. Transp. a+. Bilingual Spanish pref'd. 330-3080 32-2tp

Help Wanted

Education Chapman University College F/T faculty positions avail. Now, competitive salaries, academic & administrative responsibilities within geographical region. All faculty positions non-tenure track Faculty Psychology/MFT Full-Time (one position) Fairfield / Sacramento Valley. Faculty Psychology/MFT Full-Time Sacramento Valley Earned doctorate wh/ever educ. teaching exp. - commitment to working with adult students. Clinical licensure req'd. Submit cvr. ltr., curriculum vita, names of (3) references to: Dr. Maria Cesario, Co-Vice Chancellor, Chapman University, CUC One University Dr. Orange, CA 92866 E-mail applications to: cucfacultysearch@chapman.edu. Please note specific positions / location. Application reviews continue until positions filled.

Medication Tech/ Supervisor In Charge Assisted Living community in Vacaville has an immediate opening for a Med Tech/Shift Supervisor. Hrs. are 3pm - 11:30pm. Reqs. a Certified Nurse Asst or Med Asst Certificate. Medication admin exp. pref'd. Leadership exp req'd. \$12.00 + benefits. Apply in person at Oakdale Heights 431 Nut Tree Rd. Vacaville 95687 or fax resume 449-9950, or email jcarter@oakdaleheights.com

SUDOKU**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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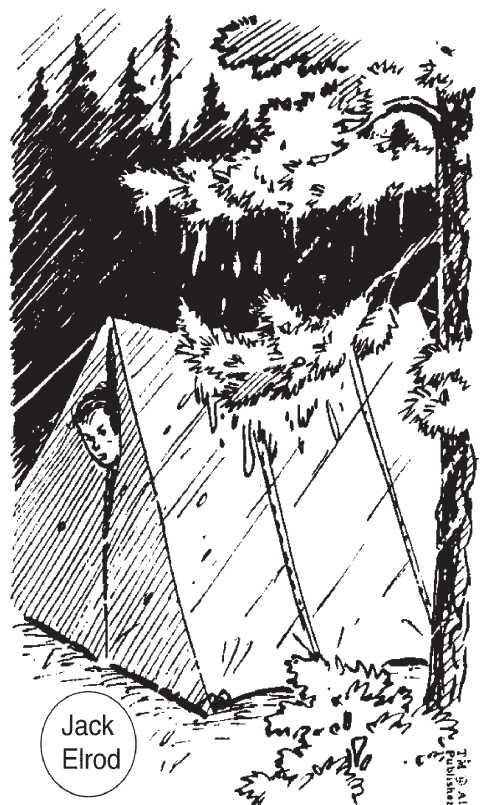
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Aug. 8, 2007
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Eleigh C. Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2007-808

The following person(s) is/are doing business as:
Happy Dogs Mobile Dog Grooming
27570 Rd 95A Davis, CA 95616
Lisa Celoni 27570 Rd 95A Davis CA 95616

This business classification is: An Individual s/Lisa Celoni

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California, County of Yolo

FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder

Eleigh C. Fagel, Deputy Clerk

August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2007

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Aug. 28, 2007
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2003-308

The following person(s) was doing business as:
ABBEY ROAD PRESS
ARP PRINTING & DESIGN
1221 4th Street Davis, CA 95616
Which was originally filed in Yolo County on 3/12/1987 is being **ABANDONED** by the registrant(s) listed below:
Penelope T. Adams
1405 Alder Place
Davis, CA 95616 Yolo
"I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct."
s/ Penelope Adams
September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Winters will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 to consider an ordinance of the City of Winters amending Chapter 9.12 of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Offenses by or Against Minors.

All interested persons are invited to and be heard at the time of hearing. Those unable to attend may submit written comments to the City Clerk, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694. Written comments will be received at or prior to the public hearing.

Information regarding this matter may be obtained at the City Clerk's office at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays or by calling the City of Winters at (530) 795-4910 ext. 101.

Published September 5, 2007



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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Aug. 28, 2007
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2007-874

The following person(s) is/are doing business as:
Abbey Road Press
ARP Printing
1221 4th Street Davis, CA 95616
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State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk
September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007

Public Notice Hearing

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

WINTERS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
There will be a public hearing at the regular Board meeting of September 20, 2007, to be held at the Winters Joint Unified School District Office, 909 W. Grant Avenue, beginning at 6:00 p.m. regarding the sufficiency of textbooks for instructional materials. The Williams Act mandates that school district governing boards certify compliance with Education Code Section 60119 by holding a public hearing stating that each pupil in the district has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in specific subjects consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education.
Published September 6, 13, 2007

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INSPECTION OF
PROPOSED COLLEGE DISTRICT BUDGET:
PUBLIC HEARING & BUDGET WORKSHOP

In accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 58301, the proposed FY 2007-08 budgets for the SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT may be inspected at the following locations:

Dixon Public Library
135 East "B"
Dixon, CA 95620

Fairfield-Suisun Community Library
1150 Kentucky St
Fairfield, CA 94533

Benicia Public Library
144 East "G" Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Mitchell Memorial Library
510 Travis Ave, Bldg 436
Travis AFB, CA 94535-2168

JFK Library
505 Santa Clara St
Vallejo, CA 94590

Vacaville Public Library
1020 Ulatis Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687

Solano College Library
4000 Suisun Valley Road
Fairfield, CA 94534

Winters Public Library
201 First Street
Winters, CA 95694

A public hearing and adoption of the 2007-08 District budgets will be held in the Solano Community College Board Room, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield CA 94534, on September 19, 2007.

Dee Alarcon, Superintendent of Schools
Solano County

Approved this 29th day of August, 2007:

/signed/
GERALD F. FISHER, Secretary to the Governing Board

Published September 6, 13, 2007

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STK#F3170A VIN#A99051

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'99 Nissan Frontier 250K freeway miles, 5 sp., a/c, all pwr., fully loaded, CD, new tires, exc. cond. \$6500. (707)451-4939 30-3tp

'96 Prism. Medium blue, 160k mi., 4 dr., a/t, a/c, good interior, well maintained, runs good, 31-32mpg, \$2300. 707/374-3566, 925/354-7392 30-3tp

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95 Chevy Suburban Runs good 182K 4x4 new tires \$5300 Laurie 795-3264. 31-3tp

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'96 Plymouth Grand Voyager SE. V6, A/T, 7 pass., dual sliding drs., p/s, p/b, p/l, tilt, c/c, a/c, new tires & brakes, 1 owner, 81K mi. \$2750. (707) 426-4835 32-4tp

'91 Ford Mini Bus, 24', dual A/C, 1460 V8, wheelchair lift, pergo type floors, in conversion process. \$1995. Trades considered. 707-448-2943 or 707-816-9218

02 Ford explorer XLT, 4WD, a/t, 61K mi., gold-en, Third row seating, moon roof, 6CD changer, roof rack. Exc. cond., under full Extended Warr. by dealer till July 08 or 72K mi., well maintained. \$10899 or b/o, call 707-864-2799 or ragban@gmail.com.

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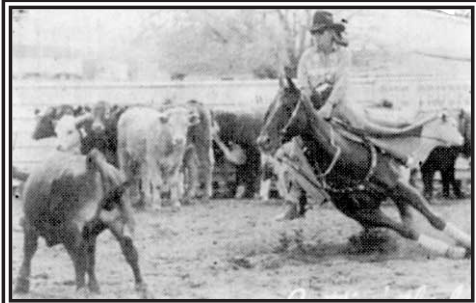


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