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Open seats filled, meters discussed

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

After conducting numerous interviews, Mayor Woody Fridae and Mayor Pro Temp Mike Martin selected three incoming members for the Planning Commission: Bruce Golden, Glenn DeVries and Corrine Martinez. They announced their choices at the Oct. 2 city council meeting.

"We interviewed seven candidates, all of which were excellent," said Fridae. "They were all well-rounded people

who seemed to have a true feel for Winters."

Council Member Tom Stone briefly presented a possible alternative to the current selection process in which each councilmember would select and monitor one planning commissioner (mayor and mayor pro tem select two). Stone's alternative was inspired by the Putah Creek Committee selection process.

"It would create diversity among commission members and account-

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Historian's label collecting involves crate expectations

◆ Collector seeks vintage local fruit crate labels

By THOMAS PATRICK JACOBSEN
Special to the Express

Between the years of 1880 and 1956, millions of colorful paper labels were used by fruit and vegetable growers to identify and advertise their wooden boxes of fresh produce shipped throughout the nation

and the world. Yolo and Napa counties played a wonderfully important role in the production of fruits and agricultural products, advertising these goods with the use of many beautiful label designs.

Beginning their use in southern California in the early 1880s, labels became an industry-wide necessity, used by thousands of growers, to identify each product,

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Photo by Eric Lucero

David Borges and Amy Cross were crowned the 2007 Winters High School Homecoming King and Queen during homecoming festivities on Friday, Oct. 5.

We've got that Warrior spirit!

Photos by Debra LoGuercio

Winters High School students showed their Warrior spirit last week at the annual downtown Homecoming rally on Oct. 5. Morgan Fjord (above, right) played the bells with the high school band. Silvia Garcia (right) took a pie to the face as part of the Homecoming Queen and King contest. The Warrior cheerleaders (below) pumped up the crowd. From left are (front) Courtney Corrales, Chelsea Corrales and Holly Valenzuela; (back) Zolena Mora, Vanessa Lizarraga, Stacy Gillespie and Tyler Pearce.



Positive report on school finances

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

It's been doom and gloom for the last few years of school funding, with more to come, but Chief Business Officer Gloria Hahn brought some unexpected good news to the Oct. 4 school board meeting.

Hahn gave a detailed report reconciling the final numbers for the 2006/07 school fiscal year, now that the books have closed. During the year, estimates are made with available information, but all is not known until the end of the year. A discrepancy often results, sometimes positive, sometimes negative. This year the discrepancy was a large one that favored the district.

"The balance is \$599,000 more than was projected in March," said Hahn. "The variance is mainly due to the fact 412,000 more dollars was received than anticipated, and \$187,391 less expenditures were made than we predicted in March.

Because that is the biggest variance Hahn has seen in her 27 years with the district, she made a detailed presentation of the discrepancies. The difference is a combination of revenues in various accounts higher than Hahn's conservative predictions in March, and also expenditures that ended up being less than expected. The portion of the \$599,000 that is unre-

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City council meets Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Presentations of appreciation to outgoing planning commissioners Jack Graf and Don Jordan.
- ~ Upgrades to lift stations at Carter Ranch and Walnut Lane.
- ~ Resolution in Support of Proposition 50 grant application.
- ~ Priority list of expenditures for the Workforce Housing Reward Grant (WFH) program.
- ~ Authorization to obtain legal services regarding possible establishment of a 501 (c) (3) non-profit for the benefit of city programs

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Courtesy photo

Thomas "Pat" Jacobsen visited with cultural icon Martha Stewart to share his love of vintage fruit crate label art. He will be at the Winters Harvest Festival on Saturday.

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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
Oct. 3		87	51
Oct. 4		85	54
Oct. 5		77	51
Oct. 6		72	46
Oct. 7		77	46
Oct. 8		80	47
Oct. 9		83	45

Rain for week: 0
Season's total: .75
Last year to date: .09
Average to Oct. 10: .56

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OBITUARIES

José Melendez-Soto

José ‘Joe’ Melendez-Soto passed away on Friday, Sept. 28, 2007 at the Courtyard Healthcare Center in Davis, at the age of 88.

He was born in Santa Maria Del Oro, Durango, Mexico on March 19, 1919 to Blas and Belen (Soto) Melendez, who have predeceased him. He had been a Yolo County resident for over 47 years.

He served one year in the Mexican Army, then entered the United States Army in 1943, serving in WWII. During this time, he was awarded the American Theater Service Medal, Hood Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1946. Upon completion of military service, Mr. Soto spent two years at Washington University, and spent the next 47 years farming in Yolo County. He was a member of VFW, past master of the Masonic Lodge Landmark Buckeye No. 195 and past master of Athens-Silveyville No. 201.

Surviving Mr. Soto is his spouse of 63 years, Dora Maria Soto; sons Gerald Melendez-Soto of Roseville, Frederick Soto and spouse Gail of El Dorado Hills, William Soto and spouse Vickie, Joseph Soto and spouse Evangelina, and Richard Soto and spouse Heidi, all of Sacramento; daughter Mary Van Buren of Winters, and Betty Silva and spouse Leo of Sacramento. He is also survived by sister Lupe Bazua; 15 grandchildren, Clara, Quint, Lenox, Rosalyn, Tina, Daniel, John, Whitney, Austin, Lucina, Yeigi, Tomika, Stacie, Kellie, and Terra; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. at Yolo Masonic Lodge, 1655 Da Vinci Ct., Davis, CA. A private burial will take place at a later date, with military honors presented.

Memorial donations in Mr. Soto’s memory may be made to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center for Childhood Language Disorders, 6151 “H” St., Sacramento, CA 95819, to the Trust Account of Sherise Silva.

Kraft Bros. Funeral Directors of Woodland, CA. Is assisting the family with arrangements. Inquiries may be made by calling 662-4658.

Barbara L. Devlin

Barbara L. Devlin of Winters passed away at Vallejo Kaiser Hospital on Sunday, Oct. 7, at the age of 78. She was born in Roswell, New Mexico, and is longtime Winters resident. She enjoyed playing Bingo and was a supporter of St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. She worked as a nurse at Yolo General Hospital, and was the manager of the Short Stop in Winters.

She is survived by her children, John Howerton of Woodbridge, Virginia, Paula Russell of Winters, Charles Devlin of Clarksburg, Tom Devlin of Virginia, Dennis Devlin of Vacaville, Pat Devlin of Kelseyville and Mike Devlin of Oregon; two brothers, Tony Hartman of Reno and his wife, Trisha, and Jim Hartman of Marysville, and his wife, Patricia; 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Devlin, in 1982.

There will be a gathering at the family home on Mermod Place on Friday, Oct. 12, at 2 p.m. for anyone who wishes to attend.

YESTERYEAR



Bureau of Reclamation photo
Pictured above is the downstream side of the 20-foot-in diameter diversion tunnel on December 19, 1955. Even with the tunnel open, water rose on the Monticello Dam under construction and went over the top, delaying the completion of the dam by several months.

50
YEARS AGO

October 24, 1957

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation this week called for bids for the construction of the final 6.9 mile leg of the Putah South Canal, which will carry water from the Monticello Diversion Dam to the Cordelia terminal reservoir, a distance of 40 miles.

A total of \$1,371.95 has been collected in the current drive of the Winters District Community Chest, according to Bob Jay, secretary-treasurer of the driver. The goal is \$2,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gale, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born in Woodland October 21, 1957.

Police Chief Earl Washabaugh said this week that the Winters curfew law would be enforced on Halloween, the same as any other night.

65
YEARS AGO

October 23, 1942

George Crum graduated Wednesday from Midshipmans School, Columbia, New York, receiving the title of Ensign in the Navy.

Mrs. R.W. Murray of the Sugar Rationing Board has received notice that October 31 is the date set as the end of the canning season. No more sugar for canning will be rationed after that date.

Among local enlistees at the Navy department the past week was Carl F. Holmes.

Oliver Stith enlistee in Army Air Corps will be stationed at Mather Field. Stith left for induction October 14.

The City Council at its mid-monthly meeting Tuesday had the first reading of an emergency ordinance relative to civilian defense prepared by the War Department.

100
YEARS AGO

October 25, 1907

Mrs. P.H. Lepley and daughter Margaret are visiting in Vacaville and Elmira.

Mrs. J.W. Gibson and daughter Ouida went to Sacramento to visit Mrs. Earl Snavelly last week.

The Winters depot is in the hands of the painters and has been vastly improved in appearance. The place is looking so well that agent Hellig is almost “putting on the airs.” With electric lights and the premises painted he feels that the place is good enough to live in.

Mrs. A.L. Marshall is visiting in St. Helena this week.

The cannery is still running on tomatoes and will until rains ruin the unharvested crop. Manager Nash is employing all the help he can get and has over 10,000 cases in stock.

Berryessa drops .35 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .35 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 6,078 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 420.04 feet above sea level, about 20 feet below the spillway, and that storage was computed at 1,236,652 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 240 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 20 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 167 acre feet of water per day during the week.

115
YEARS AGO

October 22, 1892

Never was the Opera House more crowded than it was Thursday evening to listen to the scholars of the public school render their exercises in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

A slight earthquake was felt in the vicinity of Elmira and Vacaville on the night of the 13th inst.

There will be German preaching in the Christian Church tomorrow, Sunday, at 3:30 p.m. by Rev. F. Yung. All Germans are invited.

A farewell party was given Rev. and Mrs. G.E. Shanklin last evening by the members of their church, on the eve of their departure to their old home in Kentucky.

William Baker was elected director of the Bank of Winters, in place of E. Wolf-skill, resigned, at the meeting of the stockholders last Saturday.

Weekly police report for September 18 throught October 7

Sept. 18

~ On the 160 block of Grant Avenue, a rock was thrown at a vehicle, breaking the windshield. Approximate damage: \$300.

Sept. 19-20

~ On the 100 block of Second Street, an unlocked vehicle was entered and property was stolen. Loss: \$3.

Sept. 22

~ At Putah Creek Road and Railroad Avenue, an officer assisted the California Highway Patrol with a traffic accident.

Sept. 24

~ On the 400 block of Abbey Street, a vehicle was vandalized.

Sept. 26

~ Maria Soledad Ar-manta, 41, of Winters was

traveling westbound on Edwards Street west of First Street. Ar-manta became unconscious for an unknown reason, and the vehicle veered into the eastbound lane and collided into a parked vehicle owned by Mike Burg of Winters.

Sept. 27

~ On the 400 block of Abbey Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

Oct. 1

~ Miguelina Ortiz, 25, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for speeding, being an unlicensed driver, and child safety restraint violation.

~ On the 100 block of Abbey Street, parties were involved in a verbal

domestic dispute.

~ On the 800 block of Dutton Street, a kitchen window was broken with an unknown object.

~ A found bicycle was turned over to the police department.

~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, two Winters juveniles, ages 14 and 15, were involved in a physical altercation.

~ Rafael Murillo Rodriguez, 24, of Winters was stopped northbound on Railroad Avenue waiting to make a left turn at 704 Railroad Avenue. Cheryl Leigh Rheuby, 47, of Winters was stopped behind Rodriguez. Ryan Gary Gonnella, 20, of Winters was northbound on Railroad Avenue and took his

eyes off from the road in front of him. While Gonnella was looking to the right, his vehicle collided into the rear of Rheuby’s vehicle causing it to collide into the rear of Rodriguez’ vehicle.

Oct. 1-2

~ On the 200 block of Creekside Way, a vehicle was forcibly entered and property was stolen. Loss: \$30.

Oct. 2

~ Mark Dennis Horsky, 23, of Vacaville was arrested on an outstanding Solano County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with driving with a suspended/revoked driver’s license and failing to signal when making a turn. Horsky was booked

at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ Victor Hugo Sanchez, 41, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

~ A found emergency roadside kit was turned over to the police department.

~ Jack Kenneth Graham, 19, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana, driving an unregistered vehicle, failing to have his driver’s license in

his possession, having an inoperable vehicle tail light and no proof of insurance. Graham was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ A found bicycle was turned over to the police department.

~ Martin Sanchez, 23, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana, driving with

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COUNCIL

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ability among council members,” he said.

While many of the council members acknowledged the successes of the Putah Creek Committee, the idea was ultimately deemed unnecessary for the time being, citing that the current plan seems to work fine.

“I’m afraid it might politicize the process,” said Council Member Harold Anderson.

“I’m not sure I like the idea of being held accountable for somebody else’s statements and actions all the time,” said Fridae. “We’re not looking for people to carry one particular torch. We’re looking for people who build consensus and do what’s best for the town. I think we’ve found that in these three individuals.”

Chairman Don Jordan and Commissioner Jack Graf have completed their four-year terms, which actually ended on July 1, and will officially conclude their duties when the new commissioners are sworn in at the Oct. 9 planning commission meeting.

Water meters

Have you settled into the habit of leaving the faucet running while brushing your teeth? How about allowing your sprinkler system to cycle through the middle of a rain storm? Well, some habits may soon have to be flushed away, as Winters residents will no longer be charged a monthly flat rate for

their water consumption.

Water meters will be installed and functioning at all residences sometime in 2009, and will begin affecting billingJan. 2010. Much of 2009 will serve as a trial period wherein water bills will display both the metered cost and the currently charged flat rate, allowing homeowners to adjust to the change.

“Everybody will have a chance to see what their metered cost will look like,” said City Manager John Donlevy. “And we will be conducting an aggressive consumption-awareness campaign.”

“This system can reduce water consumption by an estimated 30 percent,” said City Associate Elliot Landes, who gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation explaining the new system. “It will also help us to identify and repair existing leaks before billing is affected.”

In a bidding process that took place last July, presentations were given by five major companies: Hersey, AMCO, Badger, Neptune and Sensus (current supplier).

Landes explained that after weighing out all options, staff has recommended Badger Meter, Inc., whose stable future, experience in similar communities, ability to support users and reasonable cost make them most attractive.

The installed meters will be radio-read, meaning that rather than manually having to read every meter in the city, a transmitter will relay

the information to a city vehicle with a laptop. A city employee will simply drive by and gather the data on a monthly basis. The meters will be equipped an upgrade option to put them on a fixed network sometime in the future, which could be read instantaneously from city hall.

In a briefing that took place after the meeting, Landes estimated that the total cost (meter and installation) will be around \$750. The meters will be paid for by homeowners, although a payment plan has not yet been formulated.

“We will be developing a package that will make this possible for everybody,” said Donlevy. “The intent of the system is to charge water consumers more fairly, based on how much water is actually being used.”

Changes in the way the city will charge consumers for water are being required by the State of California, in the interest of water and energy conservation.

Other Items

At the Oct. 2 meeting, the council also addressed the following items:

~ Disbursement of the final \$12,000 from the Margaret Parsons Trust was determined. The city will match the amount using the \$13,000 in interest to be accrued by the currently invested \$400,000 in the time leading up to construction. The project is expected to break ground by June

2008 with a grand opening of June 2009.

~ Roger Michelbrink was introduced as the new facility manager at Eco Resources, Inc.

~ The council accepted both phases of the reconstruction project of the water main on most of McArthur Street and all of Jackson Street. The reconstruction included replacement of all handicap corner ramps and broken curb, gutters and sidewalks. The total cost was \$402,142.

~ Authorization of street closure for the Oct. 13 Harvest Festival Market.

~ The council approved an 18-month contract extension in the amount of \$14,000 to continue groundwater sampling at the Winters landfill.

~ The council approved a street closure and amplified sound application for 407 Griffin Way for an Oct. 12 neighborhood block party.

~ The second reading of the new Winters curfew ordinance was passed unanimously. The ordinance more clearly states the current curfew law as it relates to juveniles.

~ The city council recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. JudyTischer accepted the proclamation.

The Winters City Council will meet again on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. All Winters residents are welcome to attend city council meetings.

Unlicensed contractors cited in Winters by CSLB

On Tuesday Oct. 2, an investigator from the Statewide Fraud Team of the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) was contacted by the City of Winters Building and Code Enforcement Division regarding a re-roof that was being completed in the City of Winters.

It was suspected that this job was being completed by unlicensed contractors who did not have the proper Workman’s Compensation Insurance.

A call was then placed to the Enforcement Officer of the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office, as well as the Winters Police Department. At the job site, each par-

ty was interviewed, and following the investigation, one individual was issued a notice to appear in court for contracting without a license.

A second individual was issued a notice to appear in court for contracting without a license and was also issued a \$5,000 citation from the CSLB.

While assisting with the investigation, Winters police officers ran background checks on all the individuals involved. Mark Dennis Horsky, 23, of Vacaville was arrested as there was a warrant for his arrest for failure to appear in court on an unrelated incident.

AGENDA

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~ Approval of CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance grants to fund Economic Development (Resolution No. 2007-52) and General Allocation (Resolution No. 2007-53) activities in the amounts of \$70,000 and \$35,000, respectively

Acting as the Community Development Agency, the council will address the following items:

~ Reciprocal access and public parking easement agreement between the City of Winters and the Community De-

velopment Agency; John and Melanie Pickerel, John and Elizabeth Siracusa, and Paul and Jennette Fair.

~ Amendment No. 1 to Consultant Services Agreement with Rick Engineering Company and request for approval of revised project budget sheet for the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project.

~ Authorization to enter into contract, not to exceed \$10,000 each, with an economics consulting firm for the preparation of two market studies, one commercial and one residential, specific to the Monticello Project.

POLICE

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a suspended/revoked driver’s license, driving an unregistered vehicle, and no proof of insurance. Sanchez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear to a sober adult.

~ On the 1000 block of Eisenhower Way, a vehicle was vandalized. Damage: \$350.

Oct. 3

~ A 16-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for being intoxicated in public. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Juvenile Hall for incarceration.

~ On the 200 block of First Street, a cellular telephone was stolen. Loss: \$42.

Oct. 4

~ Shawn Michael O’Kane, 22, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana, driving an unregistered vehicle, failing to have a front license plate displayed on a vehicle and no proof of insurance. O’Kane was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear to a sober adult.

~ On the 1100 block of Washington Street, prop-

erty was stolen from a home. Loss: \$986.

Oct. 5

~ On the 400 block of Manzanita Way, a suspect called a victim on the telephone several times in violation of a restraining order. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

Oct. 5-8

~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, forcible entry was made to a storage shed and property was stolen. Loss: \$120.

Oct. 6

~ Adrian Jose Gutierrez, 18, of Winters was arrested for violation of a restraining order. Gutierrez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ On the first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ On the 100 block of East Baker Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

Oct. 6-7

~ At Creekside Way and East Main Street, a driver’s side vehicle window was broken with an unknown object.

Oct. 7

~ A found radar gun was turned over to the police department.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

GET YOUR LAWN CHAIRS, a bag of Doritos and a nice cold brewski, and gather 'round, my friends. We're about to witness the implosion of the Republican party, like a towering skyscraper collapsing in upon itself when the dynamite is placed just so.

Who's in charge of the demolition? Nope, not the Democrats (as if they're that organized). It's the party's own right wing, the rightest of the right — the Radical Religious Right — that's placing the TNT.

It seems the RRR has forgotten the most important goal in American partisan politics: beating the other side. (And you thought it was upholding the Constitution or economic stability or liberty and freedom for all, you silly!)

Winning. That's all that matters to the Republican and Democratic parties, and their candidates will say and do anything if it's a means to that end.

That in mind, recent polls indicate that the only Republican candidate capable of beating Hillary Clinton is Rudy Giuliani. That surprises me. I figured the Republicans could run Mickey Mouse against Clinton and still win, but apparently there's a growing pool of voters who actually support her wholeheartedly. Or so the mass media would like us to believe, as it seems to be a foregone conclusion that she'll be the Democratic candidate, even though not a single primary election vote has yet been cast. (Feel manipulated yet?)

Besides attracting more centrist-minded voters, Giuliani appeals to what polls indicate is Republican voters' number one concern: Fighting terrorism. He is Mr. 9/11, the poster child of the most horrible day in American history. However, I don't understand why Giuliani has this reputation of being so tough on terrorism, simply because he was the mayor of New York when the Twin Towers fell. OK, he was there when it happened. So? You and a few hundred thousand others too. Your presence in New York at that moment fought terrorism... how?

Despite Giuliani's "I was there!" battle cry, some members of the New York police and fire departments are much less impressed with his claim to 9/11 fame. Some have said that poor decision making on his part led to unsafe conditions for them when they were attempting rescues. And they were the ones who were REALLY there.

If Giuliani had warded off the 9/11 attacks, then he'd have something to boast about. As it is, he was broadsided just like everyone else. That 9/11 happened on his watch was merely coincidental. It's not like he had an effect on it one way or the other. Maybe his real appeal is that in the midst of chaos, New Yorkers looked to him for comfort and reassurance, and he gave it. Six years later, with no progress made in apprehending the 9/11 mastermind, a war with the wrong country raging on with no end in sight, and the numbers of Islamic extremists growing exponentially worldwide, maybe Republican voters want the same thing New Yorkers wanted: someone to tell them that everything will be okay.

Well, not all Republicans, anyway. Not RRR Republicans, who want a president who will 1) outlaw abortions and 2) prevent gay marriage. And maybe 3) jam extreme "Christian" values down every American's throat. No wonder they're disgruntled with Giuliani. Not only has he expressed rational perspectives on abortion and gay marriage, he's on his third marriage. He'll never do! There's a speck of dust in his eye!

Since Giuliani doesn't meet the RRR's impeccable moral standards, the RRR is looking for someone else. Trouble is, they don't like the other Republican candidates either. So, they're making noises about breaking off with a third party candidate, one who will transform America into the good, completely Christian country our Founding Fathers intended it to be.

Should the RRR do so, they'll split the Republican party in half, because Republican candidates can't win without pandering to the evangelical right. In effect, the RRR's rabid obsession with imposing their will and values on others above all else will bring the Republican party crashing down in a heap of dust and rubble.

Rudy Giuliani can scream "I was there" 'til his face turns blue, but if the RRR jumps ship, he's toast. Yet, he's the only Republican candidate able to beat Hillary Clinton. Which means the RRR, in their myopic fundamentalist zeal, will be solely responsible for her election in 2008. How's that for delicious irony.

Yup, gather round, my friends, and don't forget your hardhats! This is gonna be a hoot to watch!



LETTERS

Some neighbors were great

Dear Editor,

Five years ago, we bought a five and a half acre country property in Winters with the dream of one day building a home and moving the family to the country. After four and a half years of obstacles, setbacks and red tape, we finally made it through the permit process and found a manufactured home that was the perfect fit for the space we had available.

Getting the home onto our property wasn't an easy task. The road to the property is made up of winding curves and is lined by trees on both sides of the road. This presented quite a challenge for the truck transporting the home.

We notified neighbors as soon as the date for the move was set asking them to call us if they had any concerns or questions. We received several phone calls, mostly concerned about the trees that line the road, but once we explained that the home would be moved in by professionals and trimming tree branches that hung over the road would only be done if absolutely necessary, everything seemed like it was going as planned.

The moving crew determined that they could not bring the home in with a semi truck as they had planned. There just wasn't enough room to maneuver the home around the curves. So, they called in someone with a trans-lift. The trans-lift is the size of a small tractor and moves on tracks so it can maneuver the home in any direction. The trans-lift is controlled by remote control so that the operator can move around the home and closely monitor the home while it is moving. Bobby operated the trans-lift with impressive expertise, and with this special equipment and a hard working crew, they moved the home down the road without any problems.

We were so impressed with the owner of the mobile home company and his crew who worked so hard to make sure that the home was brought in without damage and did everything they could to protect the trees along the road. They closely monitored all sides of the home and had workers riding on the roof to push up branches and make sure the home didn't get caught on anything. They even brought the second half of the home in backwards and then turned it around just before our property so that the high side of the roof would be on the opposite side of the road from the low tree branches. The turnaround alone took an extra 45 minutes, but they felt it was worth the extra time to keep the neighbors happy.

After the home was placed on our property, it was hard to tell that anything that large had been brought down the road. There was no visible dam-

age to any of the trees or shrubs that lined the road.

Let me start with a big thank you to our Central Lane neighbors who were very supportive and went above and beyond the call of duty to help us bring the home in:

To John who provided advice regarding tree trimming, trimmed his own trees, and helped us communicate with our new neighbors; to Mont and his wife (I'm sorry, I didn't catch her name), who graciously allowed the movers to park the home on their property (twice) while waiting for the trans-lift to be brought in to maneuver the home around the curves; to Bob and his wife, who trimmed their trees and left their car at the end of the road while the home was being moved; To our neighbor by the mailboxes, who allowed neighbors to drive across her property while the junction of the road was blocked; to Paulette, who offered to trim her trees even though they were not in the way and who has offered us five years of encouragement to keep us going. To our neighbor on the corner of Olive School and Central Lane, who allowed the truck to drive across his property to make the turn on to Central Lane. To all our other neighbors who offered words of encouragement and support, and those who waited patiently when the road access was blocked.

To our neighbors who thought it was necessary to yell and scream at the workers while they were moving the home down the road, and to the neighbor who threatened to stop the project and not let the home come through because of two low branches on one of his trees, shame on you. The workers were just doing their job, quite well I might add, and did not deserve to be harassed by the neighbors. You have your homes in the country, but somehow you think you should have the right to prevent others from having the same. It has been a long, hard struggle for us and your selfishness will not soon be forgotten.

All of the property owners that border Central Lane have a road easement. This easement is for the specific purpose of allowing other neighbors "full use of the road." Luckily, we were able to get our home in without having to trim any branches, but just so you know, we had the legal right to bring our home in, even if it meant cutting branches from your trees.

We love the community of Winters and the wonderful atmosphere for raising children. We won't let a couple misguided people affect how we feel about our new home in this great town.

BEN and SUSIE HEDRICK



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

CHANGING WEATHER. As I write this, the sky is turning gray and the weather psychics are predicting rain until Wednesday at noon. That is about the time the newspaper carriers start delivering the Express. I found an unwatched pallet of rain bags at the Davis Enterprise so I now have a nice supply to last through the winter months.

In Southern California they are starting to ration water to farmers and raise the rates city dwellers pay to wash off their sidewalks. If it came down to selling cheap water to farmers to keep our grocery bill lower or subsidize the water used to wash cars, I'll stick with the farmers every time.

Winters is headed for water meters, and I know there will be people screaming bloody murder, but the state has told the cities to start reading meters, and, for once, big brother might be right. If you want to force people to conserve, raise the rate for people using more than their share of water, and reward people with lower rates if they lower their consumption.

When I had two children and a swimming pool I wasn't that thrilled with having a water meter, but now that it's just the permanent tenant and me, sans pool, I'll take a meter in a heartbeat. It will be like the new garbage service, even though they raised our rates, you get what you pay for. If you want to save a few dollars, you can have a smaller can, or choose to have a larger can and pay a little more. The same should be true of our water bill. If you want a green lawn and lush landscaping you shouldn't pay the same as someone who chooses to have a desert landscape.

Little old ladies living alone shouldn't have to pay the same as a family of six, but in Winters they do. We all know people who flood their neighborhood gutters, and we know people who don't water enough to keep the snails alive. With meters the frugal people of the world won't have to subsidize the wasteful.

The one drawback of meters is who's going to pay for them. As homes have sold over the years, the seller/buyer was required to put in a water meter and all new homes have meters. As a result, over half of the homes in Winters have meters already. If the meter you installed or the one that came with your new home isn't the right meter, there is an adapter to make it work with the city's new drive by technology. To read the new meters the meter reader just drives by and an on board computer reads all the meters on the street. Sounds pretty slick.

If you don't have a meter on your home, grab your wallet. At \$800, installed, the meters aren't cheap, but if you don't use a lot of water, you could save money in the long run. If you don't have \$800 just lying around the city is going to come up with the "easy" payment play. That may mean spreading out your payment over a year, but the city might offer you a choice to have the price of the meter placed as a lien on your property. You, or your estate, would pay off the meter when you died or sold your home. Decisions, decisions, decisions.

If you are handy, will you be allowed to install your own meter? Will you have to use a contractor hired by the city or can you hire your own contractor? Who is going to repair your front landscaping after someone digs a big hole in your lawn? These questions have been asked to our city council and I'm sure they will come up with the right answers.

You might think I'm all wet, especially if you came from a place with meters, but this is going to be a big deal to a lot of people. It will also be the first step in conserving water, and as a byproduct, reducing our sewer plant capacity problems. If you like flooding your landscape or draining your swimming pool each year and refilling it with fresh water, don't wait too long. Time is running out, so to speak.

Have a good week.

Planning Bobbie's 90th birthday party on Nov. 1

Dear Editor,

The Friends of Bobbie Greenwood are throwing a special 90th Birthday Bash for our beloved city icon. For over 55 years, Bobbie has dedicated her life to the kids of Winters through Swim Team and AFS, so we are celebrating with a birthday party.

The party will be on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 6-8 p.m. at the Winters Community Center and will follow a Hawaiian/Pool-side theme. A catered dinner will be provided by Tomat's, \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. Soft drinks and water will also be available. There will be no alcohol served.

Several merchants have donated raffle prizes for the event, and all proceeds from the raffle will go to the Winters

Swim Team.

To reserve a seat, contact Dolores Sorenson at 795-2769, Joyce Snyder at 795-4401, or Mike Sebastian at 795-2091. Money will be collected at the door, but reservations must be made in advance. The reservation deadline is Friday, Oct. 26.

We are also looking for photos, etc. that can be displayed at the party. Copies of pictures, articles, etc. can be brought to the Community Center at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 1. If anyone cannot attend and wishes to send e-mail greetings, they can send them to joycedsynder@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to help with set-up or coordinating parts of the evening can contact Mike Sebastian, 795-2091.

MIKE SEBASTIAN

Policy for Letters to the Editor

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

Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, or emailed to winterssexpress.com. Letters should not exceed

500 words. Do not use all capital letters.

We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

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

Hikes explore local nature

Stebbins Cold Canyon is one of the most pristine, back-to-nature places in all of Yolo and Solano counties. It offers hiking, sightseeing and the ability to breathe deeply in a natural setting. The Stebbins Cold Canyon Presentation & Hike program provides opportunities to explore the natural beauty and scientific importance of the Reserve and the surrounding ecosystem. Toward that goal, presentations are interactive and experiential allowing participants the freedom to assign meaning in their own way.

Presentations are offered free of charge. Pre-registration is required for each outing you are interested in attending. Most outings have a limit of 15 people. To register send an email to jfalyn@ucdavis.edu. Please include your name, presentation date, phone number and/or e-mail address. Also, indicate whether you need directions or would like to arrange a carpool.

Schedule of classes

Botanical Drawing, Sunday, Oct. 21, 10-1 p.m. Have you ever wanted to draw but thought it beyond your skill? This presentation goes through the step by step process of drawing what you see. No experience necessary. All drawing materials are provided. Guides: Ruth Williams.

~ Basic Botany, Sunday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A way to identify plants: Learn about the basic characteristics of plant anatomy that are

the clues to identifying major plant families. With this skill you might be surprised how many plants and wildflowers you can identify at the reserve and at home in your own backyard. Guide: Barbara Byrne.

~ Storytelling for Kids, Sunday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. to noon. Children explore the canyon while participating in a story about the plants and animals. Curious? You'll have to turn the page of the book (sign up) to find out more. For children 4-8. Guide: Lyndsay Dawkins, et al.

~ Preserve the Reserve, Saturday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several times a year those willing to give back and care for the reserve get together and make a difference. This is an excellent opportunity to participate in a project that keeps the reserve running smoothly for all to enjoy. The focus of this outing will probably be (depending on weather) checking water bars and adding new ones. Guide: Shane Waddell (UC Davis Reserve Land Steward).

~ Learning Together, Sunday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents and children learn about natural history on an interactive (and fun) outing presented by ranger Mike McGraw. For children ages 6-12. Guide: Mike McGraw (Lead Interpretive Ranger from Lake Berryessa).

~ Loop Trail, Saturday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. What are you thankful for? A Saturday hike after Thanksgiving with an opportunity to reflect on

being thankful. Note: The loop trail is five miles of ups and downs. There is a 1500 foot elevation gain (with many steps), a distinctive change in plant communities and breathtaking views in all directions — look for the waterfalls after a rain. Bring sturdy shoes, at least a liter of water and a snack. Guide: Stephen McCord

~ Animal Tracking, Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to noon, at Lake Solano. With people hiking all around the lake the animals mostly stay out of sight. But the animals are there or were there — we see their footprints, scat and other signs. Experienced tracker, Sean Clemenza,

offers ways to identify animals by the evidence they leave behind. This outing meets in the day use parking lot at Lake Solano. Guide: Sean Clemenza.

~ Winter Solstice, Saturday, Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The leap from Winter to Spring: On this outing, the group traverses the canyon and experiences the reserve on the shortest day of the year. The winter solstice is a time for reflection and optimism as the dark days of winter slowly give way to rebirth and renewal. The focus of this hike is to experience the reserve in winter and then several months later compare the reserve on a hike in spring (date to be announced). Guide: Jeff Falyn.

~ Guide Training; sponsored by UC Davis Natural Reserve & Putah Creek Discovery Corridor. Training begins in

October for individuals interested in leading (or assisting) themed hikes at Stebbins Cold Canyon UC Reserve. The emphasis of this program is to develop a diverse series of presentations that educate, stimulate and provides recreation. To do this, guides tap into their own passions and create outings interactive and informative in nature, via an interest in natural history, experiential activities, wildflowers, sustainable living, creative writing, bird-watching, photography, biology, storytelling, yoga or anything that might connect another to the land, birds, flowers and the trees.

The training consists of four four-hour sessions and offers opportunities to connect to a personal passion or hobby and mold it into a presentation for the public. Training dates are Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and 10, and Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Stebbins Cold Canyon. Sign up by contacting Jeff Falyn: jfalyn@ucdavis.edu

Yolo HHW drop-off days this weekend

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off days at the Yolo County Central Landfill are scheduled for Oct. 12 and 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HHW will be accepted from Yolo County residents only. Agricultural and infectious medical waste can not be accepted. Business hazardous waste from small quantity generators is accepted for a fee, by appointment only. Call (800) 433-5060 to schedule an appointment.

Materials that will be accepted include the following: batteries; fluorescent bulbs or tubes; used motor oil and filters; cleaning supplies; lighter fluid; antifreeze; aerosols (no empties); garden pesticides and herbicides; latex or oil based paints; solvents; poisons; electrical

switches/relays; pilot light sensors; and mercury thermostats. Small electronic items, including TVs and monitors are also accepted for recycling at no cost. There is a handling fee for recycling appliances.

During regular business hours, beyond HHW events, the Yolo County Central Landfill accepts the following items for recycling or reuse: household batteries; printer cartridges; wall-mounted thermostats; small electronic devices (e-waste) with a circuit board (i.e., VCRs, cell phones, telephones, printers, radios, computers, monitors, TVs); latex paint; used motor oil and filters; diesel fuel; diesel oil; non-chlorinated power steering fluid; differential clutch flu-

id; transmission fluid; hydraulic fluid; kerosene; auto batteries; paper; cardboard; bottles; and cans.

At the landfill's Reuse Center reusable items such as automotive lubricants, paints, pool chemicals, gardening products and cleaners are available for free during HHW events and on the Saturday following HHW events.

HHW events are sponsored by the Yolo County Department of Planning & Public Works, Division of Integrated Waste Management. Upcoming HHW drop-off day are scheduled for Nov. 9 and 10, and Dec. 7 and 8. For more information on HHW events, call 666-8729 or visit: www.yolocounty.org/recycle.

Community

Who’s who at City Hall

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

In a town where community development always runs a conscious parallel with city projects, Dan Sokolow plays a very important role.

As community development director, Sokolow’s job is to plan, organize, direct and review all operations of the Community Development Department. He deals with everything from community planning to building inspection and must also coordinate assigned activities with outside agencies and other city departments. He receives administrative direction from the city manager, John Donlevy.

Sokolow was born in Michigan but grew up in Davis. He graduated from UC Davis with a bachelors degree in political science and public service, and returned to earn his Masters degree in public administration.

In the mid ‘80s he spent about three and a half years in Washington D.C. gaining political experience and working as an administrative assistant for Congressman Victor Fazio.

“It was an enjoyable and beneficial experience for me, although it was not always engaging. That kind of work can start to burn you out,” he said. “Much of what you’re working on will never see the light of day. It’s hard to feel like you’re really making a difference sometimes.”

His experience in Winters has been the



Dan Sokolow
Community Development
Director

complete opposite in that the town’s small size and tight community have allowed him to watch changes materialize and become tangible representations of progress.

“This is a unique place with a genuine small-town character,” he said. “The members of the community work very hard to guard that character.

“For example, Winters has had a community center for 27 years. Woodland, a city of 52,000 people, just got one last year. That says something about the importance of community in this town.”

On top of being community development director, Sokolow is a member of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department and has been going on calls since July of 2003.

He can be found at planning commission meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month and reached at 795-4910 or dan.sokolow@city-ofwinters.org.

New veterinarian takes over part of practice

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

When Dr. Tim Krasnansky purchased a portion of Berryessa Veterinary Services in July, it marked the beginning of a unique and complimentary working relationship between two very experienced and caring veterinarians.

Dr. Nancy L. Martin began her services in the area 17 years ago as an ambulatory large-animal veterinarian and opened her current mixed-animal practice in 1997.

Martin’s working partner, Dr. Kristen Clothier decided to return to school last year, prompting Martin to begin the difficult process of seeking a replacement. Being a mixed-animal practice, the process was made even more rigid due to an increasing national shortage of large-animal veterinarians.

“Very few veterinary applicants come from a farming background,” says Martin. “And it requires regular travel and house calls. I think some people see this as undesirable.”

After months of seeking a qualified mixed-animal replacement, Martin met Krasnansky and decided to take the process in a slightly different direction. Rather than sift through the increasingly sparse pool of large and mixed animal candidates, she sold the small-animal portion (Berryessa Veterinary Services) to Krasnansky and maintained sole ownership of the newly formed large animal portion (East Meets West) herself.

Krasnansky was raised in the suburbs of Pennsylvania and split much of his childhood between the metropolitan areas of the east coast and his grandparents’ dairy. The diverse upbringing afforded him exposure to a wide variety of both domestic and large working animals of all sizes.

He graduated from UC Davis with a degree in biological science and a minor in art. He then continued on to UC San Francisco where he earned his masters degree in medical and bio-



Photo by Justin Cox

The current staff at Berryessa Veterinary Services includes, from left, Dr. Nancy Martin, Dr. Tim Krasnansky, and veterinary technicians Tracy Hart and Karin Felter.

logical illustration. After working for medical and technical journals for about 10 years, he enrolled in veterinary school at Auburn University in Alabama. He returned to California in 2000 and has worked as a veterinarian at various locations in the years leading up to his purchase of Berryessa Veterinary Services.

“Winters is a cool town with a nice mix of what California has to offer,” he says. “We look forward to changing and growing with this community.”

Both the large and small animal practices work in conjunction with one another out of the

same location on 184 E. Grant Avenue, although most of the large-animal work is done in the field.

Martin, who grew up in Modesto and got her masters in domestic animal behavior as well as her veterinarians degree from UC Davis, has titled her portion of the company “East Meets West,” a name inspired by her professional emphasis on traditional Chinese medicine, which includes elements of acupuncture and special attention to behavior.

Krasnansky made the purchase in July but notes that the transition is still in motion.

“We’re fleshing out

what I believe will be a very nice working relationship.”

Berryessa Veterinary Services works with animals in a wide variety of ways including diagnostic testing, general surgery, radiographs, preventative health care, emergency care, vaccinations, dermatology, microchipping, nutrition and behavioral counseling, acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine.

The office is open six days a week (half day on Saturday), and the large-animal service is available on an on-call basis at 795-6090. It is located at 184 E. Grant Ave.

Putah Creek Committee to meet

The Winters Putah Creek Committee will meet on Monday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

A time is allowed for public comments on matters not on the agenda.

The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Vegetation Manage-

- ment Plan
- ~ Draft Master Plan review
- ~ Student Recruitment Update
- ~ Winters Stewardship Committee; Chris Rose
- ~ Delta Crew work plan
- ~ Prop. 12 grant projects.

AFS student hails from Paraguay

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

AFS student Tatiana Carrillo comes from Asuncion, Paraguay, a large South American city which boasts a population over a million. At 16 years old, she has come to America as an exchange student in hope of sharpening her English skills and learning about a new culture.

“I looked at Winters on Google Earth before I came and I knew it would be so much different,” she said. “I could see all of the country and farming areas outside the town.”

While Winters is much smaller than Asuncion, the size of the school is fairly similar. She says that she knew everybody at her school in Paraguay.

“The main difference is that in Paraguay you don’t get to choose your own classes,” she said. “The school picks them

for you, and you have 18 of them. Also, the teachers change rooms throughout the day, not the students.”

Of the six classes in her current schedule, her favorite is psychology, although she has enjoyed the challenge of learning about American history and government, which she knew very little about prior to her arrival.

As far as missing her home and family, she says it “hasn’t been too bad.”

“I miss my niece more than anything. She’s only one year old.

“I like to go out and stay busy. There’s not enough time for me to sit and miss everything.”

Tatiana lives with the Kreun family and will graduate with this years senior class. In addition to her schooling, she has spent most of her time playing AYSO soccer and traveling around California.



Photo by Justin Cox

AFS student Tatiana Carillo is staying with the Kreun family while attending Winters High School this year. She is from Paraguay. She will graduate with the Class of 2008.

“I’ve already been to Tahoe and Santa Cruz,” she said. “And I’ll be going to Monterey next week.”

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Historical Society meeting to explore Hesperian College

The Yolo County Historical Society’s General Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 28, will have a presentation on Hesperian College. Dr. Howarth (Al) Clover will discuss how Hesperian College was one of the Disciples of Christ’s efforts in education in California. The program takes place in the Baggage Room at the Train Depot, corner of Lincoln Avenue and 6th Street in Woodland, from 2-4 p.m.

The college opened in 1861 as an elementary seminary of learning, Yolo Seminary, envisioned becoming a higher education school. In 1862, it was changed to Hesperian College. Oscar Matthews’ vision was to create a college in the west as Buffalo Seminary had developed into Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia under the tutelage of Alexander Campbell.

Alexander was a founder in the Disciples

movement. Hesperia means “Western or Evening Star,” hence, Bethany (the oldest) was the “star of the East” and Hesperian would shine in the west. The presentation will be focused on Oscar’s work and the continuation at Woodland of the Disciples of Christ’s entrance into the field of collegiate education at the time of the Civil War in California.

Clover’s 40-year career was spent teaching elementary school and serving as an administrative assistant. For 25 years he pursued landmark status for Hesperian College at two sites in town. Hesperian is the antecedent of Chapman College in Orange.

Parking is free. All Yolo County Historical Society General Meetings are open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Jeanette L. Molson, 666-7103 or JLMolson@aol.com.

Dinner will benefit Cache Creek Lodge rehabilitation program

A dinner benefiting the Cache Creek Lodge will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. the Winters Community Center. Cache Creek Lodge is a rehabilitation program offering help to those with drug or alcohol problems. The evening includes a speaker, Cliff R. of Oceanside, follow-

ing dinner.

There will be door prizes worth \$600, and all proceeds from the evening will benefit Cache Creek Lodge.

Tickets are tax-deductible and cost \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. For tickets, call Joe, 574-2948. Tickets can be delivered.

Event celebrates local olives

By ANN M. EVANS and
GEORGEANNE BRENNAN

“I looked around until I spotted Darrell Corti, whose family has run a specialty market in Sacramento since 1947. California olive people speak of him as they might a cardinal.”

These are the words of Mort Rosenblum in his book, “Olives – The Life and Lore of a Noble Fruit,” in which he travels throughout the Old World and the New meeting with those whose passion is the ancient olive. He met Darrell Corti at a dinner he describes as thrown for the local olivegarchy by the visiting Italians and the Northern California Olive Oil Council. We will have an opportunity to meet Darrell Corti, and the Yolo area olivegarchy, at a Blessing of the Trees at Wolfskill Ranch., under the 146 year old olive trees, a first in the Yolo area.

The Blessing of the Trees is a time honored Italian tradition, coming to life in California as are many of the old forgotten groves around the missions, on craggy hillsides and even in our very own backyard at Wolfskill Experimental Orchard. These historic trees, with over 100 different varieties of olives grafted on to them in the 1940’s, produce the olives that make the UCD Olive Oil “Wolfskill.” The Wolfskill olive oil is one of several local oils that will be available for sampling at noon before the blessing.

The blessing is part of an event cosponsored by the UCD Olive Oil, Yolo Agricultural Initiative

and Slow Food Yolo, perhaps a new tradition for the Yolo County area as olive plantings increase from the poorer soils of the north to the fertile soils of central Yolo. There are over 14 olive oil producers in the Yolo area now, from large growers like Bariani Olive Oil to artisanal small growers like Amy DelBondio and Laurie Schuler Flynn of Hillstone Olive Oil. Many of them will be at the event for the blessing and to offer guests a sample of their oils.

Among this local olivegarchy that also be there is Harmon Taber of Taber Ranch Oil in Capay Valley with their fruity Arbequina oil. Bear Flag Farm Olive Oil’s Tina Reikes will be there. She and her husband, Kevin, have a grove on their farm located across Putah Creek near Stevenson’s Bridge. Amy DelBondio and Laurie Schuler-Flynn will be sampling their Hillstone Olive Oil from Hungry Hollow area just north of Woodland. Copper Hill Olive Oil, owned by Joe and Mary Muller will be represented as well as Jon and Sylvia Fadhl of Jovia Grove s Olive Oil in Dixon that took Best of Class and Show at the Yolo County Fair California Olive Oil Competition this year. Nina Andres of Live Oak Farm Olive Oil in Rumsey (Capay Valley) and Jim and Andrea Mayer of Frate Sol Olive Oil Company in Woodland will be sampling as well. All of these oils are award winning, local and worthy of your consideration for daily use.

During the tasting, guests will be able to

nibble walnut-stuffed Wolfskill figs and sip on Berryessa Gap Sunset Rosé from Winters, as well as the generously donated Matchbook Chardonnay from Lane and John Giguere, who wrote the Dunnigan Hills appellation which is where their grapes are grown for this wine.

UCD Olive Oil will be sampling the last of their 2006 oils, all four blends of which are sold out. They’ll also be making an announcement about a new olive center they are opening, complete with a mill – which will be the second olive mill in our area. Paul Vossen, whom Mort Rosenblum refers to as “a well-liked olive expert from the University of California,” will also be with us to say a few words during lunch about the first and only “California only” olive oil competition, started by and held at the Yolo County Fair for the past several years. Under Vossen’s leadership, and that of fair board chair Helen Vossen and members Patti Bogle and Ernie Roncoroni, this could grow into a very important event, enhanced by the presence of the future UCD Olive Center.

Well before the blessing, the proverbial gates of Wolfskill Experimental Orchard, State Historical Landmark Number 804, will be opened on this rare opportunity for the public to see Wolfskill, for a walking tour of one of the most diverse collections of fruit and nut trees in the world. Vito Polito, chairman of the UC Davis Pomology Department will lead the tour. The walnut trees, pistachios, per-

simmons, pomegranates, pistachios, and citrus trees will be bearing fruit, much of it ready to harvest. The pistachio orchard alone is over 50 years old, some of the oldest such trees in California according to Polito.

Dan Flynn will be guiding the walk through the old olive plantings, planted in 1861, telling the history of the Wolfskill Ranch and the historic olive trees. Harvesting of these trees begins in November, and the oil will be released early in 2008. While farmers with ground crops finish harvesting their processing tomatoes, melons, and hard winter squashes think of settling in for the winter, those with olive trees are gearing up for harvest and milling.

After the blessing guests will take their seats at one long table sheltered on both sides by the alley of elegant, towering olive trees first planted by John Reid Wolfskill, perhaps the first olive trees in the area. The meal, all local food, might be one that would have been served on the ranch at the turn of the nineteenth century, featuring a green salad with pomegranates and persimmons, dressed with a vinaigrette made from the oil of the trees, lamb from Capay Valley, fresh leek gratin, roasted sweet peppers, and walnut pie and apricot tart for dessert.

Winters’ own Buckhorn Catering is taking care of the food preparations, with platters of a special ‘Buckhorn style’ rendition of the lamb, cooked

three ways by master griller and owner of Buckhorn Enterprises, John Pickerell. The Buckhorn Roadhouse’s in-house butcher, Joe Bristow, cuts the lamb into the cuts and portions specified by Pickerell, who picks up the lamb himself from the Holt’s Sheep Dreams Ranch in Capay Valley and takes it to Superior Packing Company in Dixon for harvesting. The breed, called Capay Red, is especially tender and succulent.

As we deepen our sense of history and place on the land on which we live, valuing its food, wine and agriculture, traditions such as the blessing of the trees and a celebratory meal provide an opportunity to come together and celebrate together around the table. For the past five or more years at the Sonoma Olive Festival there has been a blessing of the trees at the Mission San Francisco Solano de Sonoma (see sidebar), preceding an entire olive festival. We hope you’ll be able to join us at this first blessing in our area — who knows where it might lead.

Sidebar:

~ 20th Annual Hoes Down Harvest Festival — Don’t forget, Saturday, Oct. 6 at Full Belly Farm in Capay Valley. For more information go to www.hoesdown.org. Great fun and food for the entire family, with lots of children’s activities on the farm.

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

seating limited, reservations necessary. \$75 per person (proceeds go to the Winters Joint Unified School District for purchase of local produce.) There will also be a silent auction to benefit the proposed Olive Center at UCD. For tickets go to www.brownpapertickets.com, call 795-4995 or purchase at the Davis Food Co-op, or Steady Eddy’s Coffee Shop (5 Main Street, Winters). For more information visit www.slowfoodyolo.com.

~ Sonoma Olive Festival and Dec. 1, 2007 Blessing of the Trees, free to the public, visit www.sonomavalley.com/olivefestival/events, or call (707) 996-1090.

Availability of Olive Oils Mentioned:
Hillstone Olive Oil – www.hillstoneoliveoil.com (direct sales only)
Bear Flag Olive Oil – contact Tina Reikes at treikes@sbcglobal.net.
Copper Hill Olive Oil – www.copperhilloliveoil.com (direct sales)
Frate Sol Olive Oil company – www.fratesole.net (direct sales)
Jovia Groves Olive Oil – contact Jon Fadhl at jon.fadhl@siemens.com
Live Oak Farm Olive Oil – sold out of 2006, for 2007 contact Nina Andres at liveoakfarm@gvni.com
Taber Ranch Olive Oil – www.taberranch.com (direct sales) retail sales at the Capay UCD Olive Oil – available March, 2008, University Book Store, UC Davis campus.
Valley Store at the Nut Tree Shopping Center in Vacaville.

Seasonal flu vaccine available soon

Flu season is coming. It’s time to make that phone call to your doctor’s office and schedule an appointment to get your flu shot, says Dr. Bette Hinton, Yolo County Health Officer. But why is that important?

“The earlier a person gets their flu vaccine, the sooner they’ll be protected,” says Hinton. “By getting your flu vaccine, you’re protected, and you also help stop the spread of the disease to others.”

The flu can make a person sick enough that they may not be able to go to work or school. Flu can also be bad enough to cause hospitalization. Nationwide, seasonal flu causes over 200,000 hospitalizations, and over 36,000 deaths each year.

Seniors, over the age of 60, are more vulnerable to complications from the flu. The Yolo County Health Department will be providing three clinics for seniors to receive their flu shots. They take place on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to noon at the Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street; Tuesday, Oct.

30, 9 a.m. to noon at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way; and Tuesday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to noon at the Woodland Senior Center, 2001 East Street.

The cost for these clinics is a voluntary donation of \$10, cash or check only.

To prevent the spread of the flu and other contagious diseases, the following steps can be taken:

~ Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs, and stop the spread of germs.

~ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth, which allows the germ to enter your body.

~ Avoid close contact. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too.

~ Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay

home from work, school and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching the illness.

~ Cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent others around you from getting sick.

“Good hygiene practices are the first line of defense in preventing the spread of contagious diseases,” adds Hinton. “Getting the flu vaccine, and following good hygiene practices will help stop the spread of the flu.”

For more information about these clinics, call the Health Department, 666-8645. For other locations where flu shots may be available, check the www.flucliniclocator.org website.

SCHOOLS

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stricted funds, is close to the \$250,00 predicted shortfall for the year, a prediction made based on the effects of declining enrollment. Only the unrestricted funds are available for offsetting the shortfall caused by declining enrollment.

Union representative Sue Bridge of the WAEA, during her report earlier in the meeting, asked for explanation of why the good financial news for the year 2007/2008 would not apply to the expected similar shortfalls for the next two years.

In Hahn's report, she explained the large variance in the district's favor consisted of a number of one-time expenses, and the chances were small the good news would be repeated in the next two years. One big change was a formula used for county reimbursement for special education costs. The March prediction assumed a new formula would be used that would have produced less revenue for the Winters district. The new formula will eventually be used, but it did not get used for 2006/2007, and that favored the district by around \$100,000.

The new Restructuring Committee began this month the difficult job of reducing school costs by \$750,000, the shortfall expected over three years due to declining enrollment. The variance in Hahn's report has reduced that target to the vicinity of \$487,000.

"We have settled on a formula for special ed," said Hahn, "and it has been agreed upon by all the bodies, and we can go ahead and do a decent calculation on special ed." The new formula allows better prediction, making the results less surprising. This year, the surprise was a positive one.

"I don't think we can expect state aid for special ed to increase next year," said Hahn, in response to questions from trustee Rodney Oroasco about fluctuations. "We are hoping with the new formula we can offset some of the fee-for-service costs we pay to other districts, by bringing back some of our kids that we send to other districts.

"The new formula will protect the district from huge fluctuations in special ed costs caused by variations in the number of students from year to year," said Hahn.

approve the report.

Presentations

It was Shirley Rominger Intermediate School's turn to present at this meeting, and principal Kate Helfrich recognized student Ulises Meria for his academic achievement.

"Ulises came to us last year with some history that was challenging for him," said Helfrich. "He had some behavior struggles as the year progressed, and things did get better. He changed and he matured. As he started school this year, the change became profound. And the word I would use to describe him now is 'driven'. He has goals, and he is seeking out people that can help him reach those goals."

The Board also recognized parent Dawn Martinez, for her volunteer support of staff and students at Shirley Rominger School.

Helfrich also announced the school now has four intervention programs, for students performing two grade levels or more below norm.

"This year we have two fourth grade classes that are very small," said Helfrich. "The goal is to keep those classes as low as we can keep them, and one of these has 14 and the other has 16 students. Our numbers in this program are smaller this year, and that is a good thing." As students improve and move into grade level classes, the number in the intervention classes decreases.

"We dropped from 20 percent in intervention to 15 percent," said Helfrich, in response to a question from trustee Jay Shepherd.

"Moving into grade level classes from intervention must be a good reward for those students," said Shepherd.

Shepherd reported on a 2 by 2 meeting with the city council, speaking of the after school program.

"They have about 200 students," said Shepherd, "and are very happy with what's going on. The program is now starting up for the middle school. They are cautioning everyone that these things are difficult to start for kids that age. It helps that fourth and fifth graders already in the after-school program can move up, and hopefully they will see this as a natural process. I remember trying to get a latchkey program going, back in the olden days, and how hard that was. Now we finally have a program, and it is really

good news."

Trustee attendance

The trustees discussed at two previous meetings the poor meeting attendance of trustee Tim Harding, and his failure to respond to emails and phone calls.

"I appreciate that Mr. Harding was able to make it to this meeting," said Superintendent Dale Mitchell, "but I am still concerned about attendance at meetings and his responsiveness to correspondences from my office that are not happening, and Mr. Harding should explain to us what's going on and why."

Harding's term ended this year, and he has signed up for another term as school board trustee.

"My father passed away while staying in Nicaragua," said Harding, "and I was in the process of flying back and forth, trying to get his body back. He ended up having to stay there. I was also involved in a custody hearing for custody of one of my kids, and that was in Las Vegas, so I was flying back and forth there too, so I wasn't here a lot to do anything. The old man is in Nicaragua, buried on his property, so that won't be an issue anymore. I have another custody hearing next month. I apologize for not communicating. I thought my wife was, but apparently she wasn't."

"I want to say one thing," said trustee Rob Nickelson. "I want you to come to meetings, but if you can't come for another four years, I think you ought to think about not doing it, not being on the board. Half the time I don't want to be here, but I'm here out of respect."

"It shouldn't be an issue anymore," answered Harding.

Trustee president Mary Jo Rodolfa extended condolences on his father's death.

"I know you were hoping your wife would be in touch," said Rodolfa, "but it isn't her responsibility." "It won't be an issue," answered Harding.

Next meeting

The next school board meeting takes place on Thursday Oct. 18, at 6 p.m., in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 900 West Grant Avenue.

Lots happening in Winters on Saturday

By BOB ADAMS
Executive director
Winters Chamber
of Commerce

An abundant array of activities is taking place all around Winters on Saturday, Oct. 13. The entire family can start a day trip to Lake Solano Park for exhibits and activities celebrating the Monticello Dam's 50th anniversary, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can also

DA warns of sales scam

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig issued a fraud alert regarding vacuum cleaner salesmen apparently attempting to take advantage of senior citizens.

According to the alert, a van full of "aggressive vacuum cleaner salesmen" entered the Lincoln Gardens apartment complex where some senior citizens live around 5 p.m. They fanned out among the complex offering free carpet cleaning as a way to get inside the apartments.

Once inside, the salesmen refused to leave even after being asked to do so, some staying as long as three hours. One senior citizen purchased a \$1,450 vacuum cleaner, even after explaining to the salesman that she could not afford it. Staff at the DA's office were able to assist this senior in canceling the contract within the three day time limit that allows consumers to do so.

Reisig reminds seniors that they should not let solicitors into their homes unless they already know him or her.

"Some door-to-door salesmen have a way of selling folks items they don't need that can be very expensive," said Reisig. "On occasion, we have seen door-to-door salesmen commit burglary and other crimes. If you do let a solicitor into your home and the solicitor then refuses to leave, call the police."

Anyone with information about these incidents or who wishes to report similar activity involving seniors can contact the Elder Protection Unit at the District Attorney's office, 666-8416, 301 Second Street, Woodland, CA, 95695.

taste local made olive oil at Wolfskill Ranch during UC Davis' Olive Oil Festival from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Tickets are available at Steady Eddy's.)

Then celebrate the autumn season at the Winters Harvest Festival from 4-8 p.m. It is being held in downtown Winters on East Main Street by Rotary Park and includes live bluegrass music, arts and crafts

booths, wine tasting, great food and fresh produce.

Also happening in the evening from 5-10 p.m. is the Winters Fire Department Shrimp Feed on 10 Abbey Street, \$25 for all you can eat.

For more information regarding these events, contact the Chamber office, 795-2329 or chamberwinters@yahoo.com.

The Winters Chamber of Commerce meets on Friday, Oct. 12, 7 a.m. at the Community Center. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

Getting married? Just had a baby?
Announce it in the Express — it's free!
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Entertainment

Steelin' Dan returning to The Palms on Oct. 20

Steelin' Dan returns to The Palms with their "Steely Dan Tribute Concert" on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. They are Northern California's premier Steely Dan tribute band. This 10 piece band combines the talents of some of the top musicians in the Sacramento area, which includes an impressive lead vocalists, two female vocalists, a three piece horn section, all supported by a tight four member rhythm-section. Together they recreate the timeless music of Steely Dan in a way that is authentic and powerful.

Since Steely Dan's founding in 1972, this musical 'love-child' of vocalist-pianist Donald Fagen and guitarist Walter Becker, has set the standard for innovation and earned the respect of music lovers worldwide. An unparalleled combination of sardonic humor, cryptic lyrics and an irresistibly eclectic hybrid of jazz-infused pop, rock, and R&B, Steely Dan is totally unique in the world of contemporary music. Its

prodigious melodies and pristine productions sound as fresh today as when they were first recorded.

Whether it's the funky grooves of "Josie" or "Peg", the always hip "F.M." or "Hey Nineteen", the cool sounding "Rikki Don't Lose That Number" or straight-ahead rockers such as "Reelin' In The Years" or "Do It Again", Steely Dan's music endures like no other.

Steelin' Dan brings more than just excellent musicianship to the stage. They share with each audience a memorable musical journey that reminds us that truly great music is more than endless jams or commercial filler. The band presents a live performance that will cause you to relive the emotions that these wonderful songs once again bring to light.

Tickets are \$17 and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and at the door if not sold out. To find out more about the band, visit their website: www.steelindan.com.



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Day of the Dead Fiesta coming to Mondavi Center

Famed mariachi ensemble Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano will raise the dead and celebrate life in a special Day of the Dead Fiesta at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis on Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. The Grammy Award-winning group, familiar to local audiences from its Christmas-season performances of Fiesta Navidad at the Mondavi Center in 2002 and 2005, will perform their tribute to the colorful Dia de los Muertos traditions in a presentation featuring vivid costumes, traditional dancers, and fabulous mariachi music.

The event will also feature a display in the Rumsey Rancheria Grand Lobby of Day of the Dead art on loan from La Raza Galeria de Posada in Sacramento. Patrons are encouraged to get into the spirit of the event with appropriate costumes.

The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program will also present the Day of the Dead Fiesta as part of the 2007-08 Wells Fargo School Matinee Series at the Mondavi Center on Oct. 31 at 11 a.m. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards. Teachers, educators, and others interested in purchasing tickets may contact the Ticket Office at 754-4689.

The Mexican celebration known today as Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead has roots going back to rituals practiced by indigenous people at

least 3,000 years ago. For the Aztecs and other Meso-American civilizations, death was not the end of life, but only the end of earthly existence and a kind of rebirth, since individuals went on to another, much longer existence in the afterlife. Skulls were kept to honor the dead, who would return to visit the living during the ritual, which lasted throughout the ninth month of the Aztec solar calendar, coinciding roughly with the month of August.

When the Spanish Conquistadors arrived in what is now Mexico about 500 years ago, they brought with them Roman Catholicism, which held different views of death and the afterlife. At first, the Spaniards attempted to put an end to the ritual, but the old beliefs proved difficult to eradicate, so the missionaries worked to Christianize what they viewed as a pagan rite, merging it with the Catholic holidays of All Saints Day and All Souls Days, traditionally celebrated on Nov. 1 and 2. The result has been the Dia de los Muertos, which is celebrated primarily in rural Mexico but also in parts of Central America and the United States in a variety of ways.

In most observances, the holiday involves visiting the graves of loved ones with candles and flowers, and often gifts and food for the deceased are placed on the grave. In many locations, there is a candlelight procession from a church or the center of town to the

graveyard, and very often participants produce altars-small shrines to the departed that may include pictures, flowers, items the deceased person was fond of, small painted skulls made of sugar, toy skeletons, and other items.

The Day of the Dead Fiesta is a stage representation of several aspects of these traditional festivities, featuring dancers of the folk dance troupe Danza Teoctl and the nine musicians of Mariachi Los Camperos de

Nati Cano, widely considered the world's preeminent mariachi band. The group has appeared on The Tonight Show and Grammy Awards broadcasts, and has performed and recorded with Linda Ronstadt, Aaron Neville, and many others.

Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office, 754-ARTS (2787) or online at www.MondaviArts.org. Tickets are \$44/\$39/\$34, adults; \$22/19.50/\$17, students and children.

LABELS

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and to communicate the appeal of fresh agricultural produce to global buyers. Early growers had to create, from scratch, new methods of packing, labeling, transporting, preserving and marketing their fresh products. It was a monumental job.

As the eastward shipments of fresh produce in the 1890s became more profitable, competition rapidly increased among growers to produce higher quality goods. Packers found they also had to devise clever new ways to label, decorate and advertise their perishable products to faraway buyers.

Marketing was desperately needed. With the assistance of labels, the newly developing art form, and concerted advertising efforts, a great demand was stimulated for western crops, and two new western industries were born. A complex global packing, shipping and marketing network came into being to transfer this ever-increasing variety of products to consumers.

Label appeal and the “brand-name recognition” it create created great successes and great rivalries among packing and printing houses, to create more exciting, eye-catching images. Lithographers competed aggressively with each other for the packer’s “label-buying dollar.” The brightly colored, attractively designed label soon developed into the foremost devise for drawing attention in the wholesale marketplace.

It was chiefly upon the success of the crate-label that the grower’s livelihood depended, in

the fast-paced shuffle of far-off auction halls and commission markets. Since the fruits were each individually wrapped in tissue and packed in a wooden crate, the label became the “window” by which the quality of the product could be seen. The more vivid the image, the stronger the impact.

Thus, began a highly competitive and highly diverse form of American advertising art. By the very nature of their use, and the design ideas of artists at the time, these labels reflected a graphic social history — a history of American agriculture and the development of a tremendous western lithographic tradition.

Nearly all paper labels of this type were produced by San Francisco’s tremendous lithographic industry. From 1872, there were more than 50 printers in San Francisco and along the west coast contributing their share to the phenomenon, some for only a few short years, others for over a century. During the “agri-lithography” heyday, printers like Schmidt Lithograph and Traung Label and Lithograph, Olsen Litho and others, turned out labels by the millions.

A “good label,” said a trade journal of the day, was one that would, “dignify the pack — it must catch the buyer’s attention, bring the product to mind, create a desire to buy, and motivate the sale.” In creating brands for fresh and canned agricultural goods, lithograph houses used unusual color schemes and art styles, catchy slogans and lively designs with distinctive lettering, to make each brand unique.

Over the decades, label design concepts had

been divided into three distinct groups. The “Naturalistic Era” (1880-1920s), landscapes, Indians, flowers, and animals themes predominated. Early transportation and American historical themes were also popular. From the 1920-40s, termed the “advertising era” of label art, the emphasis drifted toward the benefits of health obtained through the consumption of fresh agricultural products. The third group was the interval between the Depression and the late 1950s, as designs took on a simpler, more direct look. This was the “commercial art” stage of the label history, where bold patterns and lettering schemes, geometric designs and vibrant colors, became the norm. Then came pre-printed cardboard boxes.

When labels were originally printed, they were created bundled in stacks of 1,000, tied with string and shipped to each individual packing house by truck or railroad. Countless thousands of growers and packers hired mostly San Francisco printers to create literally billions of paper labels of all sizes and types. But, after the 1950s, the pandemonium was over. Many farmers and growers organized themselves into cooperatives, and packed collectively under a very few, simple brands, in “associations” of local growers.

In Yolo and Napa counties, many early orchardists created Association houses, where groups of fruit growers collected (or “pooled”) their goods into small, centralized packing groups like the Winters Fruit Growers Association, founded by the California Fruit Exchange. And, although this re-

gion was smaller in tonnage than others in the state, it was equally important.

When the formation of the Lake Berryessa project took place, many farmers such as the Bonzi Ranch, J.C. and H.J. Knowles’ Rancho Lenoso, the Eccleston Ranch and Berryessa Pear Growers Association and the Monticello regional orchardists found themselves in harm’s way of the reclamation project: their orchards and packing houses being vanquished in favor of water storage. Lost forever were the ranches and family lifestyles that had thrived for half a century, and almost lost forever, as were their family brands. But, with the public’s help, many of these brands’ labels and families may be recorded for future generations. Some still exist, and some are yet to be found.

Paper labeling of wooden crates ended abruptly in the mid-1950s with the introduction of the more economical post-war pre-printed corrugated cardboard box. Packers discarded countless tons of unused and now obsolete labels. Today, labels that remained in attics, drawers, basements, packing shed cupboards, and elsewhere, are still being discovered today, or held closely by families, craving historical preservation. Many labels of the Yolo/Napa county regions, whose heyday were the 1920s, ‘30s and ‘40s, are still hiding in the nooks and crannies of agricultural concerns and family homes in the region.

Historical research has shown that many shipments from the Monticello and Berryessa Valley orchards were



Artwork courtesy of Thomas Patrick Jacobsen

Above are examples of some of the vintage local fruit crate labels Thomas Patrick Jacobsen has been collecting for years.

hailed for shipment to the Winters F.G.A, which operated from the 1910-70s, by nearly a dozen ranches and fruit farms of the local area. In a continuing effort to see them preserved, I am a California historian and agricultural preservationist who is seeking to find them. I have spent over 30 years seeking labels throughout the Pacific States, and especially the labels of California Pear Growers, a personal specialty of mine.

In particular, any labels from Monticello, the Bonzi Ranch, The Knowles Ranches, or the “Sugar Loaf” Brand used by the Berryessa Pear Growers are of keen interest, as well as labels from the surrounding areas of Hopland, Winters, Pope Valley, and even some from Vacaville and Napa proper. I am a serious historian of these artifacts of the bygone farming families. All old labels have innate historical significance. Fruit Crate Art preserves the history of not only American agriculture and advertising, but the printer’s art and the way in which it captured the style of the day, the

history of growers, and the popular culture, as well.

If you have any labels, and are interested in seeing to their preservation, or if you have an interest in selling them, please contact me for an assessment of their worth and historical importance. I can be reached by the Internet or regular mail. Although my decades-long research has no funding and I appreciate donations of labels and information for posterity, purchases of labels are not out of the question. My historical efforts and books are described on my website: www.fruit-cratelabels.com. My mailing address is Thomas P. “Pat” Jacobsen, Agrilithologist, Post Office Box 791, Weimar, CA 95736. My phone number is 637-5923 or email me at pjacobsen@fruit-cratelabels.com.

(Those interested in the history and art of fruit crate labels can visit with Pat Jacobsen at the Winters Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 13, 4-8 p.m. on East Main Street alongside Rotary Park. He plans to have a booth there and some samples of label art.)

Sports

Fall volleyball clinics offered

A fall volleyball clinic for middle and high school students will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 14, 21 and 28 at Douglass Middle School, located at 525 Granada Street in Woodland. (The gym is located on College Street next to the stop light) Developmental Skills for 6-8th graders will be offered from 2:30-4 p.m. Advanced Skills for 9-12th grades will take

place from 4-5:30 p.m. Guest Clinician, Laurie Nash, head coach of the Sacramento City Volleyball team, will run the Oct. 14 sessions. She will be joined by Sara Marks, coaching director, and the Dynamix VBC coaches. The cost is \$15 for each session. Players are asked to arrive 15 minutes early for registration/pay/warm-up. Check www.DynamixVBC.com for any updated info and directions to the site. Send email to dynamixvbc@yahoo.com for more information. Dynamix Volleyball Club is a non-profit parent-run youth sports organization open to all regional players. Check www.DynamixVBC.com for times and locations of the 2008 Dynamix Volleyball Club tryouts.

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Warriors get bit by the Bulldogs on Homecoming

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors suffered a disappointing loss to the visiting Gridley Bulldogs on Friday, Oct. 5, on Homecoming night in their league opener by a score of 21-14. Gridley put points on the board first in the first quarter to take a 7-0 lead but the Warriors responded with a score of their own in the second when quarterback Kaplan Smith connected with David Borges for a touchdown pass. The PAT failed but the Warriors were within one point going into the half.

“We just came out flat,” said coach Brad Burton. “We didn’t get going until late in the game. We had two long drives out of our two minute offense. In the last few weeks we haven’t been able to run the shot gun but tonight our offensive line did a good job of protecting the quarterback and allowing him to get off the pass.”

Cody Campos scored the Warriors last touch-



Photo by Eric Lucero

Kyle Tobler, Number 2, punts the ball while David Borges number 9 blocks in the Warriors homecoming game against Gridley on Friday, Oct. 5.

down on a two yard plunge after a long Warrior drive, then ran in the PAT in the fourth quarter.

“We had a good one-two punch with Kap and Cody,” said Burton. “Kap did a great job of running the ball in the option and is starting to throw the ball much better and

Cody was running hard. Both players ended up with about 75 yards rushing.”

The Warriors will travel to Orland on Friday, Oct. 12, and then will return home for their last home game of the season against Las Plumas on Oct. 19.



Courtesy photo

Winters Aquatic Masters swimmers competing in a recent meet included, from left, Coach Jacob Damante, Natalie Damante, Brandon Myers, Coach Kevin Chester, Anietta Tice, Julie Roberts and Jon Tice. Myers, Jon Tice and Damante all won in their age groups.

Winters Aquatic Club swimmers win events

Winters Aquatic Club masters swimmers Brandon Myers, 30, Jon Tice, 49, and Coach Jacob Damante, 22, won competitions in their respective age groups at the UCD/Sacramento Masters Sprint Pentathlon meet held on Sept. 30 at UCD

Schaal Aquatic Center. They each had the lowest combined times for the five events (50 meter fly, 50 meter back, 50 meter breast, 50 meter free, and 100 meter individual medley) to win their age groups.

In addition, the 200 meter medley relay team of

Damante, Myers, Coach Kevin Chester, and Tice won the relay heat with a time of 2:01, well ahead of the second place team. Other Winters Aquatic Club swimmers who participated in the meet included Natalie Damante, Julie Roberts and Anietta Tice.

Barbara DeBord wins football grid contest

Barbara DeBord picked 21 out of 28 games correctly to win the \$30 first prize in the weekly Winters Merchants Football Contest.

Two contestants, Joseph

A. Borchard and Debbie De Los Santos tied for second with 20 correct, with Borchard winning the \$15 second prize on the basis of the tie-breaker score of the Michigan State-North-

western game. There were 89 points scored in that game with Borchard guessing 53 and De Los Santos 41.

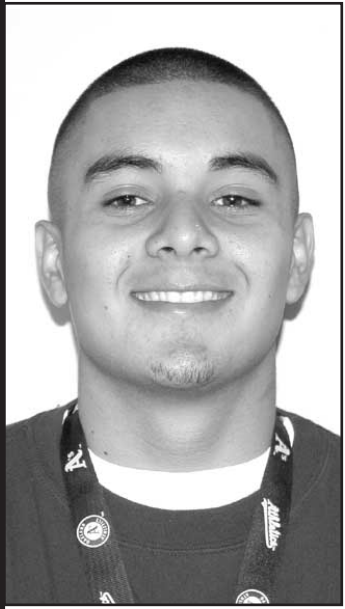
Another contest is in this week’s Express.

CODY’S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Ramon Bermudez

Ramon Bermudez, a senior on the Winters High School varsity football team, is this week’s athlete of the week. Bermudez has led the Warriors on defense both statistically and vocally as well and also played solid on the offensive line.

“Ramon has been playing tough all season,” said coach Brad Burton. “He has a never quit attitude.”

Bermudez leads the Warriors with 11 tackles per game.

“Ramon has really stepped up this year,” said defensive coordinator Josh Caton. “He is my defensive captain and runs the defense on the field.”

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

Lady Warriors play hard but lose two

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Warriors varsity volleyball team lost both games last week but continue to play opponents tough. Winters traveled to Orland on Tuesday, Oct. 2, to take on the Trojans in a Butte View League game but came home with a 1-3 loss.

The Warriors played solid ball but lost the first two games 21-25 and 16-25. Game three was close as well but

the Warriors came out on top with a 25-22 victory. Orland turned it around though in game four and defeated the Warriors 16-25.

On Thursday, Oct. 4, the Warriors hosted Las Plumas High School from Oroville and lost 0-3 to the Thunderbirds. Winters improved each game with the first score being 13-25 then 17-25 before closing the gap in game three with a 23-25 loss.

Red Cross to hold CPR clases

The American Red Cross of Yolo County is offering an Adult, Infant & Child CPR class on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m to 4p.m.

In addition, the class is being offered on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 23, and Thursday, Oct. 25. This two night course will run from 6-10 p.m. and will include information on how to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Students will also learn and practice CPR on manikins, rescue a choking person, perform rescue breathing and use an Automated Ex-

ternal Defibrillator (AED).

Furthermore, the American Red Cross of Yolo County is offering their most complete course on Sunday, Oct. 28. This class includes First Aid with the adult, child and infant CPR/AED. First Aid skills include care for bleeding, burns, fractures, sprains, seizures, heat/cold emergencies and poisoning.

For more information, call the American Red Cross of Yolo County, 120 Court Street, Woodland at 662-4669. Registration can also be done through their website www.yc-arc.org.

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Schools

Spirits up downtown



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The Class of 2009 won first place with their Jack and the Beanstalk float, which they paraded at the Downtown Spirit Rally Friday, Oct. 5, at First and Main streets.



Photo by Debra LoGuercio

The Junior class shouts their class spirit at the Downtown Spirit Rally on Oct. 5.



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MarcusCarrasco won first place in the frozen T-shirt contest at the Spirit Rally on Oct. 5.

Music Boosters meeting planned

Parents of Winters school district music students are invited to attend the Winters Music Booster Club general meeting on Monday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Round Table Pizza. The meeting will be an opportunity to find out about Winters music program activities, fund-raisers and other ways to support music in Winters schools.

Red Cross offers babysitting classes

Anyone interested in learning how to be a babysitter can enroll in the upcoming free Babysitters Training classes offered by the American Red Cross. These classes for youth ages 11–15 have been underwritten by the Anderson Family Foundation.

Classes offered include: Babysitters Training on Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Infant-Child CPR for Babysitters, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Upon completion of either of the classes, participants will receive Red Cross certification. All classes will be held at the American

Red Cross office, 120 Court Street, Woodland. Future grant-sponsored classes will be held at other Yolo County sites.

Call 662-4669 to register or do so online at www.yc-arc.org. Pre-registration is required due to limited space.

Story time for children

Come and join the Friends of the Library every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Winters Library for story time. This event will include story telling, singing songs and other fun activities for the children.

Small children, pre-school students, and parents and families are invited to attend. This event is sponsored by First 5 of Yolo to help the children in the community with their education.

Starting Nov. 6, Story-time at the Library will start at 10:30 a.m. for a more convenient time for the parents.

Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ
EVENTOS Y
COMENTARIOS
HISPANOS

¿Conoce esta historia?

Me llamo la atención esta historia, porque tal ves nosotros hemos pasado por la misma situación, o conocemos amigos o familiares que han enfrentado el mismo problema. Es la historia de un muchacho hispano, que compro un carro, en uno de tantos lotes de carros que hay en los alrededores. El joven fue a comprar un carro usado, le hicieron el presupuesto de pagos mensuales de \$500 por mes, pero el muchacho no habla ingles, y como regularmente pasa en estos casos, lo hicieron firmar todos los papeles sin leerlos, dice que firmo porque puso su confianza en el vendedor, un paisano de el, nunca paso por su mente, que el vendedor lo fuera a engañar.

Se le hizo mucho el pago mensual, y así se lo dijo al vendedor, “No te preocupes” le dijo el vendedor “los pagos van a bajar a \$300 después de cuatro meses.” Mentira, los pagos no bajaron, y ahora el muchacho esta con un auto que no puede pagar, ya perdió el dinero que dio de enganche, y, además, si devuelve el auto, el banco lo subastara a mitad de precio, y después demandaran al muchacho por la deficiencia en el balance.

Da pena y rabia que estos vendedores se aprovechen de hispanos que no sepan ingles, no creo que estos vendedores tengan su conciencia muy tranquila sabiendo como le arruinan la vida a gente, que como este muchacho confió en la palabra del vendedor. ¿Cuántas veces hemos pasado por la misma situación? Es una lastima que nuestra misma gente hispana se aproveche de la misma raza. Siempre hay alguien dispuesto a tomar ventaja de otros, de eso no tengo duda, por desgracia los abusos mayores entre nuestra misma gente, son en la venta de casas y carros.

La casa, y el carro son tan indispensables en este país, que nosotros necesitamos informarnos antes de comprar una casa o un auto, no debemos confiar de gente tan sinvergüenza, si un vendedor de carros vende un auto, el vendedor gana dinero, esa es su paga, con eso se mantiene, por eso es que el vendedor hace hasta lo imposible por tratar de vender un carro.

Si va a comprar un carro usado, infórmese en esos libros que muestran los precios, así usted tendrá una idea de mas o menos lo que puede pagar por el carro que anda buscando. También hay libros que dan el valor de carros nuevos, si no habla ingles, pídale a un familiar o amigo, que si lo hablen que lo acompañe, desconfíe del vendedor que le promete mucho, recuerde que el vendedor no es el que hace las decisiones, el solo engancha a la gente.

Usted debiera entender lo que esta firmando, el vendedor hace muchas promesas, pero al final lo escrito y firmado en el contrato, es lo único que cuenta. Una vez que se firma el contrato escrito, las promesas verbales desaparecen. Si los términos de compra en el contrato, no son los que ustedes acordaron, no firmes el contrato.

Y justo cuando uno esta listo para firmar el contrato, el vendedor va a querer que compres garantías y seguranzas de vida. Esto debes pensarlo bien, porque muchas veces eso sube el costo del auto de \$1,000 a \$3,000. Además de que estas garantías y seguranza de vida son caras, las garantías muchas veces no cubren mucho. ¿Porqué necesita la seguranza de vida? Pues si ya estás muerto, ¿para qué necesitas un auto? La mayoría de tus deudas mueren contigo, o sea, no pasará la deuda del auto a tu esposa o a tus hijos. Piénsenlo.

Seguro de Vida ¿Para qué?

Como hispanos por lo general no nos gusta tratar este tema, o nos sentimos incómodos cuando alguien nos comenta, o pregunta sobre los seguros de vida, pero sabemos que hay eventos en la vida que nosotros no podemos controlar, y uno de ellos es la muerte, la verdad es que nuestra vida no tiene precio, pero se ha puesto a pensar, si algo le pasa a usted, ¿quien cuidara de la familia?. Un seguro de vida nunca reemplazara a la persona, pero en casos de desgracias, los dependientes quedan económicamente seguros, por poco o mucho tiempo, dependiendo de la póliza que se compre.

El propósito del seguro de vida es solo reemplazar los ingresos de la persona que fallece, el precio de la póliza uno mismo la

puede decidir, también es cierto que hay etapas de la vida, en la que las necesidades de las familias cambian. Cuando no se tiene dependientes, no ocupas asegurar tus ingresos a nadie, pasan los años, contraes matrimonio y ambos contribuyen con sus ingresos, quizá necesites una protección modesta.

El seguro de vida puede usarse también para: pagar la hipoteca de la casa, o deudas de regular tamaño, pueden aplicarse también como un fondo fiduciario para la educación de los hijos, los gastos de funeral, o hacer donaciones. Si no tiene un seguro, analice su situación, lo más importante infórmese sobre los diferentes seguros de vida que las compañías ofrecen.

Cuentos para niños en español

Los amigos de la biblioteca de Winters presentaran, Cuentos en Español para niños que se llevara a cabo todos los miercoles de las 10-10:30a.m. Estos eventos seran en la biblioteca de Winters, 201 First Street. Durante esta actividad tendra cuentos, obras de teatro y canciones para los niños.

Colección de Basura, Artículos Grandes

En un esfuerzo para evitar que la gente tire estufas, lavadoras, secadoras, etc. en los caminos ecinales y canales, la compañía recolectora de basura en Winters, ofrece sus servicios gratis para que usted se deshaga de esos artículos grandes que solo están ocupando un lugar en su cochera, la compañía podrá recoger hasta cinco yardas cubicas de artículos grandes, por ejemplo, una yarda cubica es mas o menos el volumen de una lavadora, un sofá ocupa tres yardas cubicas, este servicio es gratis, no hay cargos por esta limpieza.

Recordemos Cesar Chavez

En este Mes de la Herencia Hispana, recordemos a Cesar Chavez, lo recordamos como una gran persona, que se entrego y luchó por lo que él consideraba justo, fue un autentico líder para los campesinos, fue un campesino hijo de campesinos, sus armas de lucha fueron su pacifismo, su fe y una dignidad a prueba de todo. Nos enseño que todos tenemos derecho a una vida digna, y que tenemos derecho a protestar las injusticias.

Cesar Chavez, se entrego a su causa, fue la voz de aquellos que sufrían en los campos, de aquellos que vivían en las condiciones más deplorables, su lucha fue una lucha de paciencia, de fuerza, y de mucha pasión, pasión por la justicia que buscaba para los trabajadores del campo. Con su esfuerzo logro eliminar los pesticidas que envenenaban a los trabajadores agrícolas y a sus familias.

Con sus denuncias y protestas, Cesar logro eliminar el uso de varios pesticidas, incluyendo

Esta actividad es para niños pequeños, estudiantes preescolares, y sus padres/abuelos. El asistir la actividad le ayudara a su hijo/a entender ingles.

Este programa es patrocinado por First 5 de Yolo para ayudar a los niños de la comunidad.

El calendario de los siguientes días de limpieza es: octubre 19, noviembre 16, y diciembre 14. debe de llamar por lo menos una semana antes de la fecha en que usted va a tirar su basura, solo se permite un servicio por casa por año.

La compañía ofrece este servicio, en un esfuerzo por ayudar a mantener nuestra comunidad limpia, y tratan de hacerlo de la manera más fácil para que los residentes se deshagan de esa basura que ya no quieren. Puede llamar al tel. 795-1201 para pedir que le recojan su basura.

el infame DDT y otros venenos como paration y aldrin. Todo su esfuerzo se ve reflejado el día de hoy, en cientos de miles de trabajadores agrícolas, que hoy tienen mejores salarios, mejores condiciones laborales, mas acceso a servicios sociales.

Al recordar a Chavez en el mes de la herencia hispana, necesitamos apoyar la campaña nacional, para fijar un feriado nacional en su nombre. Fue un David de la clase obrera que luchó contra el Goliat de los gigantes agrícolas y triunfó. Su coraje, humildad y amor al prójimo ofrecen un modelo inspirador que todos podemos seguir en este país.

En el Congreso hay una propuesta para honrar a Chavez, es un proyecto de ley que daría permiso para estudiar los terrenos que tengan significado histórico del legado que nos dejó Chavez. Pero a pesar de todos los esfuerzos de Chavez, nosotros los hispanos seguimos siendo los más expuestos a un ambiente más tóxico.

Desarrollar diabetes

Por ALBERTO HAUFFEN

Aunque no lo dicen los titulares de noticias, igual que un ataque terrorista de grandes proporciones, la diabetes tiene el potencial de dejar un arrollador número de niños y adultos sin vista, mutilados y, en el peor de los casos, sin vida. Sólo en Estados Unidos, cerca de 21 millones de personas viven amenazados por la diabetes. Y lo peor de todo esto es que poco más de 6 millones de ellos todavía no lo saben, ni que podrían protegerse con tan sólo mejorar su alimentación y tener más actividad física.

La mayoría de la ceguera que ocurre aquí en este país es causada por la diabetes; la mayoría de las amputaciones es causada por la diabetes. La mayoría de la gente que tiene diabetes muere de ataques cardiacos, como un 80 o 90 por ciento, lamenta la educadora de nutrición Gloria Espinoza-Hall, de Extensión Cooperativa de la Universidad de California.

La diabetes es la causa principal de ceguera entre personas de 20 a 74 años; cada año se diagnostican entre 12,000 y 24,000 casos de rinopatía diabética. Y más del 60 por ciento de las amputaciones no-traumáticas, o sea, no relacionadas con accidentes, se deben a la diabetes. Por caprichos de la naturaleza, junto con los afroamericanos, indoamericanos y asiáticos, las personas de origen latinoamericano son más propensas a desarrollar diabetes, una enfermedad latente en sus genes y que parece manifestarse más fácilmente

con el exceso de peso.

No podemos cambiar nuestros genes, pero podríamos aumentar la actividad física y comer más sanamente, sostiene Lucía Kaiser, del departamento de Nutrición de la Universidad de California en Davis y asesora del programa estatal de educación de nutrición de Extensión Cooperativa.

Aparte del factor genético, el aumento en la incidencia de diabetes parece acelerarse entre inmigrantes latinoamericanos en Estados Unidos a medida que pierden sus hábitos alimenticios tradicionales y consumen más alimentos altamente procesados y comidas chatarra, bebidas y golosinas con alto contenido de grasas y azúcar. El problema es más agudo entre sus hijos.

Cuando uno emigra aquí, su situación económica cambia. Y quieren brindar a sus niños todo lo que pueden, explica Gail Woodward-López, directora adjunta del Centro para la Investigación de Peso y Salud de la Universidad de California. Al brindar a los niños todo lo que se les antoja, esa felicidad a corto plazo afecta su salud.

Los padres mismos aumentan su riesgo de desarrollar diabetes al sucumbir a las tentaciones que ofrece la abundancia de productos alimenticios, según Woodward-López. Pueden comprar todas esas cosas que quizás eran un poco de lujo en su país de origen. Y aquí tienen la oportunidad, quieren aprovechar. Pero mejor que aprovechen de alimentos más saludables.

La presa Monticello cumple sus 50 años

La presa de Monticello esta cumpliendo 50 años, y los historiadores del condado de Yolo, están planeando celebrarlo invitando al publico en general, para que conozca la presa histórica. La fiesta será en el parque del lago de Solano el 13 de octubre, de 10 AM a 3 PM. El evento es gratis, solo se cobraran \$ 5 para el estacionamiento.

Se tendrá un numero

limitado de viajes a la presa, el viaje durara 45 minutos, los viajes se estarán ofreciendo cada media hora, empezando a las 10:30 de la mañana, y finalizando a las 2:30 PM. Por razones de seguridad, los que quieran realizar el viaje tendrán que mostrar una identificación, y no se permitirán ni cámaras de video, o de fotos.

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Some new thoughts on constipation

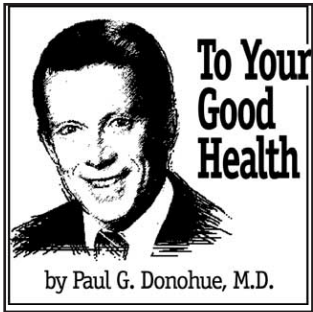
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a problem with chronic constipation. I drink approximately six to eight glasses of iced tea every day. Could the tannin in tea contribute to my constipation? I don't particularly enjoy plain water, so I drink tea for my fluid intake. — M.C.

ANSWER: Tea isn't constipating you, and you can use it for your fluid intake.

Constipation is having fewer than three stools a week or having stools that are hard and difficult to pass without straining. Some new thoughts on constipation and laxatives fly in the face of what we've been taught. One is that an increased amount of fluid is necessary for regularity. That advice has never been proved. People should drink enough fluid to keep themselves hydrated, and thirst can be their guide in most cases — perhaps not for the very old. The intestinal tract regulates how much fluid gets into it.

Fiber works as a constipation cure for some, but not all. Twenty-five to 30 grams (30 grams is 1 ounce) is recommended daily. Fiber is indigestible material in foods. Fruits, vegetables and whole grains have the most. Bran, available in health-food stores, is another good fiber source if you can't get enough in food. And if you don't fancy bran, then products like psyllium and methylcellulose work. Names include Metamucil and Fiberall. You can also make your own stool softener by adding 2 cups of bran to 2 cups of applesauce and 1 cup of prune juice. Refrigerate the mix and take 1 to 3 tablespoons a day as needed. Colace and Surfak are stool softeners and can be used freely.

We learned that most laxatives should be used sparingly in order not to develop a "laxative habit." This is another piece of advice that has been challenged. Many authorities now say it's a myth, that the colon doesn't become dependent on laxatives. A brand-new laxative, Amitiza, has relieved constipation for many. It's a prescription medicine. The booklet on constipa-



tion and laxatives gives more advice for attaining regularity. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 504W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6.75 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery. ***

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Do migraine headaches result from a magnesium deficiency? I heard an infomercial on TV that said low levels of magnesium are responsible for migraines. The commercial's sponsor just happened to be selling a product that contains magnesium. Would it be worth my while to send for it? — R.P.

ANSWER: Some studies have shown that magnesium can block migraine headaches in a few people. It's not a universal antidote for all migraine headaches, and not many, if any, migraine specialists believe that all such headaches are due to magnesium deficiency. The daily magnesium requirement for women 31 and older is 320 mg and for men of the same ages, 420 mg. If you want to try a supplement that doesn't exceed those requirements by very much, it would be safe to experiment.

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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We all may be toe much alike

It was the fourth week of high school, during my second period class of freshmen English. Four students added, and two boys decided to comment on my clothing. They enumerated how I normally dress and my choice of shoes was mentioned.

They appreciated my color coordination with teal eye-shadow, turquoise skirt and silk top with a brown, fitted, brushed cotton jacket. My faux Indian sandals fascinated the boys. And it didn't bother me as long as they did their work.

One said, "Ms. Loren, you almost have webbed toes right there between your second and third toe, and so do I in the same place!" Another kid shouted, "Me too, want to see them?" and in an instant socks were flying off and the smell of feet permeated the room.

I couldn't believe it. I had two boys showing off their second and third toe webbing that went up to the top knuckle. One said, "Once a kid asked me if I ever tried to cut it." The whole class groaned. Can you imag-



JESSE LOREN

AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK

ine?

I mentioned that the webbing runs in my family too. That we are all different. That we are more alike than we are different, which was the title of a Maya Angelou poem we read the week before. People ogled and talked about silly body things.

Then I asked the football player with the very white socks and clean shoes to please put them back on because they had a powerful presence. He laughed, We all laughed.

A new girl who had just joined the class slipped me a note, which I read later. It said that I had offended her yesterday on her in her first day of class because the literature referred to a skin condition which she concealed.

I thought of my great responsibility to these 14 year olds. I thought about how I could shut them down or seed their cu-

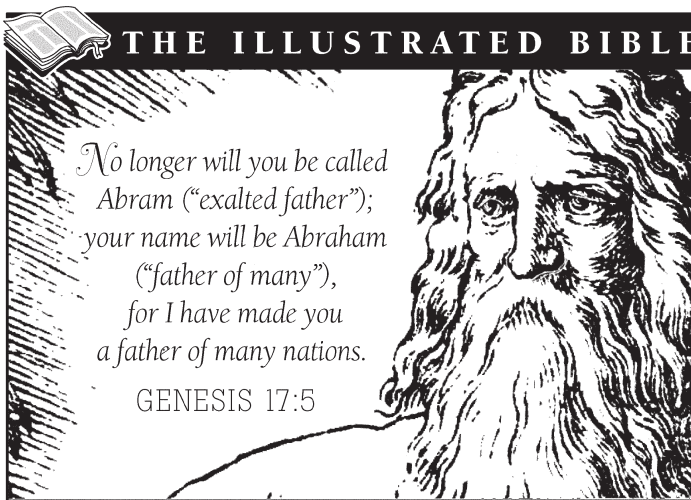
riosity. I read on. Apparently, when we read about medieval times, with its malnutrition, bone deformity and skin disease, she thought I was making fun of her own condition. Apparently, there was something under her shirt that I could not see.

She added that in a day, this had become her favorite class.

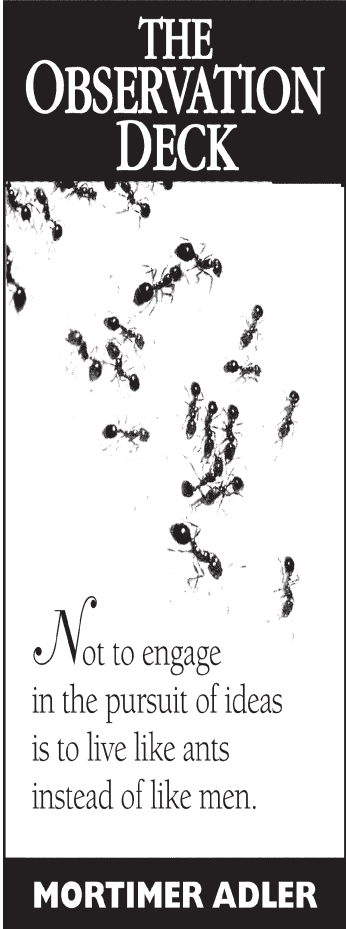
That my toes almost web, that his toes are very webbed, that I can throw a football in a perfect spiral, is sheer individuality. It must be sheer individuality too that we carry bits of pride and bits of shame about things that only matter to us. I wouldn't know what was under a shirt or a sock, let alone in the hearts of my students, and yet we come together on words, description, and little details like toes. Good ol' toes.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Pleased to meet you



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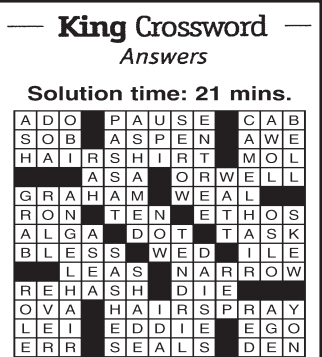
Occupation: 10th grader at WHS

Hobby: Basketball

What's best about living

in Winters: "You know everybody."

Fun fact: I'm loud.

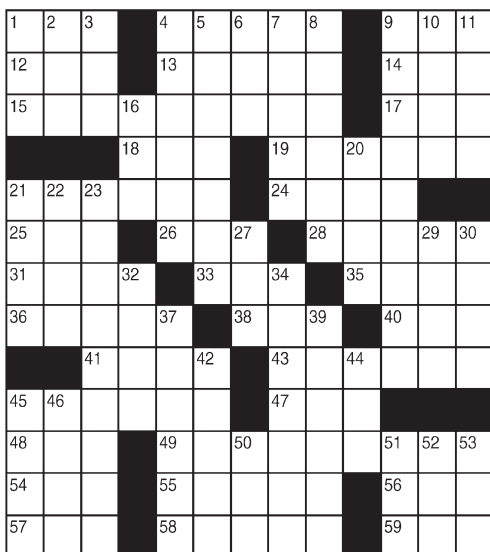


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ACROSS

- 1 "Much — About Nothing"
4 Obey a comma
9 Taxi
12 Weep loudly
13 Colorado ski mecca
14 Idolaters' emotion
15 Penitent's garb
17 Actress Gretchen
18 Simile center
19 "1984" author
21 Evangelist Billy
24 Healthy condition
25 Howard or Ely
26 Coffee-break hour
28 Group character
31 Plankton component
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41 Meadows
43 Not far across
45 Discuss again
47 Lose power
48 Eggs

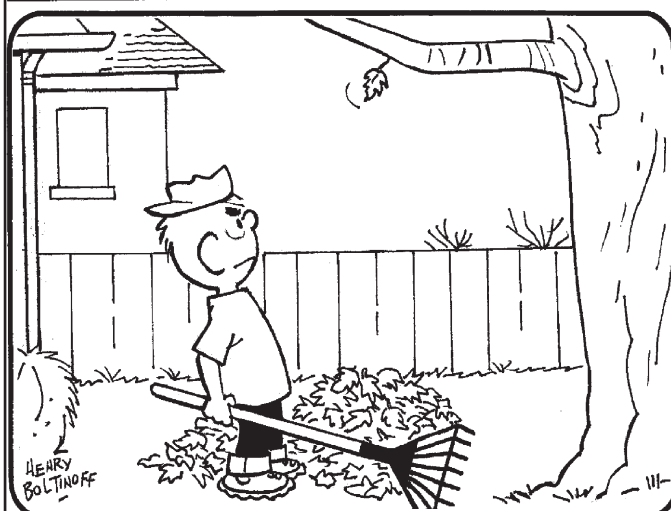


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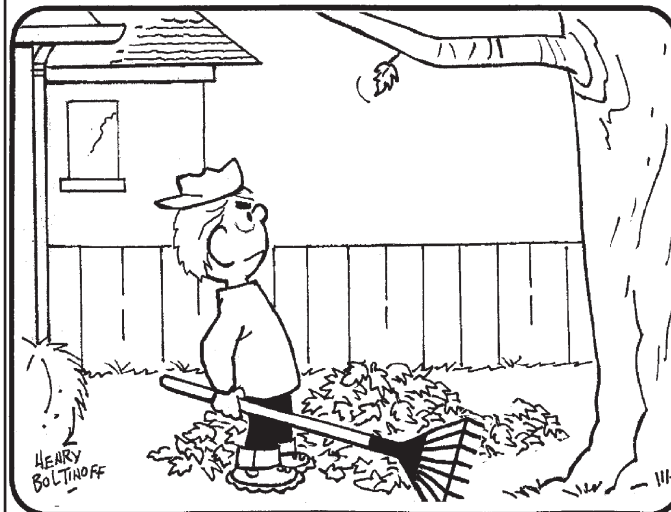
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7 Asian goat antelope
8 Main course
9 Light tan cloth
10 Escaped GI
11 Watson's partner
16 "Go, team!"
20 1/746 horsepower
21 Snatch
22 Hot dog holder
23 Thin pasta
27 Without delay
29 Scandinavian

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is cracked. 2. Boy's hair is different. 3. Bushes are missing. 4. Pile of leaves is larger. 5. House is narrower. 6. Shirt has long sleeves.

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Quarterback Zach Higgins takes the snap from center Cody Linton while the JV offense gets ready to run a play on Friday, Oct. 5, against the visiting Gridley Bulldogs.

JV Defense notches another shutout over Gridley

◆ Rotenkolber leads Warriors with stellar defensive play

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV football team took on visiting Gridley in their homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 5, and posted their fifth shutout in six games to remain undefeated at 6-0.

“The players are really starting to believe in themselves and are feeding off each other,” said coach Daniel Ward. “It starts with

the defense. They set the tone and everyone feeds off them. It’s fun to be around. Before they didn’t want anybody to score on them, now they get upset when a team picks up a first down.”

Billy Rotenkolber has been the leading force on the Warriors defense and Friday was no exception. Rotenkolber led the defense with eight tackles and had two punts land inside Gridley’s five yard line.

“Billy was unbelievable,” said Ward. “He was all over the field

and made the game saving tackle that forced a fumble at the end of the game inside our 10 yard line.”

After Brandon Kuehn recovered the fumble the Warriors just let the clock run out to seal the victory.

“Tony Breavor and Sebastian Mahnke also did a great job for us on defense,” Ward said. “Gridley’s known for passing the ball and those two did a great job of defending the pass.”

Offensively the Warriors were led by the hard running of Mar-

cus Carrasco who scored the only touchdown of the game on a five yard run. Carrasco took much of the load with 17 carries for 85 yards but you could tell by watching the game that he wanted the ball. Breavor had six carries for 43 yards and caught two passes for 24 yards. Kuehn caught two passes for 26 yards and Dillon Ney had one reception for 25 yards. Zach Higgins completed 5 of 8 passes for 75 yards, rushed for 11 yards on four carries and had three sacks on defense.

Regional retail job fair planned

Continuing efforts to help meet the labor-force needs of employers throughout the Greater Sacramento Region, the 12-agency partnership of human services providers called the “Yolo County One-Stop Career Centers (One-Stop),” will sponsor a regional retail job fair Thursday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the West Sacramento facilities of the Department of Employment and Social Services (DESS) at 500-A Jefferson Boulevard.

Hundreds of job seekers are expected to meet with the more than 20 Sacramento area employers scheduled to participate in the event and who are looking to hire new

employees.

The event is one of many services offered under the guidance of the Yolo County Workforce Investment Board (WIB). The WIB is a coalition of private industry, service, labor and government agencies cooperating to serve residents and businesses of Yolo County through economic development and workforce training.

For more information about the Job Fair, and for employers located in the Greater Sacramento Area who would like to know more about the Yolo County Workforce Investment Board, visit the organization website, www.yoloworks.org.